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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla holds a meeting ahead of the Parliament session, in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

Speaker asks House panels not to discuss pending cases but record is otherwise

Moily says outdated idea; 2G to coal, House panels have held discussions

LIZ MATHEW & MANOJ CG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

AHEAD OF the monsoon session of Parliament, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has written to chairpersons of parliamentary committees, urging that the panels should not take "those subjects for examination where the issue is pending in the courts".

The August 25 letter has led to a debate among MPs and experts who say there have been a number of instances in the past in which matters subject to judicial review came up for discussions in parliamentary panels, and this new directive will set an unusual precedent.

Veterans who have headed key panels point out that parliamentary committees are an ex-

tension of Parliament itself and the fundamental rule -Parliament is supreme — stands true for the committees as well.

"In fact, committees are more liberal than Parliament," M Veerappa Moily, who headed a number of panels earlier, told The Indian Express. K V Thomas, former chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), said the Speaker never interfered in the functioning of standing committees in the past.

"The issue of sub judice is an outdated idea. There are a number of issues in the courts. How can parliamentary panels avoid discussing them? The legislature only has power giving capacity and Parliament is supreme. Committees are a forum for discussions, and it works on a

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ARUN SHARMA JAMMU. AUGUST 28

A SPECIAL UAPA judge here has asked the Jammu & Kashmir on bail a pharmacist employed with the government, held for the past more than eight months, saying there was no evidence of his involvement in any offence under the stringent law and that he was only "performing his professional duty" if he was intending to deliver medi-

cines even to a terrorist. Zahoor Ahmed, a resident of Marwah was arrested in Kishtwar district on January 6. The Third Additional Sessions Judge, Jammu, Sunit Gupta, noted that all the police seized from his possession was some medicines, and that "he cannot be said to have been involved in any of the offences under the UAPA". Calling the charges "a successful attempt to falsely implicate" him, the court said Ahmed should be released "forthwith" from Jammu Central Jail on interim bail subject to him furnishing a surety bond of Rs 25,000, and if he is not named in any other case.

Employed with the J&K government's Health Department, Ahmed was posted in Renia in Marwah tehsil. His counsel Faheem Shokat Butt said that he has been kept in jail even though no incriminating material had CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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SIMPLY PUT **ISSUES IN GST COMPENSATION**

SC backs UGC decision to hold exams, says states can seek deadline extension

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE SUPREME Court Friday ruled that universities and other institutions of higher education will have to conduct the final-year exams and "cannot" promote students on the basis of internal assessment or other criteria.

However, the court allowed states and Union Territories, which may have postponed the exams in view of the Covid outbreak, to approach the **University Grants Commission**

Show on Muslim 'infiltration' in civil service: SC declines stay, HC stops broadcast

ANAND MOHAN J& **ANANTHAKRISHNAN G** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

DELHI HIGH Court on Friday restrained private television channel Sudarshan News from broadcasting a show that students of Jamia Millia Islamia university said sought to incite hatred against them.

Also on Friday, the Supreme Court, after hearing a different petitioner on the same issue, declined to stop the airing of the show, saying it was important to be circumspect about imposing a pre-broadcast injunction.

The show, which had claimed to be an "exposé" on the "infiltration of Muslims" in the civil services, was not broadcast at its scheduled time of 8 pm on Friday.

Suresh Chavhanke, the owner and editor-in-chief of Sudarshan News, said in a statement: "To respect the Delhi High Court's stay order, we've stopped the telecast of today's 'Bindas Bol' programme. The subject of today's 'Bindas Bol' was based on "Bureaucracy Jihad". Chavhanke claimed this was the "first time in the history of television news that a show has been stopped

before its telecast" A little over an hour before the show time, however, Chavhanke had posted on

(UGC) for extension of the September 30 deadline.

Maharashtra and Delhi had earlier decided to cancel the exams and promote students on the basis of other parameters.

A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, R Subhash Reddy and M RShah "refused" to quash the July 6UGC guidelines asking universities/institutions to hold the finalyear exams by September 30.

But taking into account the Covid situation, the court said "the decision taken by the State Disaster Management Authority/State not to hold final year/

JEE-NEET: 6 OPP STATES SEEK REVIEW

OPPOSITION-RULED West Bengal, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, **Punjab and Maharashtra** have moved the Supreme Court seeking a review of its order allowing the Centre to conduct NEET and JEE exams amid the Covid outbreak. REPORT, PAGE 6

by 30.09.2020 in exercise of power under Disaster Management Act, 2005 shall prevail over deadline" fixed by the UGC "in respect to the concerned State".

The court was clear that the "decision of the State/State Disaster Management Authority to promote the students in the final year/terminal semester on the basis of previous performance and internal assessment" is "beyond the jurisdiction of Disaster Management Act, 2005" and "has to give way to" CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

RITIKA CHOPRA

IN A move that ties in with the idea of simultaneous elections in the country, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), earlier this month, held a meeting to discuss the possibility of preparing a common voters' list for elections to all local bodies, state assemblies

The meeting on August 13, chaired by PK Mishra, Principal Secretary to PM, discussed two options, First, a constitutional amendment to Articles 243K and 243ZA that would make it mandatory to have a single electoral roll for all elections in the country. Second, to persuade the state governments to tweak their respective laws and adopt the Election Commission's (EC) voters list for municipal and panchayat polls.

said Cabinet Sources Rajiv Gauba, Secretary Legislative Secretary G Narayana Raju, Panchayati Raj Secretary Sunil Kumar and three representatives of the EC, including Secretary-General Umesh Sinha, attended the discussion.

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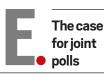
PMO explores common voter list for LS, state and local polls

Cabinet Secy told to consult states, get back in a month on next step

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and Lok Sabha.

Articles 243K and 243ZA deal with elections to panchayats and



THE IDEA of simultaneous elections has been around for a while, and the BIP is all for it saying it will save public money and put to an end frequent elections which disrupt governance in poll-bound states. Last vear, the government announced that a committee on 'One Nation One Election' would be constituted to work on the idea and submit a report to the Prime Minister.

municipalities in the states. These give the power of superintendence, direction and control of preparation of electoral rolls and the conduct of these elections to the State Election Commission (SEC). On the other hand, Article

324(1) of the Constitution empowers the EC to supervise, direct, and control the preparation and revision of electoral rolls for **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Rhea case: Officials say WhatsApp trail led to two drugs suppliers, arrests soon

MOHAMED THAVER MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

THE NARCOTICS Control Bureau (NCB) that is probing Rhea Chakraborty and three of her acquaintances under several sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, is set to arrest two suppliers of 'bud', the dried flower of the marijuana plant that sells for nearly Rs 5,000 per gram, a senior official has told The Indian Sources said the two suppli-

ers have been detained, with contraband, and are likely to be arrested Saturday, as the NCB investigates the "demand" and "supply" of drugs linked to the case in which Chakraborty has been booked.

Chakraborty is also facing cases filed by the CBI and Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the death of fellow actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

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An official said, "The suppliers will be placed under arrest on the charge of possessing narcotics. We will be questioning them to find out who all they supplied the contraband to and what was Rhea's role in this."

Mumbai on Friday. PTI

Chakraborty's lawyer Satish Maneshinde had earlier said in a statement, "Rhea has never consumed drugs in her lifetime. She's ready for a blood test any time." There has been no discovery of any contraband from Chakraborty's possession. The official said bud, usually

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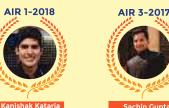
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SUSHANT DEATH

Don't conduct parallel trial, respect privacy of victim, suspects: Press **Council advisory**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

AS REPORTING by some media outlets about the death of actor Sushant Singh Raiput and the related investigations has come under criticism, the Press Council of India has said that the media should not conduct its "own parallel trial" and must respect the privacy of the victim, witnesses and suspects.

The media is advised not to conduct its own parallel trial or foretell the decision to avoid pressure during investigation and trial," the Press Council said in an advisory issued on Friday.

It advised that the media "should not narrate the story in a manner so as to induce the general public to believe in the complicity of the person indicted" and stated that "publishing information based on gossip about the line of investigation by the official agencies on the crime committed is not desirable".

"It is not advisable to vigorously report crime related issues on a day to day basis and comment on the evidence without ascertaining the factual matrix. Such reporting brings undue pressure in the course of fair investigation and trial," it said.

The media, the Press Council said, "is advised to refrain from giving excessive publicity to the victim, witnesses, suspects and accused as it will amount to invasion of their privacy rights", and that the "identification of witnesses by the media needs to be avoided as it endangers them to come under pressure from the accused or his associates as well as in-

vestigating agencies". Regarding the reporting around Rajput's death, the Press Council advised the media that the "reporting of the alleged suicide by the actor by some of the newspapers is also in violation of the norms formulated by the Council for reporting on suicide". It expected the media "not to use language which sensationalise or normalises suicides or presents it as a constructive solution to the problems" and advised it "not to use sensational headlines or use photographs, video-footage or social me-

dia links while reporting on suicide cases". The jurisdiction of the Press Council, which is an autonomous body attached to the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, is restricted to print media and news agencies. Television news has an independent self-regulatory mechanism, the News Broadcasting Standards Authority, which has not issued any advisories or statements on the issue vet.

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Speaker asks House panels not to take up matters in court

non-political basis. In fact, it's more liberal than Parliament. So this directive of the Speaker is not concrete nor preventive," Moily said.

Subhash Kashyap, former secretary general of Lok Sabha and a constitutional expert, pointed out that the Speaker holds the power to issue directives to parliamentary panels, but "it usually does not happen, and the Speaker does not interfere with the working of the committees".

"The general rule is that a sub judice matter is not taken up in Parliament, but it's a matter on which there is no clear-cut stand. There are matters in which the legislature is not restrained by a sub judice matter. There are exceptions to the rule of subjudice. I do not know what were the compelling circumstances that the Speaker has taken this decision," Kashyap said.

PDT Achary, former secretary general of Lok Sabha, said: "This rule of sub judice is not an absolute rule. This is in the nature of a self-imposed restriction by the House... So far as sub judice rule is concerned, this is something that the House has imposed on itself. But as far as the committee is concerned, there is no such rule.'

"There is no mention of subjudice matter so far as the committees are concerned. Even a sub judice matter can be waived. There is a rule in the rulebook under which any rule can be suspended by the House, including the rule of sub judice, in order to enable the House to discuss a matter," Achary said.

Parliamentary standing committees have, on a number of occasions in the past, taken up issues, pending before courts, for deliberation.

■ For example, the parliamentary standing committee on coal and steel had taken up the coal block allocation scandal in October 2012 when the matter was already in the Supreme Court after a PIL was filed. The PIL came up for preliminary hearing in the Supreme Court on September 14, 2012. The standing committee submitted its report on "Review of Allotment, Development and Performance of Coal/Lignite Blocks" on April 23, 2013.

■2G spectrum: APILonalleged irregularities in allocation and pricing of second generation spectrum licences during 1998-2009 was filed in the Supreme Court on December 14, 2010, seeking cancellation of new telecom licences and 2G spectrum allocated during the tenure of Telecom minister A Raja. The BJP-led Opposition's clamour for a Joint Parliamentary Committee disrupted proceedings in at least two sessions in 2010. A 30member JPC was constituted in February 2011. The report was tabled in the winter session of 2013.

■PNB scandal: The parliamentary standing committee on finance took up the Punjab National Bank scandal while preparing its report on the 'Banking Sector in India -- Issues. Challenges and the way forward including Non-Performing

Assets/Stressed Banks/Financial Institutions'. The report was submitted to the Speaker in August 2018. The committee guestioned finance ministry officials about the alleged fraud in PNB and asked them to submit a report on it while the matter was still in court. Moily, who was chairman of the committee, said: "We took up the matter when it was already in the court. It did not stop the

committee from discussing it." ■AgustaWestland deal: The PAC took up the matter of the AgustaWestland helicopter deal in 2018 when it was already in the Supreme Court. "We decided to take up the matter while the court was dealing with it. Not just this one... during my tenure, the PAC had taken up a number of issues such as the Mumbai airport land scam and the KG Basin issue while the matters were with the judiciary," Thomas

told The Indian Express. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, current chairman of PAC, said committees have taken up issues already in court. "There are many issues which are in court. Even CAG reports... even before it is tabled in Parliament... we have seen

PMO explores common voter list for Lok Sabha, state and local elections

all the elections to Parliament and state legislatures. In other words, the SECs are free to prepare their own electoral rolls for local body elections, and this exercise does not have to be coordinated with the EC.

Currently, a majority of the states use the EC's voters list, instead of their own, to elect their municipalities and panchayats. However, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Odisha, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Assam, Arunachal Territory of Jammu and Kashmir local body polls.

by Mishra, sources said Sunil Kumar

was in favour of persuading the remaining states to adopt EC's voters list for local body elections. The meeting is learned to have ended with Mishra asking the Cabinet Secretary to consult the states and suggest the next step in a month.

The common electoral roll is among the promises made by the BJP in its manifesto for the Lok Sabha elections last year. It ties in with the party's commitment to hold elections simultaneously to

its 255th report in 2015. The EC too

and 2004. It had noted that the non-conformity of preparation of electoral rolls by the EC and the SECs causes duplication of the same task between two different agencies. Further, the EC pointed out that it adds to the confusion among voters, since they may find their names present in one roll, but absent in another.

adopted a similar stance in 1999

The incumbent government has pitched a common electoral roll and

electoral roll would save the exchequer money and the election conducting agencies the effort.

However, he pointed out that the change would require a massive consensus-building exercise, which may not be easy given the suspicion between the states and the centre.

"Having a common electoral roll doesn't end with convincing the state governments to adopt EC's voters list. The boundaries of the EC's polling station may not necessarily match that of the wards. So the EC's voters list has to be fashioned in a way to fit the SEC's wards. There are digital tools that can be designed to facilitate that," the for-

Cooper Hospital, to a team of doctors at AIIMS. The CBI took over the case from the Bihar Police, which had registered

an FIR against Chakraborty and her family members based on Rajput's father's complaint. WITH INPUTS BY ENS, DELHI

abetment to suicide case filed against her. Showik had been ques-

tioned on Thursday too. The agency also questioned Rajput's flat mate

Siddharth Pithani, and his two

The CBI has recreated the sequence of events on the day of

They have referred the report of

his post-mortem, done at Mumbai's

housekeeping staff.

Rajput's alleged suicide.

UAPA court in

J&K grants bail to pharmacist

been brought on record to connect him with any offence.

The judge rejected the Additional Public Prosecutor's arguments against bail, claiming that Ahmed was named in a chargesheet along with nine others for links with the Hizbul Mujahideen, for providing information about security forces to militants, and for arranging funds for militant commander Mohammad Amin alias Jahangir Saroori.

"While going through the whole file, I could not find even a single witness whose statements were recorded... who have uttered even a single word against applicant Zahoor Ahmed," Judge Gupta observed. "The offences attributed to him are with regard to unlawful activities, conspiracy, harbouring of terrorists and... support given to the terrorist organisation, but none of these offences have even been alleged by any of the prosecution witnesses whose statements were recorded by the IO (investigating officer)... or even the witnesses whose statements were recorded under

The UAPA court noted that while failing to find any evidence against Ahmed, the IO had attached a copy of a "statement of one witness, Akhter Hussain... in some other case... for offences under section 13, 18, 19, 38, 39 (of the UAPA)". "(On) the strength of the said copy of the statement, the IO has made a successful attempt to falsely implicate Zahoor Ahmed," Judge Gupta said, adding that even as per the said statement, Ahmed "is not genuinely found to be involved in any such activity which may be said to be an offence under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act".

The judge went on to refer to the statement made by Hussain, in some other militancy case related FIR registered at Kishtwar police station, that he had gone to the jungle to fetch firewood when he met four persons, including Saroori. Hussain further testified that, on his way back, he had come across Ahmed, who had told him he was going to deliver some medicines to Saroori.

Questioning the fact that the IO had used statement in another case to build charges against Ahmed, the judge said, "Even if we consider the statement of the said witness, I do not find Zahoor Ahmed can be said to have been involved, whether in aiding, harbouring or being a part of the terrorist organisation... Since accused Zahoor Ahmed happens to be a pharmacist and he was supposed to be in possession of some medicines and as such while performing his professional duty was intending to deliver some medicine even to the terrorist, he cannot be said to have been involved in any offence under the UAPA.

Granting Ahmed bail, the court directed him not to approach any prosecution witness and to not leave the territorial limits of J&K without prior written permission of the court. A Hizbul Muiahideen com-

mander and the longest surviving militant in the Chenab Valley region, comprising Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban districts, Jahangir Saroori is named as the main accused in the killing of a senior BIP leader. Anil Parihar, and his brother in Kishtwar in November 2018, and the gunning down of RSS functionary Chander Parkash along with his PSO in the district hospital a few months later.

Pradesh, Nagaland and the Union the Lok Sabha, state assemblies and simultaneous elections as a way to local bodies, which is also mensave an enormous amount of effort have their own electoral rolls for tioned in the manifesto. and expenditure. However, the pitch for a single A former Chief Election Among the two options disvoters list is not new. The Law Commissioner, who spoke to The cussed at the PMO meeting chaired Commission recommended it in *Indian Express* on the condition of anonymity, agreed that a common

SC backs UGC decision to hold exams, says states can seek deadline extension

the UGC guidelines.

"The State and University cannot promote the students in the final year/ terminal semester without holding final year/ terminal examination," the bench ruled.

If any state or UT seeks to postpone the exam, the request "shall be considered by UGC and rescheduled date be communicated to such State/ Union Territory at the earliest", the court ordered.

The ruling came on a batch of petitions against the direction to hold exams as per the UGC guide-

The bench went into the legal validity of the July guidelines, and said that they "are not beyond the domain of the UGC" and "relate to coordination and determination of standards in institutions of higher

Some of the petitioners contended that the UGC had issued a set of guidelines initially on April 29, which were only "advisory", and that the ones issued in June were contrary in nature.

The court, however, disagreed. It said the April guidelines were "is-

sued for a purpose and object with latitude to the Universities to chart their own plan/ course but the argument cannot be accepted that Universities were not to follow the Guidelines on the pretext that it uses the expression "advisory"."

The April guidelines were superseded by the July norms, which were drawn up by an expert committee following the Covid situation. The court said the July directions were "in continuation to the earlier" set. They "were issued with the object that a uniform academic calendar be followed by all the Universities and final terminal semester/final year examinations be held" and were not contrary to the April norms.

The bench said "it is the statutory obligation of the Universities to adopt the Guidelines", which "cannot be ignored by terming it as non-statutory or advisory".

The petitioners also contended that the revised guidelines violate Article 14 on two counts -- by fixing a date for the completion of exams for the entire country irrespective of the situation in different parts,

and discriminating between final and first/second year students. But the court rejected this con-

On the charge of discrimination, the order said "the differentiation made by revised guidelines to hold Final year/ Terminal semester examination has a rational basis and there is an intelligible differentia between the student of Final vear/Terminal semester and other

students" It refused to accept the argument on the cut-off date, saying that "when the academic calendar is set, fixed dates are always given for uniformity. The UGC had rightly fixed a date for completion of the Terminal semester/Final year examination throughout the country to maintain uniformity in the academic calendar".

"The students who look forward for admission in higher classes or take employment require final degree for their career prospect and to maintain uniformity in dates by which final examinations are over is with the object of students welfare and for their career," the bench

The court also rejected criticism

that the guidelines did not take the Covid situation into account, and refused to accept the argument that compelling attendance by holding physical examination is a violation of the 'Right to Life' under Article 21. It pointed out that the revised

guidelines "were issued taking into consideration the fact that the number of Covid cases are still rising and likely to increase further which fact has been categorically mentioned in the beginning of the revised guidelines itself".

It noted that the July 31 deadline set by the initial guidelines was advanced to September 30 "only due to the reason that due to Pandemic. Universities/Colleges may not have been able to hold the examination".

The order also referred to "specific provisions in the guidelines that all institutions have to follow necessary protocols, guidelines, directions, advisories issued as measures to contain Covid-19" which, it said, makes clear the intent to protect students, teachers, non-teaching staff.

then comes to PAC," he said, adding he has "nothing against the Speaker".

"There are many rules. And it would be ideal if all committees function, according to and as per rules. But often, it does not happen. I am not saying that it is right. We should go according to rules. But hota nahin hai, What the Speaker said is right. If everyone follows it, it is good. But na sarkar maante hain na vipaksh (neither the government nor the Opposition folows it)," Chowdhury said.

Achary differentiated between the House and the committees. "The standing committee is a recommendatory body. It can only recommend. When a matter is discussed in the House... House is a public forum. So this may influence the court. That is the presumption. But in standing committees, everything is confidential, and nobody knows what the committee discusses. So there is no chance of the committee's deliberations influencing the court so far as a particular matter before the court is concerned," he said.

Show on Muslim 'infiltration' in civil service: HC stops broadcast

Twitter: "Aaj raat 8 baje show hoga. (The show will be broadcast at 8 this evening.)" The channel had not received an official notice, he said -"should we get such a notice, we will read it and give our version at 8 pm".

to "defame, attack and incite hatred against Jamia Millia Islamia, its alumni and the Muslim community at large".

Chavhanke had tweeted a promo of the show a few days ago, in which he used the expression "Jamia ke Jihadi".

In both the promo video and his tweet on Friday, Chavhanke used the hashtag "UPSC_lihad". In the statement issued on Friday night, he stressed that "We strongly stand by the content shown in the promo of our programme."

The single-iudge High Court Bench of Justice Navin Chawla issued notices to the central government, the UPSC, Sudarshan TV, and Chavhanke, and scheduled the matter for September 7.

"Having considered the submissions made, till the next date of hearing, the respondent number 3 and 4 are restrained from telecasting the programme titled 'Bindas Bol', scheduled to be telecast at 8 pm today," Justice Chawla said in his order.

The petition in the Supreme Court was filed by Advocate Firoz Igbal Khan. A Bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and KM Joseph declined to order a prebroadcast stay on the show, and issued notices to the Centre, the Press Council of India. News Broadcasters Association and Sudarshan News, returnable by September 15. "At this stage, we have desisted

from imposing a pre-broadcast interlocutory injunction on the basis of an unverified transcript of a forty-nine second clip," the judges said. "The Court has to be circumspect in imposing a prior restraint on publication or

"under statutory provisions, competent authorities are vested with powers to ensure compliance with law. including provisions of the criminal law intended to ensure social harmony and the peaceful coexistence of all communities".

Issuing the notices, the court said that "prima facie, the petition raises significant issues bearing on the protection of constitutional rights", and "together with free speech, there are other constitutional values which need to be balanced and preserved including the fundamental right to equality and fair treatment for every segment of citizens".

The plea relied on the transcript of the promo clip which "was aired on the television channel in the course of the last week". The petitioner contended that "the clip contains statements which are derogatory of the entry of Muslims in the civil services".

The petition in the High Court, filed by Advocate Shadan Farasat on behalf of the petitioners, said that in the promo, Chavhanke "openly engaged in hate speech and defamation against students of Jamia Millia Islamia and the Muslim community, and has claimed that the success of Jamia Milia Islamia students in the Civil Services examination 2020 represents a conspiracy to infiltrate the civil service by Muslims".

Standing Counsel Anurag Ahluwalia, who appeared for the Union of India, submitted that "several complaints having been received by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and a notice has been issued to the re-News) seeking its clarification".

Late at night, Chavhanke tweeted: "...We have all the facts. We will go to the Supreme Court and the High Court and tell them how a fraud has been perpetrated on them. How, to crush our rights, the order of the Supreme Court was concealed."

Rhea case: Officials say trail led to two drugs suppliers

popular party drug and gives an instant high.

Officials claimed that the ED had recovered some deleted WhatsApp messages discussing drugs from Chakraborty's phone, and shared the same with the NCB. Based on it, the NCB had registered an FIR.

The ED is also looking at an al-

leged money laundering angle in Rajput's death. Having already questioned Chakraborty, her father and brother in connection with the case, the ED on Friday summoned Goa-based hotelier Gaurav Arya, to appear at its Mumbai office on August 31. A team from the ED pasted the summons outside the hotel run by Arya in Goa on Friday, after they couldn't find him.

Sources said Arva would be asked about the transactions, if any, he had with Chakraborty. Arya, who moved to Goa around a year ago and owns a resort in Anjuna, had earlier told the media that he last talked to Chakraborty about three years ago and had never dealt in narcotics.

The petition in the High Court, filed On Friday, the CBI questioned how the Opposition talks about it. The by current and former students of spondent number 3 (Sudarshan Chakraborty and her brother report comes later to Parliament and Jamia, submitted that the show sought The Bench, however, noted that Showik for around 10 hours in an New Delhi

To boost testing,

dispensaries will

stay open longer

CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL

BRIEFLY -

DDA takes action on 49k complaints

New Delhi: The Special Task Force of the Delhi Development Authority has received 55,588 complaints till August 15, out of which action was taken on complaints. "Unauthorised encroachments have been removed from various road stretches... North MCD has executed major demolition programmes on 12 properties...," said a statement issued by DDA.

Bureaucrats reinstated

New Delhi: Senior bureaucrats Renu Sharma and Rajeev Verma, who were suspended by the Centre in March over "lapses" in enforcing the lockdown, were reinstated in the Delhi government Friday. Sharma has been posted as additional chief secretary (urban development) while Verma will hold charge of the vigilance department as principal secretary.

Driver takes off with biker on bonnet

New Delhi: After an argument over a minor accident, a biker allegedly landed on a car's bonnet as the driver allegedly tried to drive away, in West Delhi's Vikaspuri on Friday evening. DCP (West) Deepak Purohit said, "A Swift Dzire car hit the bike at Najafgarh road late night. When confronted, the car owner didn't step out and hit him with his car. The biker fell on the bonnet and was dragged from Najafgarh road to Pankha road.'

ASI dies of coronavirus

New Delhi: A 51-year-old Delhi Police personnel, who was deployed at the Tis Hazari court lock-up. passed away due to Covid-related complications Friday at a private hospital. ASI Bhuwan Chand tested positive for the virus on August 5.

14 officers reshuffled

New Delhi: In a major reshuffle, 14 officers, including three officers associated with the SITs probing the Northeast Delhi riots, have been transferred. According to an order issued by Lt-Governor Anil Baijal, Additional CP (Crime) Dr Ajit Kumar Singla and DCP Ram Gopal Naik have been transferred to the traffic department. DCP Rajesh Deo, in charge of two units, is now in charge of only the legal cell. DCP (North) Monika Bhardwaj is now DCP (Crime) while DCP (Dwarka) Anto Alphonse has been transferred to the North district. **ENS**

CM CONGRATULATES DELHIITES: 'ALL BECAUSE YOU FORMED HONEST GOVT'

No power tariff hike in city this year due to pandemic, says DERC

ANANYA TIWARI

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

COVID-19, Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission(DERC) has decided against hiking power tariff, which should come as a relief for lakhs of consumers in the city. The monthly bills will, however, witness a marginal rise, with the commission hiking the pension surcharge, one of the components of the bill, from 3.80% to 5%.

"Congratulations to the people of Delhi. On the one hand, where electricity rates are increasing year after year across the country, in Delhi, for the sixth consecutive year, electricity rates were not increased and in some areas, rates were also reduced. It is historical. This is happening because you formed an honest government in Delhi," CM

RAIN GUARD

SUKRITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

IN A decision that is likely to af-

fect many schools across Delhi.

the Delhi High Court stayed the

collection of annual and devel-

opment charges by a private

school "during the pendency of

the current lockdown". The ed-

ucation department told the

court this would mean as long

as schools remained physically

tionwide lockdown, on April 18.

the Delhi government had is-

sued an order stating, "No fee,

except tuition fee, will be

charged from parents during the

lockdown period." The tuition

fees were to be collected on a

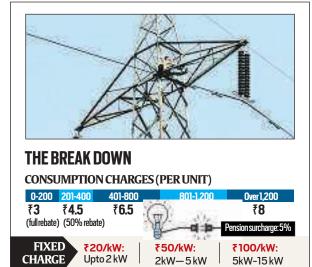
monthly basis as opposed to in

lump sums such as on a quar-

terly or annual basis. The order

had gone on to state: "Annual

In the early days of the na-



Arvind Kejriwal said in a tweet. The surcharge is used to pay pensions to employees of the erstwhile Delhi Vidyut Board. For example, an average had to pay around Rs 2,400 under the tariff order being replaced by the new one from September 1. Now, for the same amount of consumption, the monthly bill of the household will rise by Rs 20 due to the surcharge hike.

The 8% surcharge which goes towards recovery of the accumulated deficit of the discoms was kept unchanged by the commission.

Delhi has not witnessed a substantial power tariff hike since 2015, when the AAP took over the reins of the capital. In 2018, fixed charges were hiked only to be reduced in 2019, ahead of the assembly polls.

While the DERC cited Covid-19 in keeping power tariff unchanged, discoms BSES and TPDDL, which have around 43 lakh and 18 lakh consumers respectively, had demanded a hike,

claiming mounting losses owing to the pandemic.

DERC chairperson Justice (retd) SS Chauhan told The Indian Express. "To provide some relief to the public in the wake of the pandemic, we have decided to not hike tariffs, even though the discoms have faced losses.'

He said the increase in the number of pensioners was the cause for the increase in surcharge. "The number of pensioners has increased this year. This will lead to a very marginal increase in the bills. As per a Supreme Court judgment, the discoms must pay the pensions."

The commission has waived off the 20 per cent surcharge under ToD tariff for commercial enterprises and public utilities in the tariff schedule released for the month of September, as a onetime relief to businesses reeling under the impact of Covid-19.

2 injured as car falls from flyover after accident

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

TWO MEN sustained severe injuries after their car fell off the Peeragarhi flyover on Thursday night, Police said the Honda City hit a Ford Endeavour, went over the barricade and fell to the road

The injured have been identified as Anuj (29) and Vijay (29).

Police said they received a call around 11:06 pm about the incident. Upon reaching the spot they found a badly damaged Honda City under the Peeragarhi flyover with the injured men inside. Both men were rushed to the hospital.

DCP (West) Deepak Purohit said, "We suspect the driver of the Honda City was speeding and after the hit, the car fell on the road below. The driver of the other car was not injured."

Police said there were no other vehicles on the road below, so nobody else was injured.

Anuj, who runs an electronic appliances shop, was shifted from DDU Hospital to Jaipur Golden Hospital by his family for further treatment. Vijay, a farmer who also supplied building material to companies, is undergoing treatment at Sehgal Hospital.

A senior police officer said Delhi Police will also write to the Delhi government, with a request to raise the height of the sidewalls to prevent such accidents.

A case of rash driving has been registered against unknown persons at Vikaspuri police station.



The mangled remains of the **Honda City**

chief met them and conveyed that

the force needs a strong presence

on all social media platforms to

counter misleading information

by anti-social elements. Apart

from working under the special

branch, they have been asked to

coordinate with the Delhi Police

spokesperson. They have also

been told to keep an eye on posts

and media reports related to the

police, so they can flag it to the PRO

in case there's something adverse.

Some of the people who have

been hired are content advisors,

Total Vacant TOTAL CASES HOSPITAL BEDS 14,133 10,163 1,69,412 **VENTILATORS** 1.230 745 Daily cases Recoveries Deaths Aug 27 1,840 1,130 21,061 Aug 28 1,808 1,446 22.933 13,550* 1,51,473 15,26,655 *Total active cases

tal, the Delhi government has increased working hours of 300 dispensaries across 11 districts by two hours. This is an extension of the Chief Minister's plan to double the number of tests to 40,000 a day.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Health Minister Satyendar Jain said: "The 300 dispensaries will be operational for five hours now. that is, 9 am to 2 pm. The health centres will be offering RT-PCR and rapid antigen tests and the patient will be tested following

CM Arvind Kejriwal has sought more tests against the backdrop of an uptick in the number of cases. On Friday, the city recorded 1,808 cases and 20 deaths, taking the total number of confirmed cases to 1.69.412.

the city has been recording over 1,000 cases a day, pushing the

"Our main aim is to test, track, and isolate cases at the earliest. If we don't follow an aggressive testing technique, all efforts taken so far will go in vain. In many infound to be positive only after a case has been reported from the same cluster. This happens because not all are coming forward to get themselves tested. It's difficult to establish the link in all cases," said Jain.

The increased testing has become a bone of contention between the Delhi government and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), with Jain writing to Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla and alleging that officers in the state government are being "pressured" by the MHA not to increase testing.

The MHA spokesperson called the allegations "false and baseless" and said it was after the intervention of the Union Home Minister that daily tests in Delhi, which were averaging around 4,000 per day till mid-June, have gone up to around 18-20,000 per day in a calibrated manner".

According to sources, Principal Health Secretary Vikram Dev Dutt wrote to the MHA and NITI Aayog member Dr V K Paul to seek suggestions on the state government's plan to increase the number of tests.

"In light of the current Covid-19 situation and trajectory of cases in Delhi, whether scaling up of testing numbers is to be done, and if so, to what extent. The

girl was gangraped: Police

year-old, in the case. According to police, the accused, who was arrested Thursday, said that he and a friend had lured the child out of her home by giving her Rs 20 to buy guavas. They then abducted and allegedly sexually assaulted

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT,

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

National Project Management Unit (NPMU) for the Project 'Enhancing Climate Resilience of India's Coastal Communities'

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India is Executing the Project titled "Enhancing Climate Resilience of India's Coastal Communities" funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF), through its accredited Agency, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at National and state level including Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha.

The Ministry intends to Establish a National Project Management Unit (NPMU) at New Delhi which will assist MOEFCC in execution of the Project and invites Request For Proposal (RFP) from suitable Consultancy Firm. Agency/Entities and other interested parties. The selection will be made through an open, transparent and competitive bidding process for

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YOUNG GRADUATES HIRED TO SCAN 'UNLAWFUL CONTENT', STOP MISINFORMATION

down period.'

With new 'IT cell', police to get a social media makeover

Delhi govt had earlier directed schools to only charge tuition

fee during the lockdown period. Archive

and Development charges can

be charged from the parents, on

pro rata basis, only on monthly

basis after completion of lock-

charging their annual and devel-

opment charges on a pro rata

basis since July. However, the

parents association of KR

Many schools have begun

Traffic congestion as riders take shelter under a bridge near Akshardham during rain, Friday. From Sunday till September 3,

Private schools can't charge annual

and development fee till they open

the IMD has forecast light to moderate rain or thundershowers in the city. Prem Nath Pandey

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

TO KEEP tabs on unlawful content as well as for a social media image makeover, the Delhi Police is set to create an "IT cell", which will have contractual employees mostly young graduates with a background in information technology and experience in handling social media.

DCP (Special Branch) Suman Nalwa told The Indian Express that initially, they will start the cell as a pilot project for three months, and go ahead based on

the results. "The employees will find and flag unlawful content on social media... and we can take appropriate action against the user. We only look into unlawful content at the Special Branch posts which might cause a law and order situation in terms of disharmony in society or something that might instigate communal situations," she said.

"We have been allocated Rs 25 lakh to run this project and are waiting for approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs. We are one of the first to hire young IT consultants, with help from a private company, who are either pursuing their masAccording to police, senior officers realised the need for an IT cell during NE Delhi riots

ters or have worked at private IT firms," she said.

According to police, senior officers also realised the importance of setting up an IT cell during the Northeast Delhi riots, when some unknown users, including from Pakistan, posted fake "alerts" about the riots and tagged Delhi Police to "tarnish their image". "And before the ri-

ots, activists and students coordinated where to gather by sharing messages on social media. Most of the time, officers in districts or the special branch got to know only a few hours before the gathering," a senior officer said. An official said the issue was

Mangalam World School in

Greater Kailash II challenged

this in court and sought a stay

on the fee issued by the school

in July, which included annual

department of education, how-

ever, did not stand by this fee de-

mand. According to a High Court

In court, the counsel for the

and development charges.

also discussed a few months ago by the Delhi Police Commissioner with other officers and initially it was proposed to hire a consultant from a public sector undertaking for a particular period. "After several rounds of discussion, it was decided to hire a private consultant, following government rules," the officer said. Later, a tender was floated and

the consultant was asked to shortlist people for an interview. "100 people were shortlisted after their resumes were scanned from online job portals; they appeared for an online interview with senior officers of the Special Branch. They were asked about their perception of the Delhi Police, their point of view over the police action during the riots, and what they would do if they got the job," an officer said.

order by Justice Jayant Nath, the

counsel stated that "the lock-

down period as stated in the cir-

cular dated 18.04.2020 contin-

ues to apply inasmuch as none

of the schools have physically

opened. Hence, it is stated that

the school in question cannot

charge annual and development

charges till the completion of the

lockdown period as stated in the

school from charging the annual

and development charges until

further notice and directed the

petitioners to pay the tuition fee.

tion between lockdown and

physical closure. Schools might

be physically closed but nothing

has changed. Expenses such as

electricity, property tax and

rentals which are covered under

annual charges still need to be

paid," said advocate Kamal Gupta,

who appeared for the school.

"There needs to be a distinc-

The court restrained the

said circular."

Out of the 100, 15-17 people were shortlisted. Two of them, who will be given the designation of "perception manager", will lead the team, said police.

the police HQ, where the police

who earlier worked with other websites. They will highlight the "They were recently called to police's good work through catchy posts," the officer added

New Delhi

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28 TO SCALE up testing in the capi-

the ICMR protocol."

The death toll is 4,389. For more than 10 days now,

state government to again take aggressive measures. In the last 24 hours, the city performed 6,920 RT-PCR/CBNAAT/TrueNat and 16,013 rapid antigen tests. The total number of tests done so far stands at 15,26,655 — 80,350 tests per million population.

stances, the entire family is later

opinion and guidance of the expert committee may be obtained as to what additional geographical areas and categories of demography are to be targeted if testing is to be scaled up," wrote Dev in the note submitted to the MHA and Dr V K Paul

Speech and hearing impaired

Gurgaon: The 10-year-old hearing and speech impaired girl who was found murdered in a field near her home in Palwal was allegedly gangraped by two boys from her village prior to her death, police have found after they arrested one of the accused, an 18-

her, said police. **ENS**

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SHOWCAUSE NOTICES ISSUED

takes action against vendors over 'lapses'



Last week, a 40-metre portion of the spine between pillars 10 and 11 of the under-construction elevated road collapsed. Gajendra Yadav

SAKSHI DAYAL GURGAON, AUGUST 28

SIX DAYS after a portion of a 5-km-long under construction elevated road collapsed in Gurgaon, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) said it has found evidence indicating that there may have been deficiencies and lapses on the part of the vendors.

NHAI officials said they have taken action against the vendors, including "immediate demobilisation" of the senior qualitycum-material expert at the site and the team leader-cum-senior bridge engineer, both of whom have also been debarred from engagement in any NHAI projects for two years.

Show-cause notices have been issued to the independent engineer for lapses in discharging duties, and to two firms which prepared and reviewed the designs and drawings of the construction work. A showcause notice has also been issued to the concessionaire for

project, of which the elevated road is a part.

the highest standards in highway construction and any lapses in these will be dealt with zero tolerance. Strict action will be taken against the defaulters and they will be debarred from NHAI projects for a long period with severe penalties," said Dr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, the NHAI chairman. The elevated road is part of a

21-km-long project focused on six laning and strengthening of the Sohna road stretch between Rajiv Chowk and Sohna. The project has been divided into two packages — a 9-km stretch between Rajiv Chowk and Badshahpur, of which the elevated road is a part, and a 12-km stretch between Badshahpur and Sohna. The entire project will cost around Rs 1,300 crore.

Around 9.30 pm last Saturday, a 40-metre portion of the spine between pillars number 10 and 11 collapsed. Although there were no fatalities

deficiencies in package 1 of the in the incident, police officials said that two labourers had sustained minor injuries and had to be administered first aid. "NHAI is committed to follow

Officials from NHAI suspect that the quality of the concrete of the crushed segment may be responsible for the collapse, and have already sent samples to a third-party laboratory for testing. It has also formed a fourmember committee of technical experts to examine lapses in the construction, suggest remedial measures, and conduct a detailed investigation into the

In the days after the collapse, work on the structure as well as the rest of the 21-km-long project was suspended after NHAI officials, on inspecting the site, discovered violation of safety norms, including the absence of traffic marshals at the construction site and lack of proper barricading in several areas. The NHAI earlier this week wrote to the concessionaires of both packages, imposing a penalty of Rs 50,000 per day till the requisite safety measures are put in place.

Bogged down by evaluation, no clarity Flyover collapse: NHAI on marking scheme, say DU teachers

ARANYA SHANKAR

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

EVEN AS Delhi University prepares for its second phase of exams, teachers evaluating answer sheets of the first phase exams, held in the online open-book format, say a lack of instructions about a uniform marking scheme and uneven allotment of answer sheets are hindering corrections.

Some teachers also expressed apprehension over the names of students appearing on the answer sheets, and pointed out that no deadline has been given to them for completing evaluation.

A teacher from Keshav Mahavidyalaya, who is evaluating Maths answer scripts, said, "The answer scripts have not been equally distributed. Usually,

ber of students in the college. At the most, one teacher corrects 100-150 answer sheets. This time I have 300 sheets, which is a huge number, especially to check at a time when online classes are on.Usually the head examiner calls a meeting on the first day of evaluation and a marking scheme is provided to make the process more uniform. For example, to solve any Maths equation, various steps lead to the solution. The marking scheme would tell us how many marks to give students for how many steps completed. Without that, every teacher can

mark subjectively". Some teachers said the candidate names on the answer sheets are a cause for concern, "Some students in their anxiety or confusion have written their names on

their answer sheets along with the roll number, so the process is not as secretive at it used to be. DU has not attempted to keep the names secret, which is a problem," said a teacher of Sociology at Janaki Devi Memorial College.

She said the marking scheme is necessary even for Humanities subjects: "For example, if (sociologist) M N Srinivas uses four concepts to make an argument, we would discuss that each concept should carry five marks, and students should be evaluated accordingly. This time there is no such thing.

A teacher of BSc Physical Sciences at Shyamlal College also said, "Marking scheme has to be provided to ensure fairness. In the paper I'm evaluating, one question was out of syllabus. So it reduced the options for students. should reflect in our marking."

A guest teacher of Maths at a North Campus college said, "There is no clarity on what is the last day for evaluation. The email to us says to evaluate answer sheets 'within the time limit' but no time limit has been given."

Six members of the Indian National Teachers' Congress, including Academic Council member Ratnesh Rajan Saxena, also wrote to the DUV-C regarding the issues: "Kindly ensure that each subject specific evaluator is assigned not more than 25 answer scripts initially and not exceeding 50 answer scripts to be evaluated." Acting Dean Examinations DS Rawat could not be reached for comment. Dean Colleges Balaram Pani did not respond to

Man in search of missing son beaten to death

New Delhi: A 40-year-old truck driver was allegedly killed by two men in front of his pregnant wife when they were searching for their seven-year-old son, police said Friday. The incident took place in Southeast Delhi's Okhla Industrial Area Thursday night.

DCP (Southeast) RP Meena said, "Around midnight, Krishan Meena was unloading some material from his truck when his son got out. When the victim approached the accused, they got irritated by his repeated pleas for help in looking for his son and hit him with an iron road. He sustained severe injuries to his head and died during treatment."

The accused, brothers Dheeraj and Rakesh Arora, drivers of a Garmin Sewa van, were arrested on Friday. Later, police managed to trace the missing child from Pul Prahladpur. ENS

Anna Hazare rejects BJP request to join protest against AAP

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

ANTI-CORRUPTION crusader Anna Hazare has written a letter to the Delhi BJP, rejecting its request to join a movement against the AAP and saying it is unfortunate a party, which holds power at the Centre, needs his support.

"I felt sorry reading your letter. Your party, BJP, is in power for the past six years. Youth are the country's asset and your party has their support in a large number. Still it is calling an 83-year-old fakir who lives in a 10x12 feet room, who has no wealth, no power," Hazare wrote in a letter to Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta. "What could be more unfortunate than this?" The letter was also shared by him on his Facebook page.

The move, sources said, has left some red faces within the Delhi BIP. It comes days after the state unit inducted over 50



Anna Hazare

residents of Shaheen Bagh into its fold, prompting an attack by the AAP.

"PM Narendra Modi claims the Centre has taken strong steps for eradicating corruption. Why does your government not take stringent legal steps if the Delhi government has indulged in corruption?" Hazare asked, Gupta said Hazare had organised a mass movement against corruption in Delhi in 2011, and the AAP, born from the movement, is steeped in corruption today which is why he had sought Hazare's help.

Youth drowns in flooded underpass in Ghaziabad

ASHNA BUTANI

GHAZIABAD, AUGUST 28

IN AN attempt to rescue a child he thought was in trouble, a ragpicker drowned at the flooded Gaushala underpass in Ghaziabad on Friday afternoon, police said. Police said the victim, who is yet to be identified, misjudged the situation as the boy was merely swimming in the flooded underpass.

While the boy managed to come out of the other end, the ragpicker died and was found by police rescue teams an hour later. "He thought the child was drowning and jumped in to save him but could not make his way out. We are awaiting the postmortem report. He was around 19-20 years old. As he was a ragpicker with no permanent address, identification has been delayed," said Abhishek Varma, City SP, Ghaziabad.

Water from the surrounding areas fills up the underpass during the monsoon season every



The incident took place in Ghaziabad's Gaushala underpass on Friday afternoon. Abhinav Saha

year, said locals. Many said children often swim there when it floods. Vipin Agarwal (48), who owns a paint shop nearby, said, The underpass got flooded in half an hour. This has been happening for many years now."

Md Gufam (30), who witnessed the drowning, said, "It seemed the victim didn't know how to swim. Around three years ago, a school bus with 24 children was stuck in the underpass but fortunately they were rescued."

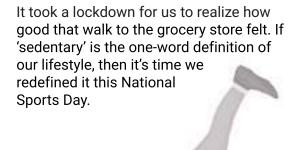
While locals claimed the flooding is a result of clogged drains, Nagar Nigam officials denied this. Additional Municipal Commissioner Pramod Kumar said, "We have cleaned the drain. The area is naturally low-lying and water stagnates there. But it clears in a few hours. We are planning to install a pump in the next few days." The underpass was shut to the public for a few hours after the incident traffic resumed once the water levels went down.

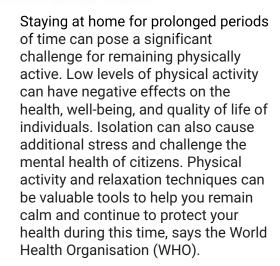
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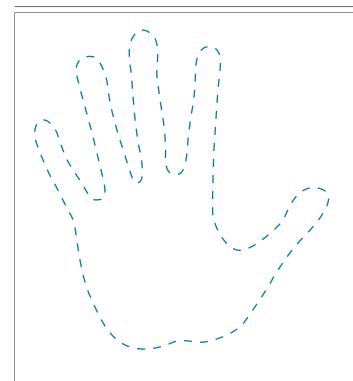
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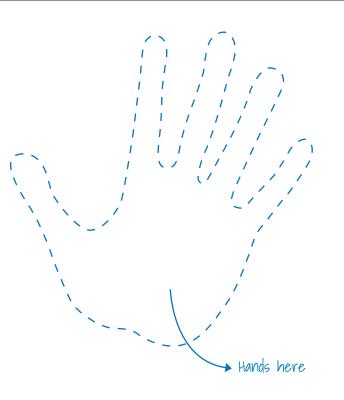
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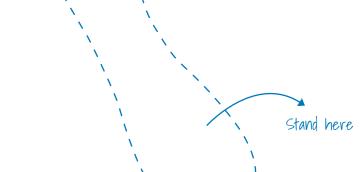
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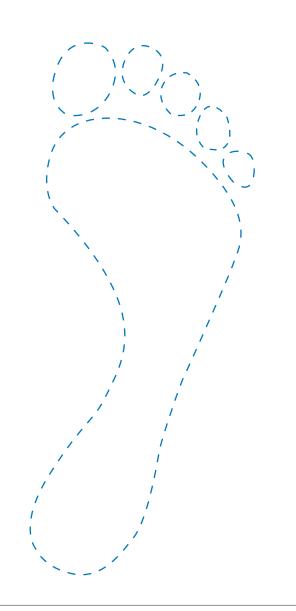
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GEARING UP

WITH THE Election Commission signalling that it is unlikely to postpone the Bihar Assembly elections, the Congress is drawing up its campaign plans despite the turmoil in the party. Rahul Gandhi will campaign, but it is not clear if the party will opt for the traditional mode of public rallies. The party has indicated that Rahul will address virtual rallies. It is planning to kickstart its election efforts in the first week of September. Around 100 virtual rallies are being planned, which will be addressed by senior central leaders.

New Agenda

PERSISTENT PRESSURE on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on IT to not discuss issues like suspension of internet in Jammu and Kashmir seems to have prompted the panel to drop the topic from its agenda. According to the modified agenda, when the Shashi Tharoor-led panel meets on September 1 and 2, there will be evidence-taking from officials of DoT, Home Affairs and representatives of Bihar and Delhi on suspension of telecom services, internet and its impact. BJP MP Nishikant Dubey had been demanding that Jammu and Kashmir be dropped from the agenda as the matter is pending in court. The panel will also hear the views of the Press Council of India, Prasar Bharati and I&B Ministry officials on 'Ethical Standards in Media Coverage'. Tharoor had his way in sticking to the agenda of getting Facebook representatives be-

ON BOARD

INFOSYS CO-FOUNDER Nandan Nilekani and badminton champion Pullela Gopichand are among 10 external members of the Audit Advisory Board constituted by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. The board, headed by newly appointed CAG Girish Chandra Murmu, will have a tenure of two years. Justice (retd) B N Srikrishna and CVC Sanjay Kothari are also external members of the board.

No final-year college exams in Sept: Mamata

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA. AUGUST 28

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Friday said the state would not conduct college September amid the Covid-19

Her statement came hours after the Supreme Court upheld University Grants Commission's guidelines on holding final-year exams. It told states that cannot meet the September 30 deadline to approach the UGC for new dates.

"I respect the court. But there is no question of holding examsaid, adding that her government would weigh the pros and cons of holding the exams before Durga Puja in October. "I have told our education

inations in September," Baneriee

minister to look into the possibility of conducting the finalyear exams in universities and colleges before Durga Puja in October. The options of both online and offline exams should be looked into. We are not against any exam, we are just saying that a pandemic is on, and it could put lives of students at risk," the Chief Minister said in her address during a virtual rally of the Trinamool Congress Chhatra

Covid pandemic can't be reason for deferment of Bihar polls: top court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE SUPREME Court Friday refused to entertain a plea to postpone the Bihar elections, noting that the coronavirus pandemic cannot be a ground for deferment. Justice Ashok Bhushan, heading a three judge bench with Justices R Subhash Reddy and MR Shah, said that the petition-seeking deferment of polls till the pandemic is controlled in the state—was premature, given that the election notification is

still not out. "This is a misconceived petition under Article 32, we cannot entertain this petition", the Bench said, remarking that Covid can't be ground for postponement. "Why do you think they will not consider these things?," the Bench asked the petitioner.

Don't curtail Question Hour, Congress All entering House will be Lok Sabha leader Adhir tells Speaker

But Rajya Sabha Opposition leader Azad points to time crunch, says tough to accommodate

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

ADHIR RANJAN Chowdhury, the Congress leader in Lok Sabha, has written a letter to Speaker Om Birla expressing concern over the "proposal for curtailing

the Question Hour as well as the

Zero Hour" to maintain Covid

protocols during Parliament's Monsoon Session next month. In his letter, Chowdhury said efforts being made to ensure that the Session is held without any hindrance to the safety and health of Members is "truly appreciable". But, he wrote, "raising questions in Parliament, and issues of public importance during the Zero Hour, are foremost of the procedural methods available to

tional and public importance". "Curtailing the Question Hour and the Zero Hour by way of restricting the number of issues that could be raised and time earmarked would, therefore, not be in the interest of the elected representatives. This is more so in the current times. I would, therefore, urge upon you to ensure

Members to vent issues of na-



Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Ghulam Nabi Azad. File

that no curtailing of any kind is placed in regard to the Question Hour and the Zero Hour in the ensuing session and Members are permitted to raise questions and issues, as are normally permissible when the Parliament is in Session," he wrote. However, when contacted by

The Indian Express, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Nabi Azad, said the Session is "being held in totally extraordinary circumstances" and that to "accommodate a normal day's business in half a day is impossible".

"Parliament is being conducted in totally different circumstances and I know the type

of pressure that is there on the Chairman and the Speaker. They have to ensure the safety and security of Parliamentarians. The Chairman and the Speaker have been working for the last two months. The Chairman has been talking to me and consulting me as Leader of the Opposition. So, I know," Azad said.

"I can also say that it is very difficult to tell the two presiding officers to accommodate the entire business, which was being done earlier from 11 am to 6 pm, Since each House is going to work only for half a day, some business will have to be curtailed. Now, if they

stand that it is going to be a halfday session, and in half a day how much can be accommodated, how much can be adjusted...That also is understandable." he said. Azad said that such a Session

we should also be ready to under-

will be held "for the first time in independent India". "Definitely, you can't find the same provision and same perfection in conducting the proceedings of both Houses as we normally do. So. whatever is humanly possible under the present circumstances, they will have to do and I have no objection if both the Houses can adjust the Ouestion Hour. I will be happy and I will welcome but at the same time we should realise that this is a special kind of session being held in extraordinary circumstances...

The divergence in opinion comes four days after Azad and Chowdhury were on opposite sides at the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting that acknowledged a letter written by 23 party leaders seeking an organisational overhaul, including a permanent party chief.

Azad was one of the signato-

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath

Singh is likely to travel to

Moscow for the Shanghai

Cooperation Organisation

Defence Ministers' meeting on

September 3 and 4, sources said

on Friday. This will be his second

visit to Moscow since the border

stand-off with China began in

Russian Defence Minister

Sergey Shoigu on Friday told the

Indian ambassador in Moscow.

D B Venkatesh Varma, that he

looked forward to meeting Singh

in Moscow next week. Shoigu

SCO DEFENCE MINISTERS' MEET

ries to the letter to interim chief Sonia Gandhi, and Chowdhury was among those who criticised its authors during the CWC

On Thursday, Gandhi set up two groups to "facilitate and ensure the effective functioning" of the party in Lok Sabha and Rajya

According to sources, each House will meet in separate shifts of four hours every day with members occupying both Chambers to ensue social dis-

Both Question Hour and Zero Hour and key elements of Parliament Sessions.

During Question Hour, Members can ask starred and unstarred questions to the Government. Starred questions are answered orally on the floor of the House by the Minister concerned. The Member is also entitled to ask two supplementary questions. For unstarred questions, written answers are given by Ministers and deemed

to have been tabled in the House. During Zero Hour, members can, with prior notice to the

Rajnath likely to visit Moscow in Sept,

may meet Chinese counterpart Wei

Rajnath Singh and Wei

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Defence Pavilion at Kubinka out-

This will be an opportunity

for Singh to also meet his

Chinese counterpart Wei

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With Indian and Chinese sol-

diers locked in a border standoff

asked to take Covid-19 test

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

MINISTERS, MPs, officials, mediapersons and all those entering Parliament House will be asked to undergo a Covid-19 test at least 72 hours before the start of the monsoon session, Lok Sabha Speaker Om

Birla said.

Friday. PTI

The monsoon session, which has been delayed due to the pandemic, is expected to be held from September 14 to October 1.

On Friday, the Speaker held a meeting with officials from the Health Ministry, ICMR, AIIMS, DRDO and Delhi government to finalise the arrangements for the session amid the pandemic.

Birla said that arrangements have been made for zero-touch security check. If required, random tests for Covid-19 can be conducted during the session, he said. The Speaker is the custodian

of the Parliament complex and the Lok Sabha Secretariat is the nodal authority for the building.

NEET, JEE: 6 Oppn states in SC, seek order's review

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

MINISTERS from Maharashtra, Punjab, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh moved the Supreme Court on Friday and sought review of its August 17 order allowing conduct of NEET (UG) and JEE (Mains) entrance examinations.

The plea referred to the rise in Covid-19 cases and said that if the August 17 order is not reviewed, "grave and irreparable harm would befall on the student community". It will imperil the health, welfare and safety of the candidates and also put public health in "severe jeopardy", it stated.

The petitioners are Moloy natak (minister from West Bengal), Rameshwar Oraon (Jharkhand), Raghu Sharma (Rajasthan), Amarjeet Bhagat (Chhattisgarh), Balbir Singh Sidhu (Punjab), and Uday Ravindra Samant (Maharashtra).

The petition, filed through advocate Sunil Fernandes, stated that the National Testing Agency (NTA) had notified that NEET (UG) will be held on September 13 and JEE (Mains) from September 1-6.

It said that as per NTA, approximately 9.53 lakh and 15.97 lakh students have registered for JEE (Mains) and NEET (UG), respectively. While there are 660 examination centres for JEE — roughly 1.443 students per centre – there are 3,843 centres for NEET, or approximately 415 students per centre, the petitioners pointed out. "Such large movement of people will ipso facto prove to be a serious health hazard and will totally defeat the twin present-day solutions we have of combating the Covid-19: social distancing and avoidance of large public gatherings," it said, urging the court to postpone the examinations.



TMC's student wing members hold a protest in Kolkata on Friday against timing of JEE and NEET exams. Partha Paul

"The Covid-19 graph is showing a continuous upward movement and the 'curve' has not flattened for the Government to undertake such a massive exercise," the petition stated.

The petitioners stated that the Centre had "adequate time to make comprehensive preparations" for safe and successful conduct of the exams. But, they argued, "the months from April to September were characterised by inaction, confusion, lethargy and inertia...now the Government has suddenly woken up to realise that their inertia is going to cost lakhs of students their academic year and as a knee-jerk reaction...has haphazardly and hurriedly fixed the dates of the examinations".

The petitioners said just the fact that "lakhs of students have registered for the exam is not indicative of their consent or willingness or desire to attend physical exams, as no student would like to forgo the exam, if it's conducted and the respondents are forcing the students to put their lives and health in peril by conducting these exams.'

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Oppn parties slam Centre: Listen to students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

AFTER APPROACHING the Supreme Court, four Opposition parties led by the Congress on Friday hit out at the BJP-led central government, accusing it of being "stubborn" about holding the NEET and JEE examinations.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said the government has been incompetent. He and Congress president Sonia Gandhi asked the government to listen to students.

"Please, listen to them. Have a conversation and resolve this issue peacefully," he said.

Addressing a joint press conference, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren (JMM), Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi, Trinamool Congress MP Derek O Brien and Maharashtra Higher Education Minister Uday Samant (Shiv Sena) slammed

the Centre over the issue.



Kolkata Metro is under Railways' administrative control. File

To raise funds, Govt moots divestment in Kolkata Metro "nearly tripled its capital expen-

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

A GROUP of Secretaries (GoS) to the Union government has suggested "asset monetisation/disinvestment" in Kolkata Metro, the country's oldest Metro system and the only one that is under the administrative control of Indian Railways.

The suggestion came during a meeting of the GoS, which is empowered to take decisions related to Railway projects and matters. sources said. The GoS pointed out that all of India's other Metro projects are vested with state governments, sources said.

Officials from the Ministries of Finance, Railways, and Housing and Urban Affairs, as well as the Railway Board and NITI Aayog, attended the 11th meeting of the GoS, held via video conference on July 16. They discussed options for Railways to reduce dependence on borrowings and increase "innovative financing", the minutes of the meeting show.

According to the minutes, accessed by The Indian Express. Railway Board officials informed the GoS that the Railways have

diture in 2019-20 compared to 2014-15", and that 70 per cent of the additional expenditure has been met through "borrowings from Extra Budgetary Resources (Institutional Finance)".

"It was presented that Railway revenues dropped by 52.6 per cent in (the) current year up to June compared to last year and (a) shortfall of around Rs 75,000 crore is expected in revenue over budget target in 2020-21," the minutes say.

On ways to increase Railways revenues, the minutes say: .there is an urgent need for shifting emphasis on increasing revenue: (i) 'creeping increase in passenger fare' over a period of time: (ii) non-fare revenue increase – (a) advertisement; (b) asset monetisation/disinvestment in CONCOR, IRCTC, Kolkata Metro (with all the other metros vesting with respective state governments); and (c) User fee on all stations – given the quantum of the non-passenger traffic on railway stations, it would be a significant revenue source."

The idea of "monetisation/disinvestment" of Kolkata Metro, which began operations in 1984. has been mooted for the first time.

months, this could provide an opportunity to resolve the situ-

On June 24, Singh and Wei had attended the military parade in Moscow to mark the 75th anniversary of the Soviet victory over Germany in World War II.

New Delhi is also considering sending External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to Russia next month, around September 9 to 11, where he will have the opportunity to meet Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and discuss steps to resolve the ongoing standoff

If that works out, it will be their first in-person meeting. **FULL REPORT ON**

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Punjab: 2 MLAs test positive after attending Assembly, CM in quarantine

KANCHAN VASDEV CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 28

TWO CONGRESS MLAs-Shutrana MLA Nirmal Singh Shutrana and Zira MLA Kulbir Singh Zira—tested positive for Covid-19 on Friday after attending obituary references in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha as the House met for a one-day session. Both MLAs had met Punjab CM Amarinder Singh in the morning. The CM has now decided to go into a seven-day quarantine as per health protocol. As many as 55 MLAs, including Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and nine other ministers, participated in the session Friday.

Zira told The Indian Express he had undergone an antigen test in the morning before entering the Assembly. "I was negative. I went to the Assembly and met most of the MLAs, ministers and even Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal. After the obituary references, during the second sitting, I got a call from the doctors that I had tested positive. I had given a sample two days ago. I came out immediately and got myself tested from a private lab. The Health Department also took my sample. Both reports have come back ositive. I don't have symptoms."

Zira was seen meeting the CM in the Assembly Hall, though both had their masks on. A spokesperson of the CM said the

meeting was "very brief". Shutrana, who had got himself tested on August 26 and had got a negative report, developed fever while sitting in the Assembly Hall during the obitu-

ary references.

GREEN LAW 'VIOLATIONS' IN UTTARAKHAND CHAR DHAM PROJECT

On scathing letter from SC panel, state seeks reports

LALMANI VERMA

DEHRADUN, AUGUST 28

DAYS AFTER chairperson of the Supreme Court-appointed highpowered committee (HPC) pointed out "brazen" violation of forest and wildlife laws by the Char Dham Pariyojana, the Uttarakhand government on Thursday said it will seek a report from the departments concerned on the objections raised in the letter, with directions to take necessary actions.

However, the state minister for Environment, Wildlife and Forest, Harak Singh Rawat, denied that any violation of forest and wildlife laws have occurred in the Rs 11.700-crore project, meant to widen 889 km of hill As if no rule of law: SC panel chief to govt on Char Dham 'violations'

The August 25 report by The Indian Express on the letter.

roads connecting major pilgrimage sites. He said if one tries to stop work on such a project of strategic importance by citing such "faaltu ki cheezon" (inconsequential issues), then that is "against the nation, and not against any individual."

Last year, the apex court had formed the HPC to determine the ecological impact of the Char Dham road project.

Underlining that laws have been violated in the project "as if the Rule of Law does not exist", HPC chairperson Ravi Chopra, in a letter to the Environment Secretary on August 13, had stated that the project has caused "incalculable and longterm damage to the Himalayan ecology" by felling trees, cutting hills and dumping muck (exca-

vated material) without valid

The Indian Express had reported on the letter, and objections raised by Chopra, on Tuesday. Asked about Chopra's letter,

permission on various stretches.

Anand Bardhan, Uttarakhand's Principal Secretary, Environment and Forests, said he received a letter from the regional office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in this regard on Thursday. "I am sending it to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Public Works Department (PWD), and the nodal officer for a report and necessary action," he said.

Questioned about the letter from the Union ministry, Pankaj Agarwal, deputy director general of Forests, North-Central Zone, regional office of

Environment ministry, asked The Indian Express to contact the state government. Uttarakhand PWD is the nodal

agency in the project. On August 14, Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat had reviewed its progress and directed completion within the time-frame - the revised deadline is May 2021.

State Environment Minister Harak Rawat, meanwhile, asserted on Thursday that Chopra was writing "such things" since he was upset over a view that the Centre was not accepting his opinions on the project in an earlier report.

"No laws have been violated in the project. All rules are being followed. Divisional forest Officers in the districts are monitoring the project," he maintained.

Once hot spot, Indore sero survey shows only 7% have antibodies

BHOPAL, AUGUST 28

HAVING AVERAGED a Covid-19 case mortality rate substantially higher than the national average even last month, Indore has left authorities surprised with its first ever sero survey, showing antibodies only among 7.75% of the population covered. This is the lowest for cities in India where sero surveys have been conducted, with officials saying it indicates that there is no commu-

nity transmission in Indore. In another interesting finding, the survey, conducted between August 11 and 23 and including a sample size of 7,103, found a high share of antibodies among the 60-plus age group, which is the most vulnerable to Covid-19. The report of the survey was released on Friday.

The largest and most populous city in Madhya Pradesh and its commercial hub. Indore accounts for a major share of its coronavirus cases. Of the state's total 58,181 positive cases so far and 1,306 deaths, 12,031 cases and 375 deaths have been seen in Indore.

Of the 7,103 samples collected from across 85 wards in Indore for the sero survey, 548 tested positive for antibodies. The samples collected included an equal number of men and women (33% each) above the age of 18, with minors making TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

CASES: RECOVERED: 25,83,948 33,87,500 | DEATHS: 61,529 TESTS: 3,94,77,848 DOUBLING RATE: 32.50**



KEYSTATES	TOTAL	SURGEIN	7-DAY AVG	DOUBLING
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■ Maharashtra	7,33,568	14,857	1.89%	38.02
■ Tamil Nadu	4,03,242	5,981	1.58%	45.69
■ Andhra	3,93,090	10,621	2.74%	26.31
■ Karnataka	3,09,792	9,386	2.71%	26.60
■ Uttar Pradesh	2,08,419	5,391	2.75%	26.15

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

CASE FATALITY RATIO POSITIVITY RATE 7 DAYS EARLIER: 1.89 1.82

Deaths as a ratio of

positive cases (in %);

7 DAYS EARLIER: 8.68 8.58 Positives against number tested

Becomina sick vs recovering; more recoveries for 14 days (in %): indicator of spread of disease

may signal the peak Data as on August 27, released by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR and states, Often daily numbers include data from previous days. As such, trends b

up the rest. Only one sample each was taken from a household. The prevalence of antibodies was almost the same

among men and women -- 7.9% and 7.5% respectively.

DAILY IN. DAILY OUT

DETECTED TODAY

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Seroprevalence was found to be highest in residents between lowed by those closer to 60 years (8.4%). Among those under 18, only 7.2% showed antibodies.

The wards with maximum cases showed the most seroprevalence, with Bambai Bazar Ward at the highest (30%), followed by Somnath, Haji Colony, Jawahar Marg and Ranipura (20-25%).

Dr Jyoti Bindal, Dean of MGM Medial College Indore, which conducted the sero survey along with the National Centre for Disease Control, said, "The reports suggest that positive cases and the subsequent prevalence of antibodies are not scattered but confined to hotspots. This certainly rules out community transmission."

She said measures like isolation, identification, testing and tracing appeared to have contained the spread of the virus.

Indore's case fatality ratio has been consistently high, and in July, stood at about 5 per cent, almost 2 per cent more than the national average of 2.95 per cent. Most of its deaths have been in the age group of 60 and older, with comorbidities.

Additional Chief Secretary Sulemman Mohammad said, "Most of the deceased reported late to the hospital.'

While asserting that the numbers showed the city was not seeing community transmission, officials said it also meant that close to 92% of the population remained susceptible to the virus.

Congress MP Vasanthakumar dies of Covid

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, AUGUST 28

SENIOR CONGRESS leader and Lok Sabha MP from Kanvakumari. H Vasanthakumar, died of Covid-19 at a Chennai hospital on Friday evening. He was 70.

Admitted to Apollo Hospitals on August 10 with Covid-19 symptoms, he later tested positive for the infection and was subsequently put on ventilator support. He was being treated by a team of multidisciplinary doctors for se-

vere Covid pneumonia. A leading businessman as



Vasantha kumar

was 70

well, Vasanthakumar was a familiar face for people of Tamil Nadu even before he joined active politics, thanks to his consumer

durables chain Vasanth & Co.

In his condolence message, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "His strides in business and social service efforts were noteworthy. During my interactions with him, I always saw his

passion towards Tamil Nadu's progress. Condolences to his family and supporters. Om Shanti."

Vasanthakumar's political mentor was his elder brother. Kumari Anandan, a former state Congress chief and a veteran from the generation of former CM K Kamaraj. The family has a BJP leader in Tamilisai Soundararajan, Telangana Governor and Anandan's daughter.

A two-time Congress MLA, Vasanthakumar quit as an Assembly member to successfully contest from Kanyakumari in the 2019 general election – he defeated BJP's Pon Radhakrishnan, a former Union minister.

Vasanthakumar was also one of the earliest game-changers in Tamil Nadu's retail sector, with ideas that played a big role in familiarising many with appliances considered luxury products at the time. Hundreds managed to buy products such as transistors and TV sets three decades ago via a payment system similar to EMIs.

"We used to call him Punnagai Mannan (the smiling king)in Congress groups - always (had) a smiling face," said Congress leader Khushbu Sundar.

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NDMC receives National Award from MoHUA for the cleanest capital city in India



■ ON'BLE MINISTER for Housing and Urban Affairs declared the results of Swachh Survekshan on 20 August, 2020. New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) was declared first in Cleanest Capital Category City and best performing Capital amongst all State Capitals and UTs. Chairman, NDMC -Shri Dharmendra, received the Award from Hon'ble Minister MoHUA on behalf of NDMC.

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All NDMC power. Schools (middle and senior schools) have sanitary napkin vending machines. NDMC has created young journalist in schools to spread the message of swachhta in community. NDMC area has 100% sewerage connectivity.

erated to produce

Congratulating the employees of NDMC in general and safai sevaks in particular, the Chairman said that the credit for getting the Swachhta awards and ranking

goes to the efforts of all NDMC employees particularly the Health Department. NDMC also expresses its gratitude to the residents and visitors to NDMC area for making it the cleanest capital city.

#NDMC Fights Coronavirus

DMC collecting door to door covid19 household waste from quarantine home for disposal in scientific

With the aim to collection of highly infected covid19 waste from quarantine houses and its proper disposal in scientific manner, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has made a mechanism to collect household waste from door to door of quarantine home in which covid19 related person or patients are residing in its jurisdictions area.

Every day at 07.00 am, NDMC start collecting Bio-Medical hazardous Covid Waste from each and every house who have peo-

ple with covid19 effected person or patients in quarantine.

The list of the houses is being provided by the District Magistrate - New Delhi office in advance on daily basis of approximately 200 to 250 in numbers.

A driver of the vehicle and two other helpers are deployed for the purpose and they are daily equipped with full new personal protection equipment (PPE) kits item to provide full protection from covid19 infection while collection of hazardous waste from these quarantine houses in

NDMC area. being taken in yellow bags which

was already treated with sodium hypochlorite solution . After Collecting the bag, it is sealed by a tight tag and loaded on the vehicle designated for transportation of this type of waste.

Daily by 10 am all these collected garbage bags are approximately 400 kg to 500 kg in weight and then it is given to BioTec Solutions agency for final disposal in scientific manners as per guidelines of Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC).

This agency is also collecting waste from Birla Mandir Dharmshala guarantine centre, testing centre and isolation centre for Covid19 patients in NDMC

NDMC strengthens anti-larval action to contain vector-borne diseases in New Delhi area

S PER information received from National Vector Borne Disease Control Program (NVBDCP) - a Nodal agency of Ministry of Health, Govt.of India that this year chances of dengue and chikungunya case is very high, keep in this view New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has strengthened their anti larval measures and action to contain the Vector borne diseases like Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya in New Delhi area.

Upto April this year, number of Dengue and Chikungunya cases are found 2.5 times more compare to the last year but till date 05 cases of dengue, chikungunya and Malaria has been reported in NDMC

NDMC health department directed to its cross checking team for the purpose of anti larval action to check the President House, Rail Bhavan Sardar Patel Bhavan, Shastri Bhavan, North and South Avenue

and Talkatora Marg premises. NDMC field workers are already visiting the area premises to find out collection of water at the construction sites and other places.

NDMC health department has deployed two vehicle mounted fogging machine, around 30 portable fogging machine and 130 knapsack Sprayer Machine for anti larval action. There are around 162 Gang man for carrying out field activities in the area. The Sanitary Inspectors have been posted to supervise the field work of malaria in all the 14 sanitation circles of New Delhi area.

NDMC health department team members are focusing on the presence of overhead tanks which are without covers. NDMC has issued advisory letters to Presidents and Secretaries of Residents Welfare Associations (RWAs), Markets Trader's Associations (MTAs), SHO of Police Stations and the Executive Engineers of CPWD, NDMC for carrying out the all

efforts to not allow mosquito breeding in their jurisdiction area.

A direction has been given by Chairman, NDMC to the Chief Engineer (Civil) to find out presence of open overhead tanks or other civil materials in the open, cemented Haudis etc. Chairman has also directed to strengthen the intra sectoral activities with inter sectoral coordination for more focussing on Nalaha, Drains and other water bodies in the area.

Keeping the view of covid-19 pandemic situation, NDMC is carrying Information, Education and Communication Communication (IEC) activities with social distancing norms through video conferencing or mobile to mobile with RWAs, MTAs and other officials to take action by themselves for containing mosquito

This year due to covid19, instead of interactive sessions for schools students, RWAs, MTAs or other public activities for

awareness, NDMC is focussing on SMS messages, calling on mobile phones, video conferencing, placing of hoardings and posters in public pleases. NDMC is distributing pamphlets on Do's and Don'ts to sensitise the general public about prevention for vector borne dis-

NDMC is issuing 50000 SMS every week to residents regarding actions to be taken from their side to contain spread of mosquito breeding in their locality.

NDMC appealed to the all residents and visitors of New Delhi area to co-operate the civic body in its activities to contain vector borne diseases. It is very clear that without the support from general public as well as from others like CPWD, Hospitals, government and non-government offices, it will be very difficult to check the the mosquito breeding.

The senior officers are also spreading awareness through Radio FM.

The collected waste material from the quarantine houses are





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Yogi asks UP officials to stop 'love jihad' as police say cases rising

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, AUGUST 28

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday directed senior officials of the state Home Department to prepare a plan to stop incidents of "love jihad", following several such cases reported from different

senior officials. Love jihad is a terminology used by Hindutva groups to describe inter-religious marriages, which they allege involves conversion of the woman - either by force or guile - to marry a

parts of the state, according to

According to officials, the direction came on the back of multiple incidents reported from Kanpur, Meerut, and a recent one in Lakhimpur Kheri, where the police claim there is evidence that the women were being forced to convert and marry.

"There are increasing cases of love jihad being reported from different parts of the state. Thus the Chief Minister instructed senior Home Department officials to prepare a plan to stop such incidents," Mrityunjay Kumar, media adviser to Adityanath, said.

He said officials have been told to prepare a strategy and see whether a new law is required. Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Awaneesh Kumar



UP CM Yogi Adityanath

Awasthi, who was part of the informal meeting, said: "This is a social issue. To stop it, they would have to be taken seriously - action needs to be taken against the accused, and we have to be harsh. These days, social media is available everywhere and it goes into the mind of oth-

Awasthi said while modalities will be worked out, among issues being looked into is to make possible fast-track hearing of such cases, as a lot of these matters are pending in courts due to their coronavirus-induced closure. "The accused should not be allowed to get bail; then the woman's family should be given monetary help, etc," he said.

Asked if a new law will be brought in, Awasthi said that as of now the existing law would suffice, but it needs to be implemented properly.

Recently, following several cases of inter-religious marriages in Kanpur's Juhi Colony, the poto J&K's peace, minorities, SCs, STs to be handled by L-G NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

gating team (SIT) to probe alle-

gations of conversion - either by

force or by "brainwashing" the

women - before marriage. The

SIT was formed after families of

five women from Juhi Colony

met senior police officials and

sought help, alleging that the

women were allegedly brain-

washed into converting before

cited by the police took place in

a village in Lakhimpur Kheri dis-

trict earlier this week, where a

teenage girl was found raped

and murdered. The police later

caught one Dilshad, who they

say confessed to raping the girl

and later slitting her throat fol-

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Matters related

MATTERS RELATED to "peace and tranquillity" of Jammu and Kashmir and those associated with the "minority community, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes' will be handled by the Lieutenant Governor of the newly carved Union territory, a gazette notification of the Union government said on Friday.

The L-G will also handle postings and transfers of all IAS and IPS officers apart from exercising control over the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

The Centre on Friday notified the Transaction of Business Rules for Jammu and Kashmir, laying down administrative powers, roles and responsibilities of various functionaries including the L-G, chief minister, council of ministers and senior bureaucrats.

The notification spelt out 12 issues which "shall be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary, under intimation to the Chief Minister, before issuing any orders".

These included "matters which affect or are likely to affect the peace and tranquillity of the Union Territory; matters which affect or are likely to affect the interest of any minority community, the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Backward Classes" among others.

As spelt out in the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the notification has put services under the administrative control of the L-G. It is the same template followed in Delhi, which is also a Union territory with legislature.



PAK ARMY SHELLS AREAS ALONG LoC: Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked shelling along the Line of Control in Poonch district's Balakot sector on Friday. The Indian Army mounted a befitting retaliation, officials said. ANI

Four militants killed, one captured in Shopian gunfight

BASHAARAT MASOOD

FOUR MILITANTS were killed and a fifth was captured following a gunfight with security forces in south Kashmir's Shopian on Friday, Jammu and Kashmir Police said the militants were responsible for the killing of a Srinagar panch as well as the abduction of a Territorial Army personnel.

On receiving inormation about the presence of militants in an orchard in Shopian's Kiloora, a joint team of the J&K Police, Army and paramilitary forces cordoned off the village. As the joint team closed in, the militants opened fire, triggering a gunfight.

Police said the militants were responsible for the killing of Srinagar panch Nisar Ahmad Bhat, who had gone missing on August 19 while on a visit to Shopian and whose body was recovered from Shopian on Friday

"We have killed four terrorists and one has been captured alive," said Inspector General of Police (Kashmir) Vijav Kumar. "They were involved in the killing of the panch from Khonmoh (in Srinagar).

Police identified the slain militants as Shakoor Ahmad Parray, Suhail Ahmad, Shakir-ul-Jabbar and Zubair Nengroo, while the captured militant was named as Shoaib Ahmad Bhat.

According to police, Bhat on August 19 had visited the family of Suhail Ahmad, one of the militants who was killed on Friday. and had offered to help him surrender. "Suhail is the one whose house the panch had visited. He (Bhat) had requested his (Suhail's) father for his (telephone) number and offered his help," IGP Kumar said. "He (Bhat) was kidnapped then and an audio was released that he has been killed and buried. Today,

lice constable-turned-militant, was the district commander of militant outfit Al Badr, which "he had revived". They said Parray, a personal security officer (PSO) of the Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Bijbehara, had escaped with four rifles. Parray was arrested a few months after his escape, but later joined the militant outfit.

"He (Parray) had revived it. They were around 10 militants. Five have been neutralised today (four killed and one arrested), IGP Kumar said. "The captured militant is from Charsoo in Awantipora (in south Kashmir's Pulwama district)."

Police said the militants were also responsible for the abduction of Territorial Army personnel Shakir Manzoor who, according to the militants, was killed and buried at an undisclosed location.

Pak 'grudgingly acknowledged' presence of terrorists on its soil: Jaishankar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar on Friday slammed Pakistan for portraying itself as a "victim of terror", and said it had to "grudgingly acknowledge" the presence of wanted terrorists and crime leaders on its soil due

to international pressure. While presiding over the Darbari Seth memorial lecture, he said the 9/11 terror attacks in the US and the Covid-19 pandemic are "stand-out moments that disrupted the trajectory of

He said today, the world has a range of mechanisms to counter-terror is m, including theFinancial Action Task Force (FATF), several UN sanctions committees and the Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate. But it lacks a comprehensive convention on international terrorism as UN members are still "wrestling with certain foundational principles", he said.

"All the while, states that have turned the production of terrorists into a primary export have attempted, by dint of bland denials, to paint themselves also as victims of terror," Jaishankar said, in an oblique reference to Pakistan.

"But as we have seen last week, sustained pressure through international mechanisms to prevent the movement of funds for terror groups and their front agencies can work. It has eventually compelled a state complicit in aiding, abetting, training and directing terror groups and associated criminal syndicates to grudgingly acknowledge the presence of wanted terrorists and organised crime leaders on its territory," he said.

Religious sentiments 'hurt', Assam Police bans TV serial for two months

ABHISHEK SAHA GUWAHATI, AUGUST 28

THE ASSAM Police has ordered a two-month ban on an Assamese TV serial, in which the protagonists are a Hindu woman and a Muslim man, accepting that it had of a certain section", following protests against it for over a month by Hindu right-wing groups.

In an order dated August 24, Guwahati Commissioner of Police M P Gupta wrote to Rengoni TV informing it of the ban under the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995, and saying, "The gist of (the) allegation... is that the serial Begum laan has hurt the religious sentiments of certain sections of the society and the serial contains visuals or words contemptuous and defamatory of a particular religion and section of society and is likely to encourage or incite violence.

The police said it was acting on complaints registered by the Hindu Jagaran Mancha, All Assam Brahmin Youth Council, United Trust of Assam and an individual named Gunaiit Adhikary.

The producers, who have suspended shooting temporarily, are planning to move court

against the ban. Earlier, Preety Kkongana,

who plays the female lead in Begum Jaan, had said she was facing rape and murder threats online. Denying allegations that the show promoted 'love iihad'. she had said it just featured a Hindu woman in trouble being helped by a Muslim man.

The police order said that the implaints were placed before a district-level monitoring committee under the cable Act. "The Committee after due deliberation and viewing the video clips of the serial Begum Iaan has opined with overwhelming majority that the aforesaid serial is in violation of Programme Code as laid down in Rule 6 of the Cable Television Network Rules, 1994... The Committee with overwhelming majority has come to a conclusion that the said serial has outraged the religious sentiment of certain section of the society which may lead to breach of peace and tranquillity in the society, unless the telecast of the serial is stopped with immediate effect."

Confirming the ban, Gupta told The Indian Express that the local TV channel had been issued a show cause notice and a response sought within a month.

Rengoni TV started telecasting the serial three months ago. In early July, an online campaign started against it, with a group called the Hindu Janajagruti Samiti claiming that the show promoted love jihad. Twitter hashtags like #BoycottBegumJaan and #BoycottRengoni also did the

Sanjive Narain, the Chairman and Managing Director of AM Television, that runs Rengoni channel, said the allegations "Just because a Muslim boy and Hindu woman are the protagonists of the show, they are saying all this. To further their politics, they are making these allegations... If the court provides respite, we will resume (telecast)," he said.

Gupta, in his order, invoked Section 19 of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 which deals with "Power to prohibit transmission of certain programmes in public interest."

The law says that an authorised officer may "prohibit any cable operator from transmitting or re-transmitting any programme or channel if, it is not in conformity with the prescribed programme code...likely to promote, on grounds of religion, race, language, caste or community or any other ground whatsoever, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious, racial, linguistic or regional groups or castes or communities or which is likely to disturb the public tranquillity."



ELGAAR PARISHAD CASE

OMKAR GOKHALE MUMBAL AUGUST 28

THE BOMBAY High Court on Friday dismissed the interim bail plea filed by Sudha Bharadwaj on medical grounds break in prisons. The court said the state will continue providing medical aid in prison for her ailments.

Bhardwaj, an activist arrested in the Elgaar Parishad case, is lodged in Mumbai's Byculla Women's Jail. She had filed an appeal before the HC against special NIA court's rejection of her interim bail plea on medical grounds.

A division bench of Justice R D Dhanuka and Justice V G Bisht on Friday perused a prison department report, which stated that Bharadwaj had been examined in jail by a medical officer and her condition was found to be "stable and satisfactory"

The HC had on Tuesday directed the state to provide copies of the latest medical reports of Bharadwaj and activists Anand Teltumbde and Vernon Gonsalves — also arrested in the Elgaar Parishad case — to their families, lawyers and NIA by Friday. The court



Sudha Bharadwaj

had held that the accused and their families had a right to know the status of their health.

Advocate Ragini Ahuia, appearing for Bharadwaj, said that she suffered from chronic ailments such as diabetes and hypertension and these comorbidities but her at a high risk if she contracted Covid-19 in

However, Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh, representing NIA, and Public Prosecutor Deepak Thakare, appearing for the state government, opposed the plea saying that if Bharadwaj required further treatment and had to be admitted to a hospital, including a private one, the jail authorities would do the same.

comorbidities put her at a high risk if she became infected with the coronavirus in prison Singh said that another coaccused in the case, Varavara

Advocate Ragini Ahuja,

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Rao, was admitted to II hospital and then shifted to the private Nanavati hospital for treatment of Covid-19 and other ailments. The court also noted the

submissions made by National

Investigation Agency and the state that they were taking all precautions to contain Covid-19 spread in prisons.

plea, the bench noted: "In our view, no case is made out for grant of bail. This appeal is devoid of merits.'

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to check." uncle Vishwas said.

transplant started at 2 am and

ended by 5.10 pm Friday. Twelve

doctors, comprising six plastic

surgeons, four anaesthetists, and

two orthopaedic surgeons, fused

two bones, one major artery, four

veins, five nerves and a bundle of

Satbhai had made preparations

through Thursday to pull to-

gether the team. Plastic surgeon

The lead surgeon Dr Nilesh

muscles in the procedure

Court expresses concerns over defence counsel not submitting arguments

BABRI MASJID DEMOLITION CASE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LUCKNOW, AUGUST 28

A SPECIAL CBI court on Friday expressed serious concerns over mit their written arguments in the 1992 Babri mosque demolition case despite repeated opportunities given to them.

It granted them the last opportunity to file the written arguments by August 31 and make oral submissions if they wanted to or their chances would be closed.

Special Judge S K Yadav said there are 32 accused in the case. The Supreme Court has fixed September-end as the deadline

for conclusion and delivery of judgment. "The court has to deal with evidence of 351 CBI witnesses and about 600 exhibits, which is bound to take considerable time

lowed to cause delay at the arguments stage," the judge said. The court had earlier granted time to the defence counsel on August 21 and 24. It had fixed for Friday, but again more time was sought by the defence counsel.

The CBI has already filed a 400-page written argument.

prime minister L K Advani, former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Kalyan Singh, BJP leaders M M Joshi, Uma Bharti, Vinay Katiar, Sadhvi Rithambara and Sakshi Maharaj, besides Ram Teerth Kshetra Trust secretary

Champat Rai. The trial is at the verge of conclusion and is at the stage of arguments.

The Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI) has submitted its arguments to which the defence counsel have to rebut by filng their own written arguments.

Once the arguments stage is over, the court would deliver its judgment.

The Babri Masjid in Ayodhya was demolished on December 6, 1992, by 'kar sevaks' who claimed that an ancient Ram temple stood at the same site.

Coronavirus patient undergoes bilateral lung transplant in Chennai

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A GROUP of surgeons in a Chennai hospital successfully carried out a bilateral lung transplant on a Covid-19 patient.

The transplant was performed on a 48-year-old patient from Delhi, who was suffering from severe lung infection with Covid-19. The lungs were severely damaged due to Covid-

19-related fibrosis "He developed Covid infection on June 8. Only a small portion of the lungs was still functioning. As he became breathless and oxygen saturation came down, he was put on ventilatory support on June 20. His condition continued to worsen in spite of ventilator support, he was airlifted to MGM Healthcare in Chennai from Ghaziabad on July

20. His lung condition continued

to be worsening in spite of maximum ventilatory supportive care, and he was put on ECMO support on July 25, 2020, for more than one month. Such patients are difficult to manage even in well-equipped ICUs," a statement from the hospital said.

formed on August 27. The patient, now in the Transplant ICU, is stable, doctors said. The hospital said this was

The transplant was per-

Asia's first known lung transplant on a Covid-19 positive patient and the second lung transplant in the hospital since the lockdown began.

The transplant was led by Dr KR Balakrishnan, Chairman and

Director of Cardiac Sciences and Director of the Heart and Lung Transplant Program at MGM Healthcare, along with his team of transplant specialists including Dr Suresh Rao, Dr Srinath and Dr Apar Jindal.

Behind India's 10th double hand transplant, fear and hope minutes before her surgery. ount will be funded by the hos-

TABASSUM **BARNAGARWALA**

MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

BEFORE SHE entered the operation theatre Thursday midnight, Monika More called a transplant recipient in Pune for support and strength. Then she smiled nervously and headed for her own

double hand transplant surgery. On Friday, 15 hours later, Maharashtra recorded its first successful hand transplant after the hands of a 32-year-old man, who had been declared brain dead, were transported from Chennai and surgically affixed to 24-yearold Monika's arms. Until then. only nine other double hand transplants had been done in India.

'The hands are larger than her frame because they belonged to a man. But she finally has what we prayed for. We never lost

hope," Monika's uncle Vishwas More said. Mother Kavita said her daughter would meet the donor's family to thank them.

Monika will remain in intensive care for two weeks, and take about six months to develop movement in her hands. On Friday, the initial signs of a successful transplant were seen after doctors put a pulse oximeter on her finger and feet, and found the same reading of her oxygen saturation level, indicating that blood supply had begun.

Monika lost her hands in 2014 in a train mishap at Ghatkopar station, and has depended on prosthetic limbs. In 2018, after hearing about Punebased Shreya Siddhagaonkar's transplant, she registered herself on an organ waitlist. Her father Ashok More started collecting funds but three months later succumbed to a heart attack.



Monika More, 24, before surgery at Global Hospital in Mumbai

In 2019, Monika started working as a supervisor in a private nursing home in Kurla and supported her family until the pandemic began. But after the lockdown, the family was left with no source of income, and worried about paying the hospital bills until an NGO and hospital agreed

to finance the procedure.

The Lalbaug Cha Raja trust donated Rs 1 lakh on Thursday for the surgery, while Global hospital, which undertook the transplant, paid for the chartered flight to bring the hands from Chennai.

The surgery has been billed at Rs 22 lakh. "The remaining ampital and NGO Yuva Pratishthan,' said former MP Kirit Somaiya who arranged for Rs 5 lakh. It was on Thursday morning

that Monika received a call from Global Hospital that a prospective hand donor had been found. "She immediately said yes. We had been waiting for this call for two years," younger brother Kartik said. A technician drew her blood sample at home, and a doctor flew to Chennai for a compatibility test with the donor who had suffered a road accident.

The samples matched, and by evening Monika was in hospital for Covid-19, HIV, hepatitis and other tests. "When I spoke to her, she was scared. It is overwhelming to receive hands after six years without them," said Siddhagaonkar, who underwent a similar transplant in 2018 in Kerala and spoke to Monika

Dr Mohit Sharma, who flew in from Kochi and was part of India's first hand transplant team, said the biggest challenge was to operate fast.

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COVID IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR

Admin to conduct random testing in Jarawa tribal group

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA KOLKATA, AUGUST 28

THE ANDAMAN and Nicobar islands administration has decided to conduct random testing for Covid-19 among members of Jarawa tribal group after nine people from Great Andamanese tribal group tested positive for the infection.

"Further, with the emergence of COVID-19 positive cases amongst the Great Andamanese, the Administration has taken some samples of Onge tribal from Dugong Creek and all have been tested negative. Further, the Administration has decided to conduct random testing of Jarawa

SC issues notice

at state level

Institution Act, 2004.

to govt on plea to

identify minorities

New Delhi: The Supreme Court

on Friday sought the Centre's re-

ply on a PIL challenging provi-

sions of the National Com-

mission for Minority Education

Ashwani Upadhyay has argued

that the Act identifies minorities

at the national level and not at the

state level, thereby depriving deserving minorities in the states of

A bench of Justice Sanjay

Kishan Kaul, Ajay Rastogi and

Aniruddha Bose issued notices to

Ministries of Home Affairs, Law

and Justice and Minority Affairs,

seeking their replies in six weeks.

under Section 2(f) of the Act, the

Centre notified Muslims, Chris-

tians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis

as minorities at the national level.

This, he pointed out, was against

the spirit of the Supreme Court

who follow Hinduism, Judaism

and Bahaism and are minorities in

regions like Ladakh, Mizoram.

Lakshadweep, Kashmir, Nagaland,

Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh,

Punjab and Manipur, cannot es-

tablish and administer educational

institutions of their choice. ENS

The plea argued that those

judgment in the TMA Pai case.

The petition contended that

their Constitutional rights.

The plea by Advocate

from the administration Friday.

There are six notified Scheduled Tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Apart from Nicobarese, the five others are listed as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups — Jarawa, Onge, Great Andamanese, Shompen and Sentinelese.

tribal shortly," stated a release

"The A&N Administration reiterates its commitment to protect its Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups and their safety is of paramount importance. It will leave no stone unturned to protect our human heritage," the release stated

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OFFICE OF THE ESTATE OFFICER-II, HARYANA SHEHRI VIKAS PRADHIKARAN C-1 INFOCITY SECTOR-34, GGN

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified through this public notice for the Information of applicant of Oustees that the screening of Oustees application received in the office of the Estate Officer-II, HSVP, Gurugram wil be done on datd 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.09.2020 at Gym Khana Člub, Sector-29, Gurugram.

The schedule of date wise is available at the HSVP Website e. www.hsvp.org.in.

Sd/-Estate Officer-II, HSVP, Gurugram.

OFFICE OF THE ESTATE OFFICER-II, HSVP, GURUGRAM **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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> Estate Officer-II, HSVP, Gurugram.

Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD)

82498/HRY

Request for proposal (RfP) for Appointment of Program management Agency (PMA) for assistance in Implementation of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) The share of livestock in agricultural sector GDP growth has been increasing faster than the crop sector in the past decade because of the rising demand for livestock products propelled by income, population growth and urbanization. The livestock sector plays an important role in the socioeconomic development of rural households. It contributes about 4.2 percent to the Gross Value Added (GVA) and 28.8 percent to the Agricultural Gross Value Added.

The sector has been fraught with challenges which have hampered sector's growth. These have included but not been limited to lack of health & breeding infrastructure, non-optimal network architecture and limited processing & marketing infrastructure. To address these challenges the Government of India recently announced Rs 15,000 crore Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund ("AHIDF") to develop infrastructure for dairy processing, meat processing and animal feed processing

The broad contours of the AHIDF are set out below:

Proposed Beneficiaries:

- Farmer producer organizations (FPOs), MSMEs, Section 8 Companies, private companies and individual entrepreneurs
- Beneficiaries are required to contribute margin money@ 10% in the case of Small Enterprises, 15% for Medium Enterprises and up to 25% for other category of enterprises of the total project cost. The balance would be the loan component to be made available by scheduled banks
- 3 per cent interest subvention will be given to eligible beneficiaries.
- Two-year moratorium period for repayment of loans with six years repayment period
- A Credit Guarantee Fund of Rs 750 crore to be managed by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to provide credit guarantee to the projects which are covered under the MSME defined ceilings..
- The guarantee coverage would be upto 25 per cent of the credit facility

DAHD intends to on-board a Programme Management Agency (PMA), for a period of 3 years to assist and support DAHD and State Governments /UT Administrations in the management of AHIDF. The PMA will be responsible for continuous engagement with the DAHD, State Governments /UT Administrations and other agencies being hired to implement and monitor the AHIDE

The salient features of the project, eligibility criteria and prescribed formats for submission can be accessed in the RfP document uploaded on the website: http://eprocure.gov.in and http://dahd.nic.in.

Interested applicants are requested to submit their responses to the "RfP" on Central Public Procurement Portal (http://eprocure.gov.in) on or before 18th September, 2020 by 11.00 AM.

Joint Commissioner (Poultry), Department for Animal Husbandry & Dairying Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 110001

davp 01201/11/0004/2021

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DAVP: 41109/11/0011/2021

Member Secretary

Date: 29.08.2020

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Notice to the Candidates for inviting objection on answer key for the post of PTI against Advt. No. 06/2006 Cat. No. 23 of Education Department, Haryana.

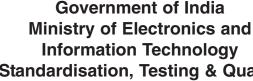
It is intimated that written examination for recruitment for the pos of PTT against Advt. No. 06/2006, Cat. No. 23 of Education Departments, Haryana was conducted on 23.08.2020 by the

The Commission has uploaded the answer key, on the website of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission i.e. www.hssc.gov.in of the above said written examination. If any candidate has any objection egarding any answer, he/she may submit his/her query/objection The candidate need to follow the steps given below

- 1. Go to www.hssc.gov.in.
- 2. Click on "Inviting Objection for answer key (Advt. No. 6/2006)"
- 3. The objection raised by any candidate by any other means wil not be entertained.

The candidate may submit his/her objection from 28.08.2020 to 30.08.2020 upto 5.00 P.M. Thereafter no objection will be entertained by the Commission. The candidates are advised to clearly/specify the objection along with name of the Post, Advt. No., Category No. Date of Examination, Question Booklet series and Question No. or which the objection is raised otherwise objection will not be consid ered. The objections shall be considered by the Commission and its decision in this regard shall be final and evaluation of the paper shal accordingly be done.

Superintendent. for Secretary Haryana Staff Selection Dated: 27.08.2020 82501/HRY Commission, Panchkula.



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Detailed advt. is published in Employment News dated 29.08.2020 and is on the website for STQC: www.stqc.gov.in

Contact: Deputy Director (Pers.), Ph No. 011-24301365

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Government of Jharkhand Department of Women, Child **Development and Social Security** (Directorate of Social Welfare)
Engineers' Hostel, 2nd Floor, Sector-III, H.E.C, Dhurwa, Ranchi – 834004

Tender Notice

Tender Reference no.: PRO- 01/2020-21Date: 28.08.2020

1	Name of Work	Supply of Uniform (SAREE) for the Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers in all 24 districts of the State
2	Estimated Cost (Rs)	5,94,50,400.00
3	Time of Completion	Within 90 days from the date of issue of Work Order
4	Date of Publication of Tender on website	28.08.2020
5	Pre-Bid Meeting	07.09.2020 at 03.00 PM
6	Sample submission at Directorate office: Director Social Welfare, 2 nd Floor, Engineer's Hostel, Sector-III, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand	From 21.09.2020 to 22.09.2020 till 05.00 PM
7	Last Date of Technical Proposal Submission in sealed envelope at NeML office	24.09.2020 till 05.00 PM
8	Issue of login credential to eligible bidders	28.09.2020
9	EMD deposition in NeML account	29.09.2020
10	Date of Reverse e Auction	30.09.2020
11	Name & Address of Approved Agency	NCDEX e Markets Ltd, 302, Parashar Niwas, Shukla Colony, Hinoo, Ranchi- 834002 (Jharkhand)
12	Name & Address of office Inviting Tender	Director Social Welfare, 2 nd Floor, Engineer's Hostel, Sector-III, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004, Jharkhand, PH: 0651-2400749
13	Contact No. of NCDEX e-Markets Ltd.	022-48810555/9889888825

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WORDLY WISE

I HAVE SEEN THE PLAYER WHO WILL INHERIT MY PLACE IN ARGENTINE FOOTBALL AND HIS NAME IS MESSI. —DIEGO MARADONA

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

ABETMENT

In the Sushant Singh prime-time circus, everyone is an accused in the killing of due process

N JUNE 14, a young actor was found dead in his Mumbai apartment, and more than two months later, a grimy public spectacle continues to be made of his death. Sushant Singh Rajput, Mumbai police and the post mortem report said, had committed suicide. If there are others responsible, they have to be found and punished, after an investigation and as per law. But the several complicities in the spectacle-making are already apparent and appalling – because they could have disturbing consequences for due process. The right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty is being buffeted daily by a perfectly nasty storm, made of forces that have not been created by this case, but are whipped up in it. Prime among them, news TV in free fall, feeding off and pandering to the worst instincts, real and imagined, of its audience – misogyny, voyeurism and an appetite for vigilante justice. In it, also, is a polarised politics, which triggered an unseemly duel between two state governments and their police departments. It also seems to have compelled a chief minister, Nitish Kumar, who is visibly flailing in his fight against a pandemic and devastating floods, to take time out to make himself heard in a case that is being touted as a possible factor in the impending election in Bihar.

The FIR against Rhea Chakraborty, Rajput's friend and prime accused in the FIR filed in Patna, cites serious sections of the IPC, including abetment to suicide. The case is now with the CBI — after the Supreme Court upheld the Bihar government's decision to hand it to the central agency. At last count, at least two other agencies — the Enforcement Directorate and the Narcotics Control Bureau – were active in the probe. And yet, that has not stopped reporters and anchors on TV from hashtag frenzy. #ArrestRheaNow is as culpable of this attempted hijack of the rule of law as #JusticeForRhea. It has not stopped politicians from weighing in. This unchecked blurring of lines is not new, of course. And a case such as this one, with its saga of Bollywood and the Patna boy, references to MeToo and the Insider-Outsider debate, drugs and mental illness, is ripe for a gala witch hunt. Yet, it has posed an important question, again: Can the investigation and the agencies carrying it out, which do not have a sterling record of resisting their own weaponisation by the powerful, be insulated from the noise? Or are they themselves cranking up the megaphones?

There is one more question here, and it has to do with the courtroom, the real one, not the TV make-believe. As everybody strikes a pose in the prime time circus, and pronounces a conviction in a case only just handed by the SC to the CBI, an argument can be made for obstruction of the course of justice — far more readily, credibly, than it was made, recently, against a couple of tweets.

A CASE FOR EQUALITY

SC is right to flag inequalities within SC-ST categories, but data, not opportunism, must shape state response

FIVE-JUDGE BENCH of the Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that state governments can sub classify Scheduled Castes and Tribes to provide preferential treatment to the more deprived among them so that the real purpose of reservation can be achieved. This contradicts a 2004 order of a five-judge bench that had ruled against states creating subcategories within the SC-ST categories. The final word has not been said since the case has now been referred to a seven-judge Constitution bench of the apex court.

There is merit in the Supreme Court's reading that "reservation creates inequalities ithin the reserved castes itself". Its support for sub-classification in order for the gov ernment to adopt "a distributive justice method so that State largesse does not concentrate in few hands and equal justice to all is provided" is in consonance with the principle and spirit of reservation spelt out in the Constitution. Evidence suggests that a few castes have been cornering most of the benefits extended by reservation to SCs, including in employment and admission to educational institutions. This is not surprising since some groups have historically had a relative advantage of access to material resources, including land, cultural capital, and education, over other groups in the Scheduled Castes. With reservation treating the SCs as a homogenous community, these social and economic inequalities within have widened. The relatively dominant sections have gained at the expense of the weaker groups, causing resentment among the latter and forcing them to mobilise on the issue. Many state governments - Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, and Punjab – have introduced subcategories within the SC reservation in a bid to rectify the situation. In the absence of state intervention, the dominance of certain castes may continue at the expense of more depressed communities and diminish the emancipatory potential of reservation.

But state intervention must be carefully thought through and protected from political-electoral exigencies. Bihar offers a cautionary tale. In 2007, the Nitish Kumar government introduced the Mahadalit category and identified 18 of the state's 22 Dalit communities for inclusion. In 2008, two of the four relatively better-off SC groups, the Pasis and Dhobis, were included. The Jatavs were classified as Mahadalits the next year, leaving only the Paswans, seen to be a core constituency of Ram Vilas Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party, out of the ambit of the subcategory. Such political opportunism only serves to discredit an instrument that has gone a long way in addressing historical injustice and inequality.

WHEN MESSI MOVES

An industry moves with him. That's why keeping track of the Argentina star is important

O INDIVIDUAL IS bigger than the club, goes the sporting truism. A rare exception could be made for Lionel Messi and Barcelona. And that is why speculation about Messi's possible multi-million dollar switch not a rare occurrence in football — is being discussed beyond the sports pages. The Argentine forward commands a stature as large as the club. With him at the helm, Barcelona built on their image as the romantics' destination to a trophy-guzzling mean machine. Nearly half of the 112-year-old club's titles were won in 16 Messi years. Brand Barcelona was Brand Messi.

Barcelona was one of Europe's elites even before Messi took baby steps in the game. But in terms of monetary power, it was not even among the top 10. Now, as per the evaluation of Deloitte's Football Money League 2020, it's the richest in the world with a revenue of \$959.3 million between 2018 and 2019. For the first time in their storied rivalry with Real Madrid, they defeated them on the financial front too. A lot of it owed to Messi's aura. Barcelona had long resisted the temptation to sell its team shirt the way other clubs teams around the world had done, but it's no coincidence that it changed its policies dur-

Messi, wherever he goes, will carry a whole industry along with him. He could not only elevate the quality of the club and league, but make it considerably richer too. He might be a month past his 33rd birthday, but there are no signs that his forces are diminishing. He could bring to the club as much as, if not more than, the club invests in him. An exception to the well-worn sporting truism could be made in the exceptional case of Messi.

Covid and optimism

With vaccine on the horizon, challenges await: How to get it to every person, while mitigating risks

RAJIB DASGUPTA

WITH COVID VACCINES on the horizon, vaccine optimism has made its mark in the contemporary gold standard of sentiments: Stock markets are rallying back to all-time highs. The optimism seems to be all-pervasive – from politicians and policy-makers to the common man.

Is this optimism unfounded? Not entirely. as some features of SARS-CoV-2 (the causative agent) suggest. Clinical trials have demonstrated rising anti-spike antibodies that block virus infection in cells under laboratory conditions. With the spike protein having multiple locations where antibodies can bind and neutralise the virus, mutations in the pathogen are not likely to be easily successful in negotiating the vaccine. Several candidate vaccines have demonstrated success in Phase I and Phase II trials. Phase III is the crucial phase where it will be tested on tens of thousands of individuals to determine if it works to prevent infection with SARS-CoV-2 (efficacy) and that it is safe (safety). The true test of the safety profile is only through continued surveillance (after introduction in the market and/or a programme), adverse event monitoring and post-marketing surveillance systems. Reality check: Other coronavirus infections such as SARS and MERS have now been studied for a couple of decades but there are no licenced effective vaccines.

Governments are promising a quick-fix by accelerating vaccine production to historically unprecedented extents. An interesting case in point is Operation Warp Speed that aims to deliver 300 million doses of a safe, effective vaccine in the US by January 2021. The White House has reportedly committed \$12 billion to six candidate vaccines. The worry is not that adequate numbers of research participants are not inducted into the trials but that the companies are being forced to condense an often decade-long process into a maximum of six to eight months (by funding multiple simultaneous trials) with potentially serious consequences for efficacy

The global health endgame is to make the

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vaccine equitably available and accessible worldwide. At the same time, a range of COVID-specific vulnerabilities have surfaced from deeply embedded health inequities. The WHO Director General recognises that "supply nationalism exacerbated the pandemic and contributed to the total failure of the global supply chain" and urged that "we need to prevent vaccine nationalism". The global intellectual property system allocates the rights of the vaccine to the inventor or owner for up to 20 years. The WHO and the EU are reportedly exploring options of buying medicinal rights and establishing a pool of patents while nation-states may prefer to invoke "compulsory licencing". The WHO and other international organisations have set up a coalition, the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) Facility that seeks to attract rich countries to sign on by reducing their own risk that they are betting on the wrong vaccine candidates — the success of this model is yet to be tested fully. Even if there are broad agreements, they will be riddled with complex institutional arrangements for vaccines to be procured and made

available at the point of care. In the hope that the successful vaccines are poised in the next few months to begin their journey from the horizon to the health centres, what will be the demand-side story? The WHO's "strategic allocation" approach is targeted at health workers, people over 65 years and those with co-morbidities that put them at a higher mortality risk from COVID-19. The US-CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunisation Practices (ACIP) has developed a rough five-tier scheme; the full ACIP is debating a wider set of questions: Race or ethnicity (COVID-19 had a disproportionate impact on African-American, Hispanic and Native American communities); the poor, as they have less access to healthcare, live in more crowded conditions, and suffer more if they become sick and must take time off work; custodial populations such as prisoners and those in homeless shelters; and teachers who are indoors with large groups of students. India's National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) shall presumably be tasked with the country's prioritisation strategies. It needs to recognise and accept diverse vulnerabilities using social epidemiology and public health ethics considerations, even while recognising that one cannot wait for perfect data.

The Indian position was recently articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech: "To make it available to every person in the shortest possible time." The confidence perhaps stems from the fact that the health minister is hoping that if everything goes well, India will get a coronavirus vaccine by the end of this year", and an additional month for production. There are also reports of talks with several global vaccine makers to get priority access to any vaccine produced first. The current strategy is to enable vaccine production and make it market-ready while regulatory processes and logistic requirements are ironed out.

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Dasgupta is Chairperson, Centre of Social Medicine & Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

A Cluttered Chessboard

Pakistan's attempts to get Islamic countries to condemn India over I&K have had mixed results

KHALED AHMED

TO CONDEMN INDIA for changing the status quo in Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan had approached Saudi Arabia to convene a session of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), but the request was turned down. Thereafter Pakistan got together with Turkey and Malaysia to convene a summit of Islamic states — a kind of parallel OIC — which turned out to be a flop. Even Pakistan refrained from attending it as did most other members of the OIC. Then the "released" news came that Pakistan was returning the aid it had got from Saudi Arabia — a billion out of the \$6.2 billion pledged — after borrowing the billion from China. In fact, the Saudis had demanded their money back.

The Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi tried gauchely to explain: "Saudi Arabia is facing economic pressure due to fall in oil prices and Pakistan is well aware of Saudi Arabia's problems and Pakistan stands by its brotherly country in this hour of need." But the truth is that Saudi Arabia was greatly miffed over what he had said with or without Prime Minister Imran Khan's clearance: "If you cannot convene it, then I'll be compelled to ask Prime Minister Imran Khan to call a meeting of the Islamic countries that are ready to stand with us on the issue of Kashmir and support the oppressed Kashmiris.'

In another move, Pakistan inched closer to Iran after China signed a \$400-billion deal with it and India moved out of the Chabahar project that was seen as threatening Pakistan. But the Arab states across the Gulf will not take kindly to it. Iran is involved in the "Shia" wars that plague Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen. Turkey is the maverick of the region, challengPrime Minister Khan ignores what Erdogan is doing to freedom of expression in Turkey because the Turkish president doesn't care if India is upset over his support to Pakistan over Kashmir. He also ignores the dangerously decreased capacity of Turkey to dole out the financial support Pakistan's belly-up economy needs under Khan.

FOREIGN HAND

ing the Saudis by supporting the Brotherhood in Egypt, encouraging the maverick Arab state of Oatar in the Gulf to do likewise, Oddly, however, Turkey doesn't please Iran either because in Syria it is killing the Syrians supported by Iran. It has also forced Iran to side with Saudi Arabia in Libya where Turkey is fighting a proxy war with the Saudis.

Imran Khan has struck up a special relationship with Turkey's President Recep Erdogan, which also touches the heartstrings of most Pakistanis whose school textbooks glorify the Khilafat Movement in India, supporting the deposed Ottoman-Turkish caliph in Turkey. (Today, the Arabs collectively hate the Ottomans for having ruled over them in the past and express it by banning Turkish cinema in their countries, as in UAE and Egypt.) Prime Minister Khan ignores what Erdogan is doing to the freedom of expression in Turkey because the Turkish president doesn't care if India is upset over his support to Pakistan over Kashmir. He also ignores the dangerously decreased capacity of Turkey to dole out financial support that Pakistan's belly-up economy needs under Khan. Turkey under the dictatorial Erdogan was not expected to perform well economically and that is what has happened after the pandemic struck, increasing unemployment up to 52 per cent.

The other Muslim leader who has supported Pakistan over the latest Pak-India quarrel over Kashmir is Mahathir Mohamad, not long ago prime minister of Malaysia, who is critical of India's "annexation" of Kashmir. Since he lost his prime ministerial post soon after dreaming about an Islamic Summit, one must look at whether Malaysia is ready for the

sort of Islam that Pakistan has embraced. A little over 60 per cent of Malaysia's 32 million citizens are Muslims, mainly ethnic Malays. Most of the rest are Buddhist, Christian, Hindu or not religious. Mohamad, president and prime minister from 1981 to 2003, was to claim that Malaysia was an "Islamic country", ignoring the multi-national population – led by the Chinese and Indians — of his country that has made Malaysia economically viable.

China is not going to like PM Khan's "revolution" in the region much. It is a big player in the Gulf and will become the power to reckon with after the Americans cut down troops in Iraq and Qatar. India is China's next contender in the Gulf with good diplomatic relations with the Arabs and Israel, which the pragmatic Arabs don't mind. Neither does Iran, despite its hardline Islam and its stubborn anti-Israel policy through Lebanon's Hezbollah. China, India's largest trading partner, simply can't persuade Pakistan to abandon its either/or thinking vis-à-vis India and try for "normalisation" through trade routes.

Pakistan's importance to China has no doubt increased after its "opening" in Iran, replacing India there. The trade China does with the Gulf, plus the Iranian oil for the next guarter-century, has to pass through Pakistan, cutting down the time taken by the Southeast Asian sea-route with its Strait of Malacca bottleneck. Pakistan and India have changed their maps, if that gives any satisfaction to the affected people, but they must strive for the normalisation of relations needed in the region.

> The writer is consulting editor, Newsweek Pakistan

INDIAN EXPRESS

AUGUST 29, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi said she re-PRICKLY POPPY HAVOC ceived reports that there were "foreign hands" behind the recent riots at Moradabad and other places. Speaking at the meeting of Congress-I Working Committee, she said one might also view the Assam situation in the same context as there were similar allegations that there were foreign forces behind the movement there. The PM said that the flare-ups were all politically motivated. The

incidents in Moradabad and other places

should not be seen as isolated incidents. She

said India has had extremely good relations

with the Arab countries but there were forces

trying to create misunderstanding between

India and these nations.

A RARE EPIDEMIC has hit some parts of ru-

ral Bengal owing to the consumption of a wild extract mixed with mustard oil. Physicians identified the adulterant as Argemone Mexicana, commonly called prickly poppy whose shrubs grow everywhere. Till now only one death has been reported but it is feared that the mortality could be higher because villagers are gullible to take any such illness as "mysterious disease". C P Thakur, a Patna-based physician, said that such an epidemic is usually reported when prices of mustard oil become

New Delhi

very high - its adulteration with prickly poppy oil becomes very common.

BONDED BY SUFFERING

WHATEVER THE STATE of relations between India and China, the two neighbours have been exchanging messages of sympathy over natural disasters in the two countries. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi received a letter from Chinese Premier Hua Guofeng expressing sympathy over the floods in Varanasi. Mrs Gandhi said she had thanked the Chinese premier saying his words have offered solace. Last month, she had sent a message expressing sympathy for the typhoon-hit people of China's Guangdong province.

- THE GUARDIAN

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THE IDEAS PAGE

For Congress, a history lesson

As party searches for a future course, mindless devotion to Congressi politics is no substitute for a thoughtful reckoning with the past



Neeti Nair

MORE THAN A year after the Congress' poor performance in the 17th Lok Sabha elections, the party remains rudderless at the helm. However, a recent joint letter signed by 23 Congress leaders, old and young, offers the slightest ray of hope. Much will depend, however, on how the leaders at this present moment write themselves into history books. Will this be the serious-minded clarion call that was finally heeded to? There is reason for hope.

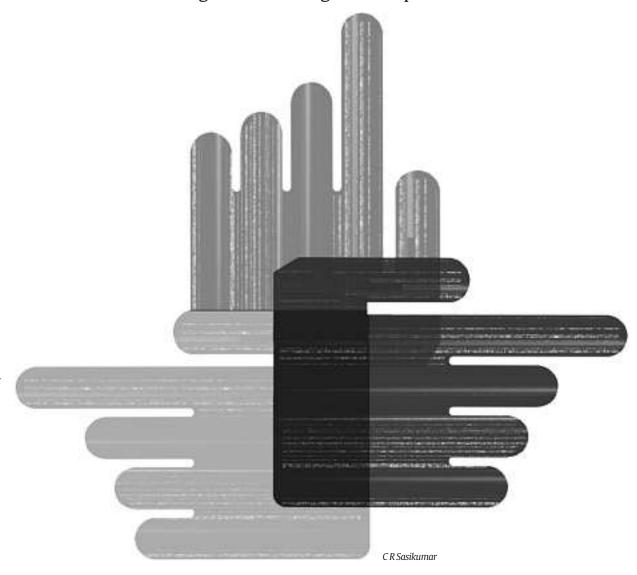
But first, a turn to lessons from the history of the Congress party. To begin with, this moment requires a reckoning with the question of ideology. When commentators call for a coalition of anyone who will stand up to Hindutva and RSS ideology, they need to spell out the contours and contents of their own ideology. What is it that they are defending when they speak of secularism? The Rajiv Gandhi variant, the Nehruvian or the Mahatma Gandhi one? Are they even aware of the inconsistencies encompassed in the Congress position over the last century? Mindless devotion to Congressi politics is no substitute for a thoughtful reckoning of the past.

It was the "extremist" leader of the Indian National Congress, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, who first incorporated religion into politics with his celebrations of Ganesh Chaturthi across Maharashtra, thereby giving it its first gloss as a "mass" party. Decades later, when Muslims objected to singing verses of the Vande Mataram as a national anthem, the same Congress party turned to Rabindranath Tagore and came to a meaningful compromise on the song. Even as the Congress floundered miserably in forging a political coalition with the Muslim League in 1937, it was capable of forging a creative compromise on matters of faith.

Coalitions are always a product of compromise. Recall the coalition against Indira Gandhi that was forged in 1977. Even Jayaprakash Narayan's close friends, the Dandavates, never quite understood why he allied with the RSS, thereby giving the once-banned body respectability in politics, as we learn from Gyan Prakash's recent study of the Emergency. JP's defence, quoted in Gyan Prakash's book, was: "How can any party which had lent its support to total revolution be called reactionary or fascist...then I am also a fascist," has not stood the test of time well.

consequence as much as forging a coalition that will survive the ups and downs of everyday politicking - the mud raking, the corruption, the defections — as well as that of the broader question of purpose and ideology. First, the Congress must clearly declare what ideology it stands for and will defend. That will mean having the courage to own up that some of its own recent positions (and appointments) were (and are) wrong. Then, it must seek coalitions with those willing to subscribe to its ideology, and, yes, a common minimum programme.

The common minimum programme, in the era of COVID-19, should be easy enough:



Jobs, jobs, jobs. But should the Congress speak in terms of restoring faith to institutions and returning transparency to politics, it might rightly be the case of the pot calling the kettle black. For, what has been its own record as a party?

The Congress, especially in recent decades, has been built on darbari intrigues. Read, for instance, Vinay Sitapati's biography of PV Narasimha Rao, especially the chapter wherein he details how Rao's assumed lack of ambition made him acceptable to Sonia Gandhi as a prime ministerial candidate. There can and should be no room for such intrigue in 2020. The Congress working committee should be disbanded, be elected rather than nominated, and grow a spine. The rudiments are there, in the letter that includes some of their names. There is reason for hope. However, the CWC resolution of August 24, which reiterates faith in the "two leaders" does not go even an inch towards So, it isn't forging a coalition that is of addressing the diplomatically worded grievances voiced by 23 different leaders of the party earlier this month. What is the point of asking CWC members not to air their concerns publicly when privately worded concerns are routinely ignored?

Finally, UPA-3 should go beyond a common minimum programme and discuss the elephant in the room: Leadership. It is natural that regional leaders with decades of hard-won electoral and administrative experience will not wish to make room for an amateur with unclear ambitions. But there is good news here too. There are portfolios and portfolios, and there is also the matter of personal, collegial relations. Mamata Banerjee, for instance, may never agree to serve under a Rahul Gandhi but that the TMC helped elect Abhishek Singhvi as Rajya Sabha member from West Bengal is interesting. Alliances can and must take different forms; the distribution of portfolios can

The Indian National Congress used to be a microcosm of India, an umbrella party that included people of different political and ideological affiliations. Only in 1938 did the Congress require its members to sign a form stating that they were not members of any "communal" organisation, and would owe primary loyalty to the Congress party. This, too, came in the wake of the knowledge that former Congress presidents such as Madan Mohan Malaviya had been campaigning for rival Mahasabha candidates

The Congress party today is a pale shadow of its former self. That the landscape of politics in India has completely transformed is obvious. But there can still be room for the Congress as an all-India party, if it can find its ideological centre, draw from its finest moments in the past, not its most egregious, unforgivable mistakes. This is also the moment for the tech-savvy in the party to figure out a way to convene an AICC session, not wait indefinitely for COVID-19 circumstances to clear. Time is of the essence.

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The future of health

"Medical staff and others deserved every second of applause they received from the public. But they deserve better than cheap sentiment from No 10. We don't need lions led by donkeys. We, and frontline workers most of all, need competent

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

Citizen's interest is at core of National Digital Health Mission's design. It will radically change country's health delivery landscape



governance.'

Harsh Vardhan

THE LAUNCH OF the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) comes at a time when the country is reeling under the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The mission will go down in history as one of the game-changing policy initiatives launched in 21st-century India. It will revolutionise the efforts of the government in enhancing effective health service delivery and help realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of providing health services to every citizen.

Based on the principles of health for all, inclusivity, accessibility, affordability, education, empowerment, wellness, portability, privacy and security by design, the NDHM will build the backbone necessary to create an integrated digital health infrastructure. With its key building blocks or applications, HealthID, DigiDoctor, Health Facility Registry, Personal Health Records, Telemedicine, and e-Pharmacy, the mission will bring together disparate stakeholders and radically strengthen - and, thus change - India's healthcare delivery landscape

NDHM is also a purposeful step towards the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal of Universal Health Coverage - it encompasses key aspects of this goal including financial risk protection, access to quality essential healthcare services, medicines and vaccines for all.

Digital interventions significantly enhance the outcomes of every health service delivery programme. Nowhere is this better demonstrated than the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana scheme, through which 1.2 crore cashless secondary and tertiary care treatments have been provided using an indigenously developed state-of-the-art IT platform. This platform deploys multiple world-class technological applications founded on stringent data privacy and information security policies and protocols. The Arogya Setu mobile app deploys ICT innovations for contract tracing to provide real-time information on COVID cases in the vicinity of the person with the app, and also suggests the course of action based on a patient's symptoms. These testing times have also propelled a large uptake of telemedicine initiatives, and there is great potential to expand this technology-driven endeavour.

Since the NDHM's launch, several key stakeholders including doctors, healthcare providers and citizens have demonstrated their support for the project. The NDHM is a product of years of policy research and is informed by the experiences gleaned from implementing the country's technologydriven social welfare schemes as well as similar digital health programmes across the world. The interest of the citizen is placed at the core of its design.

Some of its principal highlights are as

First, the NDHM is a voluntary scheme HealthID is entirely voluntary for citizens. While such an ID will make availing healthcare radically simpler and stressfree, its absence will not mean denial of healthcare to a citizen. They can choose to generate their Health Account or ID using their Aadhaar card or digitally authenticable mobile number and by using their basic address-related details and email ID. The use of Aadhaar, therefore, is not mandatory

Second, providing access to and sharing of personal health records is a prerogative of the HealthID holder. The consent of the health data owner is required to access this information or a part of it. The information can be shared for a period ranging from one hour to unlimited duration. The consent can be withdrawn anytime. The personal health record will enable citizens to store and access their health data, provide them with more comprehensive information and empower them with control over their private health records.

Third, NDHM has been built within a universe of fundamental rights and pieces of legislation such as the Aadhaar Act and the IT Act 2008 as well as the Personal Data Protection Bill 2019. This citizen-centric project is also informed by the entire gamut of Supreme Court judgments and core democratic principles of cooperative federalism. The Mission gets its strategic and technical foundation from the National Digital Health Blueprint, the architectural framework of which keeps the overall vision of NHP 2017 at its core and ensures security and privacy by design. All the building blocks that require handling personal health records will be designed to comply with these laws and policies ab initio.

Fourth, many members of the general public would ask: If this is a digital mission led by technology powered by the internet, how will it reach out to and empower the large number of "unconnected" masses? We have taken this reality into account and are building specialised systems and offline modules that will be designed to reach out to the "unconnected", marginalised, digitally illiterate, remote, hilly, and tribal populations. We will leverage the unmatched reach, the physical and social connections and networks of our panchayati raj institutions, millions of ASHAs, and anganwadi workers to enable and empower citizens with digital technologies in the true spirit of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas.

Finally, and equally importantly, the design of NDHM has been built on the principle of partnership with all key stakeholders doctors, health service providers, technology solution providers and above all citizens. Without their belief, trust, adoption, and stewardship, this mission will not achieve its desired result.

NDHM aims to build a Digital Health Nation on the pragmatic principle of "Think Big, Start Small, Scale Fast". It is a mission whose time has come because health is the first step towards self-reliance and only a healthy nation can become Atma Nirbhar.

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Let's imagine peace

Amicable relations with Pakistan may seem remote but they are worth striving for

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GIVEN THE TROUBLING rhetoric on both sides of the India-Pak border, a reflection on where tensions could possibly culminate may be in order. Although China too is involved, it may be useful for this moment to focus solely on India-Pakistan relations.

Pakistan's "map offensive", timed with the first anniversary of the formal removal by New Delhi of Kashmiri autonomy, was accompanied on August 5 by anti-India protests across Pakistan and also in Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, where Prime Minister Imran Khan led a march against Delhi's Kashmir-related steps.

Fahd Husain, an editor at Dawn, Pakistan's leading English-language newspaper, has asked the Imran Khan government to recognise the wastefulness of efforts to mobilise Pakistanis over Kashmir. That is merely "preaching to the converted," says Husain, who suggests that "this battle for Kashmir" would be better fought diplomatically in Washington, Moscow, London, Paris, at the UN, and in New Delhi.

Husain does not need to include Istanbul in his list. In July, the Turkish president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, had assured Pakistan's parliament of his country's support for Islamabad's Kashmir stand. More recently, Malaysia's former Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohamad, has reiterated his backing for that

Islamabad and perhaps Malaysia – that

may be the extent of the support Pakistan can expect from governments in the Muslim world. Iran's current negotiations with China do not necessarily mean alignment with the latter's Kashmir policy. As for Saudi Arabia and the Gulf countries, their refusal to back Pakistan in its disputes with New Delhi – a stand connected to their strong economic relations with India — has for the first time invited official criticism in Pakistan.

Reacting to the unwillingness of the Saudidominated Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to convene a meeting on Kashmir, Palestine and Ayodhya, Pakistan's foreign minister, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, has said: "Today Pakistanis... need Saudi to play a leading role on the Kashmir issue. If they will not play their role, then I will ask Prime Minister Imran Khan to go ahead with or without Saudi Arabia.'

Given the long history of Saudi-Pakistani relations, a remark like this (which Pakistan's opposition leaders have strongly criticised) suggests a high degree of frustration. The question therefore has to be asked: Will frustration, isolation, and domestic politics prod Pakistan's civil and military leaders into taking rash steps?

In respect of India's leaders, the questions are similar, but not identical. Not frustration but an excess of confidence and an unwillingness to think things through may be India's vulnerabilities. We can recall the statement

made on January 11 this year by the army's chief of staff, General Manoj Mukund Naravane: "As far as PoK is concerned, there was a parliamentary resolution many years ago that the whole of erstwhile J&K is a part of India. If Parliament wants that area should be ours at some stage, and if we get such orders, we will definitely act on those direc-

Seventeen days later, addressing a New Delhi rally of the National Cadet Corps, this is what Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his televised speech: "Pakistan has lost three wars against India, whose armed forces will not need more than a week to 10 days to defeat the neighbouring country in case of an-

Modi added: "Pakistan has waged a proxy war against India in Jammu and Kashmir for decades and killed thousands of people and security personnel, but previous governments did not give the armed forces the permission to launch operations across the border."

"Many speeches were given but when our armed forces sought permission to take action, they were refused. But today the country is moving forward ... So, it carries out surgical strikes and airstrikes to teach terrorists a lesson in their own backyard."

If they compare the economic, military, and human resources of India with those of Pakistan, most analysts would probably give India the clear advantage in any war, without

necessarily subscribing to a "seven-to-tendays" forecast.

Though no one can be absolutely sure, it is also perhaps likely that, aware of the total devastation to follow, neither side in an India-Pakistan conflict will press the nuclear button. Yet a question that must be asked, and one seldom asked, is this: How will India handle or "govern" a defeated Pakistan? The way the Soviet Union handled Afghanistan? The way the US governed Iraq after Saddam was finished in 2003? Would Pakistan's provinces become so many "Union Territories" within an enlarged Indian Union?

Once it has a defeated Pakistan on its hands, India may regret its victory. No doubt, it is possible to imagine the forces of a victorious India abandoning, to no one's peace of mind, a vanquished Pakistan to its fate, something similar, perhaps, to what the US under Trump appears to be doing in respect of Afghanistan.

On the other hand, it is also possible, before any war, to imagine negotiations that lead, not necessarily in that order, to a resumption of trade, travel and normal relations, the renunciation of terrorism, and the restoration of the democratic rights of the people of Kashmir. While no realistic person today expects such talks, it is not a crime to picture them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRE SHOULD PAY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Burdening the states', (IE, August 28). The implementation of GST was a historic tax reform. The landmark transition to the new tax regime had threatened to curtail the fiscal autonomy of the states. It was after the assurance of compensation by the Centre that the states came on board. The success of the GST council as a thriving federal institution is exemplary on many counts. The breach of obligation on settlement of the compensation by the Centre would be a betrayal of the whole idea of cooperative federalism.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Burdening the states', (IE, August 28). States are well within their right to seek their share of GST money from the Centre and it is not only due to COVID that the Centre's coffers are depleted. A significant amount of the dues pending are from before the pandemic and the economic fallout of the stringent lockdown. The Centre should fulfil its obligation and pay the states what they are due, rather than taking shelter behind the act of God. It must also not increase the debt-burden of the states. Giving states the option of borrowing from RBI is not the most pragmatic move.

Bal Govind, Noida

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EXAM NEEDED

This refers to the editorial, 'Testing times' (IE, August 28). The country is witnessing a lot of sound and fury concerning the conduct of JEE/NEET examinations. Groups opposing it are citing the pandemic as the reason and are advocating a deferral. For argument's sake, if the virus persists for two years, shall aspiring students be cooped up in homes? When the government is assuring us that it shall ensure safety, it is prudent to repose faith in it. After all, the decision is in the interests of students and shall lift their sagging morale. Physical and mental well-being go hand in hand.

Deepak Singhal, Chennai

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TENDER CALL NOTICE

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed and experience firms for supply, installation and maintenance of various items to Department of Mechanical Engineering, VSSUT Burla, in the District of Sambalpur, Odisha. The interested firms/agencies/ suppliers/dealers/SSI Units can log on to the University Website www.vssut.ac.in for verification of the other terms and conditions in details. Sd/- REGISTRAR

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 20 / 2020-2021 Dated: 28.08.2020

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date	
01	19201205	LP DISC VALVE ASSEMBLY COMPLETE 100 MM	333 NOS	25.09.20	
02	07201032	SAFETY STRAP FOR AXLE BOX GUIDE	27596 NOS	28.09.20	
03	09202136	COUPLER BODY WITH SHANK WEAR PLATE	265 NOS	28.09.20	
04	09202300	CUT OFF ANGLE COCK WITH VENT	9853 NOS	30.09.20	
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	NOTE:-1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.				

Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board

Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi Office of the Executive Engineer, C-10 Inderlok, Delhi-110035

Email ID: eec10.dusib@gmail.com Mobile No.- 9717999192 **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

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Executive Engineer, C-10, DUSIB, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 re-invites, or behalf of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, percentage rate bid (Online) in two bid system for the following work(s):

(1) NIT No. 09/EEC-10/DUSIB/2020-21 Tender No. 2020 DUSIB 193801 1 me of work: Structural Improvement & Rehabilitation of Katra Dwelle Sub Head: Structural improvement of DUSIB Katra No.3357-58/XIII in AC-19 Sadar Bazar.

Estimated cost: Rs. 29,49,362.00 Earnest Money: Tender Cost: Rs. 500.00 Period of completion: 120 Days Last Date & Time of submission of e-Bids will remain on: 10.09.2020

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https://eprocurement.delhi.gov.in *The intending bidders are advised to visit above mentioned site regularly for any update / corrigendum related to the tenders. The corrigendum, if any, shall not be published in newspapers.

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WORKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE (R&B), BALASORE

e-mail:- seec bls@rediffmail.com Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice Bid Identification No. SEEC-01/2020-21 No. 4250 / dt. 20.8.20

:- Building Works Nature of Work

:- 06 (Six) No Building Works Amount put to Tender :- Rs. 100.74 Lakh to Rs. 347.37 Lakh

Class of Contractor :- "B". "A" & "Special" Class Date & Time of availability of bid :- Dt. 31.08.2020 at 10:00 AM document in the portal

Last Date / Time of receipt of bid :- Dt. 14.09.2020 up to 05:00 PM in the portal

Date of opening of bid :- Dt. 15.09.2020 at 11:00 AM Name & address of the Office: Superintending Engineer, Eastern

Circle (R&B), Balasore The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details car be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://tendersodisha.gov.in." All

future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.

Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B) Balasore OIPR- 34026/11/0002/2021

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 08/P-69/

Dy. Chief Engineer/TMC/HQ North Central Railway, Prayagraj 2020-21/TMC/HQ/NCR/Prayagraj OPEN TENDER NOTICE On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Engineer, North Central Railway, Subedarganj, Prayagraj-211015 invites the following E-Procurement

Tenders. (The complete information along with tender document of this E-Procurement Tender are available in website on http://ireps.gov.in upto 15:00 hrs. of the due date of tender opening).

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1		Commander Unit, Mentor DC Drive Module. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. (Acceptable Make: BHEL or Equivalent to Branded)		48,700/-
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NORTHERN RAILWAY Corrigendum-1

No. 32-W-BR-313-325-LIME Tender); Closing Date 10.09.2020 15:00; Name o work: Provision of side Pathway along Br. No. 313 & 325 (12x30.5+8x30.5M)
OWG. On UMB-LDH section in On UMB-LDH section in jurisdiction of Dy. CE/BL/TKJ. This tender has been cancelled : Tende Cancellation Remark: As per GM/ Engg letter no. 74-W/24/pt-X/WA dated 20.07.2020 Standard Tender Document is revised based on GCC-2020, as it is not possible to issue corrigendum in this tender. The tender is cancelled and will be re-invited with evised modifications.

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NOTICE INVITING OPEN TENDER TENDER Notice No. 03/TRD/DNR/OT/20-21 The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C Railway Danapur invites sealed open tender (E-tendering) for the valid electrica contractors license from any state/Central Govt. licensing board and on behalf of the President of India for the following works Tender No.: TRD/DNR/OT/05/20-21 (1) Name of work with its location rovision of IBH at (i) Kundar between JMU BFM (ii) Mekra Memrakhabad between MOE-PHK (iii) Achura between RH-ATL and (iv) Nadaon between BUE-BXR of Danapu Division. (2) Approx cost of the work (NIT value): Rs. 1,16,34,384.11/- (3) Earnest money to be deposited: Rs. 2,08,200/ Cost of tender document: Rs. 5000/- (4) Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender: The tender have to be submitted online on www.ireps.gov.in upto 12.00 hrs. on the date of opening i.e 25.09.2020 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 hrs. (5) Website particulars notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria 8 tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website: http://www.ireps.gov.in & full details of notice can be seen on notice board of Sr. DEE (TRD)/E.C. Railway Danapur. All corrigendum will be uploaded on website if required.

Divinl. Railway Manager, Danapur PR/0563/DNR/ETRD/T/20-21/44

North Eastern Railway

E-Tendering Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical), North Eastern Railway Varanasi for and on behalf of President of India invites online (E-tendering) "open tender" for the following work: Sl. No.: 1. Tender reference No. E-Tender-L-09-20-21, Name of Work : Varanasi Division Replacement of existing Energy meter by Pre-Paid Energy meter installed at various places. Platforms. Approx. Cost (in Rs.) ₹ 21,30,652.44, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : ₹ 42,600/-, Cost of Tender **Documents (in Rs.)** : ₹ 3,000/-Completion Period: 90 Days, Date & Time of Closing Tender 18.09.2020 15:00 Hrs., Date & Time of Opening Tender: 18.09.2020 15:30 Hrs. Sl. No. : 2, Tender reference No.: E-Tender-L-10-20 21, Name of Work: Electrical work connection to (i) Improvement of officers chambers, offices, toilet etc of DRM office Varanasi (Ground Floor left wiring) (ii) Provision of Tower Wagon shade and OHE Depo with shunting neck at MUV. Approx **Cost** (in Rs.) : ₹ 53,87,121.93 Earnest Money (in Rs.) : ₹ 1,07,800/-, Cost of Tender **Documents** (in Rs.) : ₹ 5.000/-Completion Period: 90 Days, Date & Time of Closing Tender 18.09.2020 15:00 Hrs., Date & Time of Opening Tender: 18.09.2020 15:30 Hrs. • Full details of E-Tendering shall be seen in Website www.ireps.gov.in.

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Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

Naharlagun

Govt. of Gujarat **Energy and Petrochemicals Department**

Addendum to the Advertisement Last Date for submission of application extended

The last date of receiving Application for the post of **Member,** Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission is extended upto INF/752/20-21

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE NGINEER, FIRST CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, U.P. JAL NIGAM, GHAZIABAD

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE No.: 1172 / Vividh-9 / 20 Dated: 25,08,2020 U.P. Jal Nigam, Short Term Etenders are invited on two bid system for Repair and Extension of water distribution

system and providing Functional House Tap Connections (FHTC) works in New Existing W/s lines with all materials, labour, t&p etc. complete and appurtenant civil and E&M works including supply of all materials, labour,

T&P etc. all complete as per satisfaction of engineer in-charge on Turn-Key basis ncluding defect liability period of One Year in existing pipe water supply schemes of Gram Jafrabad Ganuali and Gram Asalatpur Farakhnagar in blocks Loni of District Ghaziabad, Tender document shall be available at eprocurement website http:// etender up sig in Interested contractors may view & download the tender document and upload their tender, duly filled, online as per schedule given below:- (I) Uploading bid document vebsite: Dated 27.08.2020 at 13:00 Hrs., (ii) Pro-Bid Meeting: Dated 28.08.2020 at 12:00 Hrs., iii) Online Submission of e-bids

Dated 27.08.2020 to 02.09.2020

at 13:00 Mrs., (iv) Opening of pre-

Dated 02.09.2020 at 14:30 Hrs.

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No. T-5691

No. T-5858

Description of material in Brief

cture and supply of

a) GRSP for Fan shaped Turn Out 1 in 16,60 kg. to RDSO Drg.

) GRSP for Fan shaped Turn Out 1 in 20,60 kg. to RDSO Drg.

complete with M.S. tapered washers, Bolts & nuts of differen

sizes C.I. distance blocks, Packing pieces, Single coil spring

4. The firms can participate in the tender upto the time and due date of tender opening

vashers and check rails blocks, excluding other items ndicated in the drawing as amended upto date :-

Track03 Manufacture and Supply of following CMS Crossings, 60 kg,

a) 1 in 20, 60kg to RDSO Drg. No. RDSO T-5860

qualification bid/Technical bid:

IT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (ITDA) Government of Uttarakhand
Plot No. IT-07, IT Park, Sahastradhara Ro

Corrigendum - 3
Selection of Service Provider for CCTV
installation and Horizontal Connectivity for

Udham Singh Nagar Police corrigendum has been uploaded on procureme rtal https://www.uktenders.gov.in regardir hanges in tender dates.
Il other terms and conditions will remain sa s per tender documents. DIRECTOR

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No. Sr.DEE -TRD-BSB-2020-21-T07

Date- 28.08.2020 Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD North Eastern Railway, Varanasi fo and on behalf of President of India, nvites sealed "OPEN" E - Tender for the following work. S. N. 01. Name of work Provision of AT at interlocking gate no 18-C (DHE-MFJ), 144C (GB-CC) & 20 (ARJ-DHE) in Varanasi division of N.E Railway. **Tender reference no.** SrDEE- TRD-BSB-2020-21-T07 Approx. Cost (in Rs.): 1775020.83 Earnest Money (in Rs.): 35500, Cost of tender documents (in Rs.): Ni E-Tender Closing date and time 21.09.2020 up to 15:00 Hrs Completion period : 6 Month · E-Tender Online will be submitted up to 15:00 Hrs on date 21.09.2020 · For full details and submission of bikindly visit the Official website of India Railway **www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Electrica**

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APPLICATIONS FOR OTHER STATE DISTRIBUTORS (except Haryana, Delhi & Chandigarh)

The Haryana State Cooperative Supply & Marketing Federation Ltd. (HAFED) with its registered Corporate Office in Sector-5 Panchkula Haryana, is one of the leading manufacturer of consumer edible quality products such as Rice, Mustard Oil, Atta

Firm/Agency/Person with strong financial standing and excellent operational background are invited to apply for distributorship for sale of Hafed Consumer Products i.e. rice. Mustard Oil, Atta, Sugar etc. for different State in India (except Haryana Delhi & Chandigarh).

Interested parties can download the detailed terms & conditions for Hafed Distributorship from Hafed website i.e. http://hafed.gov.in mentioned under tender section and apply for Hafed Distributorship upto 21.09.2020 upto 5.00 P.M. For any clarification/ details the party may email us at hafed-

marketing1@gmail.com along with the party's profile and communication details Hafed reserves the right to reject any or all applications with

out assigning any reason.

MANAGING DIRECTOR HAFED PANCHKULA

12.00 Hrs. 2- E-Tender Specification

U.P POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.

E-Tendering Notice

E-Tender Specification No. 33/ECTC/Agra/2020-21 online e-Bids are invited

for the "Repair & Renovation of control room building & BCU at 220/132 KV

Sub-station Boner & 132 KV Sub-station Allgarh-V Distt-Allgarh, Time Period

02 Month, EMD Cost of Rs. 6,400.00, Tender Cost Rs. 590+250=840:00, Last

34/ECTC/Agra/2020-21 online e-Bids are invited for the "Construction of 33 KV

Amapur Bay at 132 KV sub station Gandundwara (Etah), Time Period 02

Month, EMD Cost of Rs. 5,000.00, Tender Cost Rs. 590+250=840.00, Last date

of tender: 14-09-2020 at 12:00 Hrs. Total quality of work, tender specification &

other terms & Condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender

portal. Undersigned reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids without

assigning any reason. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be

uploaded only on the given website. Bidders are advised to visit the website

http://etender.up.nic.in regularly for updated information from time to time. Cost of

Tender and Earnest Money Submitted in the Account of Executive Engineer

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

INVITATION OF TENDERS THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

prough e-procurement system to be opened at 14:30 hours on the dates as shown against each for the supply of the following

NOTE:- 1. Above tenders will be uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm who desires to participate against

e-tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to obtain class II

B. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document which may be gone through before

5. The purchase of material listed above will be made from RDSO/NSIC/MSE firms as per tender conditions and p.way material are

required as per latest alteration as amended upto the date of opening of tender in the respective RDSO drawing numbers and its

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digital certificate (if already not obtained) from certifying Agencies, authorized under Govt. of India IT Act 2000.

Short Term E-Tender Notice-18/ECTC/AGRA/2020-21

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(i) Details of Tender Inviter: Deputy Che Electrical Engineer, Carriage Workshop N.W. Railway, Jodhpur for and on behalf or The President of India invite only E-Tenders for the following work. (ii) Name of the work with its location Dot the work with its location; Dverhauling/ Repairing of Light Fitting & Fans of AC & Non-AC Coaches including stripping/ unloading, fitting/ loading and ransportation to & from Coaches for a beriod of one year at Jodhpur Workshop iii) Approx cost of the work: Rs 36,27,806.00, (by Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 1,32,600.00 (Only through E-payment), (v) Tender Document Cost: 85,500.00 (Only through E-payment)

Rs. 5000.00 (Only through E-paymen vi) Completion Period: 12 (Twelv Month, (vil) Date & Time for submission Month, (vil) Date & Ilme for submission of tender and opening of tender: Only E tenders are invited up to 15:00 hrs or 21.09.2020. The Tenders will be opened just after 15:00 hrs on 21.09.2020, (viii) Website particulars, Notice Board location Where complete details o tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Detailed NIT & Engle pe purchased etc.: Detailed NIT & Tend Decument can be seen on the website www.ireps.gov.in, Note: This is an E Tender. Hence all the desirous contractor should submit their offer only through E Tender on above mentioned website

FCI RO Dehradun invites Online e-tender for appointment of Handling Contract fo the handling of food grains at various centres of Uttarakhand Region for a Period of two years. The detailed NIT, MTF & BOO can be downloaded from website https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app Other information also available a http://fci.gov.in/tender.php. Date of floating of tender: 29.08.2020 at 11:00 AM ast date of online submission of the tende form 19.09.2020 upto 01.00 P.M.

General Manager (Uttarakhand

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE (E-Tender)
No. 197-S/209/Hiring-MUV/DEE/20/MC-IV Date: 28.08.2020 To: 131-3/29/Initing-wordsEct20/MC-14
For and on behalf of President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanics Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-tender for following work from experience and capable tenderers.

197-S/209/Hiring-MUV/DEE/20/MC-IV 1. Tender No Hiring of Multi-utility Vehicle for Coach Care Centre Delhi Sarai Rohilla for Two years 3. Advertised Tender Value Rs. 12,88,320/- (Excluding GST) Earnest money in favour Rs. 25,800/- (Note: It should be in the form of net of Sr. DFM/NR. New Delhi banking or gateway only. FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS) 5 Date & time of submission Up to 29.09.2020 at 12:00 hrs Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen

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E-Tendering Notice

(UP) U.P POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD. E-Tender Notice-01/ECTD/AGRA/2020-21 E-Tender in two parts, Part-I & Part-II yalid for four months are invited for the work

mentioned as under-Total Date and Date and Name of Work Period of. Cost Time of Time of Speci achidie. Cost GST) & NIE Charge Maintenance & Repair of 62 CE (TS) Residence at 220 Month 4,000.00 590 840,00 29:09:2020 30.09.2021 712:00 KN S/S Sikandra (Agra)

The tender document against this bid specification can be downloaded from eprocurement wobsite http://etender.up.nic.in & www.upptcl.org. Tenders can be only submitted on e-procurement website http://elender.up.nic.in, upto schedule date & time as above. The bidder must go through properly per-qualifying condition & ensure that all related papers are uploaded. For participating in bids through the e-bidding system, it is necessary for the bidders to get themselves registered with UP Electronics Corporation Limited Lucknow. Undersigned reserves the right to amend of withdraw any of the terms and conditions contain in the tender document or accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason thereof. Please visit website http://etender.up.nic.in or www.upptol.org regularly for any correction/modification/amendments/extension till the data of submission of tender. Cost of Tender and Earnest Money Submitted in the Account of Executive Engineer, Electricity Civil Transmission Division, 220 KV S/S Sikandra (Agra) with A/C No. 30065294923; IFSC Code- SBIN0005717 Payable at S.B.I Foundry Nagar (Agra) U.P. Pin Code: 282006 through NEFT/RTGS, E-PROCUREMENT WEBSITE: http://etender.up.nic.in. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER. "SAVE ENERGY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" 1931/91-1580 विवजावपावस्थवज्ञातः / निविदा / दिनांकः 28.08.2020

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 21-10-Hire Vehicle-Sr. DCM-FS-2020C Dated: 28.08.2020

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad for & on behalf of the President of India, invites single packet oper e-tenders via www.ireps.gov.in for the following:-

S. N.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost for Two years (Excluding GST)	Earnest Money	Completion period	Cost of Tender Form including 18% GST	Last Date & time of submission	Website particulars where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.
1.	Hiring of One SUV/MUV (Tata Safari, Tata Hexa, Mahindra XUV 500, Innova etc.) for official use under Sr. DCM/FS, DRM Office, Moradabad on round the clock basis for local area of Moradabad, UP, Uttrakhand, NCR, Delhi area for approx. 2500 Km run in a month for a period of two years.	Rs. 10,83,688.91	Rs. 21,700/-	Two Years	Rs. 2,360/-	Up to 14.00 hrs. on 21.09.2020 and will be open on the same day	Tenders will only be accepted vie e-tendering through www.ireps.gov.in A n y t e n d e received manually or through any other mode will not be considered.

. Single packet system shall be adopted in this tender. 2. In case of any difficulty helpdesk and learning centre available on the website IREPS may be approached.

3. Tenderer(s) are advised to read tender document carefully before participating in the tender

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मद्यनिषेध, उत्पाद एवं निबंधन विभाग

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बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग की 63वीं संयुक्त प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा के आधार पर अवर निबंधक पद हेतु अनुशंसित निम्नलिखित तीन अभ्यर्थी, जो दिनांक–13.02.2020 को मूल प्रमाण पत्रों का सत्यापन कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित नहीं हुए थे, उन्हें **दिनाक-28.09.2020 को 11:00 बजे पर्वाह**न में विकास भवन, नया सचिवालय, बेली रोड के प्रथम तल स्थित विभागीय सभाकक्ष में उपस्थित होकर सत्यापन कार्य कराने का एक अवसर प्रदान किया जाता है।

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मद्यनिषेध, उत्पाद एवं निबंधन विभाग,

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Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B. Nagar,(U.P

E-TENDER NOTICE E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with

UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & http://etender.up.nic.in Please ensure to see these websites for any changes amendments & corrigendum etc.

22/GM/SM(WC-6)/ET/2020-21, Name of Work: D/o Sector-118 (C/o Balance drain of 30m Peripheral road in Sector-118) Noida. Cost: Rs. 61.60Lacs

24/GM/SM(WC-6)/ET/2020-21, Name of Work: M/o Road (Cracks Sealing of MP3 Road Main Carriage way from Hindon Pusta to Hindon Bridge Near Sector-122) Noida. Cost: Rs. 31.80 Lacs.

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Dated Naharlagun, the 28th August, 2020.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bid offers under TWO BID SYSTEM are hereby invited by the Govt. of Arunachal adjoining areas under 75% subsidy scheme of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

- 2. Detailed terms and conditions of the tender and technical parameters required for the website www.arunachalpradesh.gov.in and www.civilaviation.arunachal.gov.in.
- 3. The Downloaded Tender Form must be accompanied by the Demand Draft of requisite
- **Director (Civil Aviation)**

No. 18-S/1/20-21/Track/Tender Dated: 26.08.2020

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CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

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Reinfection possibility doesn't mean vaccines will be useless

FOLLOWING A case of reinfection with the novel coronavirus, concerns have been raised about the effectiveness of vaccines. A vaccine shot is similar to an infection; so, when the immunity developed by a natural infection does not prevent reinfection, the fear is that immunity triggered by the vaccine would not pre-

vent reinfection either. In natural infection, it has been noticed that the strength of immune response generally correlates with the severity of the pa-

tient's symptoms. People with more severe symptoms usually have shown a stronger immune response, but not necessarily for a longer period.

As of now, it is not known how long the immune response generated by vaccines would last. Researchers who detected the reinfection in Hong Kong said vaccines may not offer lifelong protection, and would probably need to be repeated. This is not unusual: vaccines for several other diseases also need to be repeated after periodic intervals. The researchers said the instance of reinfection makes a case for including recovered coronavirus patients in the vaccine trials.

The reinfection has also raised doubts whether vaccines would be successful against all variants of the

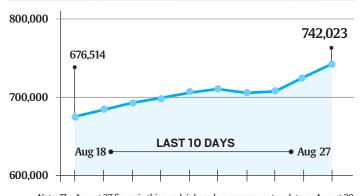
coronavirus. The person reinfected was carrying a different variant the second time. Shahid Jameel, a virologist, said this is not a concern right now, since most of the vaccines being devel-

oped are supposed to be effective against all variants. For blocking the virus, they are targeting regions that are common to all the variants.

"Of course, once these vaccines are in use, it is possible that the virus is forced to mutate in new ways because of pressures of natural selection. In that case, the virus many change in a form that these vaccines are unable to block. But that is in future. As of now, this is not a concern," he said.

INDIA ACTIVE CASES

742,023



Note: The August 27 figure in this graph is based on government update on August 28

INDIA TOTAL CASES

Source: Ministry of Health and Family

WORLD TOTAL CASES

e: Johns Hopkins University

Drug used for cat coronavirus on trial against SARS-CoV-2

A DRUG used for cat coronavirus is who have since studied how the drug

that causes Covid-19. The University of Alberta, Canada, is set to launch human trials.

The drug is a protease inhibitor, which means that it interferes with the virus's ability to replicate, thus blocking infection. It was first studied by University of Alberta researchers following the 2003 SARS outbreak.

Later, it was developed by veterinary researchers who showed it cures a coronavirus-in-

duced disease that is fatal in cats. University of Alberta researchers,

now being tested as a possible treat- works against SARS-CoV-2, have pubment for humans infected with SARS- lished their findings in *Nature*

The researchers synthesised the compounds in the drug, and tested them against the SARS-

CoV-2 virus in test tubes and in human cell lines. They then studied the structure of the drug as it binds with the protein, showing the mechanism of inhibition.

NEW RESEARCH The researchers have established a collaboration with a veterinary

medicine company to produce the quality and quantity of drug needed for human clinical trials.

Source: University of Alberta

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Issues in GST compensation

GST compensation payments to states are pending since April. At the GST Council meeting on Thursday, the Centre suggested two options for borrowing by states to bridge shortfall. But many states are unconvinced.

AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

WITH CENTRE-state friction over pending compensation payments under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) taking a new turn in the 41st GST Council meeting on Thursday, strain on the finances of states is likely to continue in the near term. Several states have opposed the two options to borrow that were proposed in the meeting as a way to bridge

the revenue shortfall. GST compensation payments to states have been pending since April, with the pending amount for April-July estimated at Rs 1.5 lakh crore. The GST compensation requirement is estimated to be around Rs 3 lakh crore this year, while the cess collection is expected to be around Rs 65,000 crore - an estimated compensation shortfall of Rs 2.35 lakh crore.

What was discussed at the meeting?

The legal opinion on borrowing was discussed. The opinion of the Attorney General of India was cited to buttress the argument that GST compensation has to be paid for the transition period from July 2017 to June 2022, but the compensation gap cannot be bridged using the Consolidated Fund of India. The AG has suggested the compensation cess levy can be extended beyond five years to meet the shortfall, Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey said.

State Finance Ministers, barring a few including those of Assam and Goa, pressed for borrowing by the Centre to bridge the revenue gap. Towards the end of the meeting, the Centre offered two options.

The first was a special window to states, in consultation with the RBI, to borrow the projected GST shortfall of Rs 97,000 crore, and an amount that can be repaid after five years of GST, ending June 2022, from the compensation cess fund. A 0.5% relaxation in the borrowing limit under The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act would be provided, delinked from the conditions announced earlier as part of the pandemic package linked to the implementation of reform measures such as universalisation of 'One Nation One Ration Card', ease of doing business, power distribution, and augmentation of urban local body revenues.

The second option was to borrow the entire projected shortfall of Rs 2.35 lakh crore - both on account of faltering GST collections and the expected shortfall due to the pandemic – fa-



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at the GST Council meeting on Thursday. PTI

cilitated by the RBI. No FRBM relaxation has been mentioned for this option so far.

What are the views of the states on these? Five states and Union Territories - Kerala, Punjab, West Bengal, Puducherry and Delhi-

have voiced their concerns over the proposals. **KERALA:** Finance Minister Thomas Isaac said enforcing a cut in compensation and bringing in a distinction between GST and Covid-related revenue loss is unconstitutional. He has said that the states' FRBM limit should be raised by at least 1.5 percentage points if the entire Rs 2.35 lakh crore has to be borrowed.

PUNJAB: Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal has said these options were thrust upon the states, and the borrowing would translate into "mortgaging of the future to live for the present".

DELHI: Deputy CM Manish Sisodia has said the Centre's refusal to pay states is the "biggest betrayal" in the history of federalism in India, and has expressed concerns about Delhi's inability to borrow via the RBI to bridge the compensation gap, given its status of a UT with state legislature.

WEST BENGAL: Finance Minister Amit Mitra said borrowing by states will increase their debt servicing liability, and any other interpretation of the compensation-related and First Amendment) Act is unjustifiable. Section 18 of the amendment says Parliament shall, on the recommendation of the GST Council, provide for compensation to states for the loss of revenue arising out of implementation of the GST for five years.

States have asked the Centre for details of the two options. They will then have seven working days to get back with their views.

What is the significance of GST for states?

States no longer possess taxation rights after most taxes, barring those on petroleum, alcohol, and stamp duty, were subsumed under GST.GST accounts for almost 42% of states' own tax revenues, and tax revenues account for around 60% of states' total revenues.

Finances of over a dozen states are under severe strain, resulting in delays in salary payments and sharp cuts in capital expenditure outlays amid the pandemic-induced lockdowns and the need to spend on healthcare. The Finance Secretary said GST collections

had been severely impacted by the pandemic. Revenues are expected to be hit further; the economy is projected to record a recession this vear. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday referred to the Covid-19 outbreak as an "act of God" that would result in a contraction of the economy in the cur-

When did the issue of compensation to states arise, and how did it evolve?

Shortfall issues surfaced almost a year ago when payments due for August-September 2019 were delayed. Since then, all subsequent payouts have seen cascading delays.

The economic slowdown, which has been on for almost three years now, began to impact GST revenue collections in August 2019. The Centre first admitted to problems on compensation payment in the 37th GST Council meeting in Goa last September - it said the amount of cess available in the compensation fund at the end of February "shall fall short for payment of compensation for loss of revenue till the bi-monthly period of December-January".

On November 27, 2019, the GST Council wrote to states that the GST and compensation cess collections in the previous few months had become a "matter of concern", and that compensation requirements were "unlikely to be met".

GST compensation payments had started getting delayed by then. Many state FMs had begun to express concerns over having to repeatedly ask for their share of revenues. The GST compensation payment of Rs 35,298 crore for August-September 2019, which was due in October, was paid in December. The Centre released another Rs 34,053 crore in two instalments in February 2020 and April 2020 as compensation for October-November 2019.

In June this year, Rs 36,400 crore was released as GST compensation for December-February, and the balance Rs 13,806 crore for March was released in July, taking the total compensation payout for FY20 to Rs 1.65 lakh

Under The GST (Compensation to States) Act, 2017, states are guaranteed compensation for loss of revenue on account of implementation of GST for a transition period of five years (2017-22). The compensation is calculated based on the difference between the states' current GST revenue and the protected revenue after estimating an annualised 14% growth rate from the base year of 2015-16.

The high rate of 14%, which has compounded since 2015-16, has been seen as delinked from economic realities. Chairing the first few meetings of the GST Council, then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had proposed a revenue growth rate of 10.6% (the average all-India growth rate in the three years preceding 2015-16). Council meeting records show the suggestion of 14% revenue growth was accepted "in the spirit of compromise".

Facebook vs Apple over a new iOS 14 feature

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN

FACEBOOK IS miffed with Apple. To be precise, it is miffed with Apple's iOS 14 software update that will start rolling out to users across the world in a couple of months. The latest version of Apple's iPhone operating system has one feature that could potentially damage Facebook's business model, at least among those using iOS devices. Once on the latest version of the software, Apple will give users the choice to decide whether they can be tracked across apps using an unique identifier.

At WWDC, Apple's annual developer conference, the company announced that with iOS 14, users will get a pop-up asking if they want to be tracked by a specific app. Since this will also give users the freedom to say no, it will cut the amount of data an app like Facebook is able to collect about a user with the help of unique identifiers. While this will help preserve con-

duce the effectiveness of ad campaigns via its Audience Network as it will reduce attribution that helps identify if an ad was successful in triggering an app install or payment.

How does the identifier work?

IDFA or Identifier for Advertisers is the random device identifier Apple assigns to an iPhone across apps. Advertisers like Facebook use this to deliver and track customised advertising. For instance, if someone is shown an ad to download a game on Facebook, this number helps authenticate if the same device finally ended up downloading the app. However, Apple does this without identifying the user itself. This is also used to track effectiveness of mobile advertising campaigns.

Google uses a tech called Google Play Services ID for Android (GPS ADID), gives users the ability to reset this, and even offers opt-out. However, the options are not upfronted to the user like Apple wants to. The fear is that if given

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sumer privacy, for apps like Facebook it will re- a choice, most users will say no to tracking.

What is Facebook's grouse? In a blogpost, Facebook said it was "ad-

dressing" the changes triggered by the iOS 14 feature. "For developers and publishers using Audience Network, our ability to deliver targeted ads on iOS 14 will be limited," it said, adding this will mean some iOS users won't see any ads from Audience Network while others will see less relevant ones. It warned that this will being down revenues for app developers and publishers across ad networks on iOS devices.

Facebook claimed a revenue drop of 50% "when personalization was removed from mobile app ad install campaigns" in testing and warned of an even severe impact in reallife scenarios.

Why is Apple's move significant?

While iOS is just about 25% of the global mobile market and Android lords over most

able operating system as iPhone users are change in ads policy or monetisation on iOS has a disproportionate impact on ad and developer businesses across the world.

of the remaining pie, it is a more monetis-

What does this mean for users?* A lot of experts have been lauding the

move by Apple as one that gives users choice and control. More relevant ads is not as much a user requirement as it is an advertiser requirement. And a lot of users do find some of the ads intrusive as they have suggest the advertiser knows what the user has been up to till the point the 'relevant ad' is served.

However, while there will be impact on the relevancy of ads for some time, new technologies could help players like Facebook track and target users effectively. There are startups that claim to have had some success in the space of universal user identification which will work across operating systems and devices.

Why New Delhi will miss Abe, who gave new shape to Japan's India ties

SHUBHAJITROY

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

JAPAN'S PRIME Minister Shinzo Abe announced on Friday that he would step down as a chronic illness has resurfaced. Abe, 65, was due to be in office till September 2021. He will stay on until his party chooses a successor, and will remain an MP.

Abe's leadership has transformed Japan's relationship with India.

Abe's lineage

Abe comes from a political family. His grandfather Nobusuke Kishi was PM (1957-60). then his father Shintaro Abe was Foreign Minister (1982-86). On Monday, Abe became Japan's longest-serving PM by consecutive days in office, overtaking the record of Eisaku Sato, his great-uncle, who served 2,798 days during 1964-72. Abe had first become the country's PM in 2006, but resigned in 2007 due to illness. His current stint began in 2012.

Abe in India

In his first stint in 2006-07, Abe visited India and addressed Parliament. During his second stint, he visited India thrice (January 2014, December 2015, September 2017) -

the most visits by any Japanese PM.

He was the first Japanese PM to be Chief Guest at the Republic Day parade in 2014. This reflected his commitment towards an India relationship – he was being hosted by a government that would be facing elections in May 2014. As Japan's leader, he was wooed both by the UPA under Dr Manmohan Singh and the NDA under Narendra Modi.

Transformation in ties

While the foundation for "Global Partnership between Japan and India" was laid in 2001, and annual bilateral summits were agreed in 2005, Abe accelerated the pace of ties since 2012.

In August 2007, when Abe visited India for the first time as PM, he delivered the nowfamous "Confluence of the Two Seas" speech laying the foundation for his concept of Indo-Pacific. This concept has now become mainstream and one of the main pillars of India-Japan ties.

During his second term, Abe helped build

the relationship further. Having visited Japan several times as Gujarat CM, Modi as PM chose Japan for his first bilateral visit outside the neighbourhood, in September 2014. Modi and Abe agreed to upgrade the bilateral relationship to "Special



Strategic and Global Partnership". The relationship grew and encompassed issues from civilian nuclear energy to maritime security, bullet trains to quality infrastructure, Act East policy to Indo-Pacific strategy.

On Friday, after Abe announced his decision to step down, Modi tweeted: "Pained to hear about your ill health, my dear friend @AbeShinzo. In recent years, with your wise leadership and personal commitment, the India-Japan partnership has become deeper and stronger than ever before. I wish and pray for your speedy recovery."

When Modi went to Japan in 2014, the Indo-Japan nuclear deal was still uncertain, with Tokyo sensitive about a pact with a non-Nuclear-Proliferation-Treaty member country. Abe's government convinced the anti-nuclear hawks in Japan to sign the agreement in 2016. The pact was key to India's deals with US and French nuclear firms, which were either owned by or had stakes in Japanese firms.

Defence and Indo-Pacific

While the security agreement was in place since 2008, under Abe the two sides decided to have Foreign and Defence Ministers' Meeting (2+2), and are negotiating the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement a kind of military logistics support pact. In November 2019, the first Foreign and Defence Ministers' Meeting was held in New Delhi. A pact for transfer of defence equipment and technology was also signed in 2015, an uncommon agreement for post-War Japan.

During Abe's tenure, India and Japan came closer in the Indo-Pacific architecture. Abe had spelt out his vision of the Confluence of the Two Seas in his 2007 speech when the Quad was formed. It collapsed soon, but in October 2017, as Chinese aggression grew in the Pacific, Indian Ocean, and India's borders in Doklam, it was Abe's Japan that really mooted the idea of reviving the Quad. In November 2017, it was revived as Indian, Japanese, Australia and US officials met in Manila on the sidelines of the East Asia summit.

India-China stand-offs

Since 2013, Indian and Chinese soldiers have had four publicly known borderstand-offs — April 2013, September 2014, June-August 2017, and the ongoing one since May 2020. Abe's Japan has stood with India through each of them. During the Doklam crisis and the current stand-off,

New Delhi

Japan has made statements against China for changing the status quo.

Infrastructure

During Abe's visit in 2015, India decided to introduce the Shinkansen system (bullet train), due to begin in 2022. Under Abe's leadership, India and Japan also formed the Act East Forum and are engaged in projects in the Northeast, closely watched by China. The two countries also planned joint projects in Maldives and Sri Lanka among others to counter Beijing's influence.

What next

Abe has been a valuable G-7 leader for India, focused on strategic, economic and political deliverables, and not getting distracted by India's domestic developments — much to New Delhi's comfort.

Having hosted Modi at his ancestral home in Yamanashi, the first such reception extended to a foreign leader, Abe was feted at a roadshow in Ahmedabad. His planned visit to India last December in Guwahati, however, was cancelled due to the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act.

New Delhi will now wait for Abe's successor — who, as a South Block official said, "will have big shoes to fill".

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I Kulwant Kaur W/o Gurdev Singh R/o WZ.Plot No.54 Navvug-Block, Vishnu Garden Delhi.have changed my name 0040546451-1 to Sonia.

ILAKHANJI S/o Asa Ram R/o-W7-19 Ram Nagar Extn Tilak Nagar Delhi, have changed my name to LAKHAN JI.

0040546451-2 I Mohammed Shahvez khan S/O. Saleem khan R/o SMQ 893/1 Air force Station Viman Nagar Pune-14 have changed my name from Mohammed Shahvez Khan to Shahvez khan vide affidavit no 28/17 dated 27/08/2020, Muzaffarnagar

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l Sanjam Singh Makkar S/o Harbinder Singh R/o C 250 Lohia Nagar Ghaziabad UP have changed my name to Sanjam Singh. 0040546384-1

I Shally Makkar W/o Harbinder Singh R/o C 250 Lohia Nagar Ghaziabad UP have changed my name to Shalinder Makkar.

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My, Husband Late.Shri Jaipal Singh Former-Service Main Rank.No.-14210190L. My, Name in service records-of Wimblesh Devi, while Aadhaar and, the passbook mistakenly named. Bimlesh Devi. Now, in both the above-Documents, I,have got my name Wimblesh Devi.

I,Kuljeet Kaur,W/o Ravinder Singh Gandhi R/o-C-56(F.F.) Lane No.3, Mahendru-Enclave. Delhi, have changed my name to Kuljeet Kaur Gandhi. 0040546451-5

I.Krishan Lal Wadera.S/o Valavti Ram R/o-2/70, Third-Floor,Subhash-Nagar,New Delhi, have changed my name to Krishan Lal and my correct Date-of-Birth is-01.10.1943.

I,Ayush Raj S/o No.-13990037W

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Hev CHANDAN KUMAR Serving in ARMY HOSPITAL (RESEARCH & REFERAL) DELHI-CANTT.BY MISTAKE IN MY FATHER SERVICE RECORD WRONGLY MENTION AS-26/07/2001 instead of-26/07/2000.

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I, zahiruddin khan, R/o G 120 harkesh nager okhla ph 2 new delhi 110020 that i have changed my name to Mohd zahir khan for all future 0040546348-1 purposes.

I, Vinod Kumar,S/o Dukhi Lal Gupta R/o E-5, First-Floor, Naveen Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Vinod Kumar Gupta.

0040546447-6 I, Tanya Ahmad, D/o Gulzar Ahmed,R/o-B-209,Hastsal

110059, have changed my name to Tanya Ahmed, permanently. 0040546447-10 I Somlata W/o Sh. Rai Singh R/o H.No.1119, Mahipal Pur, New

colony, Near-Police Station,

Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-

Delhi-110037 is also known as Seema, Both names are of one and the same person.

0040546358-I, Sunil Kumar, S/o Jiya Lal R/o-D-Embassy of Switzerland. Nayay Marg, Chanakya-Puri, New Delhi-110021,have changed my name to Sunil

Kumar Lal.

I, Sudhanshu Mann R/o Block-D2, Flat no. 2601, Cleo County, Sector-121, Noida-201301, have changed my minor daughter's name from Sayesha Mann aged 2 years to Sasha Mann for all future proposes.

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I, Shweta Rughani, D/o Mr Ramesh Chandra Rughani, R/o G-76/5, New Market Opp TT Nagar Stadium, Bhopal, Madhva Pradesh - 462003 at present residing in new Delhi have changed my religion from Hinduism to Islam by my own free will consent and choice Via Certificate No IN-DL66511275357222S 0070712415-1

I, Sharma Sarvesh Saket S/o Saket Sharma R/o.8A-40,Infron of MB International School. Mahaveer Nagar-3, Kota, Rajasthan-324005, have changed my name to Sarvesh 0040546453-1

I, Saba D/o Mohammad Suhail R/o D-1/1,Sarai Khalil, Sadar Bazar.Delhi-110006.have changed my name to Saba 0040546447-8

I, SAPNA KUMARI D/o. KHAZAN SINGH, W/o. BRIJ LAL R/O 154. JATTAL(27) PANIPAT (HR.) have changed my name to SAPNA 0070712441-1

I. Rittu W/o Mahesh Kumar R/o-F-198, Madipur Colony, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi, Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Laxmi for all future 0040546368-1

I, Rittu W/o Mahesh Kumar R/o F-198, Madipur Colony, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi, Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Laxmi for all future 0040546421-1 purposes.

I, Ramesh Kumar Pathak S/o Shri Paras Nath Pathak R/o:House No MSC 137. Mohalla Yog Maya, Multani Dhanda, Paharganj, New Delhi 110055 have changed my minor Son's name from VED to ANKUSH PATHAK in future for all purposes. 0040546402-1

I, Rajeev Papreja S/o, Mrs. Sunita and Mr. R.K. Papreja, R/o House No. 3A/1A, Top Floor, Toot Sarai, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi, Pin-110017 have changed my name to Ishan Papreja for 0040546340-1 all purposes.

I, Nitin Kumar S/O Mr. Jagdish Prasad R/O-Flat.No-1502,Tower No-5. Exotica Dream Ville,Noida Extn(UP),have change my son's name LAVIK SINGH to CHAITANYA SINGH for all, future purposes.

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I, Nathu Singh S/o-Late. Sh. Nannu Singh R/o-L-329 Gali.No. 5, Sangam Vihar, New. Delhi-110080, have declared that, in my service-record my son name wrongly, mention as D.S. Bharti instead, of his Correct-Name Deepankar Bharti. In, future he will known as Deepankar Bharti for 0040546419-1 all.purposes.

I. Nand Kishore Dua. S/o Smt. Dharam Devi, R/o 17/127, Geeta Colony Delhi-110031 have updated the spelling of my name to Nand Kishor Dua

0070712378-1

I, Mushir Alam s/o Sharif Ahmed Khan r/o B-5/98. Third Floor. Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063 have changed my name to MUSHIR ALAM as a given name and KHAN as a sirname permanently. Mushir Alam and Mushir Alam Khan both are same and one person.

0040546351-1

I, Mohesh S/o-Late Rajpal R/o-371.T-huts.Raghubir Nagar, New-Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Mahesh Kumar, for all purposes.

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I, Sonali Shrivastav, D/o Ashok Srivastava R/o-A-71, Sector-40.Noida, G.B.Nagar, UP.have changed my name to Sonali 0040546451-8

I, Mohammad Suhail,S/o.Abdul Hakim R/o-D-1/1.Sarai-Khalil,Sadar-Bazar,Delhi 110006.have changed the name of my minor son, from Saad Suhail to Mohammad Saad 0040546447-9

I, Megha D/o Satish Kumar R/o Pocket G.20/185 Sector-7. Rohini Delhi - 110085 have changed my name to Megha 0130016562-1

I. Meena Rani W/o Mr. Jawahar Lal Chawla R/o 1241, 1st Floor, J Block, Palam Vihar Gurugram Harvana have changed my name to Meenu Chawla for all future purposes. 0040546413-1

Nagar, Delhi-110096, have changed my name to Leela Dhar Purohit for all future 0040546361-1 purposes.

I, Leela Dhar S/o Murli Dhar R/o

A-150, Block-A, New Ashok

I, Khushpreet Kaur Dang, D/o Amrik Singh Saluja,W/o Amandeep Singh R/o-N-103, 2nd-Floor, Mayfield-Garden, Sector-51, Gurgaon (Harvana)-122018.have changed my name to Khushpreet Kaur.

0040546447-1 I. Kashish Thakur.W/o Ariun Parashar R/o-114, Babu Lal

Delhli-110067, have changed my name to Kashish Parashar. 0040546451-6 I, Jeet goyal S/o mukesh goel Add.flat.no.95, lgf pocket-52 cr-

changed my name to devjeet

park New Delhi-110019,

goel.

Chowk, Munirka Village, New

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I, Aushi Thaman, W/O.Shashank Kaul.R/O-B-101 Flat.no-4 next to vardhan hosp Malviya-Nagar, New Delhi-110017, have changed my name to Ayushi Thaman permanently.

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I, AMARJEET SINGH MAKKAR.s/O MOHAN SINGH MAKKAR, H.NO-2, BLOCK-3, SUBHASH-NAGAR, DELHI-110027, have changed my name to AMARJEET SINGH. 0040546451-3

l Bhagyashree Sipani D/O, Late Narendra Kumar Sipani R/o B-2/12, Safdarjung Enclave, First Floor, New Delhi-110029 have

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changed my name to

Bhagyshri Sipani for all

e it known to all that my client mely Ahmad Saud S/o Late Abdu rasmeena Naseem and initiated the livorce process and also debarred livorce process and also debarred mmovable properties. My client shall not be responsible for any lots, deeds and things done by her in future in any manner whatsoever. er may do so at his or her own ris

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I, hereby inform to the Public at Large that my clients (1) Shri Daya Kant Choudhary S/o Shri Subodh Choudhary & (2) Mrs. Savita Choudhary W/o Shri Daya Kant Choudhary W/o Shri Daya Kant Choudhary both R/o R-104, Mithila Vihar, Prem Nagar-2, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi- 110086, have severed off / disconnected all their relations / connections with their son Shri Rohan Choudhary and his wife, as he is out of their control, & have debarred / disconned him from their all moveable & immovable Properties. If anybody deals with him/them, he / she shall be fully responsible for all future consequences. Niranjan Singh Tomar (Advocate) Niranjan Singh Tomar (Advocate)

LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying Examination certificate and Mark sheet of March Higher Secondary Examination of year 1963 and roll number 14987 issued by CBSE has been actually destroyed. Name of the candidate Mohinder Address F 7 Vikas Puri New Delhi-110018. Phone

that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of 10th-class Main Secondary Examination of Year -2018, Roll.No.8188658,issued by CBSE has been actually lost.Divyanshu Maini,R/O-D-785, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi-0040546453-4

examination of the year 1977 and Roll No.204477 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Candidate Name: Awadhesh Kumar Dwivedi Address: 6B,14/116 Civil Lines, Kanpur-208001. Ph.No: +91-9560786992 0040546434-1

I.Inder Parkash Arora, S/o Ram Kishan Arora, have lost my Original Property-paper i.e. Lease, Side-Possession Letter, Allotment-Letter, Handing-Possession Letter.Demand Note.Total-Bank Challan, 2 ATS & GPA from Allottee to Vineeta Gupta and Vineeta Gupta to Mansi Gupta of property-bearing-No.B-1/208, Sector-29, Rohini, Delhi-110085.Finder Contact-9811029031. 0040546453-10

vihar,Delhi-91,have lost my (2009)Rollno-6303771,class-12th (2012) Rollno-9602955 0040546453-8 CBSE-Delhi.

I, ANIL Kumar S/o-Purshotam R/o-Rzd-2 block h.no-108, mahavir enclave-1, N.D-45, have lost my originalcertificate class-10th year-1999,Rollno-6393427

I, lost following Original Receipts of Flat No. CGC171

(1)CLG/CRB/00971/0409 (2)CLG/CRB/00108/0709

(9)CLG/CRB/00010/0812 (10)CLG/CRB/00040/0613 (11)CLG/CRB/00008/0715 (12)CLG/CRB/00009/0715. Finder may inform to LataSinha 3240, 3rd Floor, Patel Nagar, Ranjeet Nagar, Delhi-110008.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE My Client SHRI GHANSHYAM DASS GUPTA S/O LATE SHRI LALA KASHMIRI LAL R/O FLAT LALA KASHMIHI LAL H/O FLOIR, NO. 17, GROUND FLOOR, BHAGIRATHI APARTMENTS, PLOT NO. 13/1, SECTOR-9, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, do hereby Disown/ Debar his Son namely MR. NITIN GUPTA, from all his movable * immovable properties & severe his

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my clients (i) Shri. Narain Dass Kharbanda, and his wife (ii) Smt. Leela Rani Kharbanda, both residents of 14, FF, Mukherjee Nagar, New Delhi 110009, severe all eir relations and connections with heir grandson namely Mr. Vidit Kharbanda and his wife Mrs. Privanka Goel Kharbanda @ Pinku and also do hereby disinherit and disown them from all of their movable/s and/or immovable property/ies and/or any part thereof Any person and/or entity whosoever nters into any transaction, contract or agreement dealing with my client's aforesaid grandson and his wife shall do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibility and sha**ll** bear he consequences resulting thereof.

PUBLIC NOTICE Know all men by these present, that my client S mt. Push pa Devi (Adhar No. 682161058743) Wo. Late Sh. Raghubir Singh RiO H. No. 133, Gandhi Chowk, Tehlaan Panan, VIII. Neelwal, New Delhi-41, has debarred and disowned her son Mitish Sio. Late Sh. Raghubir Singh & dau.in.law Smt. Kirti Wo. Sh. Nitish from ber all moveship and improved the properties.

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed that my clients (i) Ravi Anand Sio. Sh. Dharambir Anand Wio. Late Parveen Anand (ii) Sunita Anand Wio. Late Parveen Anand and (iii) Sunita Anand Wio. Late Sh. Sushi Anand, all Rio. H.No. H-83-A. Kirti Nagar, New Delhi -15 are the joint owner of H.No. H-83-A. Kirti Nagar, New Delhi -15 have dispute with one Naresh Sharma Sio. Sh. Man Mohan Sharma, Builder who entered into Collaboration Agreement with my client but he failed to comply the said Collaboration Agreement, and filed away since Dec. 2019. Hence if anybody dare to deal with the any floor either with said Naresh Sharma or any other person, who will be himself! herself responsible for the same as well as any other legal consequences rather my clients and their other family members shall not be hell dlable or responsible for the same a.

SITUATION VACANT

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It is notified for the information that my Original Examination Marksheet of Main Secondary

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y client Sh. Ravish Kumar, S/o Sh aya Ram Singh, R/o B-50/1, Gali No Mandawali Uncheper, Delhi-110092 ave severed all his relations from his have severed all his relations from his elder brother namely Adilys Kumra and his wife Laxmi due to their Inimical and intimidating behaviour, misconduct, illegal acts, and disrespectful behaviour and they shall not have any right or title to deal with my client's, movable or immovable properties and anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and consequences and my client shall not be responsible for any act, deeds and things done by or with them.

Advocate En. No. D-546/2000 OFF:- 120, IInd Floor Kingsway Camp

elations from him as he is are no nore in his control. If any body ealing with him, shall be doing at is/her own risk & responsibility. My lient shall not be responsible for ros & corn arise there from.

Krishan Jit Paul Singh Enrl. No. D/170/1986

151-A, Sangam Vihar, Najafgarh, New Del (Enrl. No. D/75/88)

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develop Medical College and further

expansion of hospital on PPP basis".

The last date & time of submission of

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ffice-Cum-Account Assistant-1 Computer Operator-1 Store Keeper-1 Technical Assistant-1

Must be send to The Dean, College Development Council MDU Rohtak ast date of receiving Application 18th Sep, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE MAY IT BE KNOWN TO GENERAL PUBLIC'S NOTICE THAT my client Sh. Rakesh, s/o late Sh. Chauth Mal 1/o 55A-55B, G-3, Sai Enclave Mohar Garden Uttam Nagar-110059 through this public notice discowning his daugh-ter Ms. Radhika from the property and pusingers. They will not be lighble for ter Ms. Radhika from the property and business. They will not be liable for any of acts Ms. Radhika through now cautions the public at large that whosoever enters into any transaction with Ms. Radhika shall do so at his xwn cost, risk and consequences and ny clients shall not be responsible for in any manner whatsoever.

PUBLIC NOTICE The public at large is informed that my Client Smt. Kusum Jain Wio. Lt Shri Rajender Jain Rio. WZ-99 Nimri Village, Shastri Nagar, Delhi 110052, has disowned and severed all her son Ankit Jain Sio Late Shri Rajender Jain debarrec and disowned him from her al movable and immovable properties forever as he is no more in her

forever as he is no more in hel control and if any body deals with him then my client shall not be responsible in any manner what so

Dushyant Nayak -ADVOCATE D-692, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi -34 Mob.: 9811053567

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it Known to the public at large that my clients Ratin Devi, W/o Lt. Mahnender Pratap Singh and Sanjay Sansamus, So Lt. Mahneder Pratap Singh, Both R/o H. no. 38-A, Katwaria Sarai, New Dehi, are legal heirs of Lt. Mahneder Pratap Singh along with Ajay Sansanwal. As per family partition and subsequent deal Aja Sansanwal has only right in fourth floor of the property and rest floors are under the rights of my clients and any transaction upon the floors except fourth floor by Ajay Sansanwal hall be deemed a fraudulent transaction and my clients shall sever their all relations with Ajay Sansanwal and shall not be responsible wal and shall not be respons

Sd/- Rajat Sang Sharma (Advocate Ch- 912, Lawyers Chamber, Rohin Court, NEW DELHI- 11008

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Given under my seal and Signatures this 29th day of August, 2020 Waseem Ahmad & COMPANY Advocates

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🕟 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🕼 CORRIGENDUM: 1

E-Open tender Notice No. : S&T/SEE/OT/ 20-21/07 Date 24.08.2020. 1. E-Tende Notice No. S&T/SEE/OT/20-21/07. Name of Work: Provision of IBH betwee MNE-MSK. The E-Tendering 'E-Oper tenders invited vide, Divisional Rail Manager (Signal & Telecom) E.C. Railway Sonpur's E-Open tender Notice No S&T/SEE/OT/20-21/07 Date 24.08.2020 E-Open tender No. S&T/SEE/OT/20-21/07' which is scheduled to be opened on 18.09.2020 is stands cancelled due to administrative reasons.

Divl. Signal & Telecom Engineer ECR/Sonpur PR/0567/SEE/S&T/C/20-21/24

NORTHERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM

Tender No.: 32-W-HIRE-MUV-DLI-2020-22 (Open Tender), Closing Date/Time: 10.09.2020, 15:00, Name of work: Hiring of one number road Multi Utility Vehicle (INNOVA, SCORPIO/ERTIGA/TUV-300 OR EQUIVALENT) vehicle on monthly basis

(INNOVA, SCORPIO/ERTIGATIOV-300 OR EQUIVALENT) vehicle on monthly basis for Dy. CE/BL/TKJ for official use for a period of (02) two years.

This tender has been cancelled

Tender Cancellation Remark: As per GM/Engg, letter no. 74-W/24/Pt-X/WA datec 20.07.2020 Standard Tender Document is revised based on GCC-2020, as it is no possible to issue corrigendum in this tender. The tender is cancelled and will be SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXCEUTIVE OFFICER TRIPURA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT **AGENCY ASTABAL: AGARTALA**

No.F.4-8-/STY/TLDA/2019/ Dated, Agartala 25/08/2020 e-TENDER (e-NIT) FOR SUPPLY OF VARIOUS AI **EQUIPMENTS FOR ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (AI)** WORK IN THE STATE OF TRIPURA DURING THE YEAR 2020-21. (2nd Call).

The details of terms & condition of e-Tender (e-NIT) will be available in the official websites http;//tripuratenders.gov.in/www.arddtripura.gov.in and also in the news portal of Tripura www.tripurainfo.com

> Sd/ (Dr. K. Sasikumar) **Chief Executive Officer Tripura Livestock Development Agency** Astabal, Agartala

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

SRDEN/III/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders closing date 22.09.2020 16:00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through

Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

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Tender No. Date	71-DRM-MB-20-21 Date:- 27.08.2020
Name of Work	Zone work of Zone from KM 1284 to KM 1391 (Pitamberpur to Dalpatpur stations) for General work in Service & Residential buildings for the year 2020-21 under ADEN/Bareilly.
Tender Closing Date Time	22.09.2020 (16:00)
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Rs. 80,42,307.75
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Rs. 1,60,900/-
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 5,000/-
Bidding Start Date	08.09.2020
Validity of Offer (Days)	45 days
Period of Completion	12 months
No. 75-W/2/3/WA/Publication	on Dated:- 27 08 2020 1868/2020

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

2nd CORRIGENDUM

Name of work:- "Housekeeping and cleaning of Officer's chambers, offices, staff rooms, store rooms, sheds, temporary accommodations, corridors, toilet blocks, road etc. in the office premises of Dy.Chief Engineer/Const, Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi. Due to administrative reasons, Tender Notice No. 477-ACS-HK-2020-CSB Dated 17.08.2020 for the above cited work, which was scheduled to be opened on 15.09.2020 has been cancelled. Fresh tender shall be notified later on. 1872/2020

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NATIONAL** HIGHWAY CIRCLE, BILASPUR (C.G.)

Notice Inviting Tender No. 06/G/2020-21 Bilaspur, Dated 27.08.2020 **TENDER NOTICE**

(1st Call)

Online tenders are invited for the following's work upto

S.	Name of Work	P.A.C.	Name of Division
no		(Rs. in	
		Lacs)	
1	2	3	4
01.	BT Patch repair work in Km.	Rs. 108.36	Executive
	1.000 to 110.000 on		Engineer,
	Ambikapur-Ramanujganj-		P.W.D; N.H.
	Garwa Road NH- 343.		Division,
			Ambikanur (C.G.

The tender documents can be purchased online through PWD Website http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in before 14.09.2020 The other details can be viewed online on the above-mentioned website.

> **Superintending Engineer** P.W.D., N.H. Circle, Bilaspur (C.G.)

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Tel. 022-26590001-04, FAX – 022-26594182 Web site : www.mmrda.maharashtra.gov.ir e-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No.: MMRDA/MMRP/L2B-C101/2020 Contract No: MMRDA/MMRP/L2B-C101 Part Design and Construction of (Balance Works of Package CA04R) Elevate Viaduct and 10 Elevated Stations viz. ESIC Nagar, Prem Nagar, Indra Naga Nanawati Hospital, Khira Nagar, Saraswat Nagar, National College, Bandra, Incom Tax Office & ILFS [excluding Architectural Finishing & Pre-Engineered Steel Roo Structure of Stations] from Chainage 34035.873m to Chainage 46860.384m of Line 2B [D.N Nagar-Mandale] of Mumbai Metro Rail Project of MMRDA.

Key Details: MMRDA/MMRP/L2B-C101 Estimated Cost of Tender: INR 1167.75 Crore (inclusive of GST) EMD: INR 11.68 Crores, 4. Completion period of the Work: 30 months

Cost of Tender: Interested Bidders have to make online payment of INR 10,000 + GST/-(As applicable) Non-Refundable as Tender Processing Fee using online payment gateway during bid preparation using Debit Card/Credit Card/Net-Banking Sale of Tender Document : From 31.08.2020 to 14.10.2020 (upto 18:00 hours

available on e-tendering portal https://etendermmrda.maharashtra.gov.in Pre-Bid Meeting: 10.09.2020 at 11:00 hours at MMRDA Office, G-Text Block, MMRDA Exhibition Ground, BKC, Mumbai - 400 051. Date & Time of Submission : 16.10.2020 upto 18:00 hours.
Date & Time of opening of Envelope A & B : 19.10.2020 at 11:00 hours (if possible

Note: - The e-Tender can be downloaded from e-Tendering Portal: https://etendermmrda.maharashtra.gov.in. Any additional information Addendum/Corrigendum & help for uploading & downloading the e-tender, may be availed by contacting MMRDA's e-tendering service desk at the following id: etendersupport@mailmmrda.maharashtra.gov.in or call us on 022-26597445. In case of any query / clarifications, tenderers are requested to contact Chief Engineer (Civil), Metro Project Implementation Unit,

MMRDA at 022-26547801/802/804 Date: 29.08.2020 (R.A.Rajeev) Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA Place : Mumbai



ODISHA STATE HOUSING BOARD Bid Invitation Notice

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No - 5000 File No- EB-I/44(P-I)/2020

Date- 28.08.2020

Bid Identification Number/ 04(A) /CE/OSHB/2020-21.

Odisha State Housing Board invites Developers for Development of an Integrated Residential cum Commercial Complex over an area of 6.589 Acre of land at Patrapada, Bhubaneswar, Odisha through e-auction process in Public Private Partnership mode



The Project

Odisha State Housing Board (OSHB) proposes to develop an integrated residential cum commercial complex in Bhubaneswar. OSHB plans to develop the projects on Public Private Partnership mode and intends to select a Developer through e-auction of the land who shall be responsible for infrastructure development, marketing, operation and maintenance of the projects. The Developer shall have to develop a minimum of 2/3rd of the total built up area for residential use and maximum of 1/3rd of the total built up area for commercial use. OSHB has identified a strategically located piece of land spread over an area of around 6.589 Acre in Mouza Patrapada, under Bhubaneswar Tahasil, Khurda, Orissa for the Project.

Reserve price of the land is fixed at Rs 66,62,00,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Six Crores Sixty Two lakh) only

Selection Process

The Developer would be selected through an open competitive(e-auction) double stage bidding process. Intending Bidders/ Developers are hereby invited to submit their Bids for the development of the projects. The details eligibility criteria are provided in the Request for Proposal document.

Issue of Request for Proposal (RFP) Document

RFP document, detailing the project information and requirements can be obtained from OSHB office from 31.08.2020 onwards till 3.00PM on 25.09.2020 on payment of a non-refundable cost of Rs. 53,100.00 (Rupees Fifty three thousand one hundred) only, inclusive of GST @ 18%. It can also be downloaded from www.oshb.org. In this case, a non-refundable demand draft of Rs. 53,100.00 (Rupees Fifty three thousand one hundred) only in favour of "Orissa Housing Board Fund" payable at Bhubaneswar shall be submitted along with the Bid towards cost of the RFP document.

The completed RFP along with required documents should reach OSHB office on or before 25.09.2020 at 15:00 hrs. by registered post/speed post/courier only. No drop box facility is available and hand delivery is not allowed. OSHB will not be responsible for any postal/courier delay. The technical bids will be opened on Dt.28.09.2020 at 11.00 hours in the OSHB conference hall in the presence of bidders or their authorised representatives.

OSHB reserves the right, without any obligation or liability, to accept or reject any or all the RFPs at any stage of process, to cancel or modify the process or any part thereof or to vary any or all the terms and conditions at any time, without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Any modification/amendment/corrigendum, if any, to the RFP document, shall not be advertised in the newspapers but shall be posted in the website only

Contact Persons:

Completed RFP may be sent to

Mr. Narayan Majhi, Executive Engineer (PPP), OSHB, pe1@oshb.org, +91 9437226043

The Housing Commissioner-cum-Secretary Orissa State Housing Board (OSHB), A/32, Unit III, Sachivalaya Marg Bhubaneswar - 751 001, Orissa, India.

Tel No: 0674 - 2393524, 2393277, 2393525 I Fax No: 0674 2393952

Housing Commissioner cum Secretary

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MAURITIUS

SEVERAL DOLPHIN DEATHS AFTER OIL SPILL

At least 40 dolphins have been found dead in Mauritius - 38 who washed ashore, as well as the mother and her baby — since last Monday, when a Japanese ship was scuttled after running aground in July and leaking oil.



Iyad al-Hallag's mother arranges her son's room.AP

ISRAEL

Officer need not have shot autistic Palestinian:

Commander

AN ISRAELI police officer who gunned down a Palestinian man who had autism in the Old City of Jerusalem in May defied an order to hold his fire even though the man posed no danger to anyone, his commander has told investigators, according to people briefed on the case. "He didn't attack or do anything," the commander testified, according to the Israeli newspaper Haaretz. "He was definitely not resisting." The May 30 fatal shooting of Ivad al-Hallag, 30, who was on his way to a school for the disabled, quickly became a rallying cry against police brutality in Israel. NYT

BRITAIN

JK Rowling returns award after criticism

J K ROWLING has returned the Ripple of Hope Award from Robert F Kennedy Human Rights after the group criticised the author for her comments on transgender people. Rowling was bestowed with the honour in December 2019.

However, earlier this month, Kerry Kennedy, president of RFKHR, expressed "dismay" over Rowling's "deeply troubling transphobic tweets and statements". In June, Rowling stirred controversv by tweeting, "If sex isn't real, the lived reality of women globally is erased. I know and love trans people, but erasing the concept of sex removes the ability of many to meaningfully discuss their lives. It isn't hate to speak the truth." AP

NETHERLANDS

17th-century **Dutch painting** stolen, again

A 17TH-CENTURY painting by the Golden Age master Frans Hals was stolen from the wall of a museum in the Netherlands early Wednesday morning. It wasn't the first time that "Two Laughing Boys" was taken from the museum in Leerdam, near Utrecht, the Dutch police said on Thursday. The same painting was previously stolen in 2011 and 1988. Thieves broke into the museum at 3.30 am to steal the painting, police said. NYT

Shinzo Abe, Japan's longest-serving leader, resigns because of poor health

Has battled ulcerative colitis for years

LINDA SIEG& **KIYOSHITAKENAKA** TOKYO, AUGUST 28

PRIME MINISTER Shinzo Abe, Japan's longest-serving premier, announced his resignation because of poor health on Friday, ending a stint at the helm of the world's third-biggest economy in which he sought to revive growth and bolster its defences.

Abe has battled the disease ulcerative colitis for years and two recent hospital visits within a week had fanned questions on whether he could stay in the job until the end of his term as ruling party leader, and hence, premier, in September 2021.

"I cannot continue being prime minister if I do not have the confidence that I can carry out the job entrusted to me by the people," Abe, 65, told a news conference as he announced his decision to step down.

He said he wanted to avoid a political vacuum as the country copes with the novel coronavirus.

"I apologise from the bottom of my heart that despite all of the support from the Japanese people, I am leaving the post with one full year left in my term," Abe said, at times blinking back tears and his voice choking up.

It was the second time Abe has resigned as prime minister because of poor health.

The resignation will trigger a leadership race in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party - most likely in two or three weeks - and the winner must be formally elected in Parliament.

Whoever wins the party poll is likely to keep Abe's reflationary "Abenomics" policies as Japan struggles with the impact of the novel coronavirus but may have trouble emulating the po-

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SHINZO ABE JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER



Race on for new party leader, PM

AFTER SHINZO Abe's resignation, his Liberal Democratic Party must find a new leader who will also most likely be Japan's new PM. The party has many internal factions that will be vying for the top post in an intra-party election for which no date has been set yet. The new leader will serve as PM until Abe's original term ends in 2021, after which there will be a general election. With Abe's image having taken a hit recently, his close associates like Deputy PM Taro Aso may not find it easy to get the party workers' votes. According to Reuters, Shigeru Ishiba, a former defence minister and Abe critic, regularly tops polls of voters who are asked who

litical longevity that may be Abe's biggest legacy. On Monday, Abe surpassed a record for longest consecutive tenure as premier set by his great-uncle Eisaku Sato half a century ago. REUTERS

they want to see as PM.



Shinzo Abe bows as he announces his resignation, in Tokyo on Friday. Reuters

He sought to revive economy and fulfil conservative agenda

LINDA SIEG TOKYO, AUGUST 28

SHINZO ABE, Japan's longestserving prime minister, launched his "Abenomics" policies to lift the economy out of deflation, beefed up Japan's military and sought to counter China's growing clout in

He was instrumental in winning the 2020 Olympics for Tokyo, which were postponed by a year to 2021 because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

a historic two-term tenure.

The conservative politician, who quit abruptly as premier in

2007 after one year in the post, swept back for a rare second stint in 2012 pledging to revive a stagnant economy, loosen the limits of a pacifist constitution and restore traditional values

Abe became Japan's longestserving premier in November 2019. But by the summer of 2020, public support had been eroded by his handling of the Covid-19 outbreak as well as a series of scandals including the arrest of his former justice minister.

He first took office in 2006 as Japan's youngest PM since World War II. After a year plagued by scandals, Abe quit citing ill health.

Five years later, Abe led his Liberal Democratic Party ousted in 2009 - back to power.

He then launched a threepronged "Abenomics" strategy to beat persistent deflation and revive economic growth with hyper-easy monetary policy and fiscal spending, along with structural reform to cope with a fastaging, shrinking population.

Deflation proved stubborn, however, and his growth strategy has suffered. The following year, Covid-19 triggered Japan's biggest-ever slump, making it a tall order for Abe's successor to revive the economy. **REUTERS**

RNC CLOSING NIGHT



(From left) Donald Trump Jr, Tiffany Trump, Donald Trump, Melania Trump and Barron Trump outside the White House on the fourth night of the Republican National Convention. AP

Trump casts US election as a crusade for law and order

ALEXANDER BURNS & MAGGIE HABERMAN AUGUST 28

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump accepted the Republican Party's nomination for a second term Thursday, joining a general-election contest against Joe Biden that he and his party cast this week as a crusade against left-wing ideology and violent social disorder, fought against the backdrop of a virus that Republicans largely described as a temporary handicap on the economy.

The President repeatedly accused Biden and the Democrats of failing to take on rioters, though Biden has condemned recent acts of violence, and of harbouring designs to restructure the American economic system along socialist lines.

Trump, by contrast, adopted the role of a defender of traditional American values and an unbending ally of the police.

"Your vote will decide whether protect law-abiding Americans, or whether we give free rein to violent anarchists, agitators and criminals who threaten our citizens," Trump said, standing on the South Lawn of the White House. "And this election will decide whether we will defend the American way of life, or

Your vote will decide whether we protect lawabiding Americans, or whether we give free rein to violent anarchists, agitators and criminals who threaten our citizens."

DONALD TRUMP U.S. PRESIDENT



RACE FOR THE WHITE **HOUSE**

whether we allow a radical movement to completely dismantle and destroy it. That won't happen."

Much of the night was given over to unusually explicit rebuttals to Trump's vulnerabilities: Seldom if ever has a political party spent so much time during a convention insisting in explicit terms that its nominee was not a racist or a sexist. Ben Carson, the lone Black member of Trump's Cabinet, argued that people who call the president a racist "could not be more wrong". NYT

Co-creator of

Scooby-Doo, Joe

Ruby, dies at 87

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Teen suspect in Kenosha killings is a 'Blue Lives Matter' advocate

17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse has also attended Trump rally

NEIL MACFAROUHAR ALIGHST 28

HE SIGNED up to be a cadet in a program for teenagers who aspire to be police officers. He filled his Facebook page with support for Blue Lives Matter. He sat up front at a rally for President Donald Trump in January, and posted images of it on TikTok. And he chose to mark his 16th birthday by raising funds for a support group for the police called Humanising the Badge.

Now, at 17, Kyle Rittenhouse is charged with homicide in a shooting that took place as counterprotesters sparred with demonstrators in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

He was there on Tuesday night as demonstrators filled the streets to protest the shooting of Jacob Blake, a Black man, by a white police officer. Rittenhouse, who is white, was carrying a militarystyle rifle and a medical kit, and stood amid a group of armed men who declared that they were protecting the area from fires and looting in protests that had turned destructive on earlier nights.

"People are getting injured



ness." Rittenhouse said early that evening in an interview with The Daily Caller, an online news site.

He had come to Kenosha from his home in Antioch, Illinois, 30 minutes away. "Part of my job also is to protect people," he said, "If someone is hurt, I'm running into harm's way. That's why I have my rifle; I've got to protect myself obviously. But I also have my med kit."

Hours later, two people were fatally shot, and a third wounded, as the groups — protesters and counterprotesters - clashed in a darkened, chaotic street.

Rittenhouse, who faces six criminal counts, including firstdegree reckless homicide, firstdegree intentional homicide and attempted first-degree intenthe police shooting of a Black man. AP

Kyle Rittenhouse

walks behind

civilian in

Kenosha last

Tuesday during

protests against

tional homicide, was arrested at his home in Illinois Wednesday. During the evening before the shootings, there were moments

when the law enforcement officers seemed to treat Rittenhouse and some of the other armed men as allies. In one video. Rittenhouse encountered officers who expressed appreciation for the efforts of the armed group and gave him bottled water. In the background, another officer can be heard barking at protesters, telling them that they are violating the curfew. Even after shots rang out and as emergency vehicles were racing through the confusing scene, Rittenhouse can be seen, weapon in full view, walking toward groups of officers — and appearing to go unnoticed by them. NYT

Beijing's top diplomat casts doubt on Covid origin in China

Oslo: The Chinese government's top diplomat, State Councillor Wang Yi, said on Thursday it was unclear whether the corona virus had first originated in China, casting doubt on the views of health experts and for-

eign governments. Speaking during a visit to Norway, Wang said that, while China was the first country to report the existence of the virus to the World Health Organisation. "it does not mean that the virus

originated in China". 'Actually, for the past months, we have seen reports ... showing that the virus emerged in different parts of the world, and may have emerged earlier than in China," Wang told reporters, speaking through an interpreter. REUTERS

WORRY OVER SUPPLY OF COVID SHOTS

New reckoning for WHO vaccine plan as govts go it alone

REUTERS

LONDON, BRUSSELS, GENEVA, AUGUST 28

THE WORLD Health Organisation will next week receive a raft of pledges of support for its plan for Covid-19 vaccines for all. But the agency has already

had to scale back its ambition.

The United States, Japan, Britain and the European Union have struck their own deals to secure millions of Covid-19 vaccine doses for their citizens, ignoring the UN body's warnings that "vaccine nationalism" will squeeze supplies.

If other countries that can afford it pursue a similar approach, the WHO's strategy for fighting the coronavirus pandemic globally and equitably risks coming undone, experts warn.

"If that were to happen, it's fairly clear that there would be insufficient volumes of vaccine available for any other countries, particularly in the first six to nine months," said Alex Harris, head of global policy at the Wellcome The WHO is trying to coordinate a global effort to make sure every country receives **Covid-19 vaccines**

Trust health charity.

Countries wishing to be part of the WHO initiative, dubbed COVAX, must submit expressions of interest by Monday.

More than 170 countries have submitted non-binding expressions of interest to participate in the scheme, which the WHO has touted as the only global initiative to ensure Covid-19 vaccines are available worldwide to rich and poor countries alike.

It has signed up nine Covid-19 vaccine candidates and set out plans to obtain and deliver 2 billion doses by the end of 2021.

But it has struggled to get wealthier countries on board in full beyond pledges of funding and warm words about donating surplus vaccines.

LOS ANGELES, AUGUST 28 ANIMATOR AND Scooby Doo coage of 87 due to natural causes

According to Variety, the animation veteran, who co-created the beloved kids show Scooby-Doo. Where Are You! at Hanna-Barbera productions, passed away on Wednesday at his home in California's Westlake Village.

Ruby and Spears met when they were working as sound editors at the cartoon giant Hanna-Barbera and went on to create the popular series centering on the talking Great Dane and his friends Velma, Daphne, Shaggy and Fred. The animation show pre-

miered on CBS in 1969 and four of the first 25 episodes were written and story-edited by them.

The duo also created other cartoons such as Dynomutt, Dog Nonder and Iabberiaw.

Calling him one of the most prolific creators in the animation industry, Warner Bros. Animation and Blue Ribbon Content president Sam Register said Ruby made mornings special for children across the globe. "He was one of the most prolific creators in our industry," Register said.

SHE WAS A SECRET AGENT FOR BRITAIN DURING WORLD WAR II

Noor Inayat Khan first Indian-origin woman to get memorial plaque in London

KAMAL PREET KAUR LONDON, AUGUST 28

THE HOUSE in Taviton Street. Bloomsbury, London, where Noor Inayat Khan once lived, got a distinct blue plaque on Friday to commemorate the Indian-origin woman who worked as a spy for Britain during World War II.

"A descendant of Tipu Sultan, Noor Inayat Khan became a secret agent during the Second World War. She was the first woman radio operator to be infiltrated into occupied France in 1943 and worked under the code name 'Madeleine'," said her biographer Shrabani Basu, who was invited to officially unveil the plaque online. Noor's nephew Zia Inayat Khan was

also present on the occasion. London's famous Blue Plaques link historical figures

with buildings in the city. Currently run by English Heritage, the London Blue Plaques scheme was started in 1866. There are over 950 plaques across London "on buildings humble and grand, to honour the notable men and women who have lived or worked in them".

Anna Eavis, curatorial director at English Heritage, said, "We're so pleased to be able to continue unveiling our 2020 Blue Plaques with this virtual ceremony... I am

particularly delighted to start with Noor Inayat Khan, whose courage was unfaltering even in the face of such extreme danger."

Noor joins the likes of Ada Lovelace, the pioneer of computing, Rosalind Franklin, the scientist who helped discover DNA, and Dame Maud McCarthy, who was Army Matron-in-Chief during World War I.

English Heritage's ongoing "plaques for women" campaign has seen a dramatic rise in the number of public nominations for women since it launched in 2016. However, only 14 per cent of the over 950 London Blue Plaques celebrate women, said Eavis.

Remembering Noor, Basu



Noor Inayat Khan was the daughter of Hazrat Inayat Khan and a descendant of the 18th century Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan

said, when Noor Inayat Khan left this house on her last mission,

that one day she would become a symbol of bravery. "It is fitting that Noor Inayat Khan is the first

woman of Indian origin to be remembered with a Blue Plaque. As people walk by, Noor's story will continue to inspire future generations. In today's world, her vision of unity and freedom is more important than ever.'

Renowned for her service in the Special Operations Executive, an independent British secret service set up by Winston Churchill in 1940. Noor was Britain's first Indian Muslim war heroine in Europe and the first female radio operator sent into Nazi-occupied France. She was killed at the Dachau concentration camp in 1944, and was posthumously awarded the the George Cross in 1949.

New Delhi

"Born in Russia to an Indian father and an American mother, Khan's story has been forgotten. It's wonderful she is being honoured," Birmingham Edgbaston MP Preet Kaur Gill said.

Basu, who wrote the book Spy Princess about Noor in 2006, set up the Noor Inayat Khan Memorial Trust in 2010 to ensure that her story would be preserved for the next generation. A memorial was unveiled in London's Gordon Square by Princess Anne in November 2012, and that was followed by the release of a Royal Mail stamp in honour of Noor in March 2014.

"Her life is so interesting. She was a Sufi who believed in non-

volunteered for the war because she felt it was equally important to fight fascism," Basu said. Basu said Noor had planned to

violence and in the unity of reli-

gions. But then she came here and

return to being a children's writer and musician after the war. "She knew how dangerous

her mission was and she knew she could get killed... Eventually, her circuit collapsed

around her and she remained the last link with London, but refused to abandon her post despite the dangers. However, she was betrayed and arrested by the Germans and shot in the Dachau concentration camp," Basu said.

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425 Website: No. MESCOM/SEE(P)/EE(W)/AEE(W)/2020-21/6231

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Proc MESCOM invites tender for the work of "Enhancement of 1x5MVA, 33/11kV Power Transformer by 12.5 MVA Power Transformer at existing 2x5 MVA , 33/11kV Bellare Sub-Station in Sullia Sub-Division of Puttur Division on Partial Turnkey Basis" vide bid enquiry number

MESCOM/2020-21/SS/WORK_INDENT1518. The interested eligible bidders may log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- SuperIntending Engineer (Ele.)(Proc.) MESCOM, Mangaluru For Power Related Complaint & Assistance Cell Toll Free Number 1912

MODERN COACH FACTORY, RAEBARELI

Open tender based on Bingle packet system Tender Notice No.-MCF/RBL/Tender Bidewall framing/2020-21/C170 Dt. 25.08.2020 is invited by Dy. Chief Mochanical Engineen/Shot, MCF/RBL through IREPS portal www.ireps.gov.in for and on behalf of president of India for the following work: Description of work: Side wall framing as per scope of work: Approx. Value ₹ 51,98,258.00 EMD ₹ 1,04,000.00 Cost of Tender document: ₹5,000.00 only. Quantity of work: 900 C/Sets. Completion period of work: 09 months or earlier. Period of submission of tender document: From 02,09,2020 to 16,09,2020 Date & Time of closing of Tender: 16,09,2020 up to 15,00 hrs. Date & Time of opening of Tender: 15,09,2020 at 15:15 hrs. Detailed Tender Notice, Eligibility criteria, Terms & conditions are available at IREPS website: www.treps.gov.inintender.document.

	a-Advertis	ed Tender Notice No.: 10/ET/2028-21 Dat	ed: 26.08.2	020
SN.	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.	Due Date
01	03/190523	Lavatory Bowl Facing	1403 Nos.	16.09.202
02	03201162	Window Gass for fixed Window	2568 Nos.	18.09.202
03	12190050	Air Spring Assly. (120 KN capacity) for Main Line/Rajdhani LHB Coaches	612 Set	24.09.202
04	11201008	Law Side soil set for LHB Coaches	362 Set	15.09.202
05	15205156	Set of Spares, Consumables and Accessories Required for CNC edge Milling Machines	5 Set	14.09.202
05	151953108	Prove out of Hydrause press 100 Ton	1 Nos	14.09.2020
07	15205150	Set of Consumables Spares for OP-210 (Surface portal laths Machine)	5 Set	14,09,2020
08.	11201002	Roof Flange for LWSCN Coaches	500 Nos.	11.09.2020
09	11201085	Inlegated WTCC for Antyodaya/Geen dayatu Coaches	150 Nos.	14,09.2020
10	15205016A	Prove out of Intellegent Multi Process Welding Machine (270 Amp)	4 Set	16,09,202
51	03201241	Set of Stainless Steel Roof Panels for LHB SCN (EOG) Coaches	453 Set	22,09,2020
12	03205007	Hand Rail Assembly for Tejas Coaches	2000 Nox.	14.09,2020
13	15195297A	Prove out of Intellegent Multi Process Welding Machine (320 Arts)	4 Set	17.09.2020
54	03190995	Design, Supply, Installation, Commissi- oning and Maintenance of Aspiration type Automatic Smoke/Fire detection	622 Set	29,09,200
15:	03201247	Caver 2 Complete	2752 Nos.	28.09.2020
16	07201005	One set of sealing Adhesive for Trough below AC Unit Manonting of LHB Ceach	678 Set	21.09.2020
17	03205006	Composite PV Expertainn Mouldings for LWSCN & LWSDO Coaches	490 Set 150 Set	22,09,2020
18	05201025	Feeder Junction Box for LHB EOG AC/ NAC Coaches	790 Set	23,09,2020
19	01201217	Steel Sheet of Size 20x2500x8400 MM	78090 Kg	22.09.2020
20	15205017A	MIG/MAG Welding Machine (400 AMP)	2 Set	28.09.2020
21	03201156	Emergency Openable Window for LHB SCN (Shell LHB on ICF Bogse) Coches	1200 Nos.	25,09,202
223		Corrigendum		7.2
01	E-Tender No. 21 Dated 23:	07/ET/2020-15195904A& Due date ma 07.2020 10.09.2020 Instead of 25		s 10.09,2000

Due date may be raid as 17.09,2000 instead of 28.08.2020 E-Tender No. 09/ET/2020-21 Deted 13:08:2020 17.09.2020 Due date may be read as 18.09,2020 Tender No. 08/ET/2020 01201214 8 21 Dated 05.08.2020 18.09.2020 instead of 28.06.2020 03201129 & Due date may be read as 06.09.2020 08.09.2020 instead of 31.05.2020 E-Tender No. 09/ET/2020-21 Dated 13.08.2020 15205064 8. Due date may be read as 28.09,2020 28.09.2020 instead of 28.08.2020 E-Tondor No. 06/ET/2020-21 Dated 10:07:2020 Vendors are advised to please visit Gelf (Government e-Market Place) website-

www.gem.gov.in and get themselves registered on GeM portal at the earliest for supply of Reliway specific items to Indian Reliway in future. For any assistance for registration on GeM portal, please contact Sh. Ameri Sharma, Director/GeM, email (Cdir.sellerclustermgt@gem.gov.in/ Mob. 9819046040. After registration on GeM, intimation may please be sent on dycmmhqrcfrbt@gmail.com or on ved.sharma0109@gov.inoron.edencfrbt@gmail.com

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice Dhanbad, dt. 26/08/2020 E-Tenders are invited for execution of the following works by Divisional Railway

Manager (Engg.), E.C. Railway, Dhanbad:-(1) E-Tender No. 88-DHN-2020-21. Name of the work with its location & completion

period: DHN Division: Garhwa Road-Chopan: Deep Screening & TBR - 38.54 Km., TFR-15.53 Km. and TTR (11 sets) under Assistant Engineer. E. C. Rly., Renukoot and Chopan. 18 (Eighteen) Months. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.):1,27,26,115.01, Earnest Money (In Rs.): 2,13,600/-(2) E-Tender No. 89-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion

Engineer (4), E. C. Railway, Dhanbad. 15 (Fifteen) Month. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.) 10,16,90,985.73, Earnest Money (In Rs.): 6,58,500/-

(3) E-Tender No. 90-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Provision of vard drain. Toe wall and maintenance of P.Way work in between Meralgram and Ramna section under Assistant Engineer, E. C. Rly Renukoot. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.): 1,58,91,172.50, Earnest Money (In Rs.) : 2,29,500/

(4) E-Tender No. 91-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion period :Patratu-Garhwa Road: CTR(P)- 7.488 Km under Asstt. Engineer, E. C. Rly. Barkakana, 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.): 2.14.40.022.47 Earnest Money (In Rs.): 2,57,200/-

(5) E-Tender No. 92-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion period :Lifting & Disposal of garbage from colonies, Officers rest house, Officers colony, Service buildings etc. of Barkakana & Patratu and disposal of same at specified locations identified by Railway by using tractor of capacity of 100cft, on urgent basis (Period-01 Year). 12(Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.): 11,59,951.82, Earnest Money (In Rs.): 23,200/-

(6) E-Tender No. 93-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Provision of side drain between BHKD-PTRU including yards under Asstt. ingineer, E. C. Rly., Barkakana. 09 (Nine) Months. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.) 51,08,516.64, Earnest Money (In Rs.): 1,02,170/-

(7) E-Tender No. 94-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Casual renewal of fittings for existing steel channel sleepers on bridges in BRKA-GHD total= 2592 Nos. under Ässtt. Engineer, E. C. Railway, Daltonganj and Latehar. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.): 1,26,93,824.04, Earnest Money

(8) E-Tender No. 95-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion period: PNME:- Improvement of circulating area at South side of PNME station under Asstt. Engineer(1), E.C.Rly, Gomoh. 08(Eight) Months. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.) 1,79,73,639.57, Earnest Money (In Rs.): 2,39,900/-

(9) E-Tender No. 96-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Extension of FOB from PF No. 5 & 6 to south side circulating area at GMO under Asstt. Engineer (1), E.C.Rly., Gomoh. 09 (Nine) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):

88,32,110.86, Earnest Money (In Rs.): 1,76,700/ (10) E-Tender No. 97-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion period: HZD: Improvement of PF surfaces & provision of water booth, renovation of shed & other passenger amenities at Hazaribagh Road station under Asstt. Engineer, EC Rly. Gujhandi. 08 (Eight) Months. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.): 1,77,85,087.08, Earnest

Money (In Rs.): 2,38,900/-(11) E-Tender No. 98-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion **period**: Development of track machine siding in GC with ancillary facilities like track machine staff rest house (at GJD), pathway, shed & watering facilities at siding at PKA, GMO, PNME, HZD & GJD under Sr. Divisional Engineer (2), E.C. Railway,

Dhanbad. 09 (Nine) Months. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.): 2,39,19,902.09, Earnest Money (In Rs.): 2,69,600/-(12) E-Tender No. 99-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Pradhankhanta-Manpur- SEJ-15sets, TTR- 4 sets (FS+CS+ CMSC), TRDS-3 sets, TTR- 75 sets (1 in 12- 39 sets, 1 in 8.5- 36 sets) (TWS+WCMSC) under Sr.

DEN/2/DHN. 12 (Twelve) Month. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.): 1,20,85,490.12, Earnest Money (In Rs.): 2,10,400/-(13) E-Tender No. 100-DHN-2020-21. Name of the work with its location & completion period: Lifting & Disposal of garbage from colonies, Officers rest house, DRM Office,

Officers colony, Service buildings including Dhanbad Railway Station, Community hall etc of Dhanbad at nominated places as directed, by railway by using tractor of capacity of 100 oft. (with driver, three labours and fuel daily) for 2900 trips for a period of 365 days (one year). 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.): 21,83,236.00, Earnest

(14) E-Tender No. 101-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion period: JNN-CRP: Rebuilding of Minor Bridge No.18 in JNN-CRP section of DHN Division. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.): 1,79,81,972.82, Earnest

(15) E-Tender No. 102-DHN-2020-21, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Lifting & Disposal of garbage from colonies, Service building, station premises other common area etc. of Daltonganj & Barwadih by hiring of sufficient number o tractor(s) (one set of tractor with capacity of 100 cft, with driver, three labours and fuel daily) ips for a period of 365 days (one year). 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.): 9,81,083.70, Earnest Money (In Rs.): 19,600/-

Date & Time for closing and opening of e-tender: Date of closing of e-tender at 17-00 hours on 21.09.2020. Date of opening of e-tender from 12:00 hrs. on 22.09.2020. Website particulars: http://www.ireps.gov.in. No manual tender will be accepted

against e-tendering. PR/0560/DHN/Engg./T/20-21/192 Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), Dhanbad

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo), Namely: Vikash Mishra S/o Sh. Inder Dev Mishra R/o H.No. 3/30, Old Rajinder Nagar, Delhi has been missing since 12.08.2020 from the area of P.S. Rajinder Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 45 dated 14.08.2020 has been lodged at Police Station Rajinder Nagar, Delhi. His physical

VIKASH MISHRA

description is as under:-Age: 19 Years, Height: 4' 6", Complexion: Blonde, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Light brown colour T-shirt and

olack colour half pant and green colour sleeper in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing boy, may inform SHO, Rajinder Nagar, Delhi at E-mail Id cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/301/CD/2020

P.S. Rajinder Nagar, Delhi Central Distt., Delhi Ph. No. 011-28744012, 28742712

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देकराकास, पटेल नगर, देकरादून-2,45001 उत्तराखण्ड कोम वाउ-1725220, 1725221, केमा वाउ-1725221 | Melaik: www.d

ई- निविदा सूचना राजकीय दून मेडिकल कॉलेज, देहरादून हारा संस्थान में Laboratory Management Information System के अलोगत Software बनाये जाने हेत् इच्छक फर्मी से सीलबन्द विषयामें में आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। Software से प्रन्येथित अन्य समस्त विस्तृत जानकारियों संस्थान की वैदसाइट www.doonmedical.org पर दिनोंक 29.08.2020 से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। आवेदन की अन्तिम तिथि दिनोंक 04.09.2020 वर्ष अपसहन: 05.00 कर्त तक है। ale-nogeleale/RuRs/2009-21/4007 भाषायी संस्कृति दूर विकास क्षेत्रेस, देहरादुन।



SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT, HARYANA SCO No. 20-27, 3rd Floor, Jeevan Deep Building, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP: 2020-21

(Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means) Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA), Govt, of India provides an opportuni ty to the students belonging to Six Minority Communities notified by the Government of India (Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Zoroastrian (Parsis), Muslim and Christian) for availing Scholarship under Three Scholarship viz. Pre-Malric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship for the year 2020-21 on National Scholarship Portal. The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment Department, Haryana invites application for above Scholarship, given to the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India for the above schemes.

a. Opening of NSP Portal for Submission of Pre-Matric, 16th August, 2020 Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship application b. Last Date for submission of online application for 31st October, 2020 Pre-Matric Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship application by students

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The applicant should be a student of the Notified Minority Communities (Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Zoroastrian (Persis), Muslim and Christian) and family income should be as per the norms fixed.

The applicant should be pursuing studies in India in Government or recognized Private University/Institute/College/School. The course being pursued should be of Minimum one year duration

The applicant should have secured 50% marks in the last annua Board/Class examination.

INSTRUCTION

For Applicants

Applicants are advised to apply online against any one of the scholarship schemes on the website of National Scholarship Portal at www.scholarships.gov.in (a link to the site is also available a www.minorityaffairs.gov.in) or Mobile App- National Scholarship (NSP).

Detailed 'Instruction' for filling in online application and 'Frequently

Asked Question (FAQs)' are available on the National Scholarship Portal homepage.

Applicants are advised to give only that Bank Account details which remains in active mode and is fully compliant as per Bank's instructions so that payment of Scholarship does not fail For Universities/Institutes/Schools/Colleges

All Universities/Institutes/Colleges/Schools, where a minority student is studying, should get themselves registered (if not done earlier) on National Scholarship Portal immediately.

For detailed information - Visit the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs

.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. Samadhaan Helpline (Toll Free)- 1800-11-2001 (Timing 9.00 A.M. to Samadhaan Helpline (1011 Fiee) 1000 5.30 P.M., Monday to Friday except holidays).

Director

Social Justice & Empowerment Department

Haryana, Chandigarh

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems) N.I.T. No. S.N. 19, 20, 21 & 22-2020-21-W-V

1	Name of work with its location		Annual Irack Zone for the year of 2020-21 in the section of SSE/P.WAY/DEE under ADEN/DEE. Similar nature of work: CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, deep screening distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine, TRT/PQRS/ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28.
		2	P.Way Zone misc. P.Way Works in the section of SSE/P.Way/GGN under ADEN/DEE. Simllar nature of work: CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, deep screening distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine, TRT/PQRS/ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28.
		3	Reconditioning of worn-out tongue rail, CMS X-ing 8 points and X-ings 52kg/60kg in the section of ADEN/TKD.
		4	Pre temping track measurements, desining track alignment, transferring design alignment data to tamping machine, post tamping machine post tamping track measurements, generating reports and track parameters monitoring using high precision Trimble gedo vorsys (total station trolley & Prism Trolley) & trimble S series total station with trimble TSC3 controller in connection with design mode track tamping of high speed route between NDLS-PWL section for running of 160KMPH high speed trains

			trimble TSC3 controller in connection with design mode track tamping of high speed route between NDLS-PWL section for running of 160KMPH high speed trains.
2	Approx. Cost of work	1.	Rs. 6999836.97
		2.	Rs. 5999866.38
ı		3.	Rs. 3998630.08
L		4.	Rs. 4498529.28
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)
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		Boards letter no 201025//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
	1.	Rs. 140000.00
	2.	Rs. 120000.00
	3.	Rs. 80000.00
	4.	Rs. 90000.00
ompletion period of	1.	12 Months
ork	2.	12 Months
	3.	12 Months
	4.	12 Months

	4.	12 Months
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
	2.	Rs. 5900.00
	3.	Rs. 3540.00
	4.	Rs. 3540.00

ı	6	Date and time for		Opto 15.00 hrs. on 18.09.2020 Oper	ning of tender at
l		submission of tender		15.00 hrs. On 18.09.2020	
l		and opening of tender			
I	7	Website particulars		Above tender available on IREPS sit	e i.e.
l		notice board location		www.ireps.gov.in	
l		complete details of			
l		tender can be seen			
l		and address of the			
l		office from where the			
l		tender form can be			
L		puchased etc.			
ſ	12	8-W/280/e-Tender Notice	e/20:	20-21/W-V Dated : 27.08.2020	1864/2020

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one person namely Dhanjeet Bharali S/o Lt. Satya Bharali R/o Vill No.2 Goreswar Distt. Beksa, Btad, Assam, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi since 04.07.2016. In this regard, a case vide DD No. 32B, dated 17.07.2016 has been registered at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi. The description of the missing person is as under.



Age: 36 Years, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5' 2", Face: Long, Built: Medium, Wearing: White Blue chekdar Shirt and Blue Jeans and hawai chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing person then please inform P.S. Kotwali, Delhi following Tel No. / e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639

Sd/- S.H.O. P.S. Kotwali, Delhi DP/490/N/2020 Ph: 011-23977100, 23953442

DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING e-tenders

Delhi Transco Ltd, a Government of NCT of Delhi Undertaking, invites online tender for the work: <u>Tender No. T20P122224</u>: Repairing of stubs, chimneys and raising the height of chimneys of 400 kV lines at 400 kV Bamnauli sub station. Last date for bid submission: 21.09.2020 at 1.00 p.m. For downloading of tender documents and further details please visit website Delhi Govt website https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in visit website Deini Govi website IIII 193665_1 and DTL website www.dtl.gov.in PR/20-21/17 Unique No. DTL-7737-240820.

to the above e-tender would appear only on the above mentioned websites.



भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड Container Corporation of India Ltd. (भारत सरकार का एक नवरत्न उपक्रम) (A Navratna Undertaking Govt. of India)

PUBLIC AUCTION/TENDER NOTICE DISPOSAL OF UNCLEARED/UNCLAIMED IMPORTED/DOMESTIC DAMAGE CONTAINER/ CARGO THROUGH E- AUCTION

Container Corporation of India Ltd. shall be auctioning scrap items, domestic empty damage containers and unclaimed/uncleared imported cargo landed at the terminals of Area-I (North), those containers arrived on or before 30.06.2020 through e-auction on 08.09.2020, 19.09.2020 & 30.09.2020 on "AS S WHERE IS BASIS". All details along with Terms & Conditions of auction sale & cargo details will be available on www.concorindia.co.in & www.mstcecommerce.com w.e.f. 29,08,2020 09,09,2020 & 20,09,2020. All importers including Government Undertakings/ Departments whose containers/goods are lying unclaimed/uncleared and falling in the said list uploaded in website a espective terminals, because of any dispute, stay by Court/ Tribunal/others or any such reason ma accordingly inform the concerned Executive Director, Area-I (Morth) CONCOR, as well as Commissioner of Customs of the concerned Commissionerate, and file their objections/claims egarding disposal of such goods within **7 (Seven Days)** of this notice failing which the goods will be auctioned on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" without any further notice. For full details please log on to www.concorindia.co.in & www.mstcecommerce.com **Executive Directo**

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इन्द्रमाहरीए MUMBAI METROPOLITAN REGION **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** MMRDA (A Govt. of Maharashtra Undertaking

Plot Nos. C-14 & 15, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051. Tel. 022-26590001-04, FAX – 022-26594182 Web site: www.mmrda.maharashtra.gov.in e-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No.: MMRDA/MMRP/L2B-C102/2020 Contract No: MMRDA/MMRP/L2B-C102 Part Design and Construction of (Balance Works of Package CA06) Elevated Viaduct and 5 Elevated Stations viz. MTNL Metro, S. G. Barve Marg, Kurla East EEH & Chembur [excluding Architectural Finishing & Pre-Engineered Steel Rool Structure of Stations] from Chainage 46860.384m to Chainage 52729.312m of

ine 2B [D.N Nagar-Mandale] of Mumbai Metro Rail Project of MMRDA : MMRDA/MMRP/L2B-C102 . Key Details Estimated Cost of Tender: INR 568.55 Crore (inclusive of GST) EMD: INR 5.69 Crores 4. Completion period of the Work: 30 months

Cost of Tender: Interested Bidders have to make online payment of INR 5,000 + GST/-(As applicable) Non-Refundable as Tender Processing Fee using on line payment gateway during bid preparation using Debit Card/Credit Card/Net-Banking.

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Date: 29.08.2020 Place : Mumbai

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Website: www.investjammu.in Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

For hiring of Management Consultancy firms for supporting the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for implementation of Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP & District- BRAP under Ease of Doing Business program by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Eol Reference No: D12C/J/Acctts/2020-21/702 Dated: 24.08.2020

Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Jammu Nodal Agency for hiring Consultancy Firm for Implementing Business Reforms Action Plan of DPIIT, Govt, of India for Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir invites expression of interest from reputed consultancy firms of National and International repute for the Unior Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in Ease of Doing Business.

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Website: www.hafed.gov.in NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER FOR ENGAGEMENT OF RETAIL AGENCY/FIRM FOR OPERATIONS OF HAFED'S RETAIL SALE OUTLETS IN HARYANA INCLUDING LOGIS-

The Haryana State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (HAFED) invites E-Tenders for hiring of a Retail Agency for Operations of HAFED's Retail Sale Outlets including Logistics Management, Store management and Point of Sale (P.O.S) based IT Solution. The agencies having experience in Retail Sale Operations and fulfilling the eligibility criteria laid down in the e-tender documen may submit their technical and financial bids along with all support ing documents online. The tender document containing details o scope of work, eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions is available on portal https://etenders.hry.nic.in and Hafed's website www.hafed.gov.in. The period of downloading of tender document & bid submission starts from 27.08.2020 at 06.00 PM to 10.09.2020 upto 10.00 AM through e-Tender portal https://etenders.hry.nic.in The technical bids will be opened on 10.09.2020 at 11.00 AM a Hafed Corporate Office, Sector-5, Panchkula in the presence of the bidders or their authorised representatives, who may wish to be present. Thereafter, the bidders will be required to give a presentation before a committee to assess their skills and proposal. The date and time for which shall be conveyed separately.

> MANAGING DIRECTOR HAFED PANCHKULA



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क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय 🥁 राजस्थान राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मण्डल

एसपीएल-2, रीको औद्योगिक क्षेत्र, किशनगढ़ राप्रनिम/क्षैका किश/राज/पीयूबी-56/ दिनांक 27.08.2020 पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई के लिए आम सूचना 1. सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि **श्री कसनाऊ मातासुख**

लिग्नाइट खदान अरवर, क्षेत्रफल 1063.35 हेक्टेयर, ग्राम-कसनाऊ इगियार, मातासुख, अरवर, तहसील-जायल, जिला-नागौर (राजस्थान) की खनन उत्पादन क्षमता- 1.0 (एम.टी.पी.ए.) हेतु खनन परियोजना से संबंधित प्रार्थना पत्र मय दस्तावेज पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति से पूर्व आवश्यक लोक सुनवाई हेतु प्रस्ताव राजस्थान राज्य प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मण्डल (यहाँ तथा बाद में मण्डल के नाम से अभिलिखित) को प्रस्तुत किया गया है।

 और चूंकि कसनाऊ मातासुख लिग्नाइट खदान, ने राजस्थान राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मण्डल को उक्त परियोजना की पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति से पूर्व आवश्यक लोक सुनवाई हेतु मण्डल को आवदेन प्रस्तुत किया है । उक्त परियोजना हेतु वन एवं पर्यावरण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली द्वारा जारी अधिसूचना संख्या एस. ओ. 1533 दिनांक 14.09.2006 के अनुसार लोक सुनवाई हेतु इस आशय की सूचना जारी कर 30 दिवस का नोटिस दिया

जाना आवश्यक है । 3. उक्त परियोजना से सम्बन्धित EIA/EMP Report एवं संक्षिप्त कार्यपालक सार अभिलेख निम्न कार्यालयों में अवलोकनार्थ उपलब्ध है:-

जिला कलक्टर, नागौर ।

2. पर्यावरण विभाग, राजस्थान सरकार, शासन सचिवालय, जयपुर । राजस्थान राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मण्डल, 04, झालाना संस्थानिक क्षेत्र झालाना डुंगरी, जयपुर ।

सदस्य सचिव, राज्य स्तरीय विशेषज्ञ मुल्यांकन समिति, राजस्थान, 04, झालाना संस्थानिक क्षेत्र, झालाना डूंगरी, जयपुर । क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, राजस्थान राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मण्डल, किशनगढ़,

जिला-अजमेर । कार्यालय खनिज अभियंता, खान व भू-विज्ञान विभाग, नागौर । तहसील-जायल, जिला-नागौर ।

अतः सर्वसाधारण को कार्यालय जिला मजिस्ट्रेट, नागौर के पत्र क्रमांक न्याय/प्रदूषण/ज.सु. 2020/8395 दिनांक 26.08.2020 के क्रम में इस आम सूचना के माध्यम से एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि उक्त परियोजना की पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति से संबंधित जन सुनवाई हेतु **दिनांक 30/09/2020 को** प्रातः 11.00 बजे, स्थान-पंचायत समिति कार्यालय जायल, तहसील जायल **जिला-नागौर** में उपस्थित होकर अपने लिखित⁄मौखिक आक्षेप⁄सुझाव प्रस्तत कर सकते हैं।

इस संबंध में लिखित आक्षेप⁄सुझाव इस सूचना के प्रकाशन की तिथि से 30 दिवस के अन्दर क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, राजस्थान राज्य प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मण्डल, किशनगढ़, जिला-अजमेर को भी दिये जा सकते हैं।

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FROM DELHI, MUMBAI, CHENNAI, AHMEDABAD, PUNE AND NAGPUR MEETING COMPENSATION GAP: SEVERAL STATES SAY CENTRE'S CAPACITY TO BORROW HIGHER

Citing strained finances, states ask Centre to borrow

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

A DAY after the Centre listed two options for bridging the revenue gap in the 41st Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting, several states have raised concerns about their inability to borrow at lower rates and instead demanded the Centre to borrow. States cited their strained finances and the struggle to pay salaries and pensions to not undertake borrowing to meet the compensation gap, adding that the Centre's capacity to borrow is higher than states

'Centre has a higher capacity to borrow. Their interest rate for borrowing is also lower than states. The servicing of debt can be done more efficiently by the Centre than states," a state fi-

State Bank of India in a research report Friday also proposed Centre to make arrangements with the RBI to facilitate such borrowing. It listed three options for the states to meet the revenue shortfall: monetisation of state debt by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), expansion of ways and means advances limit and allowing states to tap National Small Savings Fund (NSSF) for funds at a concessional rate of interest.

"As of now before the beginning of each fiscal year, the feasible levels of the market borrowing for Centre and States together is advised to the Government by RBI, However, RBI does not invest in State Government loans either in primary issues or in the secondary market. Thus monetization of state debt is not exactly possible in the current circumStates have also termed the distinction between the GST shortfall and **COVID-19 related** shortfall as unconstitutional

stances and it is better if the Centre monetizes the debt and gives to states and the RBI will be also comfortable by dealing with the Centre rather than deal with close to 30 sub national entities," the report said.

States have also termed the distinction between the GST shortfall and COVID-19 related shortfall as unconstitutional. They also said that the extension of compensation cess beyond the five-year transition period till

2022 should happen only in case the Centre proposes to borrow, afbe paid for from the compensation cess collections. States are for now awaiting written details of the two options from the Centre.

Former Finance Minister

P Chidambaram also said that under the law, the obligation to compensate the states falls solely on the central government. which is passing the buck of financial burden to states. "The two options given by the Modi government to the States to bridge the GST Compensation gap is a gross violation of the law and an abdication of the responsibility of the central government...states must reject both options and demand, in one voice, that Centre must find the resources and provide the money to the states," he tweeted

In the Council meeting held Thursday, states were given an option of a special window, in consultation with the RBI, to bor row the projected GST shortfall of Rs 97.000 crore, and an amount that can be repaid after five years of GST, ending June 2022, from the compensation cess fund. A 0.5 per cent relaxation in the borrowing limit under The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act would be provided, delinked from the conditions announced earlier as part of the pandemic package. The second option was to borrow the entire projected shortfall of Rs 2.35 lakh crore both on account of faltering GST collections and the expected shortfall due to the pandemic – facilitated by the RBI. No FRBM relaxation has been mentioned for this option so far.

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28 THE CENTRE has allowed airlines to operate flights to Kolkata from

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Pune and Nagpur September 1 onwards on a limited basis. Flights from these six airports to Kolkata have remained suspended since July 6 after the state government requested so, citing high Covid-19 case-loads in these cities.

For the first two weeks of September, flights from these cities have been allowed to fly on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, while for the third and fourth weeks, flights will be allowed to operate on Mondays, Wednes-

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VIOLATING THE standard operat-

ing procedures (SOPs) or not wea-

ring masks during flights could

land an air passenger on the 'no-

fly list', with the Directorate Gene-

ral of Civil Aviation (DGCA) asking

airlines to apply the rules pertain-

ing to unruly flyers on such pass-

engers. Meanwhile, the governm-

ent has allowed airlines to resume

in-flight meal services on domest-

ic flights, and serve hot meals and

alcohol on international flights

Indian Express that the decision to

apprehend a passenger will rest

with the crew, which can make a

formal complaint if the said pas-

senger refuses to adhere to the

SOPs put in place to prevent trans-

mission of Covid-19 disease on

flights, "Someone will have to re-

move a mask for sometime if they

want to drink water or have

meals. After such a service is over

the crew can ask the passenger to

cover their faces with the mask. If

someone is misbehaving, and

only the crew can assess the situ-

ation, they can be put on the no-fly

list," the official said.

A senior DGCA official told The

subject to certain guidelines.

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days and Fridays. Airlines are yet to announce their flights schedules to Kolkata from these places. Other flights to Kolkata will continue to operate as per schedule. However, an exception will be on September 7.11 and 12, when the state government has announced complete lockdown, due to which no flights will be operated to Kolkata and Bagdogra airports.

Airlines get nod for limited domestic ops

to Kolkata from six cities from Sept 1

With the union government asking states to relax curbs on inter-state travel, governments have started loosening up their travel norms. Earlier this week, Karnataka announced fresh norms for inter-state travel as per which people travelling from other states to Karnataka shall neither have to undergo the mandatory quarantine for 14 days nor register themselves on the Seva Sindhu portal. The relaxations were annou-

nced after the Ministry of Home Affairs wrote to states last week that there cannot be "restriction on inter-state and intra-state movement", as stipulated in the July 29 guidelines for Unlock-3.

Further, Goa too revoked the requirement for travellers to get a travel permit prior to enter the state. However, other requirements such as quarantine and getting a Covid-19 test certificate still remain, Himachal Pradesh also relaxed the norms for tourists compelling them to stay in the state for a minimum of two days, as against a mandatory minimum stay of five days earlier.

COVID-19 IMPACT

'Rural demand to aid recovery but can't substitute for urban demand'

Rural demand can contribute towards recovery in the economy but cannot be a substitute for urban demand, said a India Ratings and Research report

RECOVERY ENGINE:

While industrial and services sectors are struggling to recover from impact of COVID, the agriculture sector can become an engine for recovery

About 17%: Share of agriculture in country's gross value

GDP FORECAST: It expects the first guarter 2020-21 GDP growth



to come in at negative 17.03%

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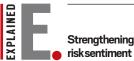
Agri sector has largely not been impacted during lockdown or thereafter Source: India Ratings & Research/PTI

Re rises to near 6-month high as RBI keeps away; dollar inflows, shift in Fed policy boost sentiment

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

THE RUPEE on Friday rose to its highest level in close to six months at 73.39 against the US dollar, even as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept away from the currency market amid capital inflows into the stock markets. The rupee gained 43 paise during the day, rising nearly 2 per cent for the week.

The RBI, which bought \$30 billion of forex in the four months up to July to boost the country's reserves, did not intervene in the market to prevent the rupee ap-



GLOBALLY, RISK sentiments have strengthened

The US Federal Reserve's re-

on aggressive stimulus by

US Fed and there have

been sharp inflows into

domestic stocks

cent policy shift could further boost inflows and boost the ru-

₹18K-cr RBI bond auction devolves

Mumbai: The auction of the 10year government securities (Gsecs) carrying a coupon rate of 5.77 per cent on Friday to raise Rs 18,000 crore devolved on primary dealers as the Reserve Bank of India did not get suitable buyers.

Under the competitive category, the RBI accepted only one bid for Rs 4 crore at 6.1448 per cent which was almost on a par with the secondary market rates. Primary dealers will now have to take Rs 17.984 crore worth of bonds in their books. ENS

To boost exports, Goyal asks states to identify unique products similar to Kolhapuri slippers

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

INDIA NEEDS to take a "unique and innovative" approach to boosting its exports, starting with states identifying products that their districts are famous for. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goval said Friday, Kolhapuri slippers, for instance, could become a billion-dollar export product in the country's basket, if marketed the right way, he suggested during a video conference with vari-

ous state industry ministers. "My own belief is the Kolhapuri *chappal* alone — one product has the potential to do a billion dollars of exports," said Goyal said, adding that the Centre and state had to think of "innovative ideas" to turn this vision into reality.

"One of these ideas, in relation to Kolhapuri chappals, could be if we contact all five star hotels around the world and ask them to keep 2-3 sizes of Kolhapuri chappals in the hotel room almirahs the way they keep bathrobes," the minister said.

A DGCA official said the decision to apprehend a passenger will rest with the crew, which can make a complaint if the passenger doesn't adhere to the SOPs

No mask, other SOP violations could land flyers

in no-fly list; airlines can offer in-flight meals

In the US, airlines such as Delta and United have said that not only will passengers without masks be not allowed to board the aircraft but may even be placed on the nofly list of the airlines

In India, the no-fly list is governed by the civil aviation requirement issued by the DGCA, which lays down the procedure for a person to be disallowed from flying. As per the SOPs for flight operations during Covid-19, an airline has been mandated to provide their passengers with a facemask, a face-shield and hand sanitiser prior to boarding the aircraft.

Further, at the time the SOPs were announced by the Civil Aviation Ministry for resumption of domestic flights on May 25, airlines were not allowed to serve meals on board. Passengers, too, were not allowed to consume any the flight, except on health grounds. However, airlines were allowed to provide water bottles to their passengers. Now, with the resumption of

eatables inside the aircraft during

on-board meals, a huge relief is expected for airlines, which will be looking to add to their ancillary revenues at a time of financial struggle. However, these services are subject to certain conditions. On domestic flights, airlines

pre-packed snacks, meals, or prepacked beverages as per their policy depending on the duration of flight. In all classes, airlines are allowed to use completely disposable tray set-up, plates and cutlery. They have been specifically as-

ked not to re-use the service utensils and cutlery even after cleaning or disinfecting them. Even tea, coffee, and non-alcoholic beverages are to be served in disposable cans, containers, bottles or glasses.

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Premnarayen to be conferred with **AAAI Lifetime** Achievement Award 2020



Krishan Premnarayen

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THE ADVERTISING Agencies Association of India (AAAI) has announced that this year's AAAl Lifetime Achievement Award will be conferred upon Krishan Premnaraven, senior partner, Prem Associates Advertising and Marketing. He became youngest president of AAAI when he took charge in 1988 at the age of 36. Premnarayen also served as chairman of Audit Bureau of Circulation and chairman of National Readership Survey Council.

Ashish Bhasin, president, AAAI, said: "He must be given due credit for vastly strengthening AAAI's relationships with media industry.'

US Congressional caucus urges USTR to push for short-term trade deal with India ple of years "out of the way". clude safe harbors contained in the

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THE US Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans has urged the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to move forward on a mini-or limited trade deal that has been in the works between two countries for nearly a

In a letter, dated August 27, to USTR Robert Lighthizer, the coress on such a deal has the potential to make "significant progress" towards a long-term, comprehensive and enduring relationship between India and the US.

The letter comes over a month after Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said the two countries were close to inking a "quick" trade deal that would get issues pending over the past cou-

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MSI said. So a customer can lease

the latest edition of the Swift Lxi

for Rs 17.600 a month (all inclu-

sive) in Pune and Rs 18,350 in

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IN AN effort to further consolidate the Indian

startup and app ecosystem, the Ministry of

Electronics and Information Technology

(MeitY) on Friday launched a programme

to identify 300 startups which will be pro-

vided seed funds of up to Rs 25 lakh and

other facilities as well. A budget of Rs 95.03

crore has been earmarked for the pro-

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'We understand the complex-

ity of trade with India and the need to address old and new challenges, including India's recent tax on digital commerce," stated US Senators John Cornyn and Mark Warner as well as members of US Congress George Holding and Brad Sherman in the letters. "At the same time, we believe

that resolving issues in the context of a minideal, as you are currently attempting, can demonstrate confidence in our ability to resolve these challenges and expand the economic partnership between our countries. Therefore, we want to highlight the importance of a limited agreement," they stated, adding that this agreement will reinforce the confidence and trust needed to realise the "true poten-

tial" of the India-US relationship. At the same time, they said that it would be "inappropriate" to in-

digital trade chapters in other agreements negotiated by the US. This is because the US and India have been engaged in efforts to establish new policies to promote "greater accountability" of social media platforms in the wake of evidence that they have contributed to "disinformation, social strife and criminal activity" in both countries.

Between 2000 and 2017 alone, bilateral trade between India and the US increased by 560 per cent to \$126.2 billion from \$1 they stated in the letter.

"We believe that a limited trade agreement with India that resolves outstanding barriers, and restores the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) for Indian exports and removes India's retaliatory tariffs on 28 US products will enable us to develop the necessary foundation to advance a stronger trade relationship", they said.

Boeing finds flaws in fuselage of some Dreamliners; eight aircraft grounded

The planemaker said it was conducting a review to find the root cause and has notified the US Federal Aviation Administration. "We immediately contacted the airlines that operate the eight affected airplanes to notify them of the situation and the airplanes have been temporarily removed from service," Boeing spokesman Peter Pedraza said. Aircraft for United Airlines, Singapore Airlines and Air Canada are impacted.

Dinesh Khara recommended for SBI Chairman post by BBB

MUMBAI. AUGUST 28

THE BANKS Board Bureau (BBB), the body entrusted with the task of the selection of the chiefs of public sector banks and insurance companies, has recommended Dinesh Kumar Khara as the next

Chairman of State Bank of India. Khara, who is currently an MD at the bank, will take over as chairman on October 8 once the government approves the selection. Though there was speculation that current Chairman Rajnish Kumar might be considered for an

extension, it didn't materialise. The tenure of Kumar who was appointed for a period of three years in 2017 will end on October 7,2020. The members of BBB met



who took charge as one of the MDs of SBI on Monday and three existing MDs, Khara, Arijit Basu and CS Setty - on Friday to finalise the new Chairman's name. "Keeping in view their performance in the interface and their overall experience, the Bureau recommends as follows: Dinesh Kumar Khara for the vacancy of Chairman and Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as candidate on the Reserve List for the vacancy," BBB said.

Khara joined SBI as a probationary officer in 1984 and has over 35 years of experience in banking

Mines Ministry proposes reforms, seeks stakeholder views by Sept 3

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THE MINES Ministry has released 10A(2)(C) of the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation) Act, so as to pave way for auction-

Section 10A(2)(b) deals with leases where reconnaissance permit or prospecting licence were granted: while 10A(2)(c) relates to grant of mining leases. The Mines Ministry has sought comments from stakeholders on these

BRIEFLY —

RBI analysis on manufacturers

New Delhi: Operating profits of manufacturing firms fell in Q4FY20 due to lower sales, an RBI analysis said.

ICICI Bank sells stake in I-Sec New Delhi: ICICI Bank has

sold 2 per cent stake in its arm ICICI Securities Ltd (I-Sec) for Rs 310 crore. PTI

'Musk net worth tops \$100-bn' Bengaluru: Elon Musk's net

worth topped \$100 billion Friday, Forbes real-time billionaires list said. REUTERS

Lord & Taylor out of business

New York: Lord & Taylor, one of the US' oldest department store chains, is going out of business. AP

Orix Auto Infrastructure Services to launch a MARUTI SUZUKI India (MSI) on Friday expanded its offering in the similar service in subscription segment with a part-**Gurgaon and Bengaluru** nership with Myles Automotive Technologies, under what it calls the 'Maruti Suzuki Subscribe'

Maruti ties up with Myles

Automotive for subscription

service in Hyderabad, Pune

brand, in Hyderabad and Pune as a pilot project. Under this programme, customers can choose to subscribe a new Swift, Dzire, Vitara Brezza and Ertiga from Maruti Suzuki Rs 57,000 down payment. Arena and a new Baleno, Ciaz and XL6 from Nexa for a period of 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42 and 48 months,

IT Min launches 'Project Chunauti'

to identify 300 startups for seed funding

Hyderabad. The minimum lockcustomer was to purchase a Swift Lxi model, priced at Rs 5.19 lakh (ex showroom), the EMIs would be Rs 11,000 for a 5-year loan with

in would be for 12 months. If a

Maruti had tied up with

Earlier in July, MSI had tied up with Orix Auto Infrastructure Services, a subsidiary of Orix Corporation, Japan, to launch the subscription service as a pilot in Gurgaon and Bengaluru. FE

a period of three years.

gramme named 'Chunauti', to be spent over

Under the new programme, the selected

"The startups selected through Chunauti

startups will be provided human resources,

legal, intellectual property rights (IPR) and

patent matters guidance as well as other in-

will be provided various support from the

government through Software Technology

Parks of India centers across India," an offi-

cubation and mentorship facilities.

cial release by the Ministry said.

REUTERS BENGALURU, AUGUST 28

BOEING SAID on Friday some airlines operating its 787 Dreamliners have removed eight jets from service after the planemaker identified two distinct manufacturing issues in the fuselage section.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

e-Tender Notice

Tender No: 17/SE/PHCK/2020-21. JJM-2020-21 MANIMALA Panchayat, Kottayam District - Laying pipelines and Providing FHTC. EMD Rs. 2,00,000/-. Tender fee: Rs. 10,000 + 18% GST. Last Date for submitting Tender: 18-09-2020 04:00:pm. Phone: 04812562745. Website www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

KWA-JB-GL-6-262-2020-21



Thiruvanathapuram Ph: 0471 -2319845 **Devaswom Commissioner**

WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Middle Cauvery Basin Circle, Tricity invites sealed tender as por the tender system steet below for the flowing works from the experienced rejevant dass in PND Contractors. The tender will be opened as mentioned below by the Superintending Enginee work Cover System - Pre-qualification and term Rate Tender in separate covers and dayrant Basin Division, Artylutr - Construction of Check Dam across Manudalyaru river at Proyour village in Arrylatur Taluk of Arrylatur District Construction of Check Dam across Manudalyaru river at Proyour village in Arrylatur Basin Orbest Oban across Analvario Cola, Regrading the bed, Strengthening and standardization of Flood bank at Kulumur village from LS 0 m - 3600 m of Sendura

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For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadi mited, sealed tenders are invited under "Two Cover System" for the following wor rom Civil Class-I State level Civil Contractors registered in State/Central or Quas Government Organisations having experience in similar nature of works. Tenders wi be received upto 3.00 PM on 29.09.2020 and the same will be opened on the sam Approx. value EMD

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a slew of reforms proposals, including amending the contentious provisions of 10A(2)(b) and ing of around 500 potential leases stuck in legacy issues now.

proposals till September 3. **FE**

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The tender schedule can also be downloaded at free of cost from the web site upto 16,09 2020 - 3.30 PM
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Firstly I think it's incredible what many out there in the States are doing within their sports. So many people are standing with the players and really pushing for change. But that is in America and I don't know if me doing anything here will particularly help ... we're in Belgium, we're not in the United States."

LEWIS HAMILTON, FI CHAMP ISN'T CONSIDERING BOYCOTTING BELGIAN GP

The long wait ends

Sachin Nag, winner of India's first gold at inaugural Asiad, to get Dhyan Chand Award

Swimmer Sachin Nag, gold medallist at

away. Nag was also a two-time Olympian and

also part of the Indian water polo team. He

coached for three decades as well. Ashoke felt

his father got nothing in return after the initial

and Lady Edwina Mountbatten watched the

event at the pool in 1951, Ashoke says. "Nehru

ji was the first one to congratulate my father

poolside when he won the gold in the 100m

freestyle. I have pictures of Nehru ji and my fa-

ther together. My father would say PM Nehru

gave me respect but at times he felt that over

the years people had forgotten him," Ashoke,

favours. Ashoke remembers how his father

shot down the idea of approaching a top

Swimming Federation of India official to rec-

ommend his name for the awards after they

were instituted in 1961. "My father said, 'I used

to beat him in the 100m freestyle in the pool. I

can't go and ask him for a favour just because

he has become a powerful official.' He was a

vears still sting. Once after the awards were an-

nounced, he asked a footballer on the commit-

tee what went against his father. "The foot-

Some of the barbs Ashoke faced over the

Nag, according to his son, never asked for

the third of six children, says.

proud man," Ashoke recalls.

Former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru

fanfare died down.

the 1951 Asian Games in New Delhi,

passed away in 1987. Credit: Ashoke Nag

NIHAL KOSHIE

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ASHOKE NAG talks about having sleepless nights before the national sports awards were announced earlier this month. The son of late swimmer Sachin Nag, winner of the first gold medal for the country at the 1951 Asian Games in New Delhi, had experienced rejection in the past when he tried to secure his father's legacy.

This was the fifth time Ashoke had applied to the sports ministry to bestow an award posthumously to one of Independent India's first sporting superstars. His father passed away in 1987 'with a broken soul', Ashoke says.

Armed with 47 supporting documents black-and-white paper cuttings, certificates and a recommendation from paralympic swimmer Prasanth Karmarkar — Ashoke, a former sergeant in the Indian Air Force, applied again this year. The willpower to fight for the recognition his father deserved grew stronger every year that Sachin Nag's name was not included in the list of awardees, 2009, 2012, 2018 and 2019 had brought only heartbreak.

"This year, I had reason to be hopeful because it is his birth centenary. And remember, he won three medals at the 1951 Asian Games. The gold in the 100m freestyle and bronze medals in the 400m freestyle relay and 300m medley relay. This was just four years after independence. India was a young country, those medals mattered a lot to the nation. I felt frustrated in the past when my father's name was not included. My father passed away with a broken soul," Ashoke, who has also penned his father's biography in Bengali, says.

On Saturday, Ashoke will attend the online awards ceremony at the Sports Authority of India centre in Kolkata, where the president will virtually bestow the Dhyan Chand Award to his late father, "I attended the rehearsal on Thursday. I met archer Atanu Das and sprinter Dutee Chand. Felt good to be in the company of young achievers. I am looking forward to Saturday. After applying for the award, I would wake up at night and wonder if this would be the year," Ashoke says.

As time went by, Ashoke knew he was in for a long battle.

The family had generously handed over Nag's medals and blazers to the museum at the National Institute of Sports in Patiala in 1992, five years after the swimmer passed

baller asked me, 'how many times did your fa-ther represent India? The footballer himself had won the Dhyan Chand award earlier. Yet he insulted my father by asking that question." Ashoke savs.

Caught in riots

If not for Nag's steely determination, his swimming career would not have reached the heights it did in the late 1940s and early 50s. Nag suffered during the tumultuous days of Partition when he inadvertently got caught in the Calcutta riots. "He was returning from training at the Ganges when a bullet hit him on the right leg. He was badly injured and was admitted in a hospital for five months. When he was being discharged, the doctor told him that it would take him two years to get back to swimming," Ashoke says.

But in a year's time, Nag was at the 1948 London Olympics. He participated in the 100m freestyle and was a member of the Indian water polo team that beat Chile 7-4. All four goals were scored by Nag, Ashoke says.

To speed up his recovery, Nag returned to Banaras, where the family was based. He returned to the pilgrim town to rejoin the Saraswati Swimming Club, which he had founded. The masseurs in Banaras were excellent. Another incident connected to the freedom struggle, where a young Nag was chased by police who were trying to break up a protest, resulted in his swimming talent being discov-

Ashoke narrates the sequence of events. 'My father jumped into the Ganges to give the police the slip. He first hid underwater between two boats. But how long can someone stay underwater? There was a 10km swimming competition starting in the river and my father joined them. He finished third," Ashoke

Back then, reputed swimmers from Calcutta clubs would enter long-distance competitions in Banaras. One of them, Jamini Das, who would captain the national waterpolo team at the 1948 Olympics, believed Nag had great potential and asked him to shift to Calcutta where he joined the Hatkhola Club.

One of Ashoke's cherished memories from his childhood was his father pushing him and his brothers into the Ganges to swim. "We never became top-class swimmers like our father. But being successful in getting my father the prestigious award gives me immense satisfaction.'

Adventure award withheld due to doubts over claims

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THE TENZING Norgay Award in the land adventure category has been held in abeyance pending inquiry, initiated by the government on the eve of Saturday's National Sports Awards ceremony.

Narender Singh Yadav was declared the winner of the prestigious award, named after the first man to reach the top of Mount Everest, by the sports ministry last week. But soon after, questions about the claims and achievements of Yadav, 26, surfaced.

The sports ministry opened an investigation into the claims after Norgay's son, Jamling, requested Indian Mountaineering Federation officials to raise the issue with them, "I had talked with some of the Indian Mountaineering Federation officials and told them to raise this issue with the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs,' Jamling told The Indian Express.

Yadav was one of five persons selected for the Tenzing Norgay Award - the country's highest honour for adventure sports. He was due to be felicitated by President Ramnath Kovind in an online ceremony on

The Sports Authority of India (SAI), on Friday, released the list of awardees who will attend Saturday's ceremony, which will be held remotely owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. Yadav's name was not included in it. "Following the allegations that have surfaced, a probe has been ordered. It has not yet been decided who will head the investigation but until it is over, the award has been put on hold," a ministry official

The controversy broke after a report published in a Nepali newspaper on August 23 raised a red flag. Jamling said the issue 'should not be taken lightly.'

He added that the government should revise the criteria for the adventure awards. "The adventure awards should not be bestowed because of somebody climbing Mt Everest. Instead, they should be given for promoting mountaineering and adventure sports, as well as to someone who plays a part in exploring new routes or scaling new peaks consistently. Such people should be an inspiration to other adventurers," he

Drona awardee dies day before ceremony

New Delhi: Athletics coach Purshottam Rai died due to a cardiac arrest on Friday, a day before he was to be conferred with the prestigious Dronacharya Award.

"He took part in the rehearsal for the National Sports Awards but later suffered heart attack and passed away," a top source from AFI told PTI.

The awards ceremony will be held virtually on Saturday due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Vinesh tests positive

World championship bronze medalist Vinesh Phogat, selected for the Khel Ratna - the country's highest sporting honour will be missing the ceremony after she tested positive for Covid-19.

Vinesh's coach, Om Prakash Dahiya, too has been infected with the virus. Dahiya, who was recommended for the Dronacharya Award (lifetime category), will not be present during the ceremony

The third awardee who will miss the virtual ceremony after contracting the virus is shuttler Satwiksairai Rankireddy, who has been recommended for the Arjuna Award.

SAI, on Friday, said 60 out of the 74 winners will take part in Saturday's ceremony. Apart from the three award winners who have tested positive for the virus and Yadav, others who will not be present are cricketers Rohit Sharma (Khel Ratna) and Ishant Sharma, golfer Aditi Ashok, tennis player Divij Sharan (all Arjuna Awardees) and football coach Sukhwinder Singh (Dhyanchand Award).

Dronacharya Award (lifetime category) winner Naresh Kumar (tennis), hockey player Deepika (Arjuna Award), former boxer Lakha Singh (Dhyanchand Award) and air adventure award winner Gajanand Yadav, too, will not attend the

SAI said they won't be there because of 'health or other reasons.

India pacer, others at CSK test positive

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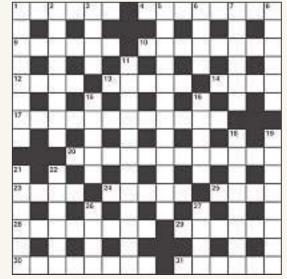
SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) contingent, including an India medium pacer, have tested positive for Covid-19 in Dubai, it is learnt. Sources said, positive results came after CSK players, squad members and support staff underwent coronavirus tests on Thursday.

The Indian Express understands that apart from the India seamer, who plays in the shorter formats, a few net bowlers, some members of the digital/social media team and a CSK team official, too, have tested positive. The Chennai-based Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise were scheduled to start training from Friday, but it is learnt that following the latest development, the team has deferred it until September 1. Those who have tested positive will self-isolate for 14 days outside the bio-bubble. The IPL quarantine protocol for Covid positive individuals says: "This will follow the Government policy and is currently 14 days. During the 14-day quarantine, the individual will be tested on Day 10, Day 13 and

CSK went to Dubai for the IPL, to be played in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) rom September 19 to November 10, last week and as per the tournament's health and safety protocols, the team members underwent a test at the airport followed by another two rounds of tests during the mandatory six-day quarantine period. According to a team insider, every member of the contingent was tested negative during CSK's predeparture camp in Chennai. Two RT-PCR tests were conducted at the camp. The novel coronavirus, however, has an incubation period of two to 14 days, which could be a reason why the tests returned negative.

Following the positive cases, contact tracing will be done as per the health guidelines. est. All casual contacts will undergo an RT-PCR test immediately while close contacts will be closely monitored and tested over the next 5 days," says the IPL health advisory. The Covid positive individuals have to be immediately isolated in a "designated isolation zone", with the advisory adding: "As soon as the individual is stable, they should be transferred out of the Bio-Secure Environment into the isolation facility.

CROSSWORD 4210



Magnificent Slav round up (6)

- 4 Knight defending a castle
- perhaps (8) 9 Hanger-on of low degree (6) 10 A hostile measure (3,5)
- 12 The way to travel to gain time
- 13 The needs of Western workers
- 14 A love outwardly secure (4) 17 Dangerous protagonist is a challenge to the beautician
- (4,8)20 Prospective challenge faced by shop assistants?
- (12)23 A French veto soon (4) 24 It's not immediately required
- to be merciful (5) 25 I follow through with spirit (4)
- ${\bf 28}\, \hbox{It gives the sculptor's work}$ some standing (8) 29 Maybe Mr A to Z of music (6)
- 30 Act when some came in late
- 31 Sixth century hill hero (6)

Files put in the wrong order

- International shipping line (8)
- Disconcerted to hear threat in frank exchange (5-2-5)
- Your humble servant (6)
- labber and annoy (6)
- 11 Period of overtaking on the road?(7,5)
- **15** Story not generally told (5) 16 Fight to protect one's property
- 18 Join in, but don't seize the lot
- 19 Make me turn sharp and sour
- 21 How a coded message was sent and intercepted
- 22 Support or delay (4,2) **26** Employer in serious error (4)
- **27** Note uprising of West African

Solutions Crossword 4209: 1 Dutch, 4 Charles Dickens, 8 Cue, 9 Dissemble, 10 $Eastern, 11 Tie-up, 13 \, Stripe, 15 \, Prison, 18 \, Maria, 19 \, Empower, 21 \, Reputable, 23 \, Eye,$ 24 Tapered, 25 Every. Down: 2 Treasurer, 3 Hedge, 4 Casino, 5 Abettor, 6 Lob, 7 Steep, 12 Elsewhere, 14 Planter, 16 Nursery, 17 Sea bed, 18 Merit, 20 Piece, 22 Pep

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis





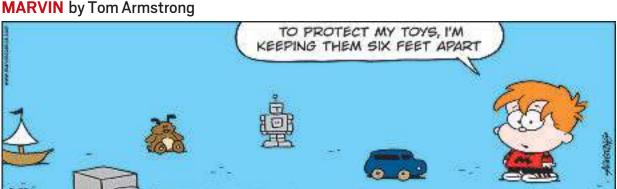


CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson





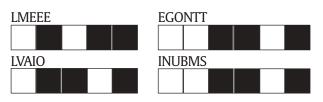




JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get

What we too cheap, we too lightly-Thomas Paine (6...6)



SOLUTION: MELEE, VIOLA/VOILA, GOTTEN, NIMBUS Paine Arswer: What we **obtain** too cheap, we **esteem** too lightly - Thomas Paine

Difficulty Level 3s 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 SUDOKU nine boxes

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Venus, planet of love, is about to turn your attention to emotional

obligations, but you will be able to be just a little irresponsible and leave serious concerns until later, should you wish. What's important is how you go about implementing your deepest desires.

Time seems to be slipping between

your fingers. You will very soon begin to imagine that the moment is now past for improvement in your home affairs and family relationships. In point of fact you will have a welcome second stab at the cherry within

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Happily enough, it is an ideal period for country trips and family visits. Try to spend some time enjoying the

peace of the mountains, the ocean — or the desert. It is rare indeed that your stars are so straightforward, A financial crisis should now lie in the

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You may still be feeling a little wobbly, but a shopping spree now

looks like the ideal way to lift your spirits. Remember that when it comes to money, your horoscope speaks of quality, not quantity. It's not what you've got but what you do with it

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Mars, Jupiter, Venus and Mercury are still aligned with your sign, each in its own

way, and represents a combination that integrates action with knowledge and wisdom. Even apparently impulsive behaviour may therefore seem surprisingly sensible. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) You will probably feel like keeping



New Delhi

but you have sufficient quiet confidence to deal with whatever social obligations are thrown at you. This means that if you do have a busy social or family weekend ahead you should make as much spare time as you can for quiet contemplation.

yourself to yourself,

'Contact tracing must commence at the earli-

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LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Your social prospects are

looking consistently lively, but romantic Venus is now definitely going to make you think twice about whether a particular liaison is really for you. Don't feel pressurised by friends into doing anything which goes against the grain.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) The entire range of

personal possibilities is about to be extended, much to your

satisfaction. Your professional ambitions will remain on the boil, but you may also be making yourself more time for serious social gatherings building up contacts for the future

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Do yourself a favour and don't accept any unnecessary compromises. It is

other people who will have to bend, and if they are incapable of accepting the real you, it is a sign that changes must be made. That doesn't mean, by the way, that you should be unfair.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) The parts of your chart representing business and possessions are

strong, so shopping, spending and all types of investment should come top of your agenda. Joint financial arrangements require special attention and whatever is decided now will yield fairly speedy results.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

You are increasingly

finding yourself as

the person who has to say 'no'. You

didn't ask to be put in that position and it is not pleasant to think that others might come to regard you as a repressive force but, if they're sensible, they will appreciate

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) You will gain increasing pleasure from friends who are of a rather

serious turn of mind. As far as the physical side of life is concerned, you should make a point of getting as fit as possible as soon as you can: remember what they say about the body being the temple of the soul.

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