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Reliance Retail adds **Future Group firms** to its shopping cart

Sale of Big Bazaar, Easyday part of Rs 24,713-cr deal

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GEORGE MATHEW NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

MUKESH AMBANI'S Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has agreed to acquire the retail business of Kishore Biyani's Future Group in a mega deal involving a consideration of Rs 24,713 crore.

After months of negotiations, Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL), a subsidiary of RIL, announced Saturday that it is acquiring the retail and wholesale $business, including the Big\,Bazaar$ hypermarket chain, and the logistics and warehousing business from the Future Group as going concern on a slump sale basis. Biyani, who was known as the



tical and warehousing

footprint will add to its

presence in retail and

wholesale businesses

THE DEAL strengthens

Why this

is key to

RIL plans

"retail king", was overburdened with a debt of Rs 12,778 crore and faced repayment issues. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

CWC AND LETTER OF 23

'No one stepped in when we were attacked, not one concern addressed'

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

NOTONE of the concerns they hadraised was either addressed — or even shared — at the Congress Working Committee meeting and no leader stepped in when those who wrote the letter were attacked, said senior leader Kapil Sibal who is one of the 23 signatories to the unprecedented letter calling for reforms in the party.

Speaking to The Indian Express, which first reported on the letter last Sunday, (full text of letter

indianexpress.com), Sibal said Saturday that the Congress needs a "de jure and a de facto president" and the concerns out-

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'I spend 8-10 hrs in

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Can't complain'

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AWARDS, VIRTUALLY

Boxer Lovlina Borgohain with her Arjuna Award citation at the UT Secretariat in Chandigarh on Saturday. The awards were held online, with players logging in from across the country or turning up at fixed venues. Kamleshwar Singh

GST COMPENSATION

Centre gives states 2 options: easier terms for lower borrowing

Option 1 won't be treated as state debt; in Option 2, need to service interest on debt

AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

TWO DAYS after the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting, the Centre Saturday detailed the borrowing options proposed to states for meeting this year's compensation shortfall of Rs 2.35 lakh crore under the indirect tax regime.

Option 1 has a special window for states, coordinated by the Finance Ministry, to borrow the projected shortfall of Rs 97,000 crore only on account of GST implementation - and not the Covid-19 pandemic – and this amount can be fully repaid from the compensation cess fund, without being counted as states' debt.

Option 2 takes into account the impact of the pandemic, protire Rs 2.35 lakh crore and bearing the interest burden though principal will be repaid from the cess proceeds. The GST shortfall amount (Rs 97,000 crore) will not be counted as states' debt, while the rest of the amount of Rs 1.38 lakh crore will be counted in the books of the states.

Finance Secretary and Expenditure Secretary will hold a meeting with state finance secretaries on Tuesday to clarify issues regarding these two borrowing options.

The sharing of interest burden in the second option has been modified from what was announced Thursday. Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey had then said, "So far as the repayment of loans is concerned in both the options, it will be made through the cess collected in the 6th year, 7th year or what-

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Raina returns to India as positive cases rise in CSK ahead of IPL

DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

FORMER INDIA player and Chennai Super Kings star Suresh Raina has pulled out of the Indian Premier League that starts September 19 in the UAE.

On Saturday morning, a statement on the CSK official Twitter handle said Raina had returned to India because of personal reasons and the franchise offered "com-



in a press release, said 13 personnel in the UAE, including two players, had

plete support

to Suresh and

his family dur-

ing this time".

day, the BCCI,

Later in the

tested positive for Covid-19. identify those who have been infected, it is learnt that all are from the CSK tour party. Incidentally, CSK is the only team that conducted a five-day camp in Chennai before flying to the UAE.

Those in the know say that though Raina's test was clear, the rising number of Covid cases around him and the subsequent extension of the quarantine period for CSK resulted in the lefthander taking this step.

Raina's exit came as a CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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CHADWICK BOSEMAN DIES OF CANCER AT 43

Soldier killed in Pulwama leaves behind dreams of cycling gold

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MUZAFFARNAGAR, SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29

THREE WEEKS ago, Sepoy

Prashant Sharma, 23, told his childhood friend Pariskshit Sharma over the phone from Kashmir that he was "lucky to have survived a military operation". On Saturday evening, Parikshit sat in disbelief at Sharma's house in village Budhana in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar, hours after news trickled in that the soldier had been killed in an encounter with militants in Pulwama in the wee hours of the day.

Sharma was to return home two days later, and was supposed





Left: Sepoy Prashant Sharma's grieving father in Muzaffarnagar. Gajendra Yadav

At the wreath laying

ceremony in Srinagar. ANI;

to get married on December 6. said he was going for a routine His brother Nishant, a year operation. We also discussed younger, said Sharma called wedding preparations. home on Friday night at 8.30. "He CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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NCRB data: Higher share of Dalits, tribals, Muslims in prison than numbers outside

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DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE LATEST data on prisons re-

leased by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) show that Dalits, tribals and Muslims continue to be jailed in numbers disproportionate to their share in the population, unlike OBCs and those belonging to the general category or upper castes.

The data, for the year 2019, also show that among the marginalised groups, Muslims are the one community which has more undertrials than convicts.

At the end of 2019, Dalits made up 21.7% of all convicts in iails across the country. The share of Scheduled Castes among undertrials languishing in jails stood at 21%. The 2011 Census put their share in the population at 16.6%.

In the case of tribals, the gap was equally big. While the Scheduled Tribes made up 13.6% of the convict population, and

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13.6 10.5 35 OBC 34 Muslim 16.6 | 18.7 14.2 13 16 Con = Convicts. UT =

Undertrial, POP = Population *Rest includes General Category All figures in percentage share OBC numbers as per NSSO data Other numbers, Census 2011

10.5% of all undertrials in jails, the Census put their numbers at 8.6% of the population.

With a population share of 14.2%, Muslims formed 16.6% of all convicts, but 18.7% of all undertrials. This convict to undertrial ratio was reversed in case of both the Dalits and tribals. "The data show that our

criminal justice system is not only tardy but also loaded against the poor. Those who can hire good lawyers get bail easily and also have a fair shot at justice. The poor also tend to get sucked into petty crimes for lack

of economic opportunities," former chief of Bureau of Police Research and Development N R Wasan said.

The numbers are stark when compared to the share of OBCs and non-marginalised population in the various categories. While forming 41% of the population as per the National Sample Survey Organisation 2006 data, they represented 35% and 34% of the convicts and undertrials respectively.

The others broadly include upper caste Hindus and nonmarginalised sections from CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

UNLOCK 4.0: CENTRE'S GUIDELINES

Metro to start Sept 7, no state lockdowns outside containment zones

Students can visit schools, colleges; gatherings of up to 100 from Sept 21

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

METRO SERVICES will start from September 1, larger gatherings will be allowed in a limited manner from September 21, while senior students can come to schools on a voluntary basis. The Centre's step-by-step opening up post-coronavirus lockdown is set to see major relaxations in Unlock 4.0, which was unveiled on Saturday.

The guidelines issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs say that states can no longer impose lockdowns outside containment zones without the Centre's permission and must not seal borders.

Metro trains will run for the first time since March starting September 7, "in a graded manner" while social, academic, sports, entertainment, cultural, religious and political functions can be held with a maximum 100 people from September 21.

The Centre has also allowed operation of open air theatres from September 21.

While schools and colleges will remain shut till September end, they can call in 50% of their teachers for facilitating online teaching. Students of classes 9 to 12 can visit schools on a "voluntary basis" to clear their doubts.

The only activities expressly prohibited under the new guidelines are opening of cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres (excluding open air theatres) and similar places with a high risk of spread of the virus. International air travel of passengers, except as permitted by the MHA, and train services will remain restricted.

On Metro services, the guidelines say, "Metro rail will be allowed to operate with effect from 7th September 2020 in a graded manner." It says the Ministry of Railways and Urban Affairs will run the trains in consultation with the MHA, and the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

WHAT'S ALLOWED

- Metro from Sept 7
- Congregations of up
- to 100 people from Sept 21, including for sports
- 50% teachers in schools, colleges for
- online classes ■ Students in schools on "voluntary basis" if
- parents permit Open air theatres ■ Higher education

institutes requiring

- research and lab work for PG and PhD
- WHAT'S NOT ■ Cinema halls

■ Swimming pools **■** Entertainment parks Theatres

- RESTRICTED ■ International air
- travel
- Train services

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China in Russia military exercise, India opts out citing pandemic

KRISHN KAUSHIK

month because of the participation of a Chinese contingent.

India was one of the countries

Covid-19 pandemic as the reason to turn down Russia's invitation, but sources in the defence establishment said India did not want to participate in a friendly exercise alongside Chinese troops at a time when the two countries are involved in a tense

In a statement, the Ministry

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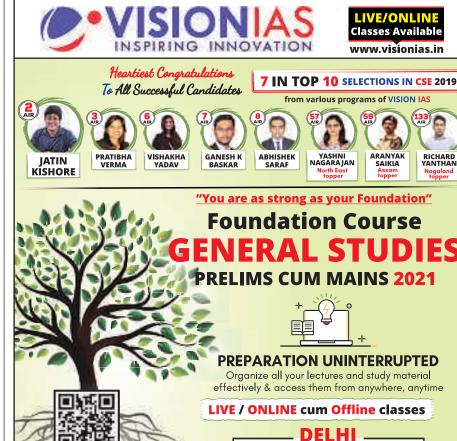
of Defence said: "Russia and ion, central Asian nations, Turkey and Iran will be sending contin-NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29 gents to Russia for the exercise.

INDIA HAS pulled out of a multilateral tri-services military exercise being hosted by Russia next

scheduled to participate in Kavkaz 2020 from September 15 to September 27. Members of the Shanghai Cooperation OrganisatOn Friday, India cited the

military standoff in Ladakh.

India are close and privileged strategic partners. At Russia's invitation, India has been participating in many international events. However, in view of Pandemic and consequent difficulties in exercise including arrangements of logistics, India has decided not to send a contingent this year to Kavkaz-2020. The same has been informed to the Russian side."



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Across the Western Ghats in Kerala and beyond, one of the most ecologically fragile mountain systems in the world, conversations of a similar kind on land, rainfall and the cost of marginalised human lives have become increasingly familiar in the last three years especially with the state battered by monsoon-linked calamities.

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CHADWICK BOSEMAN DIES AT 43

Why Boseman will always be remembered as Black Panther

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INTERVIEW WITH LOVLINA BORGOHAIN

It is what it is...: Lovlina on getting her Arjuna Award over a video call

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How lockdowns led to a rise in domestic violence

NEW EPISODE EVERYDAY

In this episode of the 3 Things podcast, we take a look at the rise of domestic violence during this time and the extent to which the issue affects women

militants killed in the Pulwama

encounter as Adil Hafiz, Arshid

Ahmad Dar and Rouf Ahmad Mir

all locals. It said the three had "ex-

ecuted several terror attacks" in

Pulwama. Adil Hafiz was allegedly

involved in an attack on a naka, in

which a police personnel had

been killed and another injured.

The police claimed to have recov-

ered an AK-47 rifle and two pis-

In a statement, the Army said,

'Late Sep Prashant Sharma was in

the lead element of his party

when it came into contact with

the terrorists... In the ensuing fire-

fight, three terrorists were elimi-

nated and Late Sep Prashant

Sharma suffered multiple gun-

shot wounds on his chest. Despite

being grievously injured, he con-

Sharma's father Sheeshpal

Singh, 48, who retired as Army

Naik, said the 23-year-old, who

had won some cycling champi-

onships, joined the forces in 2017

through sports quota. "Initially he

trained for the Army's sports di-

vision, but was later moved to the

Rashtriya Rifles. He was deployed

to Pulwama around a year ago."

tinued to fight."

tols from the killed militants.

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Russia exercise

India had planned to send a contingent comprising 180 infantry troops, 40 IAF personnel and two Navy officers as observers. India and China have been involved in several rounds of military and diplomatic talks since June to resolve the border crisis in Ladakh, but the Chinese have been reluctant to complete full disengagement, especially in Pangong Tso where their troops have come in 8 km west of the point which India says marks the Line of Actual Control.

Reliance Retail

This deal will help the Reliance group command a dominant position in retail space, paving the way for a battle with US retail majors Amazon and Walmart-controlled Flipkart.

Combining the heft of the top two players in India's organised retail sector, the deal propels Reliance Retail to a position of control of over Rs 2 lakh crore of India's retail turnover, comprising almost a third of the organised re-

"Reliance already was way ahead of any other retailer in the country and this further increases the gap between Reliance Retail and all other retail businesses... as of March 31. Reliance Retail had an annual turnover of Rs 1.65 lakh crore. Future Group would have had a turnover for the year ended March 31 — although they are yet to declare results — of around Rs 35,000 crore," Arvind Singhal, CMD of retail research firm Technopak said.

Prior to the outbreak of Covid-19, Technopak estimated the market size of India's retail sector to be \$825 billion, of which around \$85 billion was organised or modern retail. The Reliance-Future Group deal puts around 30 per cent of this with a single en-

tity, Singhal said. "Reliance has thousands of stores across cities in India. Their reach is very vast in any case, and it will only become stronger now. All these businesses were integral to Future Retail's core operations. They may be separate companies, but they were working for each other," he said.

According to India Brand Equity Foundation, the hypermarkets and supermarkets space is led by Future Group's Big Bazaar and Easyday — Big Bazaar has 295 stores and Easyday around 800 stores across the country. HyperCity, which was bought by Future Group in 2017, has 20

Reliance, on the other hand. has 621 Reliance Fresh supermarket stores, 670 fashion stores under Reliance Trends brand, in addition to more than 50 cash-and-carry stores under the Reliance Market brand.

In terms of revenues, Avenue Supermarts, which operates the DMart stores, is the third largest

by More Retail, which was formerly owned by the Aditya Birla

As part of the deal, the Future Group, which was struggling to keep afloat after Covid-19 hit the traditional retail business, will initially undergo a reorganisation of its businesses in which the key group companies including Future Retail, Future Lifestyle Fashions, Future Consumer, Future Supply Chains and Future Market Networks will merge into Future Enterprises Limited (FEL).

Future Enterprises will subsequently sell by way of a slump sale the retail and wholesale business that includes key formats such as Big Bazaar, fbb, Foodhall, Easyday, Nilgiris, Central and Brand Factory to Reliance Retail and Fashion Lifestyle Ltd (RRFLL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL). It will also sell the logistics and warehouse business to RRVL by way of a slump sale.

"Reliance Retail is not a listed entity and if you see the valuation of DMart, Aditya Birla Fashion, Reliance Industries enjoys a much higher multiple, so while today it might look like Reliance is paying around Rs 27,000 crore, its valuation will go higher because of the additional turnover and its dominant position. So one year from now, if Reliance were to raise money, we will realise that they bought Future's business almost free of cost," Singhal said.

RRFLL and RRVL will take over certain borrowings and current liabilities related to the business and discharge the balance consideration by way of cash. After this transaction, Biyani's FEL will retain the manufacturing and distribution of FMCG goods and integrated fashion sourcing and manufacturing business and its insurance JVs with Generali and JVs with NTC Mills.

The logistics and warehousing undertaking will be transferred to RRVL and the Reliance arm will also invest Rs 1,200 crore in the preferential issue of equity shares of Future Enterprises to acquire 6.09 per cent of post-merger equity, and Rs 400 crore in a preferential issue of equity warrants which, upon conversion and payment of balance 75 per cent of the issue price, will result in RRFLL acquiring further 7.05 per cent of Future Enterprises.

"As a result of this reorganisation and transaction, Future Group will achieve a holistic solution to the challenges that have been caused by Covid and the macro economic environment. This transaction takes into account the interest of all its stakeholders including lenders, shareholders, creditors, suppliers and employees giving continuity to all its businesses," Kishore Biyani,

Group CEO, Future Group, said. It was Biyani who spread the retail chain culture in the country through his Big Bazaar chain and several other retail ventures. In 2012, Biyani sold his fashion retail

chain Pantaloons to the Aditya Birla group for Rs 1,600 crore.

Biyani said this deal will also enable FEL to focus on the creation of new age brands in the FMCG and fashion space and expand its reach. The transaction will help FEL to expand with a focussed business model and a stronger balance sheet.

Isha Ambani, Director, Reliance Retail Ventures, said: "We hope to continue the growth momentum of the retail industry with our unique model of active collaboration with small merchants and kiranas as well as large consumer brands. We are committed to continue providing value to our consumers across the country."

Reliance Retail reported a consolidated turnover of Rs 162,936 crore and a net profit of Rs 5,448 crore for the year ended March 31,

Reliance said the acquisition of the retail, wholesale and supply chain business of the Future group complements and makes a strong strategic fit into Reliance's retail business. "This will help Reliance retail to accelerate providing support to millions of small merchants in increasing their competitiveness and enhance their income during these challenging times," RIL said.

Future Group's portfolio composition in apparel, general merchandise and own FMCG brands will allow for a wider offering to its customers. This acquisition is subject to the SEBI, CCI, NCLT, shareholders, creditors and other requisite approvals.

"We are pleased that our strong retail franchise and brands that we have created over time, are going to stronger hands and $will \, continue \, to \, grow \, and \, delight \,$ Indian shoppers," Biyani said.

Kapil Sibal

addressed "as soon as possible." He said the Congress always accuses the BIP of not following the Constitution and of destroying the foundation of democracy. "What do we want? We want adherence to our (party's) Constitution. Who can object to that," he said.

"Politics in this country, I don't talk of any particular party, is based now primarily on loyalty. We need what is called loyalty plus. What is that plus? That plus is merit, inclusiveness, commitment to the cause and that plus is about being able to listen and to have a dialogue. This is what politics should be," he said.

The letter sought a "full time and effective leadership" which is both "visible" and "active" in the field; elections to the CWC; and the urgent establishment of an "institutional leadership mechanism" to "collectively" guide the party's revival.

But the debate the letter triggered within the party inevitably became a loyalty test with Chief Ministers and state units pledging allegiance to the Gandhis and the signatories at the CWC being effectively sidelined

Sibal said the CWC should have been apprised of what the letter said. "That is the fundamental thing that should have happened. If you find fault with any part of what we have written, then, surely, we can be questioned

and we should be questioned." "But if you don't talk of substance and talk of either timing or the fact that we wrote, that itself is an example of distancing yourself from the cause. And that has what has happened. Not one request of ours, concern of ours, reflected in the letter, was sought to be addressed, Not one. Yet we are called

dissenters." Sibal said. While the letter was not discussed, "in the course of the (CWC) meeting we were called traitors and nobody sitting in that meeting including the leadership told them that this is not the kind of language" used in the Congress. "Our letter...every part of it was in very civilised language," he said.

Unlock 4: Metro to start Sept 7, no state lockdowns outside containment zones

Urban Affairs Ministry will frame a Standard Operating Procedure.

In May, the Ministry had shared a detailed SOP with all Metro operators across the country, including a proposal to link OR code-based tickets with the Aarogya Setu app, mandatory masks, limited entry, thermal scanning of passengers, longer opening of gates of coaches to let in fresh air, and social distancing of passengers through alternate vacant seats.

For "social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/religious/political functions and other congregations", the guidelines have fixed a ceiling of 100 people. "Such limited gatherings can be held with mandatory wearing of face masks, social distancing, provision for thermal scanning and hand-wash or sanitiser," the guidelines say.

The MHA clarified that the same rules as currently applicable for weddings and funerals will continue -- a limit of 50 and 20 people in attendance,

respectively -- till September 20. After that, their limit too will be raised to 100.

The MHA said states and Union territories were not in favour of opening schools and colleges and so they shall remain shut till September 30.

Specifying the relaxations allowed from September 21, the guidelines say, "States/UTs may permit up to 50% of teaching and non-teaching staff to be called to the schools at a time for online teaching/ telecounselling and related work. Students of classes 9 to 12 may be permitted to visit their schools, in areas outside the containment zones only, on a voluntary basis, for taking guidance from their teachers. This will be subject to written consent of their parents/ guardians. Apart from this, skill or en-

trepreneurship training will be permitted in National Skill Training Institutes, Industrial Training Institutes, and shortterm training centres registered with the National Skill Development Corporation or State Skill Development Missions or other ministries of the Centre and states.

In higher education, the guidelines say, institutions can be opened "only for research scholars (Ph.D.) and post-graduate students of technical and professional programmes requiring laboratory/experimental works".

"These will be permitted by the Department of Higher Education (DHE) in consultation with the MHA, based on the assessment of the situation, and keeping in view the incidence of Covid-19 in states/UTs." With states such as Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Bihar frequently sealing borders or imposing lockdowns, the MHA has decided to rescind the power of states to impose lockdowns. It had in the past written to states multiple times to not restrict the movement of people and goods across district or state borders.

"State/UT Governments shall not impose any local lockdown(State/district/sub-divithe containment zones, without prior consultation with the Central government. There shall be no restriction on interstate and intra-state movement of persons and goods. No separate permission/approval/e-permit will be required for such movement," the guidelines say.

sion/city/village level), outside

An MHA official said, "Such lockdowns and sealing of borders have severely impaired supply chains and are adversely affecting efforts to revive the economy."

Within containment zones, severe restrictions will continue to ply with perimeter control. The MHA also asked people to strictly follow social distancing and wearing of masks. "National directives for Covid-19 management shall continue to be followed throughout the country, with a view to ensure social distancing. Shops will need to maintain adequate physical distancing among customers," the guidelines say, adding the

Neighbours recalled how fond Sharma was of cycling, even dreaming of winning a gold for the country in the sport. Sheeshpal said that recently he had bought a cycle worth Rs 2.5 lakh, after saving up money for it.

Said Parikshit, "He trained for months in Rishikesh, and would cycle along highways. During the peak of his training, he would clock 80-90 km every day." Even in calls home from Kashmir, he would talk about how much he missed cycling. That's what makes him sad, Pariskhit added. "It wasn't that Prashant was afraid of the dangers in Kashmir, he just wanted to achieve more in the sport. He was a sportsman."

Sheeshpal said Prashant wa good at everything he put his mind to. "He enjoyed studying and cycling, he was very fit, trained hard. He would take on challenges, and Pulwama was a challenge. My son wanted to make the country proud by winning a gold medal in cycling... I believe he made the country proud

today by dying for it." Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced compensation of Rs 50 lakh for Sharma's family, apart from a job for a member of the family, and said a road would be named after

him in Muzaffarnagar. Suresh Raina

surprise to even his team mates as the player had just kept his franchise and captain MS Dhoni in the loop.

Before leaving for UAE, an unusual cricket tour that would keep him away from home for close to three months, Raina had spoken about missing his family, especially his son who was born during the Covid-19 lockdown.

"I spent most of my time with my family. My kid's online classes have started so I was busy with that. The real challenge will start for me when I am away from home, during the IPL. As I was with them for the last five months, I enjoyed every moment." he had said

From the time the players landed in the UAE, they have undergone multiple tests and have been asked to confine themselves to their rooms, not even allowed to meet their teammates.

While most teams have started training, the period of isolation for the CSK is likely to get longer. It is learnt that the CSK players, during an online meeting. were told their expected training day has now been pushed back to the first week of September.

In a statement, the BCCI said that they had conducted 1,988 RT-PCR tests between August 20 and 28. "All the affected personnel as well as their close contacts are asymptomatic and have been isolated from other team members,'

NCRB prison data shows caste divide; more Muslim undertrials than convicts

other religions. Estimated to form 19.6% of the population, they formed 13% of the convicts and 16% of the undertri-

Compared to the NCRB data from 2015, the Muslim proportion among undertrials fell in 2019, while rising slightly among convicts. In 2015, Muslims formed 20.9% of all undertrials in jails, and 15.8% of all convicts -- compared to

18.7% and 16.6% in 2019.

For SCs and STs, the situation has not changed much number of Dalit undertrials in over the past five years. Dalits formed around 21% of the convicts and undertrials in jails as per the 2015 NCRB data -- almost the same as 2019. The tribal numbers have remained almost constant among convicts (13.7% in 2015, 13.6% last year), while falling among undertrials (12.4% in 2015 to

10.5% in 2019). State-wise the maximum

jails were in Uttar Pradesh (17,995), followed by Bihar (6,843) and Punjab (6,831). Most ST undertrials were in Madhya Pradesh (5,894), followed by UP (3.954) and Chhattisgarh (3,471). The maximum Muslim undertrials were in UP (21,139), followed by Bihar (4,758) and Madhya

Pradesh (2,947). A similar analysis for con-

victs showed the largest Dalit numbers (6,143) in UP, fol-Punjab (2,786). Most tribal convicts were in MP (5,303), Chhattisgarh (2,906) and Jharkhand (1,985). At 6,098, the largest number of Muslim convicts were in UP, followed by West Bengal (2,369) and Maharashtra (2,114).

Asked why no Congress $leader\,has\,so\,far\,supported\,the\,23$ leaders, Sibal said: "In politics, people say something publicly rect," it said. and think otherwise in private. They say something outside for somebody else's consumption and something different inside."

"I think that people across the country, whether they belong to the Congress or not...they all express appreciation for our concerns. So, there is a public sentiment which appreciates our desire to rejuvenate the Congress. If the Congress is not there, the opposition is not there. We (Congress) need to be the lynchpin around which the wheel of the opposition revolves," he said.

2 options

entire loan. Of course, the interest also will be paid through the cess mechanism. In no case will the states be burdened."

The Centre has, however, clarified its legal stance on the distinction in revenue shortfall on account of GST implementation and COVID-19 pandemic, a point which was earlier termed by several states as unconstitutional.

"Compensation is payable for the entire shortfall (even if it is not on account of GST implementation). This position has been clarified by the Attorney General and is accepted by the Central Government," the statement said.

The Centre also said that the "Indian economy, nay the global economy, is suffering from an exogenous shock" this year, which has impacted the economic activity and hence, the revenues. "Parliament obviously could not have contemplated a historically unprecedented situation of huge losses of revenue from the basearising from an Act of God quite independently of GST implementation—affecting both Central and State revenues, direct and indi-

It further said that Central expenditures are "stretched not only by the pandemic response but also by the needs of national security". It added: "This is a national problem not a Central Government problem alone."

The Centre stated that the compensation is to be paid only from the Compensation Fund and it is not its obligation in case of a shortfall. It also cited discussions in the Council and a proposed legal amendment to consider payments out of the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI) for meeting the revenue shortfall, stating that those were voted against and negated.

"It is for the GST Council to decide on the mode of making good the shortfall. To the extent the shortfall is not made good, the states would still be eligible to get it in arrears after the transition period through extension of the cess, if so decided by the Council," the statement said.

Though Option 2 takes into account the impact of the pandemic as separate from that of GST implementation, a senior government official said it is not making any distinction. "The entitlement remains the same. Only thing is how much borrowing is prudent," the official said, adding that this may tilt states towards Option

For the special borrowing window under Option 1, the Department of Economic Affairs is in consultations with the Reserve Bank of India for fixing the modalities, the official said. "The borrowing will technically be of the states. But since repayment is from the cess fund, something can be worked out," the official said. Under Option 1, states will also

be able to carry forward -- to the

next fiscal -- the unutilised bor-

rowing space of 1 per cent of GSDP unconditionally that was earlier announced as part of the Covid-19 package. The states can also carry forward the balance 1 per cent of their limit but linked to the implementation of reform measures

such as universalisation of 'One

Nation One Ration Card', ease of

doing business, power distribu-

tion, and augmentation of urban local body revenues In Option 2, states have not been given the space to carry forward their reform-linked borrowing limit. States' borrowing ceiling would be re-calculated based on basic eligibility and shortfall, implying reduction in maximum borrowing limit announced under the pandemic package to 1 per cent of GSDP from 2 per cent

For Option 1, the Centre said it would bear the margin between government securities (G-secs) and average of the State Development Loan yields up to 0.5 per cent through a subsidy, if cost of borrowing is higher than G-sec yield

of GSDP at present.

In May, the Centre had raised the net borrowing limit for state governments from 3 per cent of the gross state domestic product to 5 per cent but only 0.5 percentage point of the extra borrowing window was unconditional.

One percentage point after that was to be made available in four equal tranches and the balance 0.5 percentage point could be accessed if milestones are "completely achieved" in at least

three out of four reform meas-

GST compensation payments to states have been hanging fire 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 cess collection is expected to be around Rs 70.000 crore. 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 per cent growth rate from the base year of 2015-16. The rate of 14 per cent, which has compounded since 2015-16, is seen as delinked from

Pulwama At 6.45 am, our father got to

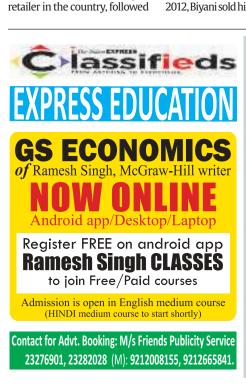
economic realities.

know he had died." The encounter happened as

the Jammu and Kashmir Police. Army and paramilitary forces closed in on Zadoora village in Pulwama after specific inputs regarding the presence of militants there. The police said the militants opened fire, and Sharma was shot in the initial firing. He succumbedto his injuries in hospital. Three militants were killed in the gunfight, and the security forces said they were affiliated with the Hizbul Mujahideen.

The Pulwama encounter happened a day after four militants were killed in an encounter in nearby Shopian.

The police identified the three



101-200 Moderate

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE UPTICK in Covid cases in the

capital has prompted district au-

thorities to deploy additional

teams to prevent violations,

ranging from venturing out without masks to spitting in

public places, resulting in a surge

tional enforcement teams was

taken after Chief Minister Arvind

Kejriwal's warning against

"complacency", which had come

against the backdrop of a steady

rise in the number of cases in the

According to official data,

while an average of 200 such

during the first week of June in

The decision to deploy addi-

in penalties.

301-400 Very Poo

More enforcement

UNDER UNLOCK 4.0; 1,954 NEW COVID CASES REPORTED ON SATURDAY

Details being chalked out as Metro prepares to reopen after five months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

WITH THE Home Ministry announcing resumption of Metro services from September 7, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) announced that it will restart operations in a "calibrated manner". Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who had proposed that government employees be allowed to avail Metro services in the first phase, tweeted that he was "glad" that operations would restart "in a phased manner". Metro services have been shut since March 22.

DMRC said further details on usage by the general public will be shared once the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs issues the standard operating procedure (SOP). The Metro has, however, drawn up guidelines based on the SOP of the ministry issued in May.

HC refuses to

vacate stay on

New Delhi: The Delhi High

Court Saturday refused to

vacate its stay on the telecast of a programme on

Sudarshan TV about a

"big expose on conspir-

acy to infiltrate Muslims

in government service".

The court gave the chan-

nel time till September 1

to reply to a notice by the

I&B Ministry, which will

decide on the matter

within 48 hours and

place its decision before

New Delhi: Eight men

were arrested by the

Directorate of Revenue

Intelligence at New Delhi

legedly smuggling 504

gold bars worth Rs 43

crore into India.

8 held for

smuggling

broadcast



Once operations resume, tokens will not be issued and cash transactions will be completely unavailable. Archive

Accordingly, it has been decided so far that tokens will not be issued and cash transactions will be completely unavailable inside the Metro system, leaving commuters with no option but to use smart cards and credit cards, debit cards or dig-

ital modes for making payments.

There will be thermal screening of every passenger, and they will have to mandatorily wear masks. Inside coaches, alternate seats will have to be left vacant and a distance of one metre will CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL

1,71,366			lotal	Vacant
		HOSPITAL BEDS	14,135	10,114
		VENTILATORS	1,229	749
	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Aug 28	1,808	1,446	20	22,933
Aug 29	1,954	1,449	15	22,004
Total	14,040*	1,52,922	4,404	15,48,659
			*Tota	l active cases

have to be maintained between two persons standing.

Meanwhile, a week before the resumption of Metro services, the capital has seen an uptick in Covid cases, with 1,954 new cases on Saturday, taking the number of active cases past the 14.000 mark

The case load recorded on Saturday was the highest since July 10, when 2,089 cases had surfaced. Bed occupancy in hospitals, which has also been steadily rising, reached 3,904, while 6,850 people are under home isolation.

Till a fortnight ago, around 3,400 beds were occupied and 5,809 people were in home isolation, Around 10,114 beds remain vacant, with the level of unoccupancy more in government-run hospitals than in private healthcare facilities.

The city had witnessed a cri-

sis of hospital beds in early June when the daily average had breached 4,000 cases.

Subsequently, many hotels and banquet halls were attached with hospitals — an arrangement which was discontinued earlier this month due to the dip in cases. With cases rising, the Delhi government has ordered enhanced testing.

The 1,954 cases on Saturday were detected out of 16,013 rapid antigen tests and 6,920 RT-PCR tests. The CM has announced plans to test at least 40.000 samples daily.

The Noida Metro Rail penalties were imposed daily Corporation (NMRC) also issued a statement on Saturday: every district, the numbers have "As per the latest guidelines isnow crossed 1,000 in most cases, sued by the Ministry of Home Affairs under Unlock-4, the NMRC will be resuming its services on the Aqua Line for public cial distancing violations. from September 7, 2020 in a calibrated manner."

Delhi at a summit hosted by the

tres has been developed in Raiokri with about 2,000 square metres of pond in the centre with an amphitheatre, a park, and a walking track around it, said Ankit Srivastava, technical advisor to the Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

ter bodies and 15 lakes. ENS

Award for rejuvenating water body

Ministry of Jal Shakti on Friday.

New Delhi: The Delhi government has been granted an award of excellence for rejuvenation of Rajokri water body in Southwest

An area of 9,000 square me-

The water in the pond is a mix of rainwater and treated wastewater from nearby localities, which is treated through a process called the Scientific Wetland and Activated Bio-digester. The DJB and the flood control department are working to rejuvenate 250 wa-

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

The victim,

body. We registered a murder case based on Kumar's state-

ment.' Police sent their teams to the area and arrested all four men. During questioning, the accused claimed that Rahul and his associate stole Shiraj's mobile phone from his truck. The others witnessed it and chased the men, but they could only catch Rahul. The accused then took him to a park and thrashed

Rahul's family received information of his death around 7 am. His mother Guddi claimed: "Since he had been caught before in cases of theft, locals and police target him. Last week, a group of men thrashed him because they thought he stole their wallets. but they were wrong. Rahul fractured his left hand. On Friday, he told us he wants to start a new life and will look for a job. He got married recently and wanted to help us. He left home after his friend called him. We didn't know that he would be thrashed like this.

him. When his condition deteriorated, the accused said they

Even if he did commit theft, the accused shouldn't have beaten him like this."

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> Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya Jabalpur (M.P.)

SKIMMING THE SURFACE The water level of Yamuna was recorded at 204.14 metres at the Old Railway Bridge at 7 pm on Saturday, said an official of the irrigation and flood control department. The warning level is 204.50 metres. Amit Mehra L-G differs with Delhi Asked for help about missing

ternative.

govt on NEET, JEE

tests. JEE (Main), an online exam

for engineering, is scheduled to

be held from September 1 to 6 at

test centres, and NEET, a pen-

and-paper exam for medical and

dental courses, on September 13.

said Revenue Minister Kailash

Gahlot had also flagged his ob-

jections in writing. "The L-G has

overturned the position of the

Delhi government sources

Owner of car that mowed down CFO held

Gurgaon: A week after the Chief Financial Officer of an MNC died after the bike he was riding was hit by a car allegedly being driven by a minor, police has arrested the car owner.

Woman rescued

New Delhi: A 20-year-old woman, who was forced into prostitution after being allegedly lured by the promise of a high paying job, was rescued on Friday by DCW after she filed a complaint on the helpline for abuse. **ENS**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29 ernment said.

Neither the government, nor LT-GOVERNOR ANIL Baijal has given his go-ahead to hold the Ioint Entrance Examination opment. (Main) and National Eligibility

cum Entrance Test (UG) in Delhi, two days after Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia wrote to the Centre seeking to postpone the exams or provide an al-On August 17, the Supreme Court dismissed a plea seeking but as guardians," he wrote. postponement of the entrance

elected government on the issue," a source in the Delhi gov-

the L-G Secretariat offered any official comment on the devel-

In a letter to Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal, Sisodia had said that calling students to take the exams would amount to "willfully playing with the lives of the children". "In a situation like this, we will have to think not as administrators

Apart from Delhi, many other states have been opposing the Centre's move to hold the exams. However, conveying the position of the Centre, Higher Education Secretary Amit Khare told The Indian Express recently that postponing the tests till after Diwali would wash out an entire semester and affect fresh admissions over the next few

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

A DAY after a 40-year-old truck driver, who was searching for his missing child, was allegedly beaten to death by two brothers in Okhla, police said the accused, who were drunk, thought he was accusing them of kidnapping his son.

DCP (Southeast) RP Meena said, "On Thursday, around midnight, Krishan Meena was unloading some material from his truck in Okhla when his son, Rahul, got out." The victim spotted the accused, Dheeraj and Rakesh Arora, nearby and asked for help but they hurled abuses at him and allegedly beat him up in front of his seven-month pregnant wife.

The accused, drivers of a Gramin Sewa van, were arrested on Friday. During questioning, they told police they were drinking after work when Krishan ap-



child, two beat man to death

The two accused who killed the 40-year-old truck driver

proached them to ask if they had seen his son. They claimed they hadn't, but Krishan did not leave, and they thought he was accusing them of kidnapping his child.

"Dheeraj got angry and caught hold of the man. Rakesh took an iron rod and hit Krishan on his head. The duo continued assaulting Krishan till his wife, Pappi Devi, screamed for help. The brothers then fled," said a police officer.

Later that night, a patrolling

lying in a pool of blood. Krishan was rushed to a hospital but was declared dead on arrival. Devi told police her husband travelled often on work and she accompanied him this time as she wanted to visit her mother's house in Uttar Pradesh. The family left from Jaipur, where they stay, on Thursday. After delivering a consignment. Krishan was to drop his wife and child at his in-laws'

side of the road and her husband

During investigation, a security guard in the area told police he had seen a man fleeing the crime scene. Police then found that the brothers had parked their vans near an automobile showroom and caught Rakesh there. Dheeraj was later arrested from his house.

On Friday, the police team had found the child, Rahul, near a shop in Pul Prahladpur. Devi and her son have returned home, said police.

AWARDEES INCLUDE 3 FROM GOVT SCHOOLS, 1 FROM NORTH MCD SCHOOL

12 teachers from Delhi chosen for CBSE awards this year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. AUGUST 29

FROM A teacher creating a smart classroom by gathering resources on his own, to one working to break taboos around menstruation, to another bringing together art with other subjects — a diverse range of teachers from the capital have been chosen for the CBSE Award to Teachers this year. The 12 awardees from Delhi include three from government schools and one from a North MCD school.

Balwan Singh has been working as a teacher at North MCD school in Bankner. One of his biggest achievements is creating a smart classroom in his school, which, like other MCD schools, is short on resources. "My children study in a pri-

vate school, and on seeing smart classrooms there, I felt even my students should have it. I collected Rs 5.000 from the principal and senior teachers and arranged a large donation from a jewellery business in Chandni Chowk. Acquaintances offered to do the installation work of the projector and whiteboard for free, and we managed to get the system installed in 2017. It is now used as a





common classroom: the interests

of children in subjects like math

school teachers to have won is

Arti Qanungo, who teaches

English at a girls' school in

Among the government

has really increased," he said.



Balwan Singh, Arti Qanungo, Seema Pandey & Rashmi Biswal



Shakarpur and has been work-

ing for years to create awareness

on menstrual health. "It began

with conversations with my stu-

dents, but later I felt the need to

extend this to the community.

Through my students, I'm able to



connect with people living in nearby areas and speak to both men and women," she said. Also among the winners is

Seema Pandey, an artist who teaches art at Ramjas School Pusa Road and tries to integrate it with other subjects. "I talk to teachers of mainstream subjects and think of what activities can be introduced. Before the students learnt about concave and convex mirrors, we had an activity in which students did concave and convex portraits with spoons. I don't think they'll ever forget the subject. I introduce them to the Bengal school of art when they learn about the nationalist movement," she said. Another school in which arts

is an integral part of the curriculum is DAV Public School, Pushpanjali Enclave, where principal Rashmi Biswal has been chosen for the award. "Our focus is on developing communication among students, teaching them to be bold; dance and dramatics play a very important role in that. Both activities are very vibrant in our school. I also encourage teachers to adapt drama as a mode of teaching. Most importantly, I believe a happy teacher makes a happy classroom," she said.

teams on ground to check violations **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

North district, meanwhile, recorded 1,208 penalties on Saturday, as against 150 daily penalties logged on an average in June. Both central and north districts have started fielding around nine additional teams in

this regard.

The teams comprise an executive magistrate, along with officials from Delhi Police and the Revenue Department. The penalties, under the Delhi Epidemic Diseases, (Management of Covid-19) Regulations, 2020, range from Rs 500 for not wearing masks to Rs 1,000 for violating social distancing norms.

Data shows that till date over 2.1 lakh people have been challaned over mask violations. around 22,000 for social distancing violations and 2,690 for spitting. Police have collected over Rs 9 crore from fines on mask violations. The number of additional

with the Central district alone acting against over 2,100 people teams have been decided based on Saturday over masks and soon the size and population density of a district. Apart from The district had recorded an central and north, southwest average of 168 penalties per day district has deployed 20 extra

Suspected of theft, man tied to tree, beaten to death

JIGNASA SINHA

in the first week of June.

A 23-YEAR-OLD man was tied to a tree and allegedly beaten to death by four men who suspected he had stolen a mobile phone, police said Saturday. The incident took place in West

Delhi's Naraina. The accused, Istihar (30), Anish (24), Mustaq Ahmed (32) and his brother Shiraj (28), allegedly dragged the victim, Rahul, to a park early on Friday. Police said they tied him to a tree and beat him up with sticks and an iron rod till he died. The accused have been arrested, police said

Police said Rahul was unemployed and was released from jail 15-20 days ago after being arrested in a case of petty

Police said they were informed about the incident by an eyewitness, Shesh Kumar. He told police, "I woke up around 5.30 am and found my neighbours beating up a man. I was shocked... the man was being dragged to a nearby park. They were carrying sticks and one of them had an iron rod. I asked them to leave the man, but they told me he's a thief and threatened me as well."

Kumar called police and filed a complaint against the accused, who work as truck driv-

DCP(West)DeepakPurohit said, "The police team found Rahul under a tree. He was already dead. There were multiple injuries on his body and some looked severe. A rope and a stole were also found near the

Rahul lived with his mother and his wife in Kirti Nagar. एण्डु यूल एण्ड कम्पनी लिमिटेड

REGISTRAR

Proposal to cut 17,000 trees for 3rd ring road

SHIVAM PATEL NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

TO MAKE way for Delhi's third ring road and two connecting spur roads to Haryana, around 17,000 trees, including those in protected forest areas, will need to be cut, as per a draft environmental impact assessment (EIA) report submitted to the Delhi Pollution Control Committee

The Urban Extension Road II, being developed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), also passes through 9.28 hectares of protected forest land in the city as per the draft EIA prepared by a project consultant.

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Mazdoor-Women

Road Worker

Mazdoor-Men

4. Plumber

7. Electrician

Centering

Painter

10. Carperter

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उत्तरदायित्व उसी का होगा।

का पूर्ण अधिकार होगा।

आईटम का नाम

Burnt Copper Wire

उपरोक्त सामान की नीलामी सामान जैसा है, जहाँ है के आधार पर की जायेगी

वापिस कर दी जायेगी, उस पर ब्याज व अन्य कोई चार्ज देय नहीं होगा।

P.V.C. Scrap

M.S./Iron Scrap

11. Welder classified as National Highway number 344M and was proposed by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) as part of the Delhi Master Plan 2021 to decongest the city.

"Delhi being the national capital generates and attracts huge quantum of traffic not only from within Delhi but also from surrounding regions. To cater to this regional traffic, Inner and Outer ring roads were planned in 1962, of which only the inner ring road could be completed whereas outer ring road is still not a full ring," the draft EIA reads.

"Non-Delhi destined traffic to and from north Indian states... has to pass through Delhi due to absence of alternate network.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health, Chennai - 32

Tender Notice No.11 (2020-2021)

Seeled tenders are invited in two cover system from the eligible bidders for the "Supply of safety kit comprising of Personal Protective Equipments namely Safety full body harness, Safety Helmet, Electrical Safety Shoes, Safety Shoes, Reflective Jacket, Nose Mask, Hand glowes (cotton), Rubber Gloves, Electrical Safety Gloves, Rubber Boot, Safety Goggles, Welding Face Shield and safety kit bag to be supplied to one tash construction workers' employed in the following categories as per the recruitment manifement in Table 1.

Table I

Hand Gloves Nose Mask, Bag

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Helmet, Salety full body harness, Safety Shoe, Nose Mask, Bag

Helmet, Safety Shoe, Goggles, Gloves, Nose Mask, Bag

11. Welder Nose Work, Bag 1000

Earnest Honey Deposit: END of Rs. 21 Lights shall be submitted.
The tender documents can be downloaded from the website www. Linders.th.gow.in/from 31.08.2020 onwards or can also be obtained in person, in the form of CD at five of cost from the Administrative officer, Office of the Director of Industrial Safety and Health, T.S. No.4711, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 32, Mill

67.10.2020 upps 61.00 p.m.
The tenders will be received all 07.10.2020 upts 62.00 p.m and will be opened on 97.10.2020 at 93.00 p.m.in
the Office of Director of Industrial Safety and Health, Guindy, Chernal-32.

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता

नलकूप खण्ड-प्रथम, अलीगढ़

नीलामी सूचना संख्या-03/नकूख-1/2020-21

अलीगढ़ द्वारा गठित समिति के समक्ष निम्नलिखित निष्प्रोज्य सामग्री की सार्वजनिक नीलामी दिनांक 22.09.2020 को प्रातः 11:00 बज

4 150 Kg.

485 Kg.

600 Kg.

उपरोक्त सामान किसी भी कार्य दिवस में इस खण्ड के सहायक अभियन्ता–द्वितीय से सम्पर्क कर नलकूप कालौनी, अलीगढ़ स्थित केन्द्रीय भण्डार परिसर में देखी जा सकती हैं। घरोहर धनराशि केवल बैंक ड्राफ्ट के माध्यम से जो कि अधिशासी अभियन्ता, नलकूप खण्ड—प्रथम के नाम बन्धक हो स्वीकार की

जायेगी। अलग—अलग लॉट के लिए अलग—अलग धरोहर धनराशि का बैंक ड्रापट जमा करना होगा। घरोहर धनराशि किसी दश में नकद जमा नहीं की जायेगी। धरोहर धनराशि का ड्रापट दिनांक—21.09.2020 की सायं 5:00 बजे तक प्रत्येक दशा में नलकू

खण्ड-प्रथम, अलीगढ़ के कार्यालय में जमा करना होगा। निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय के बाद जमा की गई धरोहर धनराशि स्वीका

नहीं की जायेगी। निर्धारित अवधि तक धरोहर धनराशि का ड्राफ्ट जमा न करने पर किसी भी दशा में नीलामी में प्रतिभाग नर्ह

अधिकतम नीलामी बोलने वाले व्यक्ति को 25 प्रतिशत धनराशि बोली बन्द होने के तूरन्त बाद जमा करनी होगी। (धरोहर धनराशि

को समायोजित करते हुए) अन्यथा उसके द्वारा नीलामी से पूर्व जमा करायी गई धनराशि को विभाग हित में जब्त कर लिय

बोली की धनराशि पर नियमानुसार जी0एस0टी0/आयकर अथवा अन्य कर उच्चतम बोली बोलने वाले व्यक्ति को देना होगा।

कोई भी व्यक्ति नीलामी प्रक्रिया में वि/न डालेगा तो उसको नीलामी स्थल से बाहर कर दिया जायेगा तथा उसके विरुद्ध कानूनी

10— नीलामी में लगाई गई बोली की वैधता तीन माह तक होगी। 11— नीलामी स्वीकृत होने के पश्चात नीलामी स्वीकृत व्यक्ति को 15 दिवस के अन्दर नीलामी की अवशेष 75 प्रतिशत धनराशि जमा

करनी होगी अन्यथा उसके द्वारा जमा की गई 25 प्रतिशत घरोहर धनराशि विमागीय हित में जब्त कर ली जायेगी। 12— नीलामी की स्वीकृति के एक माह के अन्दर निर्धारित अवधि में सामग्री का मूल्य जमा करके स्थल से सामग्री ले जाने क

3— यदि किसी कारणवश नीलामी निरस्त कर दी जाती है तो उच्चतम बोलीदाता को उसके द्वारा जमा करायी गई 25 प्रतिशत धनराशि

14— नीलामी के समय बोलीदाताओं द्वारा बोली गई बोली को बोलीदाताओं को बिना किसी कारण सक्षम अधिकारी को अस्वीकृत करः

15— नीलामी के समय बोलीदाताओं को पैन नम्बर/जीoएसoटीo नम्बर/टिन नम्बर एवं फोटो युक्त पहचान पत्र की सत्यापित छाय

प्रति प्रस्तुत करनी होगी तथा सक्षम अधिकारी द्वारा मांगे जाने पर मूल प्रमाण पत्र दिखाना होगा।

उत्तरदायित्व बोलीदाता का होगा। यदि बोलीदाता उक्त अवधि में स्थल से सामग्री नहीं उठाता है तो उसकी सरक्षा का पर

कोई बोलीदाता दसरे नाम पर बोली तब तक नहीं बोल सकता जब तक उसके पास लिखित अधिकार पत्र न हों

नीलामी हेतु समस्त निर्णय अधिकार नीलामी समिति को सुरक्षित होंगे तथा कारण बताना अनिवार्य नहीं होगा। नीलामी समिति द्वारा निर्धारित नियमों का बोली बोलने वाले व्यक्ति को पालन करना अनिवार्य होगा।

Director of Industrial Safety and Health (FAC), Chernal-32.

धरोहर धनराशि रू० में (ड्राफ्ट के रूप में)

Heimet, Welding Face Shield, Safety Shoe, Gloves

Helmet, Safety Shoe, Gloves Mose Mask, Bag.

Personal Protective Equipments

to be supplied in the safety kit Heimet, Salety full body hamesa, Salety Shoe, Reflective Jacket.

The Urban Extension Road II, being developed by the NHAI, also passes through 9.28 hectares of protected forest land in

This leads to heavy congestion on the existing ring roads. To address this issue and further decongest Delhi, the DDA as part of the Master Plan 2021 proposed Urban Extension Road-2."

The document states the highway would begin from Bankoli village in the north and terminate near the junction of

Safety Kits

20000

48000

500

3000

3000

4000

6000=00

800=00

the city, passing through Narela, Bawana, Nangloi, Najafgarh and Kapashera. It will include dual three-lane carriageway and three-lane wide service road, along with provision for pedestrian walkways and cycle tracks.

Two spur roads connecting

the highway to Barwasni bypass in Haryana's Sonepat district and another to Bahadurgarh in Haryana's Jhajjar district are also proposed. The document states that 9.28 hectares of protected forest land will need to be diverted for the project, and the forest area impacted under the project may increase after the forest department declares deemed forest land. "The alignment will require

trees, including forest area," the document states, adding that trees will be felled only after obtaining permission under the Forest Conservation Act 1980 and the local tree protection act.

As of Saturday, the head office of the Delhi forest department had not received an application for cutting of trees under the project, a senior official said. When asked if permissions for tree felling had been sought, Udeep Singhal, the Delhi NHAI regional officer, said these were "parallel activities" and did not elaborate further. The draft EIA mentions that some of the major species recorded in the corridor of impact were peepal, neem, khajoor, semal,

and jamun, among others: "Ten trees for each tree cut will be planted as a part of compensatory afforestation. Plantation of about 1,70,000 trees is proposed."

It adds that 224 households owning private properties will be affected by the project, impacting 794 persons. A resettlement action plan of Rs 1,272 crore has been prepared to address this. "Additional land of approximately 253.71 ha will be required for development of proposed roads... The area under the proposed Right of Way and the proposed alignment of NH majorly passes through agricultural land, hence there will be permanent change in the land use from agricultural to non-agricultural land.."

Finances hit by Covid, discom unhappy with no hike in power tariff

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

TATA POWER, which has over 18 lakh consumers in Delhi, Saturday questioned the DERC's decision to keep power tariff unchanged, saying "financial challenges" being faced by the discoms has put uninterrupted supply of power in the city at "grave risk". BSES, which has a consumer base of over 43 lakh, did not comment.

Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) chairman Justice (retd) SS Chauhan said the discoms should guard against passing "off hand remarks" and wait for the tariff order to come out officially. "Tata is in a good condition, their credit ratings are very good, and they have been the best performers," he said.

Citing Covid-19, DERC announced its decision to stick to the prevailing power tariffs for at least one more year.

"This tariff order... is in the context of the pandemic which is a very challenging time for cus-

In the run up to the tariff fixing exercise, BSES and TPDDL had said they will face a revenue gap of Rs 6,124 crore in 2020-21 if tariffs are not hiked. They put the total revenue requirement at Rs 23,139 crore to meet operational expenses for 2020-21.

DERC cited Covid-19 to not

hike tariffs this year

tomers and discoms. The sharp

drop in sales to commercial and

industrial customers has deeply

impacted discoms' finances in

the last five months. Considering

the pandemic, DERC has main-

tained tariff at the existing level.

However, for discoms, this tariff

order will substantially increase

financial challenges and the abil-

ity to ensure 24x7 power supply,"

TPDDL said in a statement.

NE Delhi riots: No bail for Kalita in UAPA case

New Delhi: A Delhi court dismissed the bail plea of Pinjra Tod member Devangana Kalita, who has been booked under the UAPA in a case related to the Northeast Delhi riots. Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat said the statements of protected witnesses in the case reflected the role of many accused, including Kalita, in planning the activities at anti-CAA protest sites as part of a "conspiracy" which led to the riots.

"The accused had planned and done chakka-jam resulting in riots as part of the plan. The statements clearly point out the role of accused Devangana (Kalita) as also other co-accused persons and various actions taken by them in pursuance of the conspiracy.

"Considering statement of such witnesses regarding role of accused Devangana and other accused persons whose conduct is also highlighted by various statements, I have no hesitation to hold that there are reasonable grounds for believing accusation against accused are prima facie true," the judge said in his order passed on August 28. PTI

Malls and markets in Gurgaon welcome change in closure days

SAKSHIDAYAL

GURGAON, AUGUST 29

THE HARYANA government's decision to revise the days on which shops and malls are to remain closed every week - from Saturday and Sunday to Monday and Tuesday – has given malls and markets in Gurgaon a "lifeline" as they struggle to attract business.

To curb the spike in Covid cases, the Haryana government issued orders on August 21 for weekend closure of public and private offices, malls and shops not dealing in essential services. On Friday, however, fresh directions were issued stating that "shopping malls and shops, except those dealing with essential goods and services" would have to remain closed on Monday and Tuesday instead. "Accordingly, there is no bar on opening of shops and shopping malls on Saturday and Sunday in these areas," states the order.

Officials from malls and office-bearers of market associations, though still

dders for following works under SWACHH BHARAT MISSION.

mmittee and bidders / their authorised agents.

Estimate CER No.20 / HFA / 2020-2021

No.5, Kamarajar salai, Chennai-600 005.

Tribunal, the case shall be heard and decided in your absence.

DIPR/3255/TENDER/2020

Dy.No.365

NOTE:-

hearing through V.C.

Name of work/Estimate No.

Construction of 280 tenements (G+4 storeyed) adopting T.D.34D/2019 & 34B/2019 RCC framed structure including internal

water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements at Noombal Phase-II scheme in Thiruverkadu Municipality, Thiruvallur District under Housing For All (PMAY).



Mall and shop officials said that despite losses, the closure will not impact them as badly

incurring losses, said the two-day closure will not impact them as badly.

"This is much better than the weekend closure. Most of our sales have been happening on Saturday and Sunday since the lockdown; if we had to be shut on those days, the losses would be a lot more. However, staying closed on any day means a loss as malls have their own expenses. We pay Rs 40-Rs 50 per square foot as maintenance, salaries of employees are higher than at normal markets, and so are the rentals," said Aman Bajaj,

Value Put to Tender EMD

8.57 Crores

Commissioner, Madurai Corporation

Approximate Tender Valu (Including GST@12%) (Rs. in lakhs)

Period of contract

2890.00

15 Months

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER CHENNAI CIRCLE-I

Dated: 28.08.2020

By Order of Tribunal

Debts Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun

(M)95600-72676(O) 0135-2720854

Registrar

(in Rs.)

(4)

14,56,000/-

MADURAI CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Ma.Po.5/Est.570/19-20

SWACHH BHARAT MISSION
TENDER NOTIFICATION NO.48/2020

Date: 29.08.2020

1.On behalf of Madurai Corporation. The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation invites Sealed bids from eligible and qualifier

2. Date, Time and Venue for the Per-Bid meeting: 14.09.2020, 4.30 PM. at Conference Hall O/o. Madurai Corporation, Aringar Ann

Maligai, Madurai -625 002. 3. Form of Contract: Two Cover System. 4. The bid documents will be available i http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in, https://tntenders.gov.in from 31.08.2020 to 29.09.2020, upto 3.00 P.M. and bid openin

http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in, https://tntenders.gov.in from 31.09.2/20 to 29.09.2/20, upto 3.00 r.m. and uso upening will be on 29.09.2020, 3.0 PM 5. The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation Reserves the rights to accept or rejor any bid or and reject all the bids at any time without assigning any reason thereof. Eligibility criteria and other details can be had from the Bidding document. 6. Bids must be submitted to the "The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation, Aringnar Anna Maligal, Thallakulam, Madurai - 625 002". in person on o before 3.00 PM on 29.09.2020 and bids will be opened on 29.0.2020 at 3.30 PM, in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. 7. E-mail Address: commr.madurai@tn.gov.in, Contact No: 0452-2532412.

CHENNAI CIRCLE-I

NOTICE INVITING SHORT-TENDER

Tender Notice No. SCB/430/HD/SE(CC-1)/2020 Date: 29.08.2021

For and on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, one sealed tender consisting of two separate sealed covers one

for Pre-qualification with EMD and other one for Price Bid with name of work duly superscribed in both covers are invited from

eligible Contractors who are in the field of Construction Industry and are registered contractors of TNSCB under Class-Language

eligible Contractors with a let in the lieu of Contraction industry and are registered contractors of most of most above or Government Departments / Government undertakings / Government Bodies / Quasi Government / Public Sector undertakings / Housing Boards / Corporation Undertakings / CPWD and registered as a legal entity in India, by the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-I, Tamil Nadu Stum Clearance Board, No.5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai 600 005 upto

3.00 PM on 25.09.2020 and the same will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny

The EMD should be drawn as Demand Draft or Banker's cheque or EDR / Bank Guarantee from any Nationalised / Scheduler

Banks, payable at Chennal in favour of Executive Engineer, Reconstruction Division, Chennal-10. The tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Chennal Circle-1, TNSCB, No.5, Kamarajar salai, Chennal-600 0D row written requisition along with cost of the tender documents to a value of 16,900+ (Non-Refundable) in the form of Demand Draft on Banker's Cheque upto 3.00 PM on 24.09.2020 drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer Reconstruction Division, Chennal-10.

1. Detailed tender notice, conditions for participating in the tender can be had from the Office of the Superintending Enginee Chennai Circle-I Circle, TNSCB, Chennai 600 005.

2. Detailed tender notice, conditions for participating in the tender and the tender documents are also available a www.tenders.tn.gov.in which can be downloaded at free of cost. The tenderer shall keep a watch over the web site till the preceding date of tender for any notifications.

Debts Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun Government of India, Ministry of Finance,

(Departent of Financial Services)

2nd Floor, Paras Towar, Mazra, Saharanpur Road, Dehradun (UK-24817)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN O.A. NO. 131 OF 2020

Summons under Sub-Section (4) of Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993

Read Withsub-Rule (2A) of Rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure)

(Rules, 1993 as Amended from Time to Time)

Canara Bank Vs Vidha Sagar & Anr. 1. Vidha Sagar, S/o Ram Pal, R/o Plot No.19, First Floor, B-100, New Dheerwali, Jwalapur, Haridwar Whereas the above named Applicant Bank has instituted OA No. 131 of 2020 against you for recover of debts of Rs. 23,45,768/- in which Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to issue Summons/Notice U/s 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding Officer on Whereas, it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by way of this publication directing you to appear in person or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner before the Tribunal of 12.10.2020. Further, you are required to show cause as to why the relief (s) prayed for in OA should not be granted and to file reply if any, in your defence in a paper book form in sets and produce all the documents and affidavits under which your defence or claim for set off, counter clain, in this Tribunal personally or through your duly authorized agent to legal practitioner within 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the specified day and time before the

For appearance in person or through legal representative on the next date of hearing through V.C.

contact the Register on Mobile No. 95600-72676 or through email on the official email ID of the DRT

registrar-drtddn@gov.in, at least three days in advance along-with details of email ID as well as whatsapp enabled mobile number. So that V.C. link could be provided in advance to participate in the

Given under my hand of seal of this Tribunal on this the 28th day of August, 2020.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof

TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD

Name of work

Ma.Po.5/Est.570/19-20 & Ma.Po.6/Est.68/19-20
Purchase of Amphibian Equipments 1 No in Madurai Corporation and Operation and Maintenance for Six months for 1 No. of multipurpose amphibian machine for excavation and dredging works in water bodies and natural drains in Madurai

costs... but it is better the government keep Monday and Tuesday closed and give us the weekend," he said. An official from Ambience Mall said: "The impact of this two-day closure will

a member of the MGF Metropolitan Mal

Association. "Our desire is we get full

working hours so we can meet our

not be so much as these are the first days of the week and people usually don't venture out to malls and markets on these days." He added that at Ambience Mall, footfall has improved significantly in the "last four-five weekends", with around 35,000-37,000 people visiting on weekends- an improvement from Iuly when malls were allowed to reopen. At Galleria market, officials said the situation is close to normalcy but were apprehensive that such lockdowns may undo the progress made in the last two months. Neeraj Yadav, head of the Galleria Market Association said, "This will also have a long-term impact...tenants may insist on reducing rent or ask for waivers, there will be disputes, and more shops may get vacated."

SALUTE THE SOLDIER



Capt Suneel Kumar Yadav, (Posthumous) (14 Oct 1976 - 30 Aug 1999)

sorrow alike when in the highest traditions of the Indian Army, you laid down your life in the line of duty. World is a lesser place without you but we now that you are with the gods above and even

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vens have improved by your gracious presence Fondly remembered by NDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

Tender Notice No.:08/2020-21/Furniture/IGIMS/Stor

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed tenders in two packet systems (Technical & Financial bid) are invited from

Rate Contract for the supply of Hospital Furniture, Hostel Furniture, Library Furniture & Office Furniture to this Institute

The last date of submission of completed bidding document is 01.10. 2020 up to 4 P.M. through Speed / Registered Post / Courier services. The technical bid will be opened on 05.10.2020 at 3 P.M. in the Conference Hall of Administrative Block. The details terms & conditions and technical specifications of the items may be

downloaded from Institute official **Website: www.igims.org.** The undersigned reserve the right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reasons Director, IGIMS, Patna

कार्यालय प्रधानाचार्य, स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, फिरोजाबाद संख्या-एफजेडडी/२०२०/१८७३ दिनांक-29 अगस्त. 2020

पुनः अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

इस चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय के निविदा संख्या एफजेडडी/2020/1771 दिनांक 20 अगस्त, 2020 के क्रम में प्रतिष्ठित/ख्यातिलब्ध/स्थानीय फर्मों से Inj. Remdesivir 100 mg के क्रय हेतु ई-निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा दिनांक: 31.08.2020 अपरान्ह: 03:00 बजे से दिनांक: 06.09. 2020 अपरान्ह: 03:00 बजे तक डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड की जा सकती है एवं दिनांक: 06.09.2020 को अपरान्ह: 04:00 बजे तकनीकी बिड खोली जायेंगी। इस सम्बन्ध में विस्तृत विवरण संस्थान की वेबसाइट gmcfirozabad.in एवं ई-टेण्डर की अधिकृत वेबसाइट पर प्रदर्शित किया जायेगा।

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY Follow us on ♥ @SCRailwayindia Details of the Tender Notices of S.C Railway can be seen on our

Tender Notice No.62/2020 dt.28.08.2020 SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS. e-Procurement Tender Notice The following Tenders have bee

floated online. Tenderers are requested to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in and submit thei offers online. The Tender Description Qty, EMD, SD may be seen in website Offers submitted manually will not be accepted. Offers by post will not be ntertained. Tender Closing time is 14.30 hrs of the Due date of the ender. "For all indigenous offers FMD will be accepted only via online system as available or www.ireps.gov.in."

Tender No.75.20.1037 Brief Desc ender No.56.20.1192 Brief Des

Relay, AC 4F/2B immune, plug-in Fender No.29.20.1149 Brief Desc Gasket Overhauling kit

ender No.29.20.1105A Brief Desc Head light lamp 200W, 110V DC Tender No.29.201101 Brief Desc Spheri block for axle guide link

Note: - Due dates of Tender Opening:

S.No. 01 & 02 on 28.09.2020 S.No. 03 to 05 on 05.10.2020

Corrigendum

Tender No. 56.20.5022 due or 25.08.2020 is postpond to 07.09.2020 Beside above mentione tenders

here are other tenders having value below ₹ 25 lakhs. For details, please visit Railway website above. Principal Chief Materials Manager Secunderabad

For further tender conditions /

details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at http://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in



DANAPUR CANTONMENT BOARD

TENDER INVITATION NOTICE (Only through the e-procurement - http://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/)

Danapur Cantonment Board invites the following items separate tender through e-procurement portal site http://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/ in the two sealed envelope i.e. (i) Technical Bid (Envelope 1) and (ii) Financial Bid from the desired bidder for the financial year 2020-21. The date of tender will automatically end by 19.09.2020. This is e-tender bid so no self proposed or manual bid would be

accepted at any circumstances. The desired bidder may participate in the tender by log in the e- procurement portal site i.e. http://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/						
SI. No.	Tender	Estimated Amount in Rs.	EMD	Registration fee		
1.	1. Fishery Right in Dewania Nalah 1,51,000/- 20,000/- 1,000/-					
Important Dates:						

<u>lm</u>	portant Dates:		
1.	Date of Publication	29.08.2020	BY 1200 Hrs
2.	Online Documents Download start date	29.08.2020	BY 1200 Hrs
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	29.08.2020	BY 1200 Hrs
4.	Online Documents Download end date	19.09.2020	BY 1700 Hrs
5.	Bid Submission end Date	19.09.2020	BY 1700 Hrs
6.	The last Date of Document submission	19.09.2020	BY 1700 Hrs
7.	Opening Date of Technical bid	21.09.2020	BY 1230 Hrs
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Dated 2020

(i) Tender Document available and applied only on the Indian Government e-procurement portal i.e. http://eprocure.gov.in/cppp. The contractor who wants to apply must have the Digital Signature Certificate certified by the Competent Authority.

(ii) The bidder must have to upload the solvency certificate, character certificate certified by the competent authority, domicile certificate issued by the authority, movable, immovable property

iii) The registration fee may be paid through NEFT/RTGS. After payment of the registration fee you should inform through email or direct in the office.

(iv)The information of correction or other will be available on the site.

New Delhi

Sd-/XXX **Chief Executive Officer**

No. CBD/TS/AC/2020-21

Cantonment Board Office, Danapur

Address:- Irrigation Colony Bahjoi, Sambhal-244410 **Press Notice for Manual Tender**

class A, B, C and D as the case may be. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works

S. No	Name of District			Bid security (EMD) in Lakh	Cost of Bid document (in Rupees)	Period of completion including rainy season	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Shri		i Khan, Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha)					
1		Gram sultanpur bujurg main Dada Miya ki mazar se Sher Ali Khan ke khet tak mitti kharanja kary	8.100	0.17	725.00	75 DAY	
2	Sambhal	Gram sultanpur bujurg main Sher Ali Khan k khet se Chaudhary Ahsan Khan k khet tak mitti kharanja kary	7.720	0.16	725.00	75 DAY	
3	Sambhal	Gram sultanpur bujurg main Chaudhary Ahsan Khan k khet se Nazir Hussain ke tiraha tak mitti kharanja kary	4.700	0.10	650.00	45 DAY	
4	Sambhal	Gram mirzapur nasrullapur main islamnagar-bahjoi marg se kabragaha tak CC sadak ka Nirman	9.870	0.20	725.00	75 DAY	
5	Sambhal	Gram mirzapur nasrullapur main kabragaha se ramveer k khet k paas tak CC sadak ka Nirman	6.340	0.13	725.00	75 DAY	
6		Gram mirzapur nasrullapur main ramveer k khet se sarkari Nalkoop tak CC sadak ka Nirman	5.180	0.11	725.00	75 DAY	
7	Sambhal	hal Gram Pipli main Shiv Mandir se Devendra Gupta k khet (tirahe) kharanja		0.10	650.00	45 DAY	
8	Sambhal	Gram Shapur Sirpuda main Kalua k makan se Aas Mohammad k makan ka CC sadak ka Nirman	8.270	0.17	725.00	75 DAY	
9	Sambhal	Gram Shapur Sirpuda main Aas Mohammad k makan se karbala ka CC sadak ka Nirman	8.270	0.17	725.00	75 DAY	
		itra Maurya, Hon'ble MP Lok Sabha constituency Ba	daun				
10	Sambhal	Gram wyabhud nain Parveen kumar k makan se santosh kumar k makan hote huye Rishipal k makan tak Inter locking sadak nirman kary	8.940	0.18	725.00	75 DAY	
11	Sambhal	Garm Fridpur main shir Kalyan maurya k Darwaje se shri Badan Singh k ghar tak inter locking sadak nirman	4.980	0.10	650.00	45 DAY	
12	Sambhal	Gram Panchayat Gangurra main road se manoj giri k ghar tak inter locking sadak ka nirman	3.060	0.70	650.00	75 DAY	
13	Sambhal	Gram kadrabad main Mahavir k ghar se kuwar Singh k ghar tak inter locking sadak ka nirman kary	9.900	0.20	725.00	75 DAY	
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3	Sambhal	Gram sultanpur bujurg main Chaudhary Ahsan Khan k khet se Nazir Hussain ke tiraha tak mitti kharanja kary	4.700	0.10	650.00	45 DAY
4	Sambhal	Gram mirzapur nasrullapur main islamnagar-bahjoi marg se kabragaha tak CC sadak ka Nirman	9.870	0.20	725.00	75 DAY
5	Sambhal	Gram mirzapur nasrullapur main kabragaha se ramveer k khet k paas tak CC sadak ka Nirman	6.340	0.13	725.00	75 DAY
6	Sambhal	Gram mirzapur nasrullapur main ramveer k khet se sarkari Nalkoop tak CC sadak ka Nirman	5.180	0.11	725.00	75 DAY
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5 GOVT & POLITICS

'Not one request, concern shown House panel drops J&K in letter addressed at CWC meet' Internet, Tharoor tells

KAPIL SIBAL, Rajya Sabha member, senior Congress leader and one of the 23 signatories of the recent letter to party chief Sonia Gandhi that called for sweeping $changes, speaks\,with\,\textbf{MANOJCG}$ about the letter, the leaders who wrote it, the CWC meet that ignored it, and the future. Excerpts:

It has been three weeks since your letter to Sonia Gandhi. But there seems to be no sign of her having accepted any of your suggestions.

Politics is not about day following night. Politics is about chartering a course of action with. Where are we coming from? One, we believe that the legacy of the Congress and its historic role needs to be preserved and that we must move forward consistent with those values that Congressmen embraced during the course of the freedom struggle.

Second, politics is about change. We cannot be stuck in the past. We need to embrace the present. So we must understand the present, and in that context the mood of the people.

The third part is that politics in this country-I don't talk of any particular party-is based now primarily on loyalty. We need what is called loyalty-plus. That plus is merit, inclusiveness, commitment to the cause. That plus is about being able to listen and have a dialogue.

Therefore, when you start suspecting people's motives, then naturally misunderstandings develop. I am reminded of a poem by Gulzar: Dooriyan jab badhne lagi toh galatfaimiyan bhi badhne lagi, phir usne wahi suna jo maine nahin kaha (when distances grow, so do misunderstandings; they then hear what I didn't say). This is what happens when distance becomes a mode of action and every move is viewed with suspicion.

How did this distance come about? Who is responsible for

At the moment, I am talking about politics. It is true of everyday life also. So the most important thing in this entire exercise is

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

PRIME MINISTER Narendra

Modi Saturday batted for taking

farm education to the middle-

school level, saying necessary re-

forms have been made in this re-

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and its practical application to

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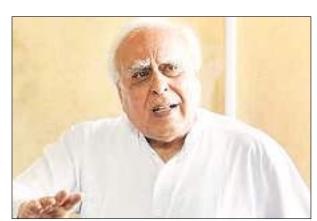
"There is a need to take

Policy (NEP) 2020.

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29



Remember, these 23 [leaders] are not isolated individuals. We all have roots in society. Many of them are forces to be reckoned with on their own. And they have a pan-India presence, literally from Kashmir to Kanvakumari.... I don't think anvone should think this is something that we have done to belittle anybody.

for the CWC [Congress Working Committee to have been told what we have written. That is the fundamental thing that should have happened. This is what these 23 people have written, If you find fault with what we have written, then, surely, we can be questioned and we should be questioned.

But if you don't talk of substance and talk of either timing or the fact that we wrote, that itself is an example of distancing yourself from the cause. And that is what has happened. Not one request of ours, concern of ours reflected in the letter has been sought to be addressed in that [CWC] meeting—not one. Yet we are called dissenters.

Dissent means contrary to an opinion that somebody else holds. They should have told us what opinion they hold on the substantive concerns that we have raised. Then only can there be dissent. Can anybody oppose the fact that we should have a whole-time, 24x7 president of the party? Either they should say they don't want it-then there will be dissent—but they also agree with it. We haven't had a whole-time president since July 3, 2019...

Does the Congress believe there should not be a whole-

Need to take farm education to

PM Modi during his address

"For this, many reforms have

been made in the National

Education Policy," Modi said af-

ter the virtual inauguration of

the college and administration

buildings of Jhansi-based Rani

Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural

Cabinet last month replaces the

34-year-old National Policy on

Education and is aimed at paving

the way for transformational re-

forms in school and higher edu-

cation systems to make India a

global knowledge superpower.

The NEP approved by the

middle-school level, says PM

time president, that we should not have elections? All the concerns that we have placed before the party...if they do not agree then only, we are dissenters. The fact is we are at a historic low. Do they disagree with that?....This whole question of dissenters is completely unacceptable.

We say that our [party] constitution should prevail just as the Indian Constitution should prevail and [PM Narendra] Modi should function in the context of that. What is wrong with that?...Our concerns are on principles. None of us want a post.

What is your next step. What are you waiting for?

We are just hoping that the party will address those concerns.

But you have not been able to mobilise support besides these 23 leaders.

I don't think we should even talk about those things. We are not against anybody. I think people across the country—whether they belong to the Congress or not—and you have seen articles in the media...they all express appreciation for our concerns. So obviously there is a public sentiment which appreciates our de-

Asserting that steady efforts

are being made to connect farm-

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Minister noted that research in-

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three more national institu-

Research Institute, Jharkhand,

IARI, Assam and Mahatma

Gandhi Institute for Integrated

Farming, Bihar—are being set up.

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INTERVIEW

Kapil Sibal **CONGRESS LEADER**

the Opposition is not there. Within the Congress, we have

sire to rejuvenate the Congress.

If the Congress is not there

not seen a single leader standing up in your support.

Then you don't know politics. In politics, people say something publicly and think otherwise in private. They say something outside for somebody else's consumption and they say something different inside.

Even Shashi Tharoor, one of the signatories, has said let's end the debate.

Because he is expecting the concerns to be addressed as quickly as possible. There is no contradiction in that.

The sense which we are getting from the leadership is that a committee, as some of you were saying, may not be

Nothing happens in a day in any political party. I don't know what sense you are getting from where. Remember: these 23 [leaders] are not isolated individuals. We all have roots in society. Many of them are forces to be reckoned with on their own. And they have a pan-India presence, literally from Kashmir to Kanvakumari... Idon't think anybody should think this is something we did to belittle anybody. If they think like that...they will be hurting the future of Congress itself.

You mentioned about loyalty-plus. In the Congress, when you think about loyalty it is all about the Gandhis.

I talked about politics in gen-

eral. I don't want to talk about Congress. That is true of other parties (as well). Within the Congress, people have great regard for the family for their contributions. We also have said it in the document that we greatly appreciated the services the Gandhi family has rendered...but that does not mean our concerns are meaningless.

Ghulam Nabi Azad in an interview to The Indian Express said he has no problem with whoever becomes the party chief via election. So, if Rahul Gandhi contests and wins, what is the debate then?

You are now reducing the letter to an individual... It is not about anybody. It is about processes, it is about dialogue, inclusiveness, discussions, understanding public mood...it is about protecting the future of India. We need a de jure and a de facto (party) president.

Many believe this concern arose because of a particular style of leadership.

Why do you say that? We don't have a full-time president. So we should have When the organisation has elections bottomup, you will have a representation of people who will give you a flavour of the mood of the nation.

Do you foresee a contest for the post of Congress president?

I don't know. It all depends. I cannot predict the future.

Among the 23, are any of you prepared to contest?

That is personalising the issue. I don't want to do that. At the moment we want to revive and strengthen the party.

In the next six months, the AICC session will take place. Most probably there will be elections for the post of Congress president and Rahul Gandhi will contest. How do you see his leadership?

Again, we are jumping the gun. Let the process start. Let's see who wants to do what. But before that, our concerns have to be addressed.

'District courts disposed of 12 lakh cases since lockdown'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

DRAWING ATTENTION to the "positives" of the judiciary, Supreme Court Judge Justice DY Chandrachud Saturday lauded the country's courts for their work during the Covid-19 lockdown, saying district courts alone had managed to dispose of over 12 lakh cases out of over 28 lakh registered between March 24 and August 28.

"When international courts have been talking about cases in single digits, we have hundreds of thousands of cases disposed of," he said at the launch of the new website of the SC eCommittee.

Leading the way has been the ern technology in tackling farm Supreme Court, said Justice Chandrachud, who also heads the eCommittee. "We interacted with 50,000 lawyers who have been able to access the services of the Supreme Court during the lock-



Justice DY Chandrachud

"So often we hear criticism about the judiciary... It's easy to criticize as it has the element of curiosity. But for a change, let's talk about the positives because this is the kind of work done for the benefit of people," he said.

The judge said the e-court services provide "remarkable" citizen-centric services.

The new website is easy to navigate, he said, adding though it is in English, it will soon be available in different languages, "...We must be conscious of the fact that English is not the language of the masses," Justice Chandrachud remarked. "The idea is to demystify the operations of the court system and e-committee.

Speaker it's not in court **LIZ MATHEW** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29 THE DEBATE over the Speaker's letter urging parliamentary panels not to discuss matters pend-

ing in courts is far from over.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor,

who chairs the parliamentary

standing committee on informa-

tion technology, has written to

Speaker Om Birla, saying the panel can take up the issue of telecom and Internet connections in Jammu and Kashmir. Sources said although I&K has been dropped from the revised agenda for the September 2 meeting of the committee, the

panel members. Following the Speaker's August 25 letter asking heads of all committees to avoid discussions on subjudice matters at their meetings, Tharoor is learnt to have sent him a reply, citing rules.

matter will be discussed by

Sources said Tharoor has pointed out that the issue of Internet connection is no longer pending in the court.

On May 11, the Supreme Court, while declining pleas for restoration of 4G Internet serv-

ices in I&K, ordered the constitu-



Tharoor standing committee

on IT tion of a Special Committee to "immediately determine the necessity of the continuation of" limiting mobile Internet to 2G speed in the region. It directed that the committee "also examine the appropriateness of the alternatives suggested by the Petitioners, regarding limiting

geographical areas". On August 16, 4G Internet service was restored on a trial basis in Ganderbal (Kashmir) and Udhampur (Jammu) in the

the restrictions to those areas

where it is necessary and the al-

lowing of faster Internet (3G or

4G) on a trial basis over certain

Union Territory. Tharoor, it is learnt, said the matter is not sub judice now. Sources said pressure from BIP MP Nishikant Dubey forced Tharoor to modify the agenda, dropping J&K from the list of states from where officials are to be called to provide evidence.

Currently, the agenda savs:

"To take evidence of the representatives of the DoT, MHA and the representatives of Bihar and Delhi on the subject of suspension of telecom services, Internet and its impact.'

But sources said the committee will take evidence on the issue of telecom and Internet services in J&K from officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

On Saturday, The Indian Express reported that there have been a number of instances in the past of parliamentary committees taking up matters pending in courts – alleged irregularities in 2G spectrum, coal block allocation and AgustaWestland helicopter deal among the several that were dis-

cussed. The ruling BJP, however, says the rule of a matter sub judice is implied when it is about to be adjudicated. "Parliament is supreme, and it can make law even after the judgment. But when the adjudication is going on, an interference by a parliamentary committee could go against parliamentary procedures and practices," senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Bhupender Yadav told The

Influence of

dictatorship

rising in

Sunday Express.

LETTER CONTROVERSY

After facing criticism, Tharoor now finds support in Kerala unit

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 29

SEVERAL PROMINENT leaders of the Congress in Kerala have come out in support of MP Shashi Tharoor—under attack from his senior colleagues in the state for being a part of the "group of 23"-indicating that a notable section of the state unit supports the call for major organisational changes made by him and 22 others.

Tharoor were state Congress unit president Mullappally Ramachandran and working president and chief whip in the Lok Sabha Kodikkunnil Suresh. While Ramachandran called the statement on the AICC leadership unfounded and totally wrong, Suresh dubbed Tharoor a "guest artiste".

'Tharoor may be a global citizen, but he should not think that he can take any decision or say anything. He should follow the party policies," Suresh had said on Friday. With the comments triggering criticism, he expressed regret a day later.

"I didn't intend to cause any personal hurt to Tharoor nor debilitate him. At the same time, I express my disagreement over the letter to the party high command." he said on Saturday.

Denouncing Suresh's statement, party legislator and state unit vice-president V D Satheesan said that Tharoor was not the party's enemy. "He is a

international level. He is our beloved MP who had thrice bundled off fascist forces from the state capital. Our enemies are CPI (M) and BJP," said Satheesan. Support also came from legis-

Congress leader known at the

lator PT Thomas, who said that the move to "weaken" Tharoor is "unfortunate", "A global citizen such Tharoor should be evaluated based on his dignity," he said. Congress-led UDF Convener

and MP Benny Behanan and MLA K S Sabarithanan also threw their weight behind Tharoor. Satheesan and Thomas have been known to advocate a generational shift in Congress politics to make the party more appealing to the youth. The support for Tharoor may

be seen as an indication that multiple leaders shared the sentiments reflected by Tharoor on the party leadership issue.

"I have no doubt that Tharoor is an asset for the polyphony of democracy and broad-mindedness of Congress. It was through Tharoor that Indian society, particularly the youth, have understood about several vital issues confronting the country," said Sabarinathan.

The attack on Tharoor also came after he differed with the party's stand on the leasing out of Thiruvananthapuram airport to Adani Enterprises. While the entire state Congress unit joined hands with the ruling CPI(M) to protest the Centre's move, Tharoor favoured the decision as it would "develop the airport".

India: Sonia EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAIPUR, AUGUST 29

CONGRESS PRESIDENT Sonia Gandhi Saturday said the Constitution will not be saved by buildings (bhawans), but by respecting the emotions bhawana) of the people.

She alleged that anti-national and anti-poor forces were spreading hatred and venom of violence in India, and that the in-



Sonia Gandhi

(democracy) was rising. Sonia said the founding fathers could

have never imagined that the Constitution and democracy would be in danger 75 years after Independence, as "freedom of expression is in danger and democratic institutions are being ruined".

Sonia was addressing the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the new Chhattisgarh Assembly building in Nava Raipur, the upcoming capital city of the state, through a recorded video message in Hindi.

In the event attended by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Sonia said: "For some time, an attempt is being made to derail our country. Today, it is at a crossroads."

Without naming anyone, Sonia further said such forces want to suppress the voice of the people.

BIHAR GEARS UP

Nadda asks BJP MPs to oversee poll preparations in their constituencies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

KICKING OFF the party's preparations for the Bihar Assembly elections scheduled in October-November, BJP president J P Nadda on Saturday exhorted the party's MPs from Bihar to see that every NDA candidate from their respective Lok Sabha constituency wins.

Nadda, who had convened the meeting of MPs to discuss party strategy for the polls, said each MP should take responsibility for NDA candidates under their respective constituencies. He also asked Parliamentarians to visit at least 60 panchavats outside their constituencies in the run up to the elections.



JP Nadda at the meeting on Saturday. PTI

BIP's Bihar chief, Sanjay Jaiswal, told The Sunday Express after the meeting: "MPs were also asked to hold a virtual meeting with one mandal representative every day. They should also hold a dinner meet with district representatives to take stock

of preparations on the ground." As the party has decided to

contest the elections with the Janata Dal (United) and the Lok Janshakti Party - NDA allies -Nadda had earlier urged party workers to work together for the victory of the coalition.

Former D-G joins JD(U), may contest seat in Lalu bastion

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, AUGUST 29

Former IPS officer Sunil Kumar, who recently retired as Director General (Home Guards and Fire Services), Saturday joined the ID(U). Kumar, who had served as Additional Director General of Police(Headquarters) during the Grand Alliance regime, was seen as being close to both RJD leader Lalu Prasad and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Kumar is the younger brother of Congress's Bhore (Gopalganj) MLA Anil Kumar. It is likely that he will contest from the reserved seat, with his elder brother retiring from politics.

The former IPS officer said: "The word 'service' in IPS would

be my motto in politics as well. I have been impressed with Nitish Kumar's idea of good government and commitment to weaker sections of the society. I will take any assignment the party gives me"

JD(U) spokesperson and Information and Public Relations Minister Neeraj Kumar said: "Sunil Kumar has been a good police officer. He comes with a political background. He will surely boost the party with his ideas and services.' The party, which is looking to

make its presence felt in Prasad's home district of Gopalganj, is counting on Kumar as a safe bet from the Bhore seat. A member of a Scheduled Caste, he may also be projected as a Dalit face in the

months after quitting as V-P, may stay on Raghuvansh had stepped down

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, AUGUST 29

FORMER UNION minister Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, who resigned as RJD national vicepresident in June, may stay back in the party after he reportedly reeived a message from its na-

tional president Lalu Prasad A party source said Lalu, in jail after conviction in a fodder scam case, recently sent across a message to Raghuvansh in an attempt to persuade him to stay with the party. "His concerns will be addressed. He looks convinced with the message from Lalu Prasad," an RJD leader said.

A senior RJD leader with a Rajput vote base, Raghuvansh is learnt to be upset with attempts



RJD's Raghuvansh gets 'Lalu's message' 2

Raghuvansh Prasad Singh

by his arch-rival, former MP Ramakishore Singh, to join RJD. Contesting for LIP. Ramakishore had defeated Raghuvansh from Vaishali Lok Sabha seat in 2014. In 2019, JD(U)'s Veena Singh defeated the RJD leader.

Ramakishore is seen as desperate to join the party—he had even met Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav earlier.

from the party post on June 23 in protest against this. On Saturday, Tejashwi played down questions on Raghuvansh

leaving the party. "I do not react to

RJD national vice-president Shivanand Tiwary told The Sunday Express: "Raghuvansh-babu has been a committed RJD leader. We

do not see him leaving the party".

While Raghuvansh has not made any statement of late, Ramakishore is said to be still looking at ways to enter RID. A source said. "Now he wants his wife to join RJD and contest from Mahnar Assembly segment."

Both upper-caste Rajput lead-Raghuvansh Ramakishore have been vying for Thakur votes in Vaishali

EXPRESS NETWORK

Sakshi Maharaj

JHARKHAND Sakshi Maharaj put in 14-day quarantine

Giridih: BJP MP Sakshi Maharaj was forcibly home quarantined here Saturday for 14 days for violating Covid-19 norms, prompting his party to hit out at the Hemant Soren government for adopting "double standards" in the implementation of rules and threatening to launch a statewide agitation if the leader was not freed immediately. The MP from Uttar Pradesh had come to Giridih to attend a programme from Unnao via

MAHARASHTRA

Govt, Nagpur varsity told to pay Rs5L each to Shoma Sen

Nagpur: The Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court has directed the Maharashtra government and Nagpur University (RTMNU) to pay Rs 5 lakh each to former professor Shoma Sen, who is an accused in the Koregaon Bhima Elgaar Parishad case, as part of her gratuity and provident fund. Sen, who is in jail, had approached the HC claiming the Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University withheld her gratuity and PF since her retirement in 2018. The high court had earlier this month directed the varsity to pay a sum of Rs five lakh to Sen as an interim

UTTAR PRADESH

arrangement.

Covid patient falls to death at hospital

Moradabad: A coronavirus patient allegedly died by suicide by jumping from the sixth floor of a hospital in Moradabad, police said. Police said the 42-year-old patient, who was a senior manager with a bank, was admitted to Teerthankar University hospital on August 25. He jumped to his death Thursday night, they added. Local police post in-charge Praveen Kumar said CCTV footage showed he jumped from the sixth floor. His room has been sealed by police, Kumar said, adding the cause of the incident will be known only after investigation. Prime facie, it appears to be a case of death by suicide, he added. PTI

TAMIL NADU

Cong man held for cheating businessman

Coimbatore: A Congress Youth Wing functionary was arrested for allegedly cheating a businessman from Karnataka of Rs 10 lakh on the promise of sending textile goods, police said on Saturday. Hariharasudhan, Congress Youth wing secretary, promised to send goods through online trading to the businessman and reportedly took money from him, police said. The businessman did not receive the goods for more than six months and asked him to return the money, but to no avail. A Karnataka police team produced the accused before a special court and obtained a transit warrant.

NCRB RELEASES LATEST DATA ON JAILS

118 inmates in space for 100, share of undertrials up

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY

NEW DELHI. AUGUST 29

WHILE UNDERTRIALS in Indian prisons increased from 67 per cent in 2015 to 69 per cent in 2019, capacity in jails increased by 1.9 per cent during this period, according to latest data on jails released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

More than 18 lakh people were brought to jails in 2019, of which over 3 lakh continue to languish without any recourse to bail, the data for 2019 shows.

It also points to overcrowding in prisons - from an occupancy rate of 114 per cent in 2015 to 118.5 per cent in 2019.

The highest occupancy rate was reported from jails in Delhi, where almost 175 prisoners are crammed in a space meant for 100. Uttar Pradesh (167.9 per cent) and Uttarakhand (159 per cent) follow Delhi, NCRB reported.

Delhi, however, has made an improvement over its figures for 2015, when overcrowding in its prisons was at 233 per cent, but it has fared poorly in improvement compared to states such as Chhattisgarh, which reduced overcrowding from 233 per cent



The highest occupancy rate was reported in Delhi jails. File

in 2015 to 150 per cent in 2019. Of 4.78 lakh prisoners across the country, UP has reported the

highest number – 1 lakh – in its jails, contributing 21.2 per cent of all inmates, followed by Madhya Pradesh (44,603), Bihar (39,814), Maharashtra (36,798), Punjab (24,174) and West Bengal (23,092) as on December 31, 2019. These states together contribute around 56.4 per cent of total prisoners in the country.

The number of convicted prisoners has increased from 1,39,488 in 2018 to 1,44,125 in 2019 – an increase of 3.32 per

cent during the period.

Among convicts under IPC crimes (1,26,400) lodged in various jails, around 84.72 per cent have committed offences affecting "Human Body" and around 11.07% have committed "Offences against Property". Among convicts of "Offences against Human Body", the highest number of inmates were convicted of murder (67.44%), followed by rape convicts (12.57%), and those convicted of attempt to murder (6.98%).

Among convicts of "Offences against Women", most were convicted of rape (64.05%), followed by those convicted of dowry deaths (25.58%).

Convicts under laws related to

The trend for undertrials was Human Body" such as murder,

The data shows that more than 26 per cent undertrials are in jail for more than one year, and more than 32 per cent are in prison for more than three months and up to a year.

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liquor and narcotics drugs made up the bulk (55%) of those convicted under special and local laws, followed by those convicted under the Arms Act (11.45%).

similar, with 64 per cent facing charges under "Offences against rape and attempt to murder.

The educational profile of jail inmates (including undertrials and convicts) shows they are predominantly illiterate or semiliterate. While 27.7 per cent prisoners were illiterate, 41.6 per cent prisoners had education below Class X, 21.5 per cent had passed Class X but were below graduation. In effect, almost 70 per cent inmates are either illiterate or semi-literate and more than 90 per cent had not gone to college, NCRB data shows.

FULL REPORT ON

20,000 women in jails, only 18% in women-only jails

Separate prisons for women inmates in only 15 states, UTs

DEEPTIMANTIWARY

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THERE ARE close to 20,000 women inmates in jails across the country, but only 15 states and Union Territories have separate jails for women.

The latest prison data released by the NCRB for 2019 shows there are 31 jails for women across the country, but only a small fraction of women inmates are lodged in these iails.

Of 19,913 women inmates, only 3,652 are lodged in women's jails, making up for just 18 per cent of women inmates, according to NCRB data. The states which have women iails have a capacity of 6,511 inmates but an occupancy rate of just 56 per cent, NCRB reports.

Sources said 21 states and UTs with no jails for women lodge them in separate cells in common prisons. As a result, while women iails are underutilised, the separate cells in common prisons are overcrowded in some states.

According to NCRB data, Uttarakhand, which has no separate jail for women, has the highest overcrowding for women in prisons – more than 170 per cent. It is followed by Chhattisgarh (136 per cent) and Uttar Pradesh (127 per cent).

However, the overall occupancy of women prisoners in states with no women's jails is low at 76.7 per cent. The highest number of women inmates are in Jails of UP (4,174) followed by Madhya Pradesh (1,758) and Maharashtra (1,569).

States and UTs which have separate jails for women include Rajasthan (7), Tamil Nadu (5), Kerala (3) and Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat and Delhi with Karnataka. each. Maharashtra, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have one women's jail each.

Of all women inmates, 65.8 per cent are undertrials, and among these undertrials, the maximum number (6,402) are in the age group of 30-50 years, making up almost 50 per cent of all women undertrials. Among men, maximum undertrials (15.56 lakh) belong to 18-30 age group. For this age group, there

are 4,409 women undertrials. There are also five girls in the ge group of 16-18 lodged in jails in Bihar (1) and West Bengal (4), the NCRB data says. The figure for boys of this age group in jails stands at 189, including Bihar (54), Gujarat (46), West Bengal (42) and Assam (41).

In 2015, Parliament passed a law allowing for juveniles between 16 and 18 years to be tried under adult law and to be lodged in adult jails for heinous crimes.

Akal Takht to

of Indian

honour hijacker

Airlines plane to

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR

THE AKAL Takht, the highest

temporal seat of Sikhism, has de-

cided to confer the 'Panth Sewak'

award on Gajinder Singh, one of

the five men from the Dal Khalsa

who hijacked the Delhi-Srinagar

Indian Airlines flight IC423, with

117 on board, to Lahore on

to protest against the arrest of

Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale ear-

lier that year. Apart from

Gajinder Singh, the four others

who hijacked the Indian Airline

aircraft included Tajinderpal

Singh, Satnam Singh, Jasbir

Singh Cheema, and Karan Singh.

others was arrested by the

Pakistanis on September 30,

tried, and jailed. They were re-

leased in 1994. While two of the

hijackers returned to India, the

other three decided to stay back.

Singh's name in the list of 20

India had put Gaiinder

aiinder along with the four

The hijacking was carried out

September 29, 1981.

Lahore in 1981

AMRITSAR, AUGUST 29

'FOREIGN FIRM CAN'T CAUSE SOCIAL DISHARMONY FOR PROFIT'

Cong writes to Facebook CEO again, seeks details of probe into India ops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE CONGRESS on Saturday wrote to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg for the second time in a fortnight, seeking details of the steps being taken by the social media firm to investigate allegations that it does not apply hate speech rules to posts by BJP members.

The Opposition party alleged that the ruling BJP and Facebook have a "quid-pro-quo relationship" and said it "will also be pursuing legislative and judicial acforeign company cannot continue to cause social disharmony in our nation for pursuit of private profits". However, the BJP hit back, ac-

cusing the Congress of blaming its own shortcomings in the elections on others.

Referring to an article in Time magazine, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "America's Time magazine exposes WhatsApp-BJP nexus: Used by 40 Cr Indians, WhatsApp also wants to be used for making payments for which Modi Govt's approval is needed. Thus, BJP has a hold over WhatsApp.'

Following that, the party re-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE POLITICAL affairs commit-

tee (PAC) of the National

Conference (NC) on Saturday

held its first meeting since

August 5 last year, when special

status to J&K was withdrawn

and the erstwhile state bifur-

cated into two Union

The meeting, at the party

headquarters in Srinagar, was

presided over by NC president

Farooq Abdullah. The PAC mem-

bers authorised Farooq "to

widen the acceptance of Gupkar

Declaration among all sections

(of people) in Kashmir, Jammu

ies released from house deten-

tion over the last one month and

the party began revival of its po-

litical activities, Saturday's meet-

ing is the first large congregation

of its leaders. Before this, Farooq

Abdullah held smaller meetings

at his residence with the recently

released party members.

As its leaders and functionar-

Territories.

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29

NC political affairs panel

meets for first time since

bifurcation of J&K

leased a letter by AICC general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal to Zuckerberg. Venugopal, in his letter, recalled that the Congress had, in the wake of a report in The Wall Street Journal, written to him, asking him to set up an inquiry into Facebook's leadership team in India and their operations and put in place a new team until completion of the internal investigation.

"We are now compelled to write to you again in such a short span of time because of further information and revelations made public in another article by another reputed and credible draw your attention to the article in *Time* magazine that reveals more information and evidence of biases and a quid-pro-quo relationship of Facebook India with the ruling BIP," he wrote.

Venugopal said the article suggests that "the BJP has been allowed to exercise control of WhatsApp's India operations in return for a possible license for its payment operations... More than just one person in your company's leadership team in India are biased and partisan in favour of the ruling BJP in their professional endeavours...

"We urge you to let us know what steps your company is

NC vice-president Omar

Abdullah, general secretary Haji

Ali Muhammad Sagar, additional

general secretary Dr Sheikh

Mustafa Kamal, senior leaders

Mohammad Shafi Uri, AR Rather

attended the meeting, among

tic and unconstitutional meas-

ures undertaken by GOI

[Government of India], and its

impact on the ground level in

Jammu and Kashmir was delib-

erated in the PAC meeting," the

pressed "outrage" over the deci-

sion taken on August 5 last year,

saying the measures have "vio-

lated the spirit of federalism and

the sovereign pledges of Union

of India to the people of Jammu

and Kashmir made from time to

ministrative inertia", the PAC

members also took note of the

alleged development deficit in

I&K and expressed concern over

the state of economy in the

Union Territory.

Rueing the "widespread ad-

The PAC members also ex-

party said in a statement.

"The unilateral, undemocra-

other senior leaders.

planning to take to investigate these matters and draw a plan of action to stem the rot in your India operations," he said.

Later addressing a press conference, the party's Technology and Data Cell chairman Praveen Chakravarty and spokesperson Pawan Khera reiterated the demand for a Joint parliamentary committee (IPC) probe into the links between Facebook employees and the ruling establishment.

The BJP hit back, with party general secretary P Muralidhar Rao tweeting, #RahulGandhi..!!! Every time he comes with new sensation news-allegations on, why's he failed? Why Congress's failing?"

He added, "2014 Congress defeat due to EVM manipulation; 2019 Cong-great failure due to @Facebook, @Twitter bias towards @BJP4India; BJP hold on @WhatsApp. Always ready to throw on others. Beware..!!!!"

Asked about the WSJ report, a Facebook spokesperson told *The* Indian Express: "We prohibit hate speech and content that incites violence and we enforce these policies globally without regard to anyone's political position or party affiliation...'

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Senior official of

top media house

charges of sexual

Mumbai: Mumbai Police on

Thursday booked a senior man-

agement official of a top media

house for allegedly sexually ha-

rassing a female colleague, Police

said the complainant is a senior

In her complaint to police,

the journalist said the accused

had touched her inappropriately

and demanded sexual favours.

When she refused to comply, the

complainant said, she was

sacked. The complainant further

said she was sexually harassed

from April 2008 to August 2020.

complainant had approached

Bandra police station Thursday,

and the case was later transferred

to NM Joshi Marg police station.

Police have registered a case un-

der sections 354 (outraging mod-

esty of a woman), 354(A) (assault

or criminal force on woman with

intend to outrage her modesty),

354(D)(stalking) and 509 (word,

gesture or act intended to insult

the modesty of a woman) of the

Indian Penal Code.

A senior IPS officer said the

booked on

harassment

journalist.

BSF personnel near the cross-border tunnel in J&K's Samba district. PTI

BSF detects cross-border tunnel in J&K's Samba

ARUN SHARMA

SAMBA, AUGUST 29

THE BORDER Security Force on Saturday announced that it has detected a cross-border tunnel "150-160 metres towards the Indian side" in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba sector and said it has foiled the "nefarious designs of Pakistan" to send militants into the Union Territory.

The tunnel originates from Pakistani territory close to the International Border, BSF Inspector General (Jammu zone) N S Jamwal said.

"The Pakistani establishment

certainly had some role in digging such a long tunnel," he said, pointing to sand bags used to reinforce the opening of the tunnel on Indian side, which had markings of factories in Shakargarh and Karachi.

Jamwal said the BSF, over the past few days, had been receiving inputs about the existence of a cross-border tunnel in Samba district and as such, it had pressed into service some special teams to carry out the anti-tunnelling operations in areas along the International Border.

The National Investigation Agency had on Tuesday filed a chargesheet in an NIA Court

against 19 accused in the February 2019 Pulwama terror attack, in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed. The chargesheet said Umar Farooq, a nephew of Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar, had infiltrated into India via the International Border at the Jammu-Samba sector in April 2018.

When asked whether Faroog could have infiltrated into India via this tunnel. Jamwal said that going by the condition of sand bags found in it, the tunnel appeared to be freshly dug. "However, it is a matter of investigation which is in progress," he

brother-in-law Imran Ahmed and

Bengaluru engineer Mohammed

Imran's arrest, Sabeel had stated

in a communiqué from Saudi

Arabia: "I am given to understand

that the allegation against me is

that I have been part of some

meetings in Riyadh and

Dammam... I am also given to un-

derstand that I am accused of fi-

nancing and giving logistical sup-

port to the plot. It is ridiculous... I

have never had any excess fi-

what is done with the money."

named by Delhi Police's Special

Cell of being among a dozen miss-

ing Indians who were allegedly

trying to establish the Al Qaeda in

connection with the LeT recruit-

ment case — first registered by

Sabeel will now face trial in

the Indian Subcontinent.

In 2017, Ahmed was also

Linked in the case following

Shahid Faisal, alias Ustad.

most wanted" terrorists in January 2002 and had been seeking his extradition from Pakistan. Akal Takht has decided to honour on 11 members of community with different awards and Gajinder Singh, who was elected as the chairman of the Dalk

Khalsa, is one of them.

Justifying the award, Dal Khalsa spokesman Kanwar Pal Singh said, "We have serious objections to India's viewpoint on Gajinder Singh. The decision of the government to label him as a 'terrorist' is unjustified. He is not a killer or a criminal. He is a man of politics. He wanted to change the system. He has never shown any prejudice or discrimination towards any religion or culture. He struggled for Sikh rights but never took up arms to accomplish the mission. The charges of sedition against him doesn't fall under the definition of terrorism. Sedition is not a terrorist act. He has already spent 13 years and four months in

Kanwar Pal said that while Dal Khalsa activists hijacked the aircraft to Lahore, none of them carried firearms and did no harm to any passenger. In the wake of the hijacking,

Lahore jail for his act".

nances to distribute to people without having knowledge of the Union government had banned the Dal Khalsa in 1982. The outfit was allowed to restart overground activity a decade

> Germany in July 1996 to start his life afresh there. He was deported to Pakistan courtesy the pressure from India. A petition was filed by our party activists in the administrative court of Germany protesting the deportation of Gajinder Singh back to

Deported from Saudi, LeT 'terror recruiter' held by NIA 2010-11 to each other - his

JOHNSONTA

BENGALURU, AUGUST 29

AN INDIAN doctor, who was deported from the UK in 2007 after his elder brother carried out a suicide attack at Glasgow Airport, was arrested on Friday on arriving in New Delhi after his deportation from Saudi Arabia, where he was detained in connection with an alleged Lashkare-Taiba (LeT) recruitment plot registered in Bengaluru in 2012.

Dr Sabeel Ahmed, 38, was produced in a Delhi court and will be brought to Bengaluru on a transit warrant, an NIA source said. "A team from NIA's

Bengaluru camp office reached Delhi and arrested him yesterday. He has been produced in court and taken on transit remand," the NIA source said on Saturday. Sabeel is the younger brother

of Indian-origin aeronautical engineer Kafeel Ahmed, involved in the June 29, 2007 suicide attack at Glasgow airport. Sabeel, then 25 and in London, was deported to India for failing to disclose prior knowledge of the at-



Sabeel Ahmed

tack planned by his brother. In 2010. Sabeel moved to

Saudi Arabia and was employed at King Fahad hospital. In 2015, the NIA named him as an accused in the alleged 2012 plot of the LeT to recruit vouths in the country. A non-bailable warrant and a look-out notice was issued against him in the case.

In an initial chargesheet filed in 2015. Sabeel was identified only as "Motu doctor", but the deportation and arrest from Saudi Arabia in December 2015 of Asadullah Khan, 57, helped NIA establish his identity.

Sabeel is alleged to have introduced two key players in the alleged LeT recruitment plot of

Bengaluru police as a plot to attack columnist Prathap Simha, now a BJP MP from Mysuru. FULL REPORT ON

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"Gajinder Singh reached

Pakistan. Since then, he is in exile," Kanwar Pal said.

150 academics write to PM in support of JEE, NEET decision

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

AROUND 150 academics from different universities have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi asking him to go ahead with the Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) as planned, and not give in to voices of opposition.

"Youth and students are the future of the nation but in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, clouds of uncertainty have gathered over their careers too. There are a lot of apprehensions about admissions and classes which need to be resolved at the earliest," the academicians wrote in the letter sent on August 27.

The signatories include Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Sanjeev Sharma, V-C of Baba Saheb Ambedkar University, Ahmedabad, Amil Upadhyay, and Pro V-C of Central University of Kerala, J Jayaprasad, along with several teachers from

Delhi University and Jawaharlal Nehru University.

'The government has declared its decision to conduct the Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) and the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) and announced the respective dates. We wholeheartedly welcome this move. The Honourable Supreme Court too dismissed a petition for postponement of these exams saying that any further delay in conducting the test would result in waste of precious year for students," they wrote.

"The dreams and future of our youth and students cannot be compromised at any cost. However, some are trying to play with the future of our students simply to propel their own political agenda and oppose the government. We hope and strongly believe that under your able leadership, the central government will successfully conduct the JEE and NEET exams taking full precautions to ensure that the future students is taken care of and the academic calendar for 2020-21 is rolled out," they added.

'Informal' classes in Assam govt schools from Sept 15

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI, AUGUST 29

THE ASSAM government will begin "informal" classes in its schools from September 15, state **Education Minister Himanta** Biswa Sarma said on Saturday.

The timeline for teachers to get mandatorily tested has been extended to September 15. Those who are tested by now will join schools from September 1. First 15 days, they will be supervising school sanitisation work and re-organise classrooms as per social distancing norms," Sarma told reporters at a press conference in Guwahati.

From September 15, the minister said, when children reach school to receive their midday meal packs during the week, teachers will interact with them and issue question papers. "...they will provide study material for the week," Sarma said.

"For Class XII and final-year graduation students, teachers will hold informal classes in groups of 4-5," Sarma added.

For other classes, teachers will be conducting online classes – not from their homes, but from schools and colleges, Sarma said.

He however added that the plans could be altered as per the

Complete lockdown in Kota until September 6

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, AUGUST 29

THE KOTA district administration on Saturday decided to impose an eight-day-long complete lockdown from August 30 to September 6 in view of the ris-

So far, nearly 5,000 cases have been reported from the district along with 71 deaths — including two deaths on Saturday. According to the Rajasthan Health department's daily Covid-19 report, 200 new positive cases were detected in Kota on Saturday

Kota District Collector Ujiwal Rathore said they were left with no option but to opt for a complete lockdown in the district. "Considering the increasing

number of cases everyday, we didn't have any other option but to impose a complete lockdown... and if the rate of infection continues to be the same. we will face a severe crisis of health infrastructure resulting in the shortage of ICU beds and oxygen. We are hoping that this lockdown will help in bringing down the total number of cases," Kota collector Rathore told *The* Sunday Express.

"Apart from essential and medical services, examination centres and government offices important to handle public issues, everything else will remain closed in this period," he added.

IN MIGRANT DIST, DAILY POSITIVITY RATE NOW LESS THAN 2%

Ganjam rides out Covid curve with contact tracing, testing

AISHWARYA MOHANTY BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 29

AMONG THE non-Tier Land II areas with one of the highest Covid death tolls in the country, Ganjam appears to have turned a corner. The daily positivity rate in the district where a large number of migrants flooded back following the lockdown is now less than 2%, from 14.89% in the beginning of the month. The district has gone three days without any coronavirus deaths.

Ganjam had reported its first positive case on May 2, soon after the first batch of around 200 migrants returned to it from hotspot states such as Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. As the number of returning migrants gradually climbed to four lakh, before declining in end June, Ganjam Covid numbers rose steadily, from 59 on May 7 to 1,000 by June 22, and crossing 10,000 by end July.

A month later, while Ganjam has 17,456 cases, highest in Odisha, only 1,597 of these are active. Its death toll, at 185, is also the highest in the state. Having averaged seven deaths daily in June and mid-August, Ganjam has seen fatalities drop, while new cases have been falling from 500 per day in July to 200 in early August, to 180 in the last 10 days even as testing has increased to 10,000 daily. The daily positivity

rate as on August 28 was 1.74%. Officials attribute the turn-

Uttarakhand BJP

president tests

Covid positive

Dehradun: Uttarakhand BJP

president Bansi Dhar Bhagat has

bearer of the party's youth wing,

had tested positive a day earlier.

Dehradun has been closed for

Nainital district, Bhagat took to

Twitter to confirm that his co-

rona test report was positive. He

appealed to party functionaries

and workers who had come in

contact with him in the last

but has been admitted to Doon

hospital due to the age factor.

Bhagat (70) is asymptomatic

As Bhagat had interacted

th mediapersons on Thursday.

and invited them for an interac-

tion over lunch at his new offi-

cial residence in Dehradun on

August 24, the state government

has agreed to get rapid antigen

test of those mediapersons done.

hold its state executive meet on

August 31, and the party's central

office-bearers from Delhi will con-

nect via video-conferencing, ENS

Sources said the party will

week to get tested.

two days for sanitisation.

His son, who is an office-

The state BJP headquarters in

MLA from Kaladhungi in

tested positive for Covid-19.



Door to door screening by health officials at Babanpur village in Aska block of the district. Express

around in Ganjam to increased testing, extensive contact tracing, testing of all close contacts, and a second round of screening of recovered patients to check for relapse. The district has three Covid-only hospitals with 588 beds (261 occupied), nine Covid Care Centres with 3,744 beds (around 450 occupied), 98 ICU beds (80 occupied), and 1,763 with oxygen cylinders available (121 occupied).

Siddharth Swain, Project Director, District Rural Development Authority and nodal officer for Covid management in the district, said the testing of contacts had made the difference. "Houses in Ganjam are usually located quite close to each other, sharing the same wall, which increases the chances of transmission if the in-

fection is undetected," he said. Even as owners of commercial establishments were encouraged to get themselves tested, District Collector Vijay Kulange said they ramped up antigen testing. "More funds were released for the purpose."

Senior IAS officer and Covid observer for Ganjam G Mathivathanan said some errors were behind the surge that overwhelmed the district initially, including home quarantine for those coming from outside, which was flouted by many. That in a way compounded the

Once the migrant situation was controlled, officials focused on disease management, the goal being "no more deaths". One major local-level intervention was stationing a private am-

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apart from the 108 call service for ambulances. "We hired private vehicles, equipped them with oxygen cylinders and positioned them in panchayats. In red zones the ambulances were provided for clusters,' . Mathivathanan said.

Another initiative was offering counselling to patients in the first three days after they test positive. "Anxiety management has been one of our prime focus areas, and the initial days for any patient are turbulent. We have a team of counsellors (around 50 of them) available round the clock. Each one makes around 100 calls a day," the officer said.

For surveillance purposes, a nodal officer with a team of paramedics was appointed for every 400 houses. The house mapping exercise also helped officials prepare a list of patients with comorbidities.

A help desk with four lines and an outbound call centre with 10 lines monitors all the positive cases, especially those in home isolation, with calls thrice a day. Every patient has a health card, which is shared with call centre executives to help them frame questions accordingly.

As a further precaution, a plasma collection centre was opened in the district, and has seen 102 donors so far, of the 492 identified. Authorities say 25 people have recovered after re-

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TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

RECOVERED: 26,48,998 34,63,972 | DEATHS: 62,550

TESTS: 4,04,06,609 DOUBLING RATE: 32.81**



KEYSTATES	TOTAL	SURGEIN	7-DAYAVG	DOUBLING
TOWATCH	CASES	24HOURS	GROWTH*	RATE**
■Maharashtra	7,47,995	14,427	1.86%	38.70
■Tamil Nadu	4,09,238	5,996	1.55%	46.41
■Andhra	4,03,616	10,526	2.70%	26.66
■Karnataka	3,18,752	8,960	2.70%	26.68
■ Uttar Pradesh	2,13,824	5,405	2.72%	26.50

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

7 DAYS EARLIER: 1.87 1.81

NOW: Positives against

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Deaths as a ratio of in averting deaths the spread of disease

RECOVERED TODAY: 65,050 Becoming sick vs may signal the peak

Data as on August 28, released by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR and states. Often daily number include data from previous days. As such, trends based on daily numbers are indicative, not definitiv

Ten Gujarat ATS personnel test positive for coronavirus

Ahmedabad: As many as ten personnel from the Gujarat Anti Terrorist Squad (ATS), involved in the investigation of the alleged assassination attempt on former home minister Gordhan Zadafia, tested Covid positive on Saturday. More than a dozen staff including senior officials have since been quarantined.

According to ATS officials, 10 personnel attached with Gujarat ATS including police inspector JN Goswami, police sub inspector JK Rathod and three constables attached with Valsad police station, one commando, two state reserve police (SRP) constables and two clerks tested positive for Covid-19 Saturday. Alleged sharpshooter from Mumbai, Irfan Shaikh, and another suspect detained in the matter have also tested positive.

The ATS members have been asked to stay in isolation for five days. **ENS**



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NOTICE OF THE 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, **E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the 40th Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, 21st September 2020 at 11.00 a.m. through Video Conferencing ('VC') / Other Audio Visual Means ('OAVM') without physical presence of the members at a common venue, in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (the 'Act'), MCA circular dated 5th May, 2020 read with circulars dated 8th April, 2020 and 13th April, 2020 (collectively referred to as 'MCA Circulars') and SEBI circular dated 12th May, 2020, to transact the business as set out in the Notice of 40th AGM.

In compliance with the said MCA circulars and SEBI Circular, the

Company has dispatched the Notice of 40th AGM and Annual Report for Financial Year 2019-20 only through electronic mode to all the members whose email IDs are registered with the Company/depository participant(s). These documents are also available on the website of the Company at www.dfpcl.com, website of the stock exchanges, i.e., BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and on the website of Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company i.e. KFin Technologies Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'KFin') at https://evoting.karvy.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the items of the businesses to be transacted at the aforesaid 40th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be transacted through e-voting platform

2020 at 9.00 a.m. and will end on Sunday, 20th September, 2020 at 5.00 p.m. The Members will not be allowed to vote electronically beyond the said date and time and the e-voting module shall be disabled by KFin thereafter. The company is providing the e-voting facility to all the members holding shares in physical or dematerialized 14th September, 2020.

b) Any person who acquires Shares of the Company and become a Member of the Company after the dispatch of the 40th Annual General Meeting Notice and holds shares as on the cut-off date i.e. 14th September, 2020 may obtain the login Id and password by evoting@karvy.com request at

c) The process and manner of e-voting is available in the notice of the 40th Annual General Meeting.

Members present during the meeting through VC/OAVM and who had not cast their votes on the resolutions through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-voting system during the AGM. The instructions for attending the

Members who have cast their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/ participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM

A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as e-voting during the AGM.

the Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Thursday, 17th September, 2020 upto Monday, 21st September, 2020 (both days Inclusive) for the purpose of 40th Annual General Meeting of the Company and payment of dividend for the financial year ended 31st March, 2020, if declared by the members at their 40th Annual

In case of any queries/grievances, related to e-voting, the shareholder Questions (FAQs) for members and e-voting User Manual available at the 'download' section of https://evoting.karvy.com or call KFin or 1800 345 4001 (toll free).

Mr. K Subharaman EVP (Legal) & Company Secretary Sai Hira, Survey No. 93, Mundhwa, Pune - 411 036 Email ID: k.subharaman@dfpcl.com Tel: (020) 6645 8000

Deputy General Managei KFin Technologies Private Limited Unit: Deepak Fertilisers And Petrochemicals Corporation Limited Selenium Tower B. Plot 31-32 Gachibowli Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad – 500 032.

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provided by KFin. The details are as under: a) The remote e-voting will commence on Friday, 18th September

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AGM through VC/OAVM are provided in the Notice of 40th AGM.

facility, but shall not be allowed to cast their votes again at the AGM.

Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 10 of General Meeting to be held on Monday, 21st September, 2020.

may contact the following persons or may refer the Frequently Asked

Mr. S V Raju

Email ID: raju.sv@kfintech.com Tel: (040) 6716 1571

For Deepak Fertilisers And Petrochemical

Date: 29th August, 2020 EVP (Legal) & Company Secretary

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Goa politicians opt for pvt hospitals, MGP leader says not appropriate to use govt beds

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI, AUGUST 29

WITH THE Opposition and civil society criticising the admission of Goan political leaders to private hospitals for Covid-19 treatment, MGP leader and former deputy chief minister Sudin Dhavalikar has offered a bizarre defence: that politicians have opted to seek treatment in private hospitals to ensure they didn't take what was "reserved for the needy".

Over the past few weeks, Union minister Shripad Naik,

former CM Churchill Alemao and Dhavalikar himself sought treatment at private hospitals. After he tested positive for the virus, Directorate of Health Service director Jose D'Sa also opted for a private hospital, leading to criticism.

In response, Dhavalikar wrote on Facebook, "...with many patients getting admitted to government hospitals and beds getting occupied, it was not appropriate for us to utilise these beds, as the same could be used by the needy when required."

He stated that he will not use government funds for his treatment, writing, "I also request other MLAs who may have taken or are taking treatment at private hospitals, not to burden the already cash-strapped government with their medical expenses."

Meanwhile, state Health Minister Vishwajit Rane said the "government can't intervene in person's individual choice"

The government has been showcasing the state-run Goa Medical College hospital and ESI hospital as Covid facilities. D'Sa himself would frequently assure Goans of the "good public infrastructure" he oversaw at ESI hospital.

DELHI DISPUTE RESOLUTION SOCIETY (REGD.)

(Deptt. of Law, Justice & LA, GNCTD) invites applications for Engagement of retired Govt. officers/ officials in DDRS on Short Term Contract Basis for 03 posts of Additional Director and 02 posts of Stenographer (English Grade -II)

The terms and conditions of the engagement and format of the application are available at the website: http://web.delhi.gov.in/wps/wcm/connect/doit_ddrs/ DELHI+DISPUTES+RESOLUTION+SOCIETY/Home/ Vacancies/

The last date of receipt of applications in this office is 15.09.2020.

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Chinese betting racket accounts with Rs 47 cr

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has frozen close to Rs 47 crore belonging to a Chinese company allegedly running illegal betting in India.

The agency also conducted searches at 15 locations across Delhi, Gurgaon, Mumbai and Pune at premises associated with the company, its directors and chartered accountants. The ED has held online payment gateways accountable for alleged "lax due diligence" and "non-reporting of suspicious transactions", which allowed this racket to flourish.

"...ED seized 17 hard disks, 5 laptops, phones, crucial incriminating documents and has also frozen Rs 46.96 crore held in 4 HSBC Bank accounts," the agency said in a statement.

The ED case is based on an FIR registered by Telangana police after it arrested Beijing resident Yan Hao and associates Dhiraj Sarkar and Ankit Kapoor on charges of running a betting racket. Hao was

identified as manager of Beijing Tomorrow Power Company.

According to ED, some Chinese nationals floated multiple Indian companies with the help of Indian chartered accountants using Indian directors to incorporate them, Later, Chinese nationals took over directorship in these firms. ED said.

"Some locals were hired and used to open accounts with HSBC Bank and open trade accounts with online wallets Paytm, Cashfree, Razorpay etc. These wallets had lax due diligence mechanisms and their non-reporting of suspicious transactions to the regulatory authorities helped the accused companies to launch pan-India operations," the ED stated.

According to ED, once bank accounts were opened, internet access credentials were couriered by the Indian employees to China and major payment instructions came from the beneficial owners based in China. Accused companies allegedly floated a large number of similar looking websites which were hosted through Cloudfare, USA, the ED stated.

Owners of Kerala finance firm busted, ED freezes bank held in Rs 2,000 crore fraud: police

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

PROMOTERS OF a Kerala-based non-banking financial company, which faces several cases of fraud from depositors, were arrested on Saturday for allegedly defrauding investors of nearly Rs 2,000 crore.

Pathanamthitta district Superintendent of Police K G Simon said Popular Finance, based Vakayar village Pathanamthitta district, did not have the required licence from the banking regulator.

On Saturday, the company's managing director Thomas Daniel and his wife Prabha, who is also a partner, were arrested.

Their daughters and senior executives of the firm. Rinu Maria Thomas and Riya Anna Thomas, were detained at New Delhi airport on Friday, trying to leave the country in the face of complaints from aggrieved depositors, the police said here on Saturday.

The state police had alerted airports across the country after Rinu and Riya went absconding.

Pathanamthitta SP Simon said,

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"Our preliminary assumption is that the firm's deposit collection would go up to Rs 2,000 crore. We are getting complaints from across states, where it (Popular Finance) has branches. As per complaints already under police process, Rs 300 crore is at stake."

He said, "We don't think (people's) deposits are safe with the firm. We realised that a chunk of deposits has been shifted overseas. A probe is on."

Police sources said Popular Finance, which has stakes in several non-banking verticals and financial services, had offered high interest rates for deposits to lure

"At one time, they had offered interest up to 18 per cent, which went down up to 12 per cent. When unreasonable interest was offered for deposits, the number of investors grew exponentially," an official said. "They were paid interest regularly, which created an impression that deposits were safe, attracting more investors."

But many investors did not realise that the interest for monthly payment was lifted from the deposit itself, the official said.

Sources said that the nation-

wide lockdown implemented in March reduced the flow of fresh deposits, a chunk of which the firm earlier used to pay to investors whose deposits mature.

Gold pledged with the firm for loan have been re-pledged in banks by promoters for further loans, it is learnt.

The issue emerged when the firm could not repay some investors for their matured deposits. When the promoters filed an insolvency suit in a local court, panicstricken depositors came in hordes, putting the firm in a tight spot, a source said.

Wison Varghese, who said he is a duped investor, said around Rs 50 crore has been collected at the firm's Anchal branch in Kollam district. Many depositors are retired people, who banked on monthly interest from their deposits,

"I am a Gulf returnee and deposited Rs 15 lakh in two instalments. The amount attained maturity six months ago. I want to get back at least the principal amount,' Varghese said.

Popular Finance has 274 branches across the country, mainly in South India.

Officer's wife and son shot dead in Lucknow, teenage daughter held

ASAD REHMAN

LUCKNOW, AUGUST 29

THE WIFE and a son of a senior officer were shot dead, allegedly by the officer's teenage daughter, at their Lucknow home on Saturday, police said.

Police said they have detained the girl who they claimed had admitted to the killings. While the motive is not yet known, police said she is suffering from depression.

"We received information in the afternoon that there has been a murder at a senior officer's house. While the officer is posted in Delhi, his family lives here. After reaching the house, we found two bodies. We were informed that the wife and son of the officer were shot. The son was shot in the head Because there was a lot of blood, we could not figure out the mother's injuries." Lucknow Commissioner of Police Sujeet Pandey said.

"When we conducted an investigation, we found that the murders were committed by the daughter. She had shot both her mother and her brother. We have seized the weapon. She has confessed to the crime and has also

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MAHARASHTRA HOME Minister Anil

Deshmukh said on Saturday that he would

forward to the CBI complaints he had received

about links of film producer Sandip Ssingh

with the BJP and a "drug nexus" in Bollywood

Prime Minister in 27 languages. I have re-

ceived various complaints seeking an inquiry

into his links with the BIP as well as his links

with the drug nexus in Bollywood. We will

forward these complaints for further investi-

gation," Deshmukh said. Ssingh was one of

the producers of the 2019 film PM Narendra

The Maharashtra unit of the Congress

had said on Friday that there was a need to

FOUR CHILDREN died after a wall collapsed

in Dheemarkheda tehsil of Katni district as

heavy rain lashed several eastern districts of

Madhya Pradesh on Saturday. At least 9,308

people from 16 villages were evacuated and

The four children who died were iden-

tified as Suhani Kaul (6), Pinku Kaul (8), Lalit

Kaul (4) and Annapurna Kaul (8). The chil-

dren were said to be playing near their

house when a wall collapsed on them. The

district administration has announced com-

Modi starring Vivek Oberoi.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

BHOPAL, AUGUST 29

moved to shelter homes.

"Sandip Ssingh had made a biopic of the

MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

Maharashtra to seek CBI

with BJP, 'drug nexus'

probe into producer 'links'

Police said the girl confessed to the crime, and that they had seized the murder weapon — a .22 bore pistol

told us that she has hurt herself with a razor. We have recovered the razor and her right hand was bandaged. The wounds were visible after we opened the bandage. There were also old wounds. Till now, it has come to light that she is suffering from depression. We questioned her in front of her maternal grandfather... We will send her to a juvenile home later. Till then, we will take care of her. Her father is on his way," Commissioner Pandey said.

According to police, there were six to seven domestic helps at the home when the murder took place. The gun used in the crime was .22 bore pistol, police said.

"The motive seems to be depression. In the bathroom, she has written 'disqualified human' which she says she has written for herself. She had also fired at the mirror. We have found the pellet," he said.

probe the "BJP angle" in the death of actor

Sushant Singh Rajput. In a statement, the

Congress had also raised questions about

Ssingh's links with the BJP, adding that he

Sachin Sawant had shared a picture from so-

cial media of Ssingh with former

Maharashtra chief minister and BJP leader

had said Ssingh was also said to have some

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question may have been present at some

function where I was present. There is also

some report that the same person was the

director of a movie to be made on Balasaheb

Thackeray," Fadnavis said in Pune.

Maharashtra Congress spokesperson

Denying any links to Ssingh, Fadnavis

"Why did the Mumbai Police not inves-

claimed to be a friend of Rajput's.

association with the Shiv Sena.

Director General of Police and Director General Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services, No.1, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road, Bengaluru-560 042

Tender Abstract Notification

No.STS/SDRF/95/E/2020-21

Dated: 27 08 2020

Tenders are invited through e-procurement for supply of 04 Nos. Rescue (Jumping) Cushion (Medium & Big) as per department specifications for the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services department, Bengaluru.

Eligible suppliers are requested to participate through e-procurement only. Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Help Desk: 080-25501216/227

Last date & time of tender queries	:	Dtd: 02.09.2020 up to 16:00 hrs.
Last date & time of submission tender	:	Dtd: 11.09.2020 up to of 15:00 hrs
Date & time of opening of technical bid	:	Dtd: 14.09.2020 at 16:00 hrs.
Date & time of opening of financial bid	••	Will be intimated.

Sd/- Deputy Inspector General of Police and Tender Inviting Officer, DIPR/DDU/959/AKAR/2020-21 Karnataka State Fire & Emergency Services

GUJARAT WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED. GANDHINAGAR OFFICE OF THE GEOHYDROLOGIST, UNIT-2, KHERVA-382711 Tender Notice No.01/2020-21 NATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROJECT (WORLD BANK FUNDED)

1. Office of the Geohydrologisl, Unit-2, Regional Data Processing Center, Opp. Ganpat University, Kherva-382711 Tal & Dist Mehsana, Gujarat Tel. No. 02762-286016, e-mail: ahawdn5@amail.com invites online Bid for the following work from the experienced agencies.

S. No.	Name of work	1. Bid Secu 2. Tender F
1	The Supply, Instaliation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintanace of 1083 No. of Digital Water level Recorder (DWLRs) Non-vented pressure sensor type) with Telemetry system in Piezometers for Ground water Monitoring and Integrate with Existing Data center located at Gandhinagar, Gujarat including improvement /maintenance of exidting Piezometers (cleaning through bailing and development by Air compressor) in Gujarat state	1. 39,00,00 2. 18,000/-
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Detailed Invitation for Bid is available on https://www.nprocure.com

3. The bidding documents are available online and can be downloaded free of cost by

4. Log in on to the website https://www.nprocure.com from 31/08/2020 (11.00 hrs. to 12.10.2020 till 12.00 hrs

5. Deadline for submission of bid is 15.00 hours on 12.10.2020 6. Opening of bid is at 15.30 hours on 12.10.2020

7. The bid is to be submitted online through the same e-Procurement portal only. No.DDI/MEH/166/20-21

KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga-577 201. Ph: 08182-272210, Email:dcf.shivamogga@gmail.com

No.B1/Sandal/E-auction/CR-03/2020-21 Date:28.08.2020

BRIEF SALE NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for the general information of the public that Sandal logs and pieces stored at Government Sandalwood Depot, Sandal Koti, Shivamogga- 577 203. as mentioned below will be sold by e-tender-cum-auction mode through MSTC Ltd., on the online platform "www. mstcecommerce.com". The sale conducting authority is Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division Shivamogga. The e-tender-cum auction is subject to terms and conditions uploaded on the website www. mstcecommerce. com. by e-tender-cum E-Auction No: MSTC/BLR/KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT /1/GSWD SANDAL KOTI SHIVAMOGGA/20-21/10229

Date of e-tender-cum-auction: 30 September 2020 Mode: Online-www.mstcecommerce.com Time: 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM Quantity of Material: Approximately 26.46 MT Sandal wood of Different kind Approximate value: Rs.10.00 Crores Inspection of logs by the bidders: 21.09.2020 to 25.09.2020 10:30 AM to 04:00 PM at Government Sandalwood Depot, Sandal Koti, Shivamogga- 577 203. Pre Bid Meeting: 25th September 2020 at 4.30 PM

Detailed Sale Condition to be downloaded from www.mstcecommerce.com

A.C.F. Sandal Koti, Shivamogga Contact Mobile No: 9448407544

Sd/- (G.U. SHANKAR) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.107/08/mca/20-21

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना फर्मों/ठेकेदार/कार्यदायी संस्थाओं से विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल मेरठ के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु मोहर बन्द ई-निविदायें ई-पोर्टल (<u>www.etender.up.nic.in</u>) पर दो भागों में आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की स्थिति में ई-निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस पर निर्धारित समय तक स्वीकार की जायेगी एवं निर्धारित समय पर खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदाओं को बिना कोई अस्वीकार/विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउन लोड, धरोहर राशि एवं निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क जमा) करने तथा अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई-निविदा प्रस्तृत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध मे <u>www.etender.up.nic.in</u> पर लॉग आन करें। निविदा का विवरण निम्न प्रकार है:-ई-निविदा संख्या, कार्य का विवरण, निविदा के प्रथम भाग खुलने की दिनांक, धरोहर राशि एवं निविदा का मुल्य (कर सहित) को क्रम में टी-82/20-2 (अल्पकालिक):- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. मोदीपुरम-कंकरखेडा लाइन (RRTS कॉरीडोर के अन्तर्गत) के टावर संख्या 03 हेतु रिटेनिंग वाल के निर्माण से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 08.09.2020, रु. 2,000.00/-, रु. 590.00/- अधीक्षण अभियंता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, 130-डी, 'पारेषण भवन'' विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ। 'राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचायें'' पत्रांक 2483 वि.पा.म/मेरठ/ दिनांक 29/08/2020

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रान्समिशन कारपोरेशन

लि. ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 36-**ईसीटीसी/मुरा./2020-21** ई-टैण्डर चार माह की वैधता हेतु दो भागों में भाग-1 व भाग-2 अधोलिखित विवरण के अनुसार आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं-क्रमांक 1. की निविदा प्राप्त होने/ खोले जाने का दिनांक व समय क्रमशः 21.09.2020, 14.00 बजे एवं 22.09.2020 14.00 बजे तथा क्रमांक |2, 3 की निदिवाएं प्राप्त होने/ खोले जाने का दिनांक व समय क्रमशः 05.10.2020, 14.00 बजे एवं 06.10.2020 14.00 बजे है। क्रमांक 1. कार्य का नाम 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र अमरोहा पर 01 नग तथा 220 के.वी. 'बे' एवं 01 नग 220 के.वी. बस कपलर हाइब्रिड 'बे' से संबंधित जानपदीय कार्य। क्रमांक 2. कार्य का नाम 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र आवासीय कालोनी मझोला, मुरादाबाद पर जलापूर्ति एवं साफ सफाई के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत कार्य (वर्ष) 2020-21) क्रमांक 3. कार्य का नाम 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र आवासीय कालोनी मझोला, मुरादाबाद स्थित पार्क में वृक्षारोपण के साथ ट्यूबवैल का कार्य एवं इरैक्टर हॉस्टल के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत कार्य (वर्ष 2020-21) निविदा प्रपत्र |http://etender.up.nic.in से ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। उक्त निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण यथा तकनीकी विशिष्टीकरण, कार्यावधि, धरोहर राशि, निविदा प्रपत्र की लागत इत्यादि एवं किसी प्रकार के संशोधन, परिवर्तन, http://etender.up.nic.in अथवा www.upptcl.org पर लॉगिन करें। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता ''राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें'' पत्रांक 470

दि. 29/08/2020

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT CUM MEMBER SECRETARY. RAJASTHAN MEDICARE RELIEF SOCIETY, SAWAI MANSINGH HOSPITAL

[Sawai Man Singh Road, Tonk Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302001] [Phone 0141-2518458, 2565647, Email-ms.smshospital@gmail.com] No. 431 RMRS/SMS/MH/2020 Jaipur dated, th

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for the TURNKEY PROJECT FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE OF -128-Slice-CT-SCANNER MACHINES-2 Nos. 256- Slice-CT-SCANNER MACHINES-1 No. 3.1 Tesla-MRI Machines-1 No. 1.5 Tesla MRI Machine-1 No ALONG WITH PROVIDING INVESTIGATION RELATED SERVICES ON REVENUE SHARING BASIS ON PPP MODE (CT-MR PROJECT) FOR SMS HOSPITAL, JAPUR for 10 years are invited from interested bidders up to 12.10.2020 on 5.00 PM. Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement porta (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state.

UBN No. MCJ2021SLOB00059

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

ENGINEERING BRANCH, DATE: 28.08.2020

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE Sr. DEN/CO/WCR, Bhopal acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against following works, upto 15.30 hours on the dates mentioned against each tender. The complete tender documents and detailed information regarding tender, is available on the website http://www.ireps.gov.in. NIT can also be seen on the notice board of DRN (W)/WCR/ Bhopal office. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders For any correction, in these tenders, if necessary, corrigendum will be uploaded. on website prior to tender opening date and copy of corrigendum will be pinne on Notice Board of this office, which may be seen upto the date of tende opening. Tenderers are requested to offer their rates and submit tender according to the provisions of GSTACT 2017. (1) NIT No.: 20-21-C-24-82, Dat 28.08.2020, Name of work including Location: Through Fitting Renewal work from Km. 762.500 to 766.200, 769.000 to 770.000, 777.000 to 783.600, 785.00 to 788.000 and 793.450 to 812.00 of Down line Total 32.85 Kms. under St DEN/C/Bhopal section. Estimated cost of tender: ₹84,66,253/- Earnes Money for tender: ₹ 1,69,300/- Cost of tender form: ₹5000/- (2) NIT No.: 20 21-C-25-83, Date 28.08.2020, Name of work including Location: Deep Screening by BCM and Manual on Itarsi-Bina section (Down road Km. 836.500 837.500, 839.600-840.200, 777.400-789.200, 819.00-826.800) (Up road Km 227.400-232.000 Bhopal-Sant Hirdaram Nagar, 778.100-790.400, 811.600 812.000, 813.800-814.200, 819.600-825.000) Total 34.30 Kms.Under St DEN/C/Bhopal. Estimated cost of tender: ₹1,60,20,552/- Earnest Mone for tender: ₹ 2,30,100/- Cost of tender form: ₹5000/- (3) NIT No.: 20-21-HQ 15-84, Date 28.08.2020, Name of work including Location: Itarsi Construction of new building plinth area in place of existing Ramshackle Anne. school building. Estimated cost of tender: ₹1 37 28 443/- Earnest Money fo tender: ₹ 2,18,700/- Cost of tender form: ₹ 500/- (4) NIT No.: 20-21-HQ-1t 85 Date 28.08.2020, Name of work including Location: (A) ITARSI Improvement to water supply arrangement at New Yard, Itarsi (By providing 05 borewells) (B) Electrical work of ET:-Improvement to water supply arrangement at New Yard, Itarsi (By providing 05 borewells (C) Itarsi - Replacement of old pipe line and Overhead tank to improve water supply at New yard ET. Estimated cost of tender: ₹ 1,74,90,658/- Earnest Money for tender: ₹ 2,37,500/- Cost of tender form: ₹ 5000/- Last date of submission for all tenders: 24.09.2020.

DRM (W), West Central Railway, Bhopal DRM (W), West Central Railway, Bhopal

During Rail Journey, Dial 138 for general complaints & Dial 182 for security complaints

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISON PRISON HEAD QUARTER: NEAR LAJWANTI GARDEN CHOWK JANAK PURI: NEW DELHI **PROVISION BRANCH**

No.F.7/Prov.Fact/Hand Sanitizer/CJ-05/2020-21/CD-003612226/ 174-175

Tender ID No.: 2020_CJT_193855_1 e-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tender (onlin procurement website https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in) are invited for procurement of raw material for manufacturing of hand sanitizer in jail factory CJ-05 for 01 year from the date of issue of rate contract (extendable upto 03 months). The NIT has been uploaded and available along with terms and conditions and detailed specifications. Al the tenderers participating in e-tendering and should have a Digita Signature/ Smart Card and should apply online before the Last Date and Time. In case (22.09.2020) is being declared Govt. Holiday the next working day will be treated as Tender Date.)

Estimated Cost of Work Date of release of tender through Eprocurement website https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in

:02.09.2020

Last date/ Time of receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution Date of on line opening of Prequalification bids

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल

यांत्रिक विभाग मुख्यालय गोविंदपुरा (बी.एच.ई.एल.)

निविदा आमंत्रण घोषणा-पत्र

पंजीकृत ठेकेदार परसेन्टेज मोहर बंद निविदायें निर्धारित प्रपत्र पर आनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

ANNUAL TENDER FOR SUPPLY 1,99,98,500/-

किसी भी निविदा को स्वीकार अथवा अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार विभाग के पास सुरक्षित होगा।

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BHOPAL CITY ZONE 01 TO 19

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जानकारी www.mptenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

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निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीकृत व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत

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: Rs. 80 Lakhs (Approx)

:22.09.2020 at 12.00 Noon

: 22.09.2020 at 12.30 PM

Superintendent: PHQ-II Tihar, New Delhi

pensation of Rs 4 lakh for each child to the family of the deceased. Of the areas flooded by heavy rains were three towns and 16 villages which included Bhopal, Chinddwada, Indore, Hoshangabad, Harda, Narsinghpur, Dewas and Sehore. Two helicopters of the air force were requisitioned

Hoshangabad.

However, bad weather prevented their movement and they are expected to start rescue work on Sunday morning. A third helicopter was pressed in to rescue people in Chinddwada. In Chinddwada, five people

to carry out evacuations in Sehore and

Four children dead, thousands evacuated as rain batters MP

> Commuters struggle to navigate flooded roads in Bhopal, Saturday. PTI

who were stuck for 18 hours in their village had to be airlifted.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who held a review meeting at 10 am, urged people living in low-lying areas to move to safer houses.

The Narmada river had surpassed the daner mark of 964 feet and was flowing at 973 feet in Hoshangabad after the gates of various dams had to be opened. Chouhan urged residents to dial 100 or 1079 to ask for help. NDRF and SDRF teams are equipped with 150

As Mahanadi

water levels

rise, Hirakud

dam opens 46

Bhubaneswar: As water

level continued to rise

in Mahanadi, along

with four other rivers, a

medium to large scale

flood is expected in

coastal parts of the

state. The Hirakud dam,

which controls flood

water in Mahanadi, has

opened 46 of its 64

sluice gates, releasing

the excess water flow-

ing in from the upper

catchment area of

Chattisgarh. Officials

said the water level is

increasing by 8 cm

every hour. "The inflow

sluice gates

GREATER WARANGAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION RFP Notice No.COMM/GWMC/CTN/01/2020_21. Dated: - 29-08-2020 Bio mining and Treatment of legacy waste located at the dumpsite in Rampur. of Bid Download - 01-09-2020, 11.00 AM Onwards

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दिनांक 28/8/2020

Technical Bid Opening -23-09-2020 after 4.00 PM Note: Further details can be seen @ "e" procurement market place @ **www.tender.telangana.gov.in**

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DIPR R.O. No.: 834-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21

E-NIT NO. JBP-TRO-TENDER-2020-07, DATE: 26.08.2020

For and on behalf of the President

India, Sr. Divl. Elect. Engg. (TRO) W.C.Rly, Jabalpur invites e-tender for following work: (1) Name of Work: Provision of Subsidized/ Nonsubsidized meals to the Running Staff, overall management caretaking, call & food serving etc Supply of Newspapers & Magazines, material required for cleaning of utensils etc. at SGO/Running Room for a period of 730 days. (2) Place of Work: Saugor Running room. (3) Completion Period: 02 Years (4) Tender Value (Cost of the work): (4) Tender Value (Cost of the work) ₹ 1,73,08,722.76/- (Including GST (5) Earnest Money: ₹ 2,36,600.00/ (6) Tender Fee: ₹ 5000/- (7) Date & Time for Submission/Opening of tender: 28.09.2020 (15.00 hrs.). 28.09.2020 (After 15.00 hrs.) (8) Website address: https://www.ireps.gov.in. (9) Complete details of etender notice available on the above website and also pinned on notice board of the Senior Divisiona

Electrical Engineer (TRO)'s office West Central Railway, Jabalpur. Senior Divisjonal Electrical

Engineer/ TRO, WCR, Jabalpu

of Hirakud is 8.78 lakh cusecs while the outflow is 7.57 lakh cusecs... The water level stands $at\,626.89\,feet\,as\,against$ its full capacity of 630 feet," Special Relief

Commissioner Pradeep Jena said. **ENS**

New Delhi

नगर यंत्री (सिविल)

नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल

Bhushan case: SC to pronounce quantum of punishment on August 31

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE SUPREME Court will pronounce on August 31 the quantum of punishment for advocate Prashant Bhushan whom it found guilty of criminal contempt for two of his tweets.

A bench of Justices Arun Mishra, B R Gavai and Krishna Murari will deliver the ruling at 10.30 am.

On August 14, the bench had held Bhushan guilty over the tweets made on June 29 and 29. It heard arguments for sentencing on August 20 and reserved it's judgement on August 25.

During the arguments, Bhushan submitted a stated to the court that the "two tweets represented" his "bonafide beliefs" and that he did not want to apologise for the same. He also answered in the negative when asked if he wished to reconsider his statement.

The court however gave him time till August 24 "to submit unconditional apology, if he so

Attorney-General K K Venugopal urged the court not to punish Bhushan, saying he had done a lot of good work in the area of public interest litiga-

Bhushan stuck to his guns and, in a supplementary statement on August 24, said the tweets represent his beliefs and apologising for them "would be insincere".

The bench met again in August 25 to consider the "effect of the supplementary state-

Reserving its judgement that day, the bench expressed its anguish at Bhushan's criticism of 'sitting and retired" judges.

The court said while criticism is welcome, one should not "attribute motives to judges" since they cannot go to the press to defend themselves and "can only speak through judgements".

J&K cops to move court against bail to pharmacist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, AUGUST 29

TWO DAYS after a UAPA court granted bail to a Health the charges under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act [UAPA] as an attempt to "falsely implicate" him, Jammu and Kashmir Police Saturday said they will appeal against the bail order.

Zahoor Ahmed, who was posted in Renia, of Marwah tehsil, was arrested in Kishtwar's Dachhan area on January 6.

On Thursday, Special UAPA Judge Sunit Gupta had called the charges "a successful attempt to falsely implicate" him and said that 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. On Saturday, SSP, Kishtwar,

Harmeet Singh told the media that Ahmed has been granted bail by the court on "technical grounds" in one of the cases registered against him under UAPA. He said, "We had evidence against him and we had kept a photocopy of the evidence in that particular case. We will take up the case with the judiciary again."

SSP Singh said Ahmed is "involved in anti-national activities".

In his bail order, Special Judge Gupta held that there was no evidence of Ahmed's involvement in any offence under UAPA and that he was only "performing his professional duty" if he was intending to deliver medicines even to a terrorist. The court said, "The offences attributed to him are with regard to unlawful activities, conspiracy, harbouring of terrorists and...support given to the terrorist organisation. 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 Section 164. CrPC."

The court held that "(on) the strength of the said copy of the statement, the IO has made a successful attempt to falsely implicate Zahoor Ahmed."

Guiarat announces inauguration of seaplane service on October 31

Vadodara: The Gujarat government has announced the inauguration of a seaplane service from October 31 -- the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel - which has been billed as India's first seaplane service.

The inaugural flight will take off from Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad to Statue of Unity in Kevadia colony in Narmada district, to be operated by SpiceJet. In a release on Saturday, the

government said that this "kind of service is first ever in the country." The service may be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said an official

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CIN: L65110TN2014PLC097792 Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road,

Chetpet, Chennai - 600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022. Authorized Officer – Mr. Rohit Dudeja | Contact Number –7838324723

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 reac vith proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Capital First Limited now IDFC FIRST Bank Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 06.10.2020, for recovery of INR 1248219/- AS ON 01.08.2019 due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Home Finance Limited) from Ameer Husain, Rookhasana Beguim (Borrower-Co

The Reserve Price will be INR 5,60,000/-and the Earnest Money Deposit will be INR 56000/-

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Shop No.D02/009/2A Ground Floor DLF, dilshad Plaza DLF Dilshad Extn.-II, Brahmpura Alias Bhopara, Tehsil And Dist

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com.

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale the movable assets, if any, present at the

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DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Upper G/F Property No.S-226 Kh.21/3, Village Razapur Khurd, Colony, Mohan Garden, Block-S, Uttam Nagar, I

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Date: 25/08/2020

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Elgaar Parishad case: Kin of accused, lawyers, activists hold virtual meeting

Mumbai: To mark over two years since the arrests in the Elgaar Parishad case, family members of the accused, lawyers and activists gathered in a virtual meet-

ing on Saturday evening claiming that they were falsely implicated for raising their voice against the government.

Nine people were arrested in

2018 by the Pune police, who claimed their involvement in the

Three others, including Anand Teltumbde, Gautam Navlakha and Hany Babu were arrested this

People's Union for Civil Liberties was attended by others including senior lawyers Rebecca John

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES NAHARLAGUN

Dated Naharlagun, the **RE-TENDER NOTICE**

- Competitive bids are invited for the procurement of hospital equipment to prepare 10 District Hospitals (Tawang Bomdila, Ziro, Aalo, Tezu, Namsai, Changlang, Khonsa Seppa, Yingkiong) to fight COVID-19 under NESIDS in the Directorate of Health Services, Naharlagun in continuation of earlier publication:
- Part-I (medical equipment) with approximate cost of Rs. 21,63,48,650.00
- Part-II (imaging equipment) with approximate cost of Rs. 15,41,00,00.00
- Part-IV (mortuary van) with approximate cost of Rs. 1.20.00.000.00
- The tender fee receipt with Checklist, should be collected and duly filled and shall be submitted to DDHS (Supply & Transport) Branch, Directorate of Health Services, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, PO/PS-Naharlagun, Papum Pare District, Pin 791110. EMD in the form of Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque drawn on any nationalized Bank in favour of Director of Health Services payable at

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3. Time schedule	
Date of uploading in	Website:
website/ publishing of	https://arunachaltenders.gov.in
tender paper	29/08/2020 at 0900hrs
Start date & time for	29/08/2020 at 1000hrs onwards
downloading tender	
documents	
Start date & time for	29/08/2020 at 1000hrs onwards
submission of online bids	
Last date & time for	05/09/2020 at 0900hrs
submission of online bids	
Date & time for opening	05/09/2020 at 1100hrs onwards
of technical bids	
Tender opening venue	Conference Hall, DHS Complex
	Naharlagun
Date & time of opening of	Will be intimated on Website.
price bids	
Address for	DDHS (Supply & Transport)
communication:	Branch, Directorate of Health
	Services, Govt. of Arunachal
	Pradesh, PO/PS-Naharlagun,

- email: transportsupply@gmail.com Tender fee is Rs. 5000.00
- The interested bidders can download tender documents from the e-tendering Website: https://arunachaltenders. gov.in
- All the key dates and deadlines will be followed as per the time schedule in NIT unless explicitly amended through a corrigendum in the e-tendering Website https://arunachaltenders.gov.in

(P. Parthiban) IAS Secretary (Health & Family Welfare) Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar Dated Naharlagun, the 28th August' 2020. **DIPR/ARN NO-13021-25**

Papum Pare District, Pin 791110

PH. NO. 0360-2350302/2244113

violence which took place against Dalits gathered at Bhima Koregaon on January 1, 2018.

year by the NIA which took over the probe from the Pune police. OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRIES

and Mihir Desai.

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI UDYOG SADAN, PLOT NO. 419, F.I.E., PATPARGANJ INDUSTRIAL AREA DELHI-110092 ADMISSION NOTICE — SESSION 2020-21 EXTENSION OF LAST DATE UP TO 4TH SEPTEMBER 2020 FOR Applying for

Admission in First Year of Three Years Diploma in Handloom and Textile Technology (DHTT) Course 2020-21 Session Please refer to our earlier office Press Advertisements for admission to the above said

course dated 12.07.2020 & 19.07.20211 The last date has been extended up to 4th September, 2020 for submitting applications on prescribed format only from bona fide residents of National Capital Territory of Delhi (no application from any other State will be considered) for admission to the aforementioned course commencing from 1st October, 2020 at Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT), Jodhpur. Candidates who have already applied, need not apply, again. The selections will be based on merit of marks obtained in 10th Standardor equivalent exam Eligibility:

- i) Educational Qualification: To be eligible for admission to first year of Diploma Course in Handlooms & Textile Technology, the candidate should have passed 10th standard or equivalent examination with English as a subject of study.
-) Age Limit: The age limit for admission to first year of Diploma Course in Handlooms & Textile Technology for all the categories except SC/ST should be between 15-23 years and for SC/ST candidates it should be between 15-25 Years as on 01-July

ii) Seats: Total Number of Seats for admission from Delhi State are 8 (eight).

(v) Reservation: The Reservation Policy for SC/ST/OBC as per existing policy of Govt. of NCT of Delhi will be followed. Minimum 20% of the total seats allotted to the States are reserved for candidates belonging to weavers community. Shortfall, if any, will be met out from the candidates other than weavers community. 10% Seats have been reserved for Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

(v) Last Date for submission of Application Forms: 4th September 2020 up to 5.00

Application form and other details regarding total no. of seats, State reservation availability and submission of application forms, documents to be attached, stipend etc. are available at website (http://industries.delhi.gov.in or from the Office of Commissioner of Industries, Udyog Sadan, 419, 4th Floor Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi-110092 on all working days between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 pm. from the date of publication up to 4th September, 2020 and the duly filled in form should be submitted at the above office address in person. Forms sent directly to IIHT, Jodhpur will not be considered for admission

DIP/Shabdarth/0210/20-21

SECTION OFFICER (HANDLOOM)-Link **GOVT. OF NCT DELHI**

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR THE POST OF ACCOUNT ASSISTANT/CLERK STATION COMMANDER 27 ED AIR FORCE, PRAHLADPUR INVITES APPLICATION FROM EX-SERVICE MEN FOR THE POST OF ACCOUNT ASSISTANT/CLERK IN SERVICE INSTITUTE ON CONTRACT BASIS NO OF POST EDN QUALIFICATION ELIGIBILITY/WORK EXPERIENCE

NO	VACANCIES		
01		(with Commerce)	Qualification 12th pass/Graduate (with Commerce) Nationality Indian Language: English, Hindi (Read and Write) Technical Skills: Basic Knowledge in Computer, Accounting
			Software Work Experience Optional Character Certificate From Gazetted Officer Other Skills: Positive attitude/Communication skills/General Service Knowledge Fitness: Physical/Medical fitness

FOR ACCOUNT ASSISTANT/CLERK

- Signed application (Hindi/English) with following documents
 a) Curriculum Vita
- Mark Sheet and Certificate of 12th Pass/Graduate (Commerce)

Work experience certificate: Optional Identify Proof: EX-service men Character Certificate: From Gazetted Officer Contact no and address

Stage 1: Written test (Basic knowledge of Accountancy, English and GSK)
Stage 2: Typing Test
Duly mentioned on envelope: Application for the post of Account Assistant/Clerk SI. 27ED AF
Application to be submitted by Post/Hand at Service Institute 27 ED Air Force

Air Force Station Prahladpu

New Delhi- 110010

21.01.2017

Possession: 09.05.2017

other charges accrued thereupon

08.02.2018

Possession: 23.05.2018

17.03.2018

Possession: 28.05.2018

other charges accrued thereupon.

23.12.2015

Possession: 24.02.2016

Rs. 2,65,44,5881- plus interest

other charges accrued thereupon.

05.10.2018

Possession: 12.12.2018

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH SCO 70, SECTOR 5, PANCHKULA,

PHONE NO. 0172-2573570, E-mail: sbi.51519@sbi.co.in

E AUCTION SALE NOTICE

10.09.2020

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11:00 am

14.09.2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF MOVABLE / IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD & DOCUMENT ALONG WITH DEMAND DRAFT (HARD COPY) ON/BEFORE 14.09.2020, Upto 4.00 PM LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS (ON LINE) ON/BEFORE 15.09.2020, Upto 4.00 PM E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable/Immovable Assets under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) for movable properties & 8(6) for immovable

properties of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 given to the public in a has been taken by the Authorised Officer of BBI SARB PANCHKULA will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", AND " WHATEVER THERE IS" on under mentioned dates against each accounts, for recovery of rupees mentioned below against the

please refer to the link provided in https://www.bankeauctions.com Amount as per demand Notice Bid Date/ Time Earnest Datel Time Name of Branch & Details of property Reserve Demand Notice Date Uls 13/2) Money Increase of inspection of property Deposit Amount E-Auction Possession Notice Date SME TARAORI Hypothecation of Machinery of rice shelling plant in the factory premises and Equitable mortgage of Rs. 6,38,81,387/: plus interest 8 16.09.2020 Shri Mahavir Cereals, Village Anjanthali, Tehsil Nigdhu, Distt. Kamal- 132117 - 8 Guarantor: 1, Sh. Rs. factory land & building measuring 50 Kanals and 2 Marias being 34/54 share of 79 Kanals and 11 other charges accredithereupon 11.09.2020 11.00 A.M. 570.00 57.00 1.00 Marias comprised in Khewat No. 12 (newno 16), Khatoni No. 34 (new no 37), Rect No. 6, Killa No. 16/2 13.08.2018 11:00 am Lakh Lakh Lakh

relevant account due to STATE BANK OF INDIA SARB PANCHKULA from the Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) (Mentioned below). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit has been mentioned against each account. For details terms & conditions of the sale

Hospital, Taraori, Distl. Kamal, 2. Sh. Lovish Garg, (3-13), 17/1 (4-13), 19/1 (3-7), 23/2 (2-0), 24 (8-0), 25/1 (3-0), Rect No. 13, Killa No. 4(7-2), 5 (7-12), 6 Possession: 29.01.2019 01.00 P.M. (6-19), 7/1 (3-19), Khewat no 12 (new no15), Khatoni no 34 (new no 36) Rect no 13, Kita No14/2 (1-10), 15 (7-11), 16/1 (5-15), 25/2 (0-8), Rect No. 14, Kita No. 20 (8-0), 21/2 (3-19), 26 (1-17), rect No. 18 SECTOR-5, MDC, PANCHKULA Commercial Show Room (Old construction), no. 510 on Chandigarh-Kharar Road, measuring 166 sq. Rs. 1,32,34,656; plus interest 6 16.09.2020. M/s Suhana International Mohd. Irfan S/o Sh. yards at Mundi Kharar (Near Sunny Enclave) H.B.No. 185 Tehsil Kharar Distl. Mohali in the name of other charges accrued thereupon

Jamir Hassan, R/o No. 26 Wadhawa Nagar, Sh. Radhey Soni sio Sh. Ram Chander Soni and Smt. Shimla Soni Wo Sh. Ram Chander Soni, vide Baltana, Behind Sun Park Hotel, Zirakpur & Registered Sale Deed No. 6655, dated 16.09.2011, registered in the office of copy of Sub-Registrar Guarantor Sh. Radhe Sont and Smt. Shimla Sont SECTOR-8, PANCHKULA Land measuring Sk-7m bearing Khata No. 284/316, Khasra No. 82//16/2(0-4),16/3(1-16), 25(7-7) Rs. 5,43,64,841.90 plus interest 8 M/s Sam Chemicals Prop. Sunil Dutt Bansal C/o kitte 3, Salam area, Village Sundran, Derabassi, Mohali. SCF-272, 1st floor, Motor Market, Manimajra I

Guarantor: Smt. Renu Bansal C/o SCF-272, 1st SME, YAMUNANAGAR EM of factory land & building measuring 2108 sq yds (998+750+360) comprising following sale deeds:- Rs. 3,17,72,045:- plus interest it M/s Vardhman Strips Pvt. Ltd. Director Narindo

 Property measuring 0k-12m(360sq yds) in khewat no752 khatauni no940 bearing khasra No 100/69(15-17) situated at Mauja Jagadhari, Tejli Gate near Metro Motor Workshop near Old Court Road, Jagadhari, Regd deed 6941 dated 16.12.2010. 2. Property measuring 08-158(750sq yds) Pal Jain R/o Teili Gate, Old Court Road, Jagadhari Yamunanagar & Guarantor: Smt Radha Jain R/o Tejli Gate, Old Court Road, Jagadhari, khewat no 289, khatauni 336 khasra 22(1-0) at Mauja Garhi Mundo HB 408, Jagadhari near Tejli Gale near Metro Workshop, Jagadhari with Regd. Deed 6941 dated 16.12.2010. 3. Property measuring 1K-13M (998 Sq. Yds) in khewat 753, Khatauni 941 khasra 99/44(8-11) regd deed no 8941 dated 16.12.2010. Yamunanagai FATEHABAD MAIN

Commercial Plot measuring 04 M (121 Sq.Yds) situated at Bhathu Road, Fatehabad vide sale deed Rs. 50.92,063\- plus Interest 8 M/s Karan Traders, Prop. Smt Renu Juneja W/o No. 546 daled 30.04.2012 Tarun Juneja, Shop No. 21, Anaj Mandi, Fatehabadi & Guarantor: 1. Smt. Kusum Lata Wło Sh. Ram Chand, Gali No. 2, Aggarwal Colony, Fatehabad (Haryana) 2. Sh. Tarun Juneja Sio Sh. Ghanshyam Dass Juneja R/o H. No. 158-A, Model Town, Fatehabad (Haryana) CLOTH MARKET AMBALA CITY

Factory Land and building msg 1940 Sq.Yds consisting of (a) Plot bearing Survey No.11, situated M/S Crystal Pharmaceuticals Prop. Tarsem Chand Kansal 5/o Sant Ram Kansal # 117, Model at Plot No.11, Abadi Adarsh Nagar, Ambala City measuring Total Area of 500 yards in the name Smt Sunita Rani Kansal W/o Sh T C Kansal R/o H.No.117, Model Town, Ambala City vide Gift Deed No. Town Ambala City & Guarantors: 1. Sachin Kansal 139 Dated 11.04.2000 Sub Registrar, at Ambala city.

Kansal Wo Tarsem Chand Kansal #117, Model Research South Labor Company Control of Survey No. 12, Situated at Plot No. 12, Abadi Adarsh Nagar, Ambala City measuring Total Area of 500 yards in the name M/s Crystal Pharmaceuticals Model Town Ambala City partner Smt Sudersham Sio Sh. Tarsem Chand Kansal 2. Sunita Ranl Kansal, Smt. Usha Garg, Mehan Lai Kansal, Tarsem Chand Kansal and Sh. Virander Kumar Karsal vide sale Title deed No. 5334 dated 27.02.1980 Sub Registrar, at Ambala City

C. Survey No. 13, situated at Plot No. 13, Abadi Adarsh Nagar, Ambala City measuring Total Area of 530 yards in the name sh Sachin Kansal S/o Sh. Tarsem Chand Kansal s/o Sh Sant Ram Kansal R/o of No. 117 Model Town Ambala City sale vide Title deed No1387 dated 15.06.1999 Sub Registrar, at Ambala City. D. Plot bearing No. 365 Abedi Adarsh Nagar, Ambala City measuring 410 Sq. Yards in the name sh Sechin Kansal S/o Sh. Tarsem Chand Kensal S/o Sh Sant Ram Kansal R/o of .117 Model town Ambala City measuring 410 Sq. Yards in the name sh Sechin Kansal S/o Sh. Tarsem Chand Kensal S/o Sh Sant Ram Kansal R/o of .117 Model town Ambala City measuring 410 Sq. Yards in the name sh Sechin Kansal S/o Sh. Tarsem Chand Kensal S/o Sh Sant Ram Kansal R/o of .117 Model town Ambala City measuring 410 Sq. Yards in the name sh Sechin Kansal S/o Sh. Tarsem Chand Kensal S/o Sh. Tarsem Chand Kensal S/o Sh. Tarsem Chand Kensal R/o of .117 Model town Ambala City measuring 410 Sq. Yards in the name sh Sechin Kansal S/o Sh. Tarsem Chand Kensal R/o of .117 Model town Ambala City measuring 410 Sq. Yards in the name sh Sechin Kansal S/o Sh. Tarsem Chand Kensal S/o Sh. Tarsem Chand Kensal

Registrar, at Ambala City SBI SECTOR-8 PANCHKULA House No. 118-A, Sector-30 Gurugram (Haryana) measuring 204.52 Sq Yards(basement+ground Rs. 7,41,84,883/- plus M/s Valshnavi Kosmeticos Pvt. Ltd. Factory floor+first floor) Near Jalvayu Vihar owned by Sh. R.K.Saxena vide Registered Conveyance Deed Interest & Address: Village Buranwala P.O. Barotiwala Tehsil No. 168 dated 04.04.2007 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar Gurugram. Construction is

Jalvayu Vihar, Gurugram (Haryana).

(H.P.) 174103 & Gueranton nearly 13 years old. All Part and percel of above noted land and building and said property is Sh., R.K. Saxena H. No. 118-A, Sector- 30 New Equitably mortgaged to Bank through Sh R.K. Saxena & Smt. Punam Saxena, M.D. & Director of Mrs Valshnavi Kosmolicos Pvt Ltd.

other charges accrued thereupon. 29.10.2018

New Delhi

300.00 Lakh

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16.09.2020 11.09.2020 11.00 A.M. 11:00 am 01.00 P.M.

THIS PUBLICATION IS ALSO 15 DAYS NOTICE UNDER RULE 6(2) & 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002 TO THE ABOVE BORROWERS & GUARANTORS

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE TO THE BANK" will be conducted "Online". The auction will be conducted through Bank's approved service provide M/s C1 India Pvt Ltd Building No. 301, 1st Floor, Udyog Vihar Phase-2, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122015, Phone: 0124-4302000/ 2021/ 2023/ 2024, Web:- www.c1indla.com, Help Line e-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com and Pandeep Singh Number +91-9646796075, e-mail ID: pandeep.singh@c1india.com, Help Line e-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com Website:https://www.bankeauctions.com . E-Auction Tender documents containing online e auction bid from Declaration, General Terms & Conditions of online auction safe are available in (addresses of website). The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: https://www.bankeauctions.com (the user ID & Pessword can be obtained free of cost by registering name with https://www.bunkeauctions.com) through Login ID & Password. The EMD will be payable through NEFT/RTGS in the following Account: 65244410993, Name of the A/C.: SAR Branch Panchkula, IFSC Code: SBIN0050708. Please note that the Banker cheque/demand draft should be payable at Panchkula in favour of Authroised Officer, State Bank of India, SARB Panchkula & shall be submitted at State Bank of India, SARB Panchkula with HARD Copy on or before 14.09.2020 before 4.00 PM & through ONLINE on or before 15.09.2020 before 4.00 PM. For any property related query may contact Authorised Officer: Jaspal Singh: 7506643407, S P Garg: 9779585245, RIshl Sharma: 9418075427 or Phone No. 0172 2585707 Email: sbi.51519@sbi.co.in within office hours during the working days. To the best of the knowledge & information of the Authorized Officer. There is no encumbrances on the properties. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on audion and claims/right/dues/effecting the property prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute and will not be deemed to constitute and will the existing any future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. The other terms & conditions of the E-auction are published in the following website: https://www.bankeauctions.com

NOTE: The Authorised Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer and he has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/ postpone/ cancel the E Auction without assigning any reason thereof. Authorised Officer Date: 29.08.2020 Place : Panchkula

It is for general information that

I,Gopal Bihani,S/o-Satya

1827.Gali.No.11.Raigarh-

Extn., Gandhi-Nagar, Delhi-

mine has been written as

Card,Bank-A/c ShriGopal

which may be amended

I,Vijay Kumar Goswami,S/o

Nagar, Delhi-110018, inform

that my D.O.B 24-09-1961 is

incorrect, whereas-correct

I.Rajesh Kumar S/o Late sukhbir

Gaushala Kishan Ganj ,Delhi-6.

name from Himanshu kumar to

I have changed my minor son

Himanshu for all purposes.

I.R. Mohan Kumar.S/o Late Sh.

K.K. Ramakrishanan R/o-27-B,

HPL Staff-Colony, Bhogal, New

Delhi-110014.State that Both

the Names R.Mohan Kumar

and R.Mohana Kumar are of

I,Hitherto known as Rahul Kumar Taak,S/o-Sunder Lal

Sudamapuri,Babarpur,Delhi-110032,have changed my name

as Rahul Singh. 0040546558-9

and shall hereafter be known

I.Harvinder Singh Khera, S/O-

UP-33,2nd-Floor,Maurya

Enclave, Pitam Pura, Delhi-

Shri Jaswant Singh Khera R/O-

110034, have changed my minor

son's name from Sanampreet

I,4576776H I/nk Ajay Kumar,S/o

Daboda Khurd Bahadurgarh,

Distt.Jhaiiar.Harvana.inform

that my wife name wrongly-

service-record. Actual name of

I,4576776H I/nk Ajay Kumar,S/o

Shri.Balbir Singh.R/o-Daboda

Distt.Jhajjar,Haryana,inform

that my mother Kamlesh her date-of-birth wrongly-written

as-15/12/1967 in my army

service-record.My mother

actual date-of-birth is-

I, gurjit Singh baweja,s/o

amariit Singh R/O.m-10 first-

market,Delhi-110027,have

changed my name gurieet

I, Vanspal Choudhary S/o Jogi

Ram R/o-WZ-66, Hari Singh

I, UDAYVIR SINGH S/O BALVIR

GALI.NO.16-E, MOLARBAND-

110044 HAVE CHANGE MY

I, Sunil Kumar Sagar S/o

NAME TO UDAY VEER SINGL

Nagar, Part-II, Extn, Palam-

EXTN. BADARPUR, NEW DELHI-

Shri.K.S.Sagar R/o-RZF-720, Raj

Colony, New Delhi-110077, state

that Sunil Kumar Sagar, Sunil

and Sunil Kumar is one and

record, and future purposes.

I. Saniay Kumar son of late Shri

Jhajjar, Haryana have changed

Vivek to Vivek Beniwal for all

I, Rahul Yadav s/o Late Sh. Vijay

Mohallah, Sarhaul, Sector-18,

Opp.PS-Chowki Road, Sarhol,

Yadav belong to one and only

the same person who died on

I, Poonam D/o Parmod Kumar

Mangolpuri, Delhi-110083, have

changed my name to Priyanka

in my LIC Policy No.331432411.

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DE IT KNOWN to all that my clients S Ram Singh S/o Lt. Sh. Ghasita Ra and his wife Smt. Kavita bo

residents of A-803/3, Amarpuri, Nal Karim, Paharganj, Delhi-11000 have severed all relations with hi son namely Manoj @ Montu and hi wife Smt. Komal and hav

isowned and disinherited ther om all their movable an

norm all their movable and mmovable properties due to comal's unruly behavior and her nreat to falsely implicate the entire amily of my clients. Whosoever leals with them in any matter, shall lo so at his/her own risk and

equences and my clients sh

CH. No. 433-34, WESTERN WING TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-54

Sd/- KSHITIZ AHLAWA

(ADVOCATE Enr. No. D/2654/1

not be held liable for that

R/o F-2/123, F-Block

Gurgaon, Haryana-122015,

informs that my father's

names Vijay Pal and Vijay

Pal, R/o HNo-98, Gwari

my minor son's name from

same person.This is for all

Kanwal Singh resident of

Achhei, Tehsil-Beri, Distt-

Village-Godhari. P.O.

purposes.

SINGH.H.NO.C-31/B.

110056, have changed my name

Park Multan Nagar Delhi-

floor rajouri garden vtc rajouri-

07/05/1964.

Singh baweja.

to Vansh Pal.

written as Anju in my army

my wife is Anju bala

Khurd Bahadurgarh,

Shri.Balbir Singhingh, R/o-

 $Singh \,to \,Sanampre et \,Singh$

Khera.

Same Person.

R/o-WS-114,St.No.3

singh R/o House No.9271

1/54.Ground-Floor.Old

Mahavir-Nagar,Tilak-

D.O.B. is-24-09-1951.

Lt.Kundan Lal Goswami R/o-S-

accordingly.

Bihani in Edu. Documents &

Birth-Certificate.The actual-

name of mine is Gopal Bihani

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110031, declare that name of

ShreeGopal Bihani in my Pan-

Narayan Bihani,R/o-

INDIAN RAILWAYS **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)**

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)

(RAILWAY BOARD)

E-TENDER NO. 2020RSI1743TC

Corrigendum No. 1

1.0 Amount of Earnest Money Deposit appearing in NIT of subject e-Tender No. 2020RSI1743TC may please be read as ₹20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh

only) instead of ₹0/- (Rupees Zero only).

1856/2020

2.0 Tender will be closed at 15:00 hours on 10.09.2020.

Classifieds

L Monika Kolhoff w/o late Tony Kolhoff r/o 15/6C, Double Storey, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to MEENU SHARAN for all 0040546524-1

I, SURESH KUMAR S/O CHHIDDA SINGH R/O-VILLAGE, NEW BHUPANI, FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121002.HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO SURESH 0040546558-3 BHATI.

Anita D/o Om Prakash and W/o Suresh Kumar R/o WZ 1672/11 Nangal Raya New Delhi declare that Anita and Anita Rani are name of one person that is me

0050168015-1

0050168011-1

I Arun Kumar S/o Om Prakash R/o RZ 14A/21/24 Gali No 1 Main Sagar Pur New Delhi declare that Arun Kumar and Arun Kumar Kataria are name of one person that is me

Laspreet Singh Ahluwalia s/o Shri Veerinder Singh Ahluwalia r/o 1/9547,West Rohtas nagar shahdara, Delhi-32 declare that name of my wife is mention as Navdeep Kaur in my minor daughter passport no. H3797254 of Jas Simar Kaur Ahluwalia. The actual name of my wife is Navdeep Kaur 0040546522-1 Ahluwalia.

I, Anju Sadana d/o Bhavandas Sadana, w/o Shankar Lal r/o 93, First floor Paschim Vihar Extn Delhi-110063 have changed my name to KIRAN.

0040546523-1

I Kum, Rekha Kumari Gupta D/o-Gainda Lal Gupta R/o-119-120, Upper Ground Floor, Pocket-B 2. Sector-6. Rohini, Delhi-85 have changed my name after marriage to Rekha Goyal W/o-Harish Goyal for all purposes. 0040546508-

I Sidhi Shankar Kaustubh Parakala S/o Sudhir Kumar Parakala R/O 326 GF LIG Sec 14 Phase 3 PKT 2 Dwarka New Delhi 110075 have changed my name to Kaustubh Parakala vide affidavit dated 24/08/2020

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l Sidhi Shankar Kaustubh Parakala alias PSS Kaustubh Jain S/o Sudhir Kumar Parakala Jain R/O 326GF LIG Sec 14 Phase 3 PKT 2 Dwarka New Delhi 110075 have changed my name to Kaustubh Parakala vide affidavit dated 24/08/2020

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I, CHET SINGH VISHT, S/O KALAM SINGH BISHT,R/o-6/258.DR.AMBEDKAR NAGAR DAKSHINPURI, DELHI-110062. Changed my name to CHET SINGH RISHT 0040546577-1

L Chanda Shafiul Islam S/o Shafiul Islam, R/o-B-593, Sector-1, Avantika, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Chanda.

0040546571-3 I, Deepika W/o Sh.Gurmeet

Singh, H.No. 57-58, 3rd-Floor, Pocket-11,Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Deepika 0040546571-4 Kaur Singh. I, Geeta Rani Sharma D/o Late

Sh. Ajay Chand, Age 52, R/o 10196/1/3, Jhandewalan Ram Nagar, Delhi-110055 do hereby solemnily affirm and declar that I have Change my name from Geeta to Geeta Rani Sharma for all future purposes. Geeta and Geeta Rani Sharma is one and the same person.

I, Harman Preet Singh, S/o Bahadur Singh R/o-RZ-63, Main Road Palam Gali.No.2, Puran-Nagar Palam-Colony, Delhi-45 changed my name to Harmanpreet Singh.

I, Mohd Ubed S/o MD Yunus,R/o House.no.286 Block-27, Trilok-Puri Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Mohd Obaid, for All future purposes. 0040546558-

I, NARESH KUMAR GERA, S/O VED

PRAKASH, R/o-316, VASANT ENCLAVE, DDA-FLATS, VASANT-VIHAR, SOUTH/WEST DELHI-110057, changed my name to NARESH GERA permanently.

0040546577-3 I, Nirmala Saini W/o Late

Gianender Prakash Saini R/o 312,Desu Road Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110088, changed my name to Nirmal Saini. 0040546571-2

I. No.3198849A Hav. W/M Santosh Kumar Gupta S/o Late Sh.Harishankar Gupta R/o-Sonwal, PO: Andharipur, Tehsil:Zamania, Distt:Ghazipur, UP-232336,inform that my wife name and D.O.B. wrongly written in my service record as Rambha Kumari Gupta and D.O.B. 10-June-1982 instead of Rambha Gupta and D.O.B. 25-Jan-1986 respectively. 0040546553-1

I, PAWAN SINGH VISHT,S/o CHET SINGH BISHT, R/o-6/258,DR.AMBEDKAR NAGAR DAKSHINPURI, DELHI-110062.Changed my name to PAWAN SINGH BISHT.

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I, PRADEEP ARORA S/O MAHENDER KUMAR ARORA R/O E-31,SECOND-FLOOR,MOTI -NAGAR, RAMESH-NAGAR, DELHI-110015 CHANGED MY NAMETO PRADEEP KUMAR ARORA.

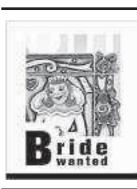
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LOST & FOUND

I, MEENA SHARMA D/O Kiran Sharma R/o B-2/19 Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi-110007 have lost my original certificate of class 12th Year-1999, Roll No.6208884 CBSE-Delhi 0040546556-1

We,Mr.Anoop Ramachandran & Mrs. Vibha Anoop both Residing-A-702.The Balmoral Estate, Pune, have lost our property-Documents(Payment-Receipts.No. 0777255130707452, 0777273131955295.

0777276132526159,N0901400115 16632,N139140017574221,HVAT Receipt.NEFTINW-0089729221 NEFTINW0-095130906)of Flat.No.EFP-II-54-0302,Emerald Premier-Floor, Sec-65, Gurgaon measuring-1975 Sqfts, Emaar MGF Land Ltd, Gurugram. If anybody find document of above said-property contactabove mentioned-address.

Contact.no.9923043450.

Mamta W/o Sh. Gagan Kumar R/o R-26, Nandwani Nagar, Near Shiv Mandir, Ward No.14. Sonipat, Haryana have Certificate No.237, Dated 12.08.2007 & Allotment Cum Possession Slip of Flat No.A 104, First Floor, The Samrat Ashoka Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd. Plot No. 36/2. Sector-9. Rohini, Delhi-110085 somewhere. If anybody found, please contact on above address. 0040546550-1

I. Harvinder Kaur am selling my flat no. 1901, tower 19 in lotus boulevard noida to Mr. Nitin Gupta and Vishakha Gupta, I have misplaced original builder buyer agreement and 1 payment receipt. Finder please contact:9810446181

0050168201-1

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform you that my client Ms. Bhavna Seth D/o Late Shaharat Bhushan Seth R/o B-50, 3r loor, Krishan Kunj Part 2, Lakshn Jadgar, Delhi-110092 wants to cetting from through this public notice the form through this public notice the ny client's father got expired of legal heirs of Late Shri Bhara hushan Seth are not responsible for any kind of loan, debts, assets nd an transaction of movable ehalf of Late Shri Bharat Bhush Seth by forged signature or by an other means after 01/02/2018.

Sd/- SHIVALI DHINGRA
ADVOCATE
(E. No.- D/3445/2016)
R/c C-2, Press Apartment
23, I.P. Extension, Delhi-110092

that my Clients Sh Ramesh kr Son S/DU: Manchar Laland Ms Post W/o-Sh Romesh Kumar both Roc H.No.WZ-64, 2nd Floor, Gal-No.28, Sart Gorb, Tilsk Negar, Celhi-110018 havedsowned/ber son Tarun g@Rahut due to had resconduct and criminal activities and have severed all ties within and have debained him formal t Coperies belonging to my Clients. Shanker Wilg. Ch. No. 497, 3rd Floor, Deep Plaza, Opp. Distt. Court. Gurgaon, Mob-7290351154

PUBLIC NOTICE esident of 178-A, first floor, Jawaha Mohalla, Farsh Bazar Shahdara Delhi-110032 has severed all her relations with his wife Kirti Sharma, his sons Chander Prakash Sharma and Surya Prakash Sharma and disowned debarred them from all his movable & mmovable properties due to their nisbehavior and going against my client. Any body dealing with them in civil and criminal matter shall be doing at his /her/their own risk, cost and responsibility. My client shall not sponsible for their act. Rakesh Kumar, Advocate

G-11, Karkardooma Court, Delhi,

Mob: 9810338164

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Chairma TESWS, New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that My Client Ram Kumar Sharma S/o. Late Sh. Rati Ram Kumar Sharma, Resident of H.No. 977, DDA Janta Flats, GTB Enclave, Dishad Garden, Delhi +110093 have lost his plastic bag containing original documents i.e. Will of Late Sh. Shiv Charan Sharma, dated 26.11.2015 of property No. 355, DDA Janta Flats, GTB Enclave, Dilshad Garden, Delhi +92 and some photographs and two Electricity bills on 09.07.2020 which were left on some fruit Rehdi/Rickshaw near Corporation Bank, GTB Enclave, Delhi 93. A Lost Report No. 405957/2020 dated 10.07.2020 to this effect was lodged in Police Station Crime Branch. lodged in Police Station Crime Branc If any body find the same please infor the undersigned counsel or to send on the address of my client.

Ravinder Aggarwal (Advocate) Ch. No. K-155, Near Gate No. 2, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi -54 Mob.: 9899252020

PUBLIC NOTICE , Kamlesh Gupta, w/o Late Sh Iarender Prakash Gupta r/o D 13/4, Sector 8, Rohini, Delhi ave severed all relations with son Sameer Aggarwal and his amily from all my movable and mmovable mmovable properties
lenceforth, I shall not be
esponsible for any of his actions Sd/- A.K. GUPTA

Advocate Ch. No.: E-709, Lawyers' Chambers District Courts Complex, Karkardooma, Delhi-110032 E.No.: D/477/95

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the general public that my client Sh. Rum Sewak SO Sh. Games New Society Sh. Rum Sewak SO Sh. Games New Society Sh. Rum Sewak SO Sh. Games New Society Sh. Rum Sewak Society Sh. Sandsep Kumar and his daughteri-ri-law Smt. Babit WO Sh. Sandsep Kumar and his daughteri-ri-law Smt. Babit WO Sh. Sandsep Kumar, RIO H66 A. Gall No. 3, Vidwas Park, Ultam Nagar, Delhi-110059 and disowned them from his all movable and mimovable properties. My above named client will not be responsible for any act of his above named son Sh. Sandsep Kumar and daughteri-ri-law Smt. Babit in future, if any person dealing with Sh. Sandsep Kumar and

PUBLIC NOTICE client Satish Kumar S/o Late Sh. Sita Rar R/o 8/1 DA, Khasra No.972, Sangar Park, Khora Colony, Village Makanpu Tehsil Loni, Distt. Ghaziabad, U.P., ha lensii Loni, Distt. Gnaziabad, U.P., nas severed all his relations with his son Nitir Kumar and his wife Shashi, who is presently residing at 8/1 DA, Khasra No.972, Sangam Park, Khora Colony Village Makanpur, Tehsil Loni, Distt Ghaziabad, U.P., and also disowned them from his all moveable and immovable properties. My client shall not be responsible for any acts, deeds or things of the above said Nitin Kumar and his wife Dinesh Tiwari (Advocate Ch.No. 372, Saket Courts, New Delhi-1

सार्वजनिक सूचना मेरे मुवक्किल गुरचरण सिंह पुत्र सिंह निवासी-एक्स/2838, गली नं. : रघुवरपुरा नं. 2, गांधी नगर, दिल्ली-10031 ने अपनी पुत्री प्रियंका कलसी के अभद्र व्यवहार, नियंत्रण से परी तरह पे बाहर होने के कारण इससे अपने सभी सम्बन्ध-विच्छेद कर इसे अपनी प्रमस्त चल-अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल कर दिया है। इसके कार्यों/ लेनदेन

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परिवार जिम्मेदार नहीं होगा। पवन चौधरी एडवोकेट En. D-2235/2004

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all concern that my clien Sh. Chand Babu Gupta, S/o. Late Sh Ram Kumar Gupta, R/o. G-234, behind PVR Sonia, Vikas Puri, New Delhi 10018, suspend the Debar Notice d 5.03.2020, which was published i eputed Newspaper, Indian Express Jansatta on 17.03.2020, in the name of my Son namely Sh. Surneet Gupta (Babloo, with immediate effect from today (i.e. 28.08.2020), because he is now under my control and nor quarrelsome nature, and he has the right in my all movable and immovable properties.

Ravinder Singh -ADVOCATE CH. No. C-35, C.L. Jospah Block Tis Hazari Court, Delhi -54

PUBLIC NOTICE

declare that my clients namel Smt. Jamuna Devi W/o Late Babu Lal R/o A-412. Bunker Colony, Ashok Vihar, Phase-IV Delhi-110052, wants to disow his/her son namely Mr. Sanjee from self acquired movable and nmovable property for future a actions, and above said statements are true and correc n the best of my knowledge & elief. Place: New Delhi

Date: 28.07.2020 Shama Rani (Advocate Enrolment No. D-843/1992

PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby informed that my clients Shri. Satish Tyagi and his wife Smt. Shelat Tyagi both R/c E-10, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi-110015, have detached all the ties with their son namely Shri. Anu Tyagi and Daughter in law namely Arti Tyagi, due to their bad behaviou and cold attitude towards my clients and their other family members, the and cold attitude towards my clients and their other family members, they are further disowned and clisinherited from the inheritance of all the assets and estate of my clients, and now they have no right, and row thitle, interest or claim of any nature whatsoever in the assets and estate of my clients. That the said son and daughter in law have already left the premises of my clients on dater. daughter in law have already left the premises of my clients on dated 27.07.2020 and my clients have no knowledge of their whereabouts. My Clients has no interest in their private affairs and anyone dealing with the said son and daughter in alw, shall be doing so at their own cost, risk, responsibility and consequences and my aforesaid clients shall not be liable and responsible for the same.

Sd'-Gaurav Tyagi (Advocate)
Enri. No. D-1843/06
Chamber No. 1317, Lawyers
Chamber Block, Rohini Courts
Complex, New Delhi

GREATER WARANGAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

RFP Notice No.COM N.W: Bio mining and Treatment GWMC at 11 00 AM Response to Queries

Presentation of Initial Implementation and Presentation of mine and physical Bid Submission
Technical Bid Opening

-23-09-2020 after 4.00 PM
-23-09-2020 after 4.00 PM

Technical Bid Opening - 23-09-2020 atter 4.00 PM
Note: Further details can be seen @ "e" procurement market place @ www.tender.telangana.gov.in
Std. Commission DIPR R.O. No. : 834-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21 Sd/- Commissioner, Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation

KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga-577 201.

Ph: 08182-272210. Email:dcf.shivamogga@gmail.com No.B1/Sandal/E-auction/CR-03/2020-21 Date:28.08.2020

BRIEF SALE NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for the general information of the public that Sandal logs and pieces stored at Government Sandalwood Depot, Sandal Koti, Shivamogga- 577 203. as mentioned below will be sold by e-tender-cum-auction mode through MSTC Ltd., on the online platform "www. mstcecommerce.com". The sale conducting authority is Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division Shivamogga. The e-tender-cum auction is subject to terms and conditions uploaded on the website www. mstcecommerce. com. by e-tender-cum E-Auction No: MSTC/BLR/KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT /1/GSWD SANDAL KOTI SHIVAMOGGA/20-21/10229

Date of e-tender-cum-auction: 30 September 2020 Mode: Online-www.mstcecommerce.com Time: 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM Quantity of Material: Approximately 26.46 MT Sandal wood of Different kind Approximate value: Rs.10.00 Crores Inspection of logs by the bidders: 21.09.2020 to 25.09.2020 10:30 AM to 04:00 PM at Government Sandalwood Depot, Sandal Koti, Shivamogga- 577 203. Pre Bid Meeting: 25th September 2020 at 4.30 PM

Detailed Sale Condition to be downloaded from www.mstcecommerce.com

A.C.F. Sandal Koti, Shivamogga Contact Mobile No: 9448407544

Sd/- (G.U. SHANKAR) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.107/08/mca/20-21

PUBLIC NOTICE SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PRO-PERTY BEARING WESTERN SID (FRONT SIDE) PORTION OF FIRS (FRONT SIDE) PORTION OF FIRST FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS OF NO.-47, LAND MEASURING 60 SQ YDS OUT OF KHASRA NO.89/7, VILLAGE-HASTSAL, COLONY KNOWN AS Z-BLOCK, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI.

UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DEL.HI.
Notice is hereby given for information to the General Public by my client i.e.
LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD that Sh. Mahender Kumar, Sh. Pankaj Gupta & Sh. Nirmal Kumar Bhimsaria acquired the above said property through Sale Deed dated 07.06.2019 registered vide no.12604. The original Sale Deed dated 13.0.2019 registered vide no.12604. The original Sale Deed dated 14.12.1972 registered vide no.17858 in favour of Sh. Om Parkash Gupta in respect of above referred property has been Sh. Om Parkash Gupta in respect of above referred property has been lost. Now the said Sh. Mahender Kumar, Sh. Pankaj Gupta & Sh. Mirmal Kumar Bhimsaria intends to sell the above referred property to the customer (Smt. Purnima Srivastava) of my client LICHFL. The customer is availing the financial facility to purchase the above referred property and against the security of above referred property. If any person including banks, financial any person including banks, financi titutions or any other person elative, organization, company, fire or government authority having an claim, right, tilb or any interest of an nature whatsoever into or upon the above-referred property, is hereb called upon to make the sam known, in writing with documentar evidence by registered AD Post the the undersigned at the addres mentioned herein below within 11. Fifteen) days of publication on his notice to the undersigne on the below mentioned address ailing which the same shall be andoned. In the event of inandoned. In the event or no esponse being received to this office, the purchase/ mortgage of is property shall be completed by ur client without any reference to ind without in any manner being ffected by any such right title, therest or claim whatspeer.

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MSME TECHNOLOGY CENTER, ROHTAK, PLOT NO 10 & 11,

SECTOR 30 B, IMT ROHTAK, HARYANA-124021,

Web: www.msmelcrohtak.org, Mob: 99508-51795, 86994-76940,

Email - admission.msmetcrohtak@gmail.com

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On-line Registration link available on

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STEP 2: Choice filling of

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Registered Candidate

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PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all concerned that my clientess Smt. Arun Bala Tandar W/o Late Shri Daljit Kumar Tandan

R/o Kothi No. 83. Block A3 Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 has disowned/ debarred/ disinherited and severed all relations with the divorced wife o her son Shri Jaideep Tandan (as advorced by the Decree of the Family Courts, Tis Hazari dated 30.09.2019) last namely Sandhya Sansi Tandan D/o B.R. Sansi, last known to be residing at 555, 1st Floor, New Rajinder Nagar, or at 743. Old Painder Nagar, New Paginder Nagar, New Pagi 7/12, Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi and her son last known namely Aditya around 8 years of age from all of her moveable and immoveable properties including property No. A-3/83, Paschim Vihal and from all rights, liens, titles and interests in all of my clientess properties, fixed assets, liquidity bank accounts, LIC, Pension Shares, Jewellery and ornaments etc. etc. Both of them have no rights, interests, liens and titles in respect of all moveable and immovable properties & assets with no rights claims etc. in respect of any properties, assets, Jewellery, Bank Accounts or any moveable/ immoveable assets etc. etc. presently being held by my clientess. Anyone dealing with them in any manner whatsoever shall be doing so at his/her own costs, risks, responsibilities theretc and my clientess shall in no way be responsible for any acts, deeds 8 things done by them Karan Babuta, Lawy En. No.: D 1662/14 Mobile: 9310011052 J 10/23, Rajouri Garden, N Delhi

E-TENDER NOTICE Dy.CMM/ N.Rly Central Hospital, New Delhi for and on behalf of The President o India invites E-Tenders through www.ireps.gov.in for the following items. Fo detail information please log on to website **www.ireps.gov.in**

Tender Due Date S.N. Tender No. Item Description 82201162C Tab. Sitagliptin 100 mg 22.09.2020 82201160E Tab. Linagliptin 5 mg 22.09.2020 82201454B Tab. Sitagliptin 50 mg + Metformin 1000 mg 22.09.2020 82201193A Tab. Sitagliptin 50 mg + Metformin 500 mg 22.09.2020 82202450E Tab. Nilotinib 200 mg 25.09.2020 82201003 Tab. Alectinib 150 mg 25.09.2020 83201026B Inj. Pertuzumab 420 mg 25.09.2020 83201024B | Ini. Nivolumab 100 mg 25.09.2020 83200083C Ini. Pembrolizumab 100 mg 25.09.2020 83201027 Inj. Cetuximab 100 mg 25.09.2020 83201028A Inj. Factor VIII 250 IU 25.09.2020 83201025A Inj. Albumin Bound Paclitaxel 100 mg

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TENDER NOTICE: D-05/2020-2021

Tenders are invited online from reputed Manufacturers/Formulators/Direct Importers for purchase of Recombinant Antihemophilie Factor VIIa & IX on rate contract basis and details of specification, quantity is available on https://gmscl.qujarat.gov.in and www.statetenders.com. All tender documents can be downloaded free on the website https://gmscl.nprocure.com & Tender Notice. Interested bidders are requested to submit the tender through e-tender process.

31/08/2020 to 22/09/2020 upto 15.55 Hrs.

Last date for submission (online): 22/09/2020 upto 18.00 HRS.

Last date for submission of physical document: 23/09/2020 upto 18.00 HRS. Opening of Technical Bid Date (online) 24/09/2020 at 15.00 HRS.

INF/765/20-21





CORRIGENDUM TO N.I.T. PUBLISHED ON 23/3/2020 Chief Executive, BRIT/General Manager/TD, BRIT, Vashi Complex, Sector 20, Vashi, Navi Mumbai 400703, hereby reinvites sealed tenders for item rate tender for following work.

TENDER NOTICE NO.:- BRIT/CIRUS/TFS&TLC/ ELECTRICAL/2020/01 Date :14/3/2020 02. NAME OF WORK :- Laboratory Electrification work complete in all respect along with the CCTV system, OFC based networking for the TFS&TLC lab in the basement of CIRUS building and the preclinical evaluation facility of BRIT in modular lab of BARC, Trombay, Mumbai and BRIT Vashi complex, Navi Mumbai.

03. Estimated cost (Incl. GST):- Rs.28,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty 04. Earnest money deposit:- Rs. 56,000/- (Rs. Fifty six thousand only)

05. Revised date of Sale of Tender documents:- 1-9-2020 to 19-9-2020. 06. Revised date of submission & opening of tender:- Up to 14:00 hrs or before on 30/9/2020 and will be opened by him/her in his/

her office at 15:00 Hrs. on 30/9/2020. For detail NIT, kindly visit website http://www.britatom.gov.in

General Manager, TD/BRIT

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION

NOTICE FOR INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Railways as a freight carrier have an inherent advantage in long distanc transportation over roadways in terms of bulk transportation in one-go costing & are also the safest as well as environment friendly mode of

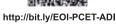
Ahmedabad Division of Western Railway invites traffic projection 8 desired destination for leasing out Parcel Cargo Express Train (PCET) from interested leaseholders, freight customers & logistic agencies with view of providing customer-friendly service at competitive rates for bulk transportation, expansion of parcel traffic movement & to capture the raffic to Railway's fold.

Parcel Cargo Express Train' by scanning following QR Code / Link:

nterested aspirants may go Interested aspirants are requested through the 'Salient Features of to submit their traffic potential & desired destinations for leasing ou Parcel Cargo Express Train Required details may be submitted by scanning following QR Code







Fraffic potential & desired destinations for PCET may be submitted up to 12:00 hours of 07.09.2020 (Monday). Detailed proposal (if any) may be submitted on email - leasingcell.adi@gmail.com up to the above said

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 $\textbf{3.0} \quad \text{All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged}.$ Director, Railway Stores (W), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi

for and on behalf of the President of India SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED Head Office:10-152/1, Sri Sai Towers, Bandar Road Kanuru, Vijayawada-520007.

TENDER NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF MANUFACTURERS FOR SUPPLY OF DIGITAL NON AUTOMATIC WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AT THE DOOR STEP OF CARD HOLDERS UNDER PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THROUGH AP E-PROCUREMENT PLATFORM

Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. invites Tenders for Appointment o

Manufacturers for Supply of Digital Non Automatic Weighing Instruments to all the zones across Andhra Pradesh State for distribution of Rice at the Door Step of Cardholders unde Public Distribution System through AP e-Procurement platform. All the interested Manufacturers in all over India may visit https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.ir and www.apscscl.in to view and download tender documents at free of cost. Interester tenderers to submit bids should be registered in website https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.ir and should obtain Digital Signature Certificates from any Certifying Authority in India. The details and procedure for obtaining Digital Signature Certificates are mentioned in the website

https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in or contact the helpdesk of e-procurement platform Phone Number: 08645-246370/71/72/73/74. ast date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to 5:00 PM Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS The Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division No. II, Irrigation & Floor Control Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, I&FC Wing, Vikas Bhawan-II Civil Lines, Delhi-110054. Invites on behalf of the President of India, online

ender from approved and eligible contractors of I&FC and other Deptt. of

central /State Govt.(whose registration details have been verified by the I&FC Deptt.) dealing with similar nature of work for the following works:-N.O.W:- R/M of Draglines & Hydraulic Excavator for the year 2020-21. Sub Work:- Providing of Operators and Khallasi cum Chowkidar for Dragline (TATA 320, HE-200 & TFC) & Backhoe Loader for the period of 06

(H.O.A:- MH 2711 (NON PLAN) Estimated Cost: Rs. 15,88,080/-Earnest Money: Rs. 31,762/-

Period of completion: (180) Days

Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 p.m on 02/09/2020 Tender I.D 2020_IFC_193863_1) Note 1) The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the vebsite http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in

DIP/Shabdarth/0266/20-2 NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Ph. 079-23250767, 23250766, 23257698

Ouration of downloading of tender document (online):

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Government of India **Department of Atomic Energy Board of Radiation and Isotope Technology**

INTERVIEW WITH MD. OMIDYAR NETWORK INDIA

'India to create \$500 billion in

New York: Oil prices inched lower as Hurricane Laura passed the heart of the US oil industry in Louisiana and Texas without causing any widespread damage. Brent crude futures for October fell 4 cents to \$45.05 a barrel. WTI crude fell 7 cents to \$42.97 a barrel. **REUTERS**

8TH EAST ASIA SUMMIT ECONOMIC MINISTERS' MEETING

Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative does not mean protectionist India: Goyal

Meet agrees trade restrictive steps amid Covid must be temporary, transparent, WTO-rules compliant

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

ECONOMIC MINISTERS from the 10 Asean (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) members and eight other nations, including India, the US and China, have highlighted the importance of strengthening regional supply chains to make them resilient in times of heightened challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, and to spur economic growth.

As per a joint statement after the 8th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting held on Friday, the ministers "reaffirmed their commitment to promote trade and investment, minimise disruptions to trade and global supply chains and facilitate supply chain connectivity, including for essential

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GSTN starts

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ITC statement

New Delhi: The GST

Network on Saturday

started providing auto-

drafted input tax credit (ITC)

statement GSTR-2B which

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New Delhi: The board of di-

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Wockhardt Q1

New Delhi: Wockhardt on

Saturday reported a consol-

idated net profit of Rs 759.75

crore for June quarter,

mainly on account of excep-

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with the transfer of a busi-

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Dr Reddy's Laboratories.

pledge shares to

raise₹430 crore

New Delhi: Promoters of

Adani Ports and Special

Economic Zone have

pledged 206.09 lakh shares

of the company in favour of

Credit Suisse AG to raise

Rs 430 crore for a group com-

pany, as per a filing. PTI

net profit at ₹759 crore

Services Tax (GST).

NMDC okays

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steel plant



Economic and trade ministers at the 8th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting. via @PiyushGoyal Twitter handle

goods such as medical supplies, medicines, including vaccines, food, commodities and other essential supplies and services in the region".

Speaking on this occasion, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal reiterated that the Modi government's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative "does not mean a protectionist India". But it is about "upscaling the growth of Indian industry, its skills and capabilities to make them resilient and less vulnerable to shocks and integrating our industries with the global supply chains,"

Reiterating their support for the "necessary reform" of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the ministers pledged to continue to work together "to realise a free, fair, transparent, nondiscriminatory, predictable, and stable trade environment, and affirmed the importance of agreed-upon rules in the WTO".

"The ministers agreed that any trade restrictive emergency measures put in place to address the impact of Covid-19 must be targeted, proportionate, transparent, temporary, consistent with WTO rules and do not create unnecessary barriers to trade or disruption of global and regional supply chains," according to the joint statement released Saturday.

The meeting comes at a critical juncture when the pandemic has not just posed an un-

precedented health crisis but also caused a sharp contraction in economic activities, disrupting trade and investments.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has predicted a 4.9 per cent contraction for 2020 global GDP, warning that the Covid-19 outbreak has plunged the global economy into its worst recession since the Great Depression in 1930s. The WTO, too, had in April warned that global trade volume growth could crash by 13-32 per cent in

The meeting was chaired by Vietnam's Industry and Trade Minister Tran Tuan Anh.

Apart from Goyal, US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and economic ministers from China, Japan, South Korea, Russia, Australia and New Zealand also attended the virtual meeting. FE

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dip in collections from customers

30%

Icra expects the spends on ongoing projects to reduce by around 30 per cent in FY21 on account of the pandemic

NEW LAUNCHES, which were already on a declining trend given the increased focus on deliveries, are likely to get further deferred

are expected to be impacted by slower collections leading to reduced inflows

> how the Data Protection Authority gets set up is very important. Then you have the third part, which is the practices. It's very important to have something like a national council for governance,

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which will basically try and en-

courage people or new entrepre-

are the factors driving the upswing? "The sharp fall in USD-rupee wards hotter inflation could further boost inflows and boost the spot has been unexpected and traders are in shock, Initially, the rupee's value, traders said. Globally, risk sentiments have RBI was protecting the 74.50

> zone but its absence has led to a ulus by the US Fed and there have free fall. The question arises whether can we expect the RBI intervention going ahead or it is comfortable with current levels," said Rahul Gupta,

head of research. Emkay Financial Services.

What was the US Fed policy shift?

Reserve recently signalled a major shift in its approach to managing inflation in a bid to aid the country's economy's recovery. It will now target an "average" of 2 per cent inflation, rather than making a fixed 2-per cent target, giving it more What's the impact Gold prices, which had recently retreated from the alltime high levels, rebounded on

allow the central bank to keep in-

terest rates lower for longer, stim-

ulating growth to help tackle un-

employment. The Fed's move

will lead to more capital flows to

emerging markets like India.

The dollar moved lower on Friday despite rising US yields, which helped to pave the way for higher gold prices. In Mumbai, gold .999 variety was quoted at Rs 51,177 per 10 gram and gold .916 variety at Rs 46,878 per 10 gram, accord-

Will FM answer how to describe mismanagement of economy

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

CONGRESS LEADER P Chidambaram on Saturday asked "the FM as the Messenger of God" to "please answer" how to describe the "mismanagement" of the economy before the coronavirus

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the economy has been hit by the pandemic, which is an "Act of God". and it will see a contraction in the current fiscal.

Taking a swipe at Sitharaman over the remark, Chidambaram said, "If the pandemic is an 'Act of God', how do we describe the mismanagement of the economy dur-

"If the pandemic is an 'Act of God', how do we describe mismanagement of the economy during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. Before the pandemic struck India?"

before pandemic: Chidambaram

PCHIDAMBARAM FORMER FINANCE MINISTER

ing 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. Before the pandemic struck

"Will the FM as the Messenger of God please answer?" the former

finance minister asked on Twitter. In a series of tweets, the senior Congress leader also slammed the Centre for asking states to borrow more to make up for revenue losses due to pending GST dues.

He asserted that the two options given by the Modi government to the states to bridge the GST compensation gap are unac-

"Under the first option the states are asked to borrow by pledging their future receivables under Compensation cess. The financial burden falls entirely on the states," Chidambaram said.

"Under the second option, states are asked to borrow from the RBI window. It is more market borrowing, only by a different name. Again, the entire financial burden falls on the states," he said.

Chidambaram claimed the Central government is absolving itself of any financial responsi-

Leveraging funds, raising capex by CPSEs may boost GDP by 2-3%, says PESB chief

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

CENTRAL PUBLIC sector enterprises, which have a combined net worth of close to Rs 12 lakh crore, can boost India's GDP by 2-3 per cent by leveraging funds and stepping up capital expenditure, Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) Chairman Rajiv Kumar has said.

He also exhorted public sector firms to "rise to the occasion" and play their part in building an 'Aatamanirbhar Bharat'.

For the last 5-6 years, CPSEs have been major investors in the economy as the private sector has been shying away from making fresh investment.

Reserve's recent policy shift topressure on inflation and yields. flexibility, Fed chief Jerome US Fed policymakers do their own math on 'average' inflation

REUTERS

NEW YORK, AUGUST 29

A DAY after rolling out a new strategy for US monetary policy, Federal Reserve officials on Friday diverged over what it might mean in practice, saying there is no exact formula for the average inflation rate they plan to target.

While the aim of the new strategy is to allow higher inflation and, as a side-effect, additional job growth over time, Fed policymakers differed over just how much more inflation they will tolerate or what metrics they will be looking at - a complication for investors or households setting expectations about the

Dallas Fed President Robert Kaplan said he would be comfortable with inflation running a "little bit" above the Fed's 2 per cent inflation target if the economy were to once again be running near full employment."And for me, a little bit means a little bit," or about 2.25 per cent, Kaplan said during an interview with Bloomberg TV.

"I still think price stability is the overriding goal and this framework doesn't change that."St. Louis Fed President James Bullard, who along with Kaplan and their 15 policymaker colleagues will carry out the Fed's new strategy, had a different answer."Inflation has run below target, certainly by half a percent, for quite a while, so it seems like you could run above for a half a percent for quite a while," Bullard told CNBC. And Philadelphia Fed President Patrick Harker had yet another view."It's not so much

velocity," Harker said during a separate interview with CNBC, adding that inflation "creeping up to 2.5 per cent" is different from inflation that is "shooting past 2.5 per cent."The Fed announced on Thursday that its inflation target would be based on an average over time rather than a hard annual target, as had been the case since 2012, an approach that it said would make it likely to aim for too-high inflation for a time to make up for what has

the number.... It's really about the

been years of too-low inflation. The disconnect among policymakers underscores the big question - what to expect when you are expecting higher inflation? Recognizing when inflation has risen too much will depend on what else is happening with the economy, Cleveland Fed President Loretta Mester said.

New Delhi

Made \$20-bn bid with Centricus for TikTok assets: Triller

REUTERS

NEW YORK, AUGUST 29

TRILLER INC executive chairman Bobby Sarnevesht said on Friday that the short-video app had made a \$20 billion offer with investment firm Centricus Asset Management Ltd for the assets of rival TikTok that China's ByteDance is seeking to a divest.

knowledge of the offer, raising questions over whether the proposed deal between two of the most popular social media apps in the United States represented a serious bid or was a publicity stunt.

ByteDance has been ordered by US President Donald Trump to divest TikTok in the United States, amid security concerns over the personal data it handles.

new economic value by 2030 via open digital ecosystems' ON THE lines of Aadhaar and the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which envisaged building open digital ecosystems (ODE) of public and private entities, a section of the industry has pegged approaching various sectors such as healthcare, education, agriculture, law and justice through such net-

works involving digital infrastruc-

ture builders, governments and

community. In an interview,

ROOPA KUDVA, MD of investment

firm Omidvar Network India. told

PRANAV MUKUL that 10 such na-

tional ODEs in various sectors can

collectively create new economic

value of \$500 billion by 2030.

You mentioned governance

exactly is expected from the

government to make this a

There are three things. It's a

combination of regulation, insti-

tutions and practices. As far as reg-

ulations, etc, are concerned, I think

it is about starting with the more

basic things like privacy regula-

tions, data protection - which

anyway, the Data Protection Bill is

under discussion - and we have

that journey to be fully accom-

plished. But it is also about things

like setting standards just like you

have the Bureau of Industrial

Standards, there needs to be some

kind of setting of standards on ba-

sic things, right from construct, to

issues like privacy, security, things

like anonymisation of data, if my

data is there in the database and is

being made a part of an open data

set, which you may need to do for

tory governance or consultations.

That is why in the Data Protection

Bill, one of the points or sugges-

tions that we have made is that

The second part is participa-

research purposes.

being a key layer of the

proposed ODEs, but what

Edited excerpts:

Roopa Kudva

platform and build solutions.

Does the lack of a data protection law in the country throw in some kind of uncertainty when we talk about a project of this scale? I think we all agree that pass-

ing the data protection law is going to be an important milestone in the evolution of Digital India. That is something we hope happens guickly and happens in a robust manner. However, I think it's very important to point out which way the winds are blowing. Even without the Data Protection Bill, if you look at the debate discussion today and even the recent National Digital Health Mission, I think they are all referring right upfront to privacy by design. Even if you look at the way existing architecture has been built — take two very important examples, one is the DigiLocker and the other is the account aggregators — in both these important pieces of infra $structure, you \, need \, the \, consent \, of \,$ the owner of the data before data is shared.

I think the formal passage of laws is very important but even without that, today people are recognising that if you want to build something which people will use, right and which will work, you cannot do it without having these core principles and these basic approaches enshrined.

What are the other sectors where you see the next UPI coming up? We're already seeing it in health...

Health is something that has been announced. We already know India Stack. The other one is

education sector, and it's essentially an open digital public infrastructure, which has all kinds of educational content on it. It has your textbooks, your curriculum, it has tests, teacher training, audios. It has been rolled out in all the states, a couple of states have adopted it more extensively -Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, for example, have made more progress in utilising DIKSHA more effectively. On the student side, not

> Ithink that will progress over time. The other open digital ecosystem platform that's been built using those principles is something called the National Urban Innovation Stack. That has three layers, first layer is something called digit, which is actually a platform that operates in municipalities. It has already been adopted by hundreds of municipalities. Now the National Institute of Urban Affairs has taken it over, and is trying to make that a standardised approach for use by all municipal-

everyone has smartphones and

that is coming in the way of full

utilisation by the student commu-

nity. But that is a good example of

a platform that has been built and

ities all over India. The other interesting one which is under construction under this National Urban Innovation Stack is something called the IndiaUrban Data Exchange. It's being piloted by Pune, as well as the National Open Learning Platform, and that is basically get a lot of urban data in one place different kinds of open data and make it open for innovators to come in to use that data to find solution. So that is under construction as well. Others under construction at this point is something called the agristack. Right now there is a committee that's been formed to look into it, how to set it up. So these are the other areas where, where ODEs are being built. But we really think that this principle of tech layer plus governance plus community engagement is something which has very wide application. That is why we've identified those 10 areas like talent, MSMEs, law

AMID COVID-19

'Realty sector to see up to 60% fall in residential sales volume in FY21'

Liquidity-starved real estate sector is expected to witness a 40-60 per cent decline in residential sales volumes this fiscal due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as per Icra



OUTLOOK:

Maintaining a negative outlook for the real estate sector, the agency noted that the overall sales volume from completed and underconstruction inventory is expected to reduce by 40-60 per cent

WHYISTHIS IMPORTANT?

The economic fallout of the pandemic has hurt jobs and people's take-home salaries. With less inhand money, residential sales are set to take a hit as people look to save more during the pandemic.

completed inventory is expected to continue thus favouring the

proportion of such projects **COMMITTED RECEIVABLES**

been impacted, given that some

milestone based payments have

been deferred due to stoppage of

developers having higher from already booked sales have

OVERALL PROJECT cash flows

HIGHER RATED clients have maintained considerable liquidity buffers, which can be used to meet project costs and debt obligations, as per the report

Source: Icra/PTI

GEORGE MATHEW

MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

THE RUPEE rose nearly 2 per

cent to 73.40 against the US dol-

lar last week, as foreign portfo-

lio investors (FPIs) pumped more

money into domestic markets

and the Reserve Bank of India

(RBI) refrained from intervening

in the foreign exchange market.

FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS' JUMP IN WEEK TO AUG 21 PROPELS GAIN

After brief fall, forex reserves surge by \$2.2 bn to \$537.5 bn

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE NATION'S foreign exchange reserves rose by \$2.296 billion to reach \$537.548 billion in the week to August 21, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data showed.

In the previous week ended August 14, the reserves had declined by 2.939 billion to \$535,252 billion. The forex kitty had increased by \$3.623 billion to reach a record high of \$538.191 billion in

the week ended August 7. In the reporting week, the increase in reserves was mainly due to a jump in foreign currency assets (FCAs), a major component of the overall reserves. FCAs rose by \$2.618 billion to \$494.168 billion in the reporting week, the central

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. The gold reserves were down \$331 million in

reporting week to \$37.264 billion. The special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rose \$2 million to \$1.481 billion. The country's reserve position with the IMF also increased by \$6 million to \$4.634 billion during the reporting week, the

data showed. The rise has been in several stages and has been led by different factors over the last ten months. Experts say that the rise in foreign exchange inflows through Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPIs) and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has also

been supported by decline in import bill over the last 4-5 months on account of dip in crude prices and trade impact following Covid-19 pandemic

Rising forex reserves give a lot of comfort to the government and the Reserve Bank of India in managing India's external and internal financial issues at a time when the economic growth is set to contract by 5.8 per cent in 2020-21. It's a big cushion in the event of any crisis on the economic front and enough to cover the import bill of the country for a year. Reserves will provide a level of confidence to markets that a country can meet its external obligations, demonstrate the backing of domestic currency by external assets, assist the government in meeting foreign exchange needs and external debt obligations. WITHPTI

crore worth of shares so far in August, the highest monthly inflow in calendar year 2020. FPIs are making use of the interest rate differential to bring in dollars. Analysts said dollar inflows into the stock market and gains in other Asian currencies boosted the rupee's value. The US Federal

39,467.31 last week. Why is the RBI

Why are FPIs pumping bought \$59.74 bilin money? FPIs have bought Rs 46,602

keeping away?

lion of forex reserves since April 1 this year to boost the

gained over 1,000 points to The RBI, which

country's reserves, did not intervene in the market to prevent the rupee appreciation in the bygone week. When the RBI buys dollars, it releases equivalent amount in the rupees into the system, which, in turn, could put

market. As a result, the Sensex

on gold prices? Friday as traders began to incorporate the Fed's new policy which is focused on inflation. The US Federal

ing to the Indian Bullion and Jewellers Association.

ByteDance and TikTok denied



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A renewed concern has been expressed about the 'independence' of the judiciary... So far as fundamental rights are concerned — and now increasingly human, animal and environmental/ ecological rights too — the Supreme Court is the sentinel on the qui vive. That role can be performed only if the Court is fiercely independent and, in my view, that independence can be preserved and demonstrated only if some major reforms are undertaken

A time for supreme reform

CLOSE OBSERVERS of the Supreme Court of India will agree that the role, functions and proceedings of the Court have changed considerably in the last two decades. Some noticeable features are

■ System of assignment of cases to judges, especially the presiding judge; ■Composition of Benches;

■ Expansion of the Court's jurisdiction; ■ Jurisprudential foundation of certain judgments; and

■Erosion of the powers of the

OLD CONCERNS Persist

Many scholars have written about judicial reforms. Many reforms have been undertaken by the Central and state governments - creation of special courts, appointment of more judges, etc; by Parliament - more legislation; and by the Supreme Court itself - digitisation, case management and, now virtual courts. Yet, the disturbing facts remain as they were huge pendency of cases at every level; large number of unfilled vacancies of judges; and general dissatisfaction among litigants about the quality of justice that is delivered.

A renewed concern has been expressed about the 'independence' of the judiciary. The causes for the concern are different at the levels of the subordinate

judiciary, High Courts and Supreme Court. My immediate focus is on the Supreme Court. So far as fundamental

rights are concerned - and now increasingly human, animal and environmental/ecological rights too — the Supreme Court is the sentinel on the qui vive. That role can be performed only if the Court is fiercely independent and, in my view, that independence can be preserved and demonstrated only if some major reforms are undertaken. Here are some desirable reforms:

WANTED: CONSTITUTIONAL Court

1. The Supreme Court must be elevated to a Constitutional Court. It must hear and decide only cases involving questions regarding the interpretation of the Constitution of India and, on rare occasions, cases that involve legal issues of great public importance and consequences. Under my proposal, there will be seven judges of the Supreme Court sitting as one Court and not in Benches.

A question will arise immediately: who will hear appeals from judgments of High Courts? Appellate jurisdiction is indeed an important function, especially in a federal system, and High Courts could give conflicting judgments. The answer is to create Courts of Appeal: five Courts of Appeal, six judges in each Court sitting in two Benches of three judges each, altogether 30 judges. Not a large number for a country whose

population is expected to peak at 161 crore. Thus with 37 judges — the present sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court is 34 – the highest Court can be reformed to perform both roles as a Court of Appeal and a Constitutional Court.

2. It is necessary to eliminate the practice of 'assigning' cases to Benches. Under the new arrangement, there will be no Benches and no need for a Master of the Roster. (Critics say that the system of Master of the Roster has turned into a system of Roster of the Master.) Mr Justice K N Singh, during his brief tenure of 18 days as Chief Justice, assigned to his Bench a set of cases and delivered judgments; after his retirement, many of those judgments were reviewed and reversed. How can one explain Mr Justice Dipak Misra passing, in a case involving allegations against himself, an order on the administrative side overruling a judicial order (albeit unusual) of another Bench, constituting a five-judge Bench led by himself to affirm the administrative order, and then assigning the case to a three-judge Bench? And how can one condone Mr Justice Ranjan Gogoi assigning to his Bench (with two other judges) a case involving allegations against himself and the Bench hearing and passing an order signed only by the other two judges? These are, of course, egregious examples, but we must discard the practice of assigning cases to Benches of the Supreme Court.

OTHER REFORMS

3. Because Benches hear cases, the law declared by the Supreme Court is uncertain. Every highest court has reversed its earlier rulings, but usually such reversals

My ISOLATION

A WEEKLY WINDOW INTO LIVES OF INDIA'S NEWSMAKERS AND IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON THEM

'I spend 8-10 hrs in front of screen.

Can't complain, gets work done'

are because of epochal changes or widespread clamour among the people. However, in India, judgments have been reversed because a two- or three-judge Bench has refused to follow binding judgments of Constitution Benches; or because a Bench of three judges has simply taken a view different from an earlier view. An example is the case involving Section 24 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement, Act 2013. Practising lawyers are worried about the legal uncertainty. There is also uncertainty in the minds of citizens in arranging their personal and business affairs while the law is being interpreted and re-interpreted differently.

4. The Executive, through its law officers, must stand up to the Supreme Court when it seeks to judicially review a purely administrative or policy decision without any jurisprudential basis to do so. If the Executive's policy or administrative decision is wrong, the place to correct it is the Parliament/Legislature or the voting booth.

5. The scope for the Executive to 'reward' judges of the Supreme Court after their retirement must be eliminated. Every judge of the Supreme Court, after retirement, should receive his/her full salary and allowances for life, but may not accept any assignment or post or Constitutional office. It is a small financial cost that the nation will bear cheerfully to ensure the independence of the Supreme Court.

You should think about more reforms because we all need an independent Supreme Court.



MISSING THE TARGET

The drafting skills of the top lawyers and spokespersons who signed on to the letter to the Congress president seeking changes in the party were found wanting. The letter was actually meant to target the coterie surrounding Rahul Gandhi, known as the Tughlaq Lane club, and not the Gandhis themselves. All important issues in the party are referred by Sonia Gandhi to her son's residence. Rahul generally does not handle them personally, but delegates to a few favoured people. This coterie is so empowered that when Sonia Gandhi recently sent the approved names as observers for the Madhya Pradesh bypolls, KCVenugopal did not clear the names for three days. Rahul shies away from visitors and Venugopal acts as the gatekeeper. Both Venugopal and Rajeev Satav avoided contesting the 2019 Lok Sabha polls despite a party directive. Nevertheless, they were rewarded with Rajya Sabha seats. Ajay Maken, who has been in political oblivion losing his deposit in two consecutive Delhi Lok Sabha polls, smartly realised the benefits of cosying up to Venugopal and Randeep Surjewala. Maken has been suddenly appointed general secretary in-charge of Rajasthan, a state of which he has no knowledge.

AD HOC APPROACH

The manner in which the flag-hoisting ceremony took place at the Congress office on Independence Day typifies the adhocism in the party. Rahul Gandhi was first requested to hoist the flag, but declined. Then A K Antony as the eldest present was asked to do the honours. Rahul suggested that KC Venugopal, the party organising secretary, also be on the dais. Somebody remarked that with both leaders from Kerala, one state would seem to be over represented. Then Rahul asked Adhir Ranian Chowdhury, the party's Lok Sabha leader, to join, while ignoring the much senior Ghulam Nabi Azad, leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha. Perhaps, because the letter with Azad's sign on it had already been dispatched.

HOSPITAL SWITCH

There was speculation in Delhi over Amit Shah's move from Medanta Hospital

in Gurgaon to AIIMS, Delhi. Shah's decision to get admitted to Medanta for Covid-19 treatment was not prompted by lack of faith in a government hospital. AIIMS, in fact, re-VVIPs with all the latest facilities. It was privacy concerns that led Shah to opt for Medanta. Unionism is rampant at AIIMS and medical information about VIP patients is often leaked. (The late Arun Jaitley's sarcoma cancer was disclosed by the media almost as soon as it was diagnosed). The workaholic Home Minister checked out from the private hospital too early after his treatment and subsequently suffered a sudden shortness of breath. He was rushed to the nearest hospital, which was AIIMS, to reports, Shah continues to work from his

KVijayRaghavan, principal scientific adviser (PSA) to the PMO, has extraordinary clout in the health sector. (He impressed Modi back in 2017 when he arranged for nine Nobel laureates to attend the Gujarat Global Summit 2017). Although a molecular biologist and not a virologist or a medical doctor, VijayRaghavan's opinion has often been heeded over the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and health authorities on Covid-19 issues. It was VijayRaghavan who recommended the use of HCQ in the treatment of Covid-19, though its use as a prophylactic is contested. He is also believed to have nudged the ICMR to push for a Covid-19 vaccine before August 15, an objective which was universally ridiculed. Recently, the PSA gave the goahead for a team of 20 Israelis to gather saliva samples from four Delhi hospitals, bypassing the ICMR, He obtained permission from the DRDO, which is not the right authority. The ICMR has cautioned on the hazards of collecting 20,000 samples from Covid-19 patients. It requires expert supervision and an authorised central collecting office. Understandably, relations between the ICMR and PSA are not very cordial.

Satish Maneshinde. Rhea Chakraborty's lawyer, was once a junior of the late Ram Jethmalani and has represented Sanjay Dutt and Salman Khan. He had a photo of himself with the late Bal Thackeray as his profile picture on social media accounts. But after he took up Sushant Singh Rajput's case, he changed it to that of himself with PM Modi. Clearly, he wanted to convey he was not taking up the case at the instance of Aaditya

UNSCIENTIFIC WAY

SWITCHING PHOTO

Thackeray, as insinuated by the BJP.

serves a series of rooms for the PM and which is not a Covid-19 hospital. According hospital bed, signing files in the morning. He takes a break later in the day.

* You were among the first chief

ministers to test positive for Covid-19. Yes. Once the lockdown ended, I had to travel to several places in the state for work. Despite taking all the precautions and trying my level best to protect myself, I contracted the virus and was diagnosed with Covid-19. Then, I followed all the advice given to me by the doctors and recovered fairly soon. I am back to work now. * What routine did you follow in self-

* What precautions do you take to

I follow all the safety measures. I use

masks, frequently wash my hands, use

sanitiser... All these measures have be-

come part of my daily life now. I also en-

sure that all the coronavirus-linked guide-

lines issued by the Centre are strictly

stay Covid-free?

enforced in my state.

I would wake up at 4.30 in the morning and first do yoga, followed by meditation and finally offer prayers. This has always been a part of my morning routine. After that, I dive straight into my work, devoting all my time for the welfare of the people and to taking steps to bring development to Madhya Pradesh, This gives me real happiness.

* What kind of gloves and mask do you use?

I mostly use masks made of cotton cloth. I am a farmer's son and so I know how to use a gamcha (cotton stole) as a mask. I don't use gloves very often, only while signing files. I prefer to wash my hands or use sanitiser.

* What precautions do you take during public interactions?

At work, social distancing is most important. I make sure that I maintain a distance of at least two metres from everyone I meet. And, of course, the mask is always on, and I use sanitiser too. Like I mentioned earlier, it is a habit now.

* How long have you gone without seeing your family?

Each and every moment of my life is



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

On July 25, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, 61, tested positive for Covid-19. After staying in hospital for 11 days, and in home quarantine for another week, Chouhan is now back at work, conducting meetings

online and travelling only when "absolutely necessary". He has also been urging people of his state to strictly follow all the Covid-19 safety guidelines

Interview by Liz Mathew

devoted to the service of the people. That is why I don't mind travelling for work that will bring welfare to the people, even if it means staying away from family.

* Do you take any specific precautions while you travel?

Now, I have been travelling only when absolutely necessary. In the field, some people tend to get carried away and ignore safety measures. They want to come near you and talk. I tell them to maintain distance. I strictly follow social distancing. In fact, during my tours, I ensure that through me people get the right message about the importance of following safety measures during a pandemic.

* How much time do you end up spending in front of a screen?

Because of the pandemic, most work is being done online, through video conferencing etc. So, I end up spending about 8-10 hours every day in front of a screen.

But, one can't complain, because during the lockdown phases I could continue my work only because of online connectivity. In the early days of the pandemic, it helped us procure masks, testing kits, PPE kits, get in touch with testing labs, organise ICU beds for patients etc.

Now, I discuss the situation with collectors, divisional commissioners and people's representatives through online meetings. I have managed to reach out to people in times of distress only because

* How do you keep your mind off the pandemic?

I have begun to see this period as an opportunity for self-growth and practice of deep spirituality. I focus only on my work, day or night, to control the further spread of the virus. These days, I hardly travel and work from the Mantralaya. I feel a lot at peace.

* What is the first thing you want to do when the pandemic is past?

The pandemic has made us realise the importance of good health, and once Madhya Pradesh is Covid-free, I want to work towards ensuring that the state gets rid of every kind of illness.

I want Madhya Pradesh to emerge as a healthy and prosperous state. After Covid, I want to begin development work in the state with complete focus and fulfil the Prime Minister's dream of an atmanirb-

Fifth TAVLEEN SINGH!

Dissent strengthens democracy

SONIA GANDHI and Narendra Modi have one thing in common. They hate criticism. And, know how to prevent pesky hacks from voicing it by keeping them on a leash, but by different means. Since Modi Raj began, some 'independent' news channels have begun to sound more loyal to the king than Doordarshan. As a proud print journalist, it saddens me to concede that most newspapers and magazines (especially in Hindi) have become Modi mouthpieces. The method his media management team has used to whip them into docility is venomous ostracisation.

Sonia Gandhi's ways were different but worked well. Instead of a blacklist, she had a guest list, and those senior editors and famous TV anchors who were regularly invited to 10 Janpath for tea and chitchat usually ended up silenced and seduced. In the decade that she was de facto prime minister, and in the two decades she has controlled the Congress party, she has hardly ever been personally criticised. Her chosen prime ministers were attacked often and brutally and her son is mocked often and brutally. But, she has managed to remain above criticism not just from political commentators but even from her comrades. In the letter that 23 Congress leaders wrote this month asking for change and introspection in the party, she was not mentioned by name. She should have been.

It is her delusions of eternal succession for the Dynasty that have brought the Congress party to this sorry state. These delusions come naturally to her because she has lived in the Prime Minister's residence for most of the years that she has lived in India. First, as a daughter-in-law and then as the Prime Minister's wife. After Rajiv Gandhi lost the election in 1989, he moved his family to 10 Janpath and although this is not officially the Prime Minister's residence, anyone who covers national politics knows well that in the years when Sonia's chosen governments ruled, 10 Janpath was the real seat of power.

This caused her to have such a deluded sense of entitlement that when Modi won his first full majority in 2014, she in her brief concession speech could not bring herself to say his name. She congratulated the 'new government' although it did not come into existence till later. Her children have inherited that sense of entitlement and it showed in such an offensive way during the 2019 election campaign that it helped Modi win a second term.

If this was just an internal problem of the Congress party none of this would have mattered. Sadly, we need a strong opposition party today more than ever because all the pillars of democracy have become very shaky. The legislature is now totally under the Modi government's control and it can ram through any law it wants. The judiciary is going through such a bad time that an activist lawyer's tweet invited contempt proceedings. Hence, it is with some trepidation that I say that it is scandalous that issues related to the changes in the former state of Jammu & Kashmir have been treated with such disdain. Not even on habeas corpus was the Supreme Court able to take a stand.

As for us who constitute the Fourth Pillar, let me say that most journalists today are too scared to speak for fear of being branded 'anti-national' and for fear of losing their jobs. The 'fearless' journalists are those you see screeching out their 'nationalist' credentials in what pass for primetime debates on populist news channels, who clearly believe that to question the Prime Minister amounts to being 'anti-national' and 'anti-Hindu'.

That leaves us with only political parties who can challenge the government. Most are too feeble or too regional to put up any kind of challenge. With the exception of the Congress party. This is why it cheered me up in this very gloomy time when 23 important Congress leaders decided to write a letter to Sonia and son, politely requesting change. It is sad that those who asked for introspection and inner-party democracy were so quickly silenced, first by the party's Matriarch threatening to resign and then by her pulling out the whip.

If Sonia Gandhi wants the Congress party to continue playing a role in Indian politics, she must start listening. And, she must allow the party she has so diminished, to try and recover some of its former stature by standing up for the values that it claims to espouse. When senior BJP leaders spit and rage against 'secularism' and 'liberal democracy' as if these were words of abuse, it should be the role of the Congress party to point out that they are not. Instead, the fools that the Dynasty has surrounded itself with advised a turn to soft Hindutva. This has been tried before and did not work because this is a game the BJP plays better.

What will work is to rebuild the Congress party by speaking up for its foundational values and by recruiting Indians who also believe in them. This will only begin to happen when the Matriarch shakes off that sense of entitlement that she has passed on to both of her children. That time has gone when it mattered to voters that you were the grandson or granddaughter of Indira Gandhi. So, to flaunt this as your reason for being in politics is not just futile but stupid.

Dwivedi Johri

ZOMATO'S DECISION to grant menstrual leave to its women employees has sparked a polarised discussion on whether such a policy will sow seeds of discrimination at the workplace or offer relief for women dealing with crippling pain every month. What remains relatively untalked of is how, nearly 30 years ago, the Lalu Prasad government in Bihar introduced such a step for working women - revolutionary both for the state (which lags on most development indices), and for its time (when women formed a small portion of working staff).

Rambali Prasad, general secretary of the Bihar Non-Gazetted Employees' Federation (Gope faction), recalls that it was 1990 and

When Bihar's women got period leave

Lalu had become CM of Bihar for the first time, leading the Janata Dal to power and marking a historical shift in the balance of

power to backward castes in the state. It was a time of *hartals*, Prasad says. "Nearly six lakh employees were on strike, demanding better salaries, promotions etc. About 10% per cent were women. In Patna, 5,000 of us would stand at the Secretariat

and raise our demands every day." Among the women who were part of the strikes were teachers, auxiliary nurses, clerks and typists. "Towards the end of 1991, when we launched a 32-day strike, some women asked for menstrual leave to be added to the demands," recollects Prasad.

Meena Tiwari, national general secretary of the All India Progressive Women's Alliance, who was also a part of the agitation then, says the list of demands grew to include toilets, creches, and hostels.

In late 1991, Prasad and his team finally got an audience with the CM. Negotiations went on for four days, "sometimes beginning at 7 pm and going on well past 1 am". When the issue of menstrual leave came up, he recalls, "Laluji listened patiently". "We criticise him for many things, but on this, he was with us," says Prasad.

At the end of the negotiations, not all the demands were accepted, but the CM gave his nod for leave during menstruation, says Tiwari. On January 2, 1992, a state government order declared that all women employees would get two consecutive days of leave every month (apart from usual offs).

Veteran RJD leader Shivanand Tiwari, who was vice-president of the state's Citizen's Council at the time, says it was "a turbulent period and the order hardly got any media coverage". "The Mandal protests were raging. There was violence... I don't

remember what prompted Lalu Prasad to agree, but it was a natural decision and there were barely any hurdles. No one spoke about it in all these years...," says the 77year-old leader over the phone from Patna.

"Bihar was the first state to introduce such a progressive legislation. Now the women decide which days to take the leave by simply sending an email to their boss. Also, (last year) they were told that they can decide when to stop taking the leave because (menopause) time is different for different women," says Raj Kumar, Director of Bihar Social Welfare Department.

But, it took a long time for the order to percolate down the system. "The Patna University Teachers' Association sought its implementation. However, most women professors, especially in co-educational colleges, found it awkward to ask for such a leave," says former Patna University history professor Bharati S Kumar.

In the university's post-graduate Department of History, which Kumar went on to head as the first woman HoD, there were 5 women and 20 male professors at the time. Kumar says she decided to take the lead. "I wrote an application for leave when I had my periods. For a second, the HoD was stumped. He just looked at me, but then he agreed," says Kumar. "There were sarcastic smiles from my male colleagues, some said 'Ek aur favour mil gaya (The women have got another privilege)',

but it didn't matter.' Later, Kumar recalls, she recounted her experience at the 'Patna College Ladies Teacher's Club', comprising a group of about 25 women professors who met over tea to discuss personal and professional issues.

Soon, she says, the others too were ready to write their own applications.



EXPLAINED

A shot in the dark

WITH THE economy stagnant and cases not seeing a uniform dip, a vaccine remains the government's hope to come out of the coronavirus pandemic. However, while the trials offer a glimmer, and clearances have been fast-tracked, there is still a long way to go before a vaccine is available widely.

NEEDLE AND THE HAYSTACK

- A total of 1,600, 18 years of age or over, are to be enrolled in the study for the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine or Covishield in India.
- They will be split into 'safety cohort' and 'immunogenicity (to check for immunity) cohort'.
- Of the 1,600 participants, 1,200 will be split 3:1 to receive either Covishield or a placebo across all sites. They would comprise the safety cohort, and get two doses while no blood samples would be collected to check for antibodies. They would be monitored for six months.
- The remaining 400, part of the immunogenicity cohort, would receive either Covishield or Oxford/AZ-ChAdOx1 nCoV-19, also in a ratio of 3:1 (the same vaccine, but the first produced by Serum and the second by AstraZeneca). After the second dose, blood samples will be taken up to six months to check for antibodies. These trials will be done at only four or five sites.
- The volunteers at Pune so far are part of the safety cohort.

RACE AGAINST TIME

- Three vaccine candidates, including two indigenous, are in development in the country.
- Phase 1 trials of the indigenous Covaxin, by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with ICMR, and ZyCoV-
- D, by Zydus Cadila Ltd, are complete.

 Zydus has started Phase 2 trials.

 Bharat Biotech will begin in
 September.
- Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is in the most advanced stage. In India, its Phase2/3 trials commenced on August 25.
- 172 countries are in talks to participate in COVAX, to ensure vaccines reach all equitably. It has 9 candidates under consideration, including Moderna, US (Phase 3).
- Russia has cleared 'Sputnik V' for civilian use amid doubts; while China cleared CoronaVac developed by its Sinovac Biotech for emergency use in July

T WAS after exactly five months and four days that the 64 year-old former top official of a pharmaceutical firm in Pune was stepping out of his bungalow. On August 27, he dressed slowly, washed his hands before wearing gloves, put on an N95 mask and safety goggles, and then waited for his wife, 59, daughter, 40, to get dressed similarly and join him in the car. All three of them then headed for the Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College and Hospital in Pune — to be part of trials for one of the most promising vaccine candidates against the coronavirus as yet.

"Oh my God, it had been so long," says the 64-year-old. "I had only been listening to tragic news — another healthcare worker I knew passed away due to Covid. In the car, we switched off the AC, sanitised the seats, disinfected the steering wheel and sat diagonally."

But while the virus might have kept him home all these days, he says he didn't hesitate on coming to know volunteers were needed for Phase 2/3 clinical trials of Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine — or Covishield, as it is to be called in India. "There was absolutely no doubt in my mind that I would volunteer."

The 64-year-old has been closely monitoring the progress of the vaccine developed by Oxford University — including the advanced human trials that are already on in Brazil, South Africa and the United Kingdom. In India, the Phase 2/3 trials started on August 25.

As part of the pharmaceutical industry, he had seen such trials up close, he says, with his team being part of several research studies.

"I read the *Lancet* study (on the Oxford vaccine) and spoke to experts like doctors and policymakers. I found that all of them were optimistic about the vaccine... Also, after reading so much about the results of the safety trials abroad, I felt this vaccine has potential, and decided, why not take it?"

His wife and daughter were not hard to convince either. "Well, somebody has to volunteer and take a chance. If this is going to allow me to travel, so be it," says the 40-year-old who has been staying with her parents since the lockdown.

The RT-PCR and blood test results had come the day before, certifying that they didn't have antibodies and hence fit to volunteer. Their driver who has been with them for a while also offered to volunteer, but was rejected as he already had antibodies. On August 27, the family left home at 10.30 am. After they had received the shot, their vitals were monitored for half an hour and, with everything normal, were allowed to go home. The daughter, husband and wife were back home by 1 pm. "It was comfortable. The team was very professional," says the 59-year-old.

About 20 km from Pune, at the KEM Hospital and Research Centre at Vadu, which is also a site for the clinical trials, the screening of volunteers is underway.

The 64-year-old says it was a well-considered decision, and after they had approached Bharati Hospital, it sent them a consent form via e-mail. The form was nearly eight pages long, and included details on Covid-19, the vaccine, its possible side effects, the blood samples and other interventions needed, what the blood samples would be tested for, and the reimbursement amount to be paid for hospital visits. They were also told they would get two doses in all, on Day 1 and 29, and would be monitored over the next six months.

They were given detailed guidelines on what to watch out for — most importantly fever — and to immediately contact the doctors on the emergency numbers of the vaccine trial team in case of any issues. What was most important, the volunteers were told, is that they continue their daily routine.



A medical staff administers the Covishield to one of the volunteers at Bharati Hospital in Pune; (above) the hospital has been part of 50 such trials. *Arul Horizon*

And that's what they have done, says the daughter. "I barely felt the needle prick (of the vaccine), came home and ate a simple meal of *dal*, rice and *methi*," she says.

"I need to go out and meet people," the 64-year-old adds. "It has just been too long."

A day

The 32-year-old, who also has links to the drugs industry as a biostatistician, now holds the distinction of being the first in India to receive the Covishield shot. An employee at a private firm in Pune, the research student says he has been reading up on vaccine development, and joined when he heard that trials were being held in the city. "I decided to volunteer as there is increasing hope that we can find a solution soon to end this nightmare," he says. "The pandemic has taken a huge toll on our lives. So many people have lost jobs and as youngsters we can volunteer for such trials. This is the least I could do."

His felicity with data made his decision easier, according to the 32-year-old. "I studied the results of the Phase 2 study in the UK and, as a statistician, understood that there were few side effects."

Oxford University researchers had reported that the vaccine had triggered a dual immune response in Phase 1 and 2 human trials and had an "accepted safety profile".

He says he approached Bharati Hospital on his own, saying he was interested in volunteering for the trial. "They gave me information about the study being undertaken and told me to sign a consent form... The team took my blood pressure and checked other vitals and since the RT-PCR and antibody test results were negative for Covid, I got the first dose."

On August 26, he followed his normal routine and, after breakfast, headed for

"I read the Lancet study (on the Oxford vaccine) and spoke to experts such as doctors and policymakers. I found that all of them were optimistic about the vaccine... Also, after reading so much about the results of the safety trials abroad, I felt this vaccine has potential, and decided, why not take it?" Bharati Hospital. His parents were waiting eagerly for him when he returned, the 32-year-old says — very proud of the fact that he was the first to get the Covishield dose

A day later, the 32-year-old was back

Of the first volunteers, the case of the 48-year-old gynaecologist is special. It is the second time he is part of a clinical trial, the first being when he and his daughter, then 11, signed up for H1N1 vaccine trials at Bharati Hospital in 2009. That year, India saw 981 deaths due to H1N1 as per the National Centre for Disease Control. In the decade since, over 1.58 lakh people have got swine flu in the country and more than 10,000 have died of it.

Around five years later, the daughter enrolled again for a trial, for a vaccine against cervical cancer, also at Bharati Hospital. The father says both times, their experience was reassuring, with experts regularly following up with them.

This time, the two again cleared tests for Covishield trials, while the 48-year-old's wife, also a gynaecologist, was rejected as she was found to have developed antibodies for Covid. He got his shot on August 26 (the second to receive the vaccine after the 32-year-old) and his daughter the next day.

While the 48-year-old finished his morning appointments at a private hospital where he works as a consultant before going to the hospital, the daughter, now 21 and in the final year of an engineering degree, went after her online classes for the day were over.

The family has been one on this issue always, the 21-year-old says. "I was in Class 4 or 5 when my parents decided to enrol me as a volunteer in the H1N1 vaccine trials. The second time, I volunteered for a vaccine against cervical cancer. I did not have any major side effects. For this trial too we decided unanimously to enrol as volunteers."

According to the 48-year-old, the decision wasn't difficult. His scientific bent of mind means he is exasperated at all the talk of immuno-boosters and other non-tested solutions for the coronavirus, he says. "Healthcare workers including doctors have got infected. I have seen some die due to this disease. A vaccine is the solution," he asserts.

His wife, disappointed at not being able to volunteer, teases that he and their daughter just wanted to be in the limelight.

At Pune trial site, a queue to sign up

HE CLINICAL trial unit is located on the ground floor of Pune's Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College and Hospital, in its non-Covid section and near the ENT and paediatrics OPD. Notices pasted on a door in English and Marathi are the only sign that trials which the country is eagerly waiting for are on here.

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The 831-bed Bharati Hospital (350 of these are now kept aside for Covid cases) has been a clinical site for more than 50 vaccine trials so far. Its trial team of 15-odd includes medical social workers, doctors and nurses, who between them handle everything from tests to answering calls, sending

emails and counselling volunteers.
But while the hospital itself is not new to such attention, the anticipation has taken it by surprise. Dr Sanjay Lalwani, the hospital's Medical Director, says people from all walks of life have been making enquiries seeking to be volunteers. A medical social worker at the hospital, Sameer Pawar, adds, "A 75-year-old man from Guruwar Peth nearby was among those waiting at the hospital at 9.30 am to get the dose." Enquiries are also coming from parents of patients in the hospital's paediatric ward.

This is unlike 2009, when trials were held for H1N1 at the hospital, when it was mainly healthcare workers and doctors who signed up as volunteers.

Dr Mandeep Chadha, former virologist with the National Institute of Virology, Pune, that has been at the forefront of the coronavirus efforts in India from the start, says the novelty and contagiousness of SARS-CoV-2 lend extra urgency to the efforts to find a vaccine. "There was a fair amount of panic during the H1N1 pandemic in 2009 as well, but antiviral drugs, in particular oseltamivir (Tamiflu), were soon available then."

It was last month that *The Lancet* published that an Oxford University vaccine candidate against the coronavirus, backed by AstraZeneca Plc, had shown positive results. The Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is essentially a weakened version of a common cold virus known as adenovirus, The scientists extracted genes from the spike

protein that grows on the surface of SARS-CoV-2 that causes Covid-19, planted them in adenovirus extracted

from chimpanzees and modified the

virus so that it cannot grow in humans. On August 2, the Drug Controller General of India permitted the Punebased Serum Institute of India, the world's largest manufacturer of vaccines, to conduct the Phase 2/3 human clinical trials of the vaccine in India. Officially, the study is described as 'Observer-Blind, Randomized, Controlled Study to Determine the Safety and Immunogenicity of Covishield (COVID-19 Vaccine) in Healthy Indian Adults'.

In a big gamble given that the trials are still on, the Serum Institute announced a tie-up with AstraZeneca to produce a billion doses of the vaccine for low-income countries. It is ramping up its facilities and production capacities to meet this target.

In all, there are 17 sites listed with the Clinical Trials Registry, India. A total of 14 or less may eventually participate in the Covishield trials. Initially, 100 volunteers are to be enrolled — with Pune's two sites, including KEM Hospital and Research Centre, the first off the block. Dr Ashish Bawdekar, principal investigator of the site at KEM Hospital, said they would be enrolling 30 volunteers in the initial phase of the safety cohort.

A total of 1,600 eligible people 18 years or older are to be selected as participants in the study.

Seven days after each of the 100 participants have received the dose, the data is to be presented to a Data Safety Monitoring Board, including physicians and statisticians. If there are no major concerns during a temporary halt, the trial would recommence.

As per the study design, 0.5 ml of Covishield is to be administered on Days 1 and 29, intramuscularly.

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Once all the phases of the trial are completed, data is tabulated, results are obtained and submitted to the Drug Controller General of India for approval. Participants are informed about the results and those who have been given a placebo get the vaccine dose from the firm. The regulatory body also inspects the vaccine/factory production and other relevant details.



 $The \, vaccine \, trial \, team \, at \, Bharati \, is \, on \, call \, for \, emergencies. {\it Arul Horizon}$

4 THE WORLD



Mauritius

THOUSANDS PROTEST OVER OIL SPILL

Xi says Beijing will

step up efforts to fight Tibet 'splittism'

Xi said that Tibetan

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to Chinese conditions, he added.

Tibet have come under the spot-

light again this year amid the

country's deteriorating relation-

Pompeo said in July that the

United States would restrict visas

for some Chinese officials involved

in blocking diplomatic access to

Tibet and engaging in "human

US Secretary of State Mike

ship with the United States.

Tibetan Buddhism also

China's policies towards

Honking and drumming, thousands of people protested Saturday in Mauritius over the government's slow response to an oil spill from a grounded Japanese ship and the alarming discovery of dozens of dead dolphins in recent days.

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box at an equestrian club in Les Ývelines,

FRANCE

Horses killed in ritual-like mutilations

magazine Le Point. AP

Interior minister

THE HEAD of Libya's internationally recognised government suspended minister from his duties on Friday, saying his handling of street protests and a violent crackdown investigated. The move coincides with reports of growing friction between Fayez al-Sarraj, Prime Minister of the Tripoli-Fathi Bashagha, an influcity and military power base of Misrata. REUTERS

EUROPE



west of Paris. AP

ARMED WITH knives, some knowledge of their prey and a large dose of cruelty, attackers are going after horses and ponies in pastures across France in what may be ritual mutilations. Police are stymied by the macabre attacks that include slashings and worse. Most often, an ear usually the right one - has been cut off, recalling the matador's trophy in a bullring. Up to 30 attacks have been reported in France, from the mountainous Jura region in the east to the Atlantic coast, many this summer, the agriculture minister said Friday. One attack was registered in February, according to the

suspended amid protests

his powerful interior against them would be based Government of National Accord (GNA), and Interior Minister

Banksy's rescue boat stranded, seeks help

A RESCUE boat funded by British street artist Banksy has issued urgent calls for help, saying it is stranded in the Mediterranean and overloaded with migrants who it has been unable to bring ashore. The *Louise* Michel started operating last week. It is trying to find a safe port for the 219 migrants it has picked up off the coast of Libya since Thursday. The boat issued a series of tweets on Saturday saying its situation was worsening, and appealing for help from authorities in Italy, Malta and Germany. **REUTERS**

Violent Turn to Protest Against Sweden Far-Right

Violence broke out on Friday in the southern Swedish town of Malmo, where at least 300 people had gathered to protest against anti-Islam activities. Objects were thrown at police officers and car tyres were set on fire, police said. Earlier in the day, far-right extremists took out a protest in Malmo during which they desecrated a copy of the Quran. Daily Aftonbladet said several anti-Islam activities had taken place on Friday after Rasmus Paludan, leader of Danish far-right political party Hard Line, had been denied permission to hold a meeting in Malmo and was stopped at the Swedish border. AP

Jacob Blake was handcuffed to hospital bed after police shot him

JOHN ELIGON, SARAH MERVOSH& RICHARD A OPPEL JR KENOSHA, AUGUST 29

DAYS AFTER a Kenosha police officer shot Jacob Blake outside an apartment building, the authorities on Friday provided new details on what led up to the videotaped encounter that has prompted heated street protests and calls for reform from professional athletes, politicians and residents.

Law enforcement officials said that in recent days they had shackled Blake to his hospital bed, where he is paralysed from the waist down from his wounds, because he faced an arrest warrant from July on charges of third-degree sexual assault, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct. The same woman who had filed that complaint had called 911 before the shooting Sunday to report Blake's presence to the police, according to interviews and records.

Some onlookers and Ben Crump, the civil rights lawyer who scribed Blake as a peacemaker who was seeking to break up a disturbance involving two women when the police arrived.



Jacob Blake Sr, the father of Jacob Blake, who was shot by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin, addresses a march in Washington on Friday. Reuters

On Friday afternoon in Wisconsin, near the spot where Officer Rusten Sheskey fired at Blake seven times, some of those who knew Blake said authorities were attempting to justify a clear-cut instance of excessive force by tarnishing his reputation.

"They're trying to reverse it and make it seem like he was such a criminal," said Jesse Franklin, a community activist who dewho spent considerable time with his three young children. "The whole point is, I don't care if he's a criminal or has a record. Your life

matters, too. He's not less of a man. He's a human being with kids, with a family, with a heartbeat."

On Friday, thousands of protesters gathered in Washington at the Lincoln Memorial for an event aimed at rekindling the spirit of the 1963 March on Washington. The family of Blake was among relatives of victims of police violence who spoke.

"There are two systems of Blake's father, Jacob Blake Sr, said. "There's a white system and there's a Black system. The Black system ain't doing so well." NYT

Facebook should have taken down Kenosha Guard page: Zuckerberg

NEW YORK TIMES AUGUST 29

mistake" by not taking down a page that violated its policies on militia organisations, the company's chief executive, Mark . Zuckerberg, said in a public address and in a meeting with employees in which he addressed their concerns over a recent

militia group calling itself the have been identified as a danger-

The Kenosha Guard used the Rittenhouse, a 17-year-old Illinois

Pledging to build a "united, rights abuses", adding that prosperous, civilised, harmo-Washington supported "mean-FACEBOOK MADE an "operational nious and beautiful new, modingful autonomy" for Tibet. Race to be Japan PM: Abe loyalist emerges

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TOKYO, AUGUST 29

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stepping down due to a worsen-

ing of a chronic illness, setting

the stage for a leadership elec-

tion within the ruling Liberal

successors have declared their in-

tention to run, the 71-year-old

Suga has said he doesn't want the

job. But such comments have been

called into question by an aggres-

sive media push in recent days that

put him squarely in the public eye.

to get Suga to replace Abe and

continue the Abe government

without Abe," said Sophia

University political science pro-

this week, Suga stressed the

need to spur economic growth

over tightening restrictions to

contain the virus, pointing to the

we can do to prevent the econ-

omy from falling off a cliff," Suga

said at his parliamentary office.

where a large photograph of him

standing next to US President

"We need to consider what

need to promote tourism.

In an interview with Reuters

fessor Koichi Nakano

"They are really going to try

While some other would-be

Democratic Party (LDP).

Abe, Japan's longest-serving

nearly eight years in office.

agency Xinhua.

SHANGHAI, AUGUST 29

CHINA MUST build an "impreg-

nable fortress" to maintain stabil-

ity in Tibet, protect national unity

and educate the masses in the struggle against "splittism",

President Xi Jinping told senior

leaders, state media said Saturday.

in 1950 in what it describes as a

"peaceful liberation" that helped

the remote Himalayan region

throw off its "feudalist" past. But

critics, led by exiled spiritual leader

the Dalai Lama, say Beijing's rule

amounts to "cultural genocide".

meeting on Tibet's future gover-

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cials but said more efforts were

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China in the depths of the hearts

of every youth", Xi said in re-

marks published by state news

Political and ideological edu-

At a senior Communist Party

China seized control over Tibet

shooting in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The page belonged to a fringe

Kenosha Guard, which should ous organization and broke rules the company had recently put in place, Zuckerberg said in a video posted on his Facebook page.

page to organise an event that called for armed intervention in Kenosha on Tuesday, the night two people were killed at a protest. Kyle resident, has been charged in con-

Facebook failed to take the page down even after it received several complaints regarding it

YOSHIHIDE SUGA, a longtime lieutenant of Japan's Shinzo Abe, has emerged as a strong contender to succeed him as prime minister, an outcome that would extend the fiscal and monetary

Yoshihide Suga

as strong contender

A self-made politician, Suga was chosen by Abe in 2012 for

the pivotal role of chief cabinet secretary, acting as top government spokesman, coordinating policies and riding herd on bureaucrats. The winner of the LDP vote,

which domestic media said could be held around Sept. 15, is virtually ensured the premiership because of the party's maiority in parliament. The victor will serve out Abe's remaining term as LDP chief, which ends in September 2021.

Former defence minister Shigeru Ishiba, 63, a soft spoken security hawk who aims to revive Japan's regional economies, is also expected to run. A longtime Abe critic, Ishiba is popular with the public but less so among party MPs.

Ex-foreign minister Fumio Kishida, 63, long seen as Abe's favoured heir, said on Friday he would run in the party poll, but the dovish lawmaker from Hiroshima has struggled to gain traction with voters. **REUTERS**

Urges strengthening of ideological education in Tibet schools China captures **Hong Kong** activists fleeing to Taiwan by sea

> **AUSTIN RAMZY** & ELAINE YU HONG KONG, AUGUST 29

adapt to socialism and to CHINESE AUTHORITIES have deern, socialist Tibet", Xi said China

tained a dozen activists from Hong Kong who were attempting to leave the territory via speedboat, according to people familiar with the attempt and the individuals captured, as Beijing intensifies a campaign to seek out protest leaders and others resisting the Communist Party's tightening grip.

At least one of the people on poard the boat, seized on Sunday by the Chinese Coast Guard, was an activist who was being investigated under the city's new national security law.

The group was apparently trying to flee to Taiwan, said a second person familiar with the episode. The detentions were the first confirmed case of such activists being caught by the Chinese authorities at sea. NYT

First Covid-19 reinfection case in US identified in Nevada study

DEENA BEASLEY AUGUST 29

RESEARCHERS FOR the first time have identified someone in the United States who was reinfected with the novel coronavirus, according to a study that has not yet

been reviewed by outside experts. The report, published online, describes a 25-year-old man living in Reno, Nevada, who tested positive for the virus in April after showing mild illnes sick again in late May and developed more severe Covid-19, the disease caused by the virus.

"This study likely represents a clear example of reinfection ... reinfections are possible — which we already knew, because immunity is never 100%," Kristian Anderson, professor of immunology and microbiology at Scripps Research in La Jolla, California, said in an emailed comment

Cases of presumed reinfection have cropped up in other parts of the world, but questions have arisen about testing accuracy. Earlier this week. University of Hong Kong researchers reported details of a 33-year-old man who had recovered in April from a severe case of Covid-19 and was diagnosed four months later with a different strain of the virus.

Researchers at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory said they were able to show that the virus associated with each instance of the man's infection represented different strains. REUTERS

UAE officially ends its boycott of Israel

MAHER CHMAYTELLI DUBAI, AUGUST 29

THE PRESIDENT of the United Arab Emirates scrapped an economic boycott against Israel, allowing trade and financial agreements between the countries in another key step towards normal ties, the UAE's state news agency reported on Saturday.

Israel and the UAE said on August 13 they would normalise diplomatic relations in a deal brokered by US President Donald Trump that reshapes the order of Middle East politics $from\,the\,Palestinian\,issue\,to\,the$ fight against Iran.

President Khalifa bin Zayed

Opening up lucrative opportunities

WITH THE UAE officially ending the boycott, companies from the country will be allowed to do business with Israelis, and Israeli firms will be allowed to operate in the UAE. This opens up an array of lucrative opportunities for both sides. Israel's thriving diamond trade and mushrooming tech start-ups are likely to make big

Al Nahyan issued a decree abolishing a boycott law as part of "the UAE's efforts to expand diplomatic and commercial co-

gains from the markets of UAE's wealthy emirates. Firms from the UAE are already striking

deals with Israeli companies for technical expertise, especially in fields like cybersecurity. The UAE is also keen on defence cooperation, particularly to thwart Iran, which is considered a threat by both the Emirates and Israel.

operation with Israel, leading to bilateral relations by stimulating economic growth and promoting technological innovation,'

Israeli Foreign Minister Gabi

Ashkenazi said the UAE had taken "an important step towards peace, which will yield substantial economic and commercial achievements for both people while strengthening the stability in the region".

The announcement came as Israeli flag carrier El Al Israel Airlines Ltd prepared to operate the country's first direct flight between Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport and the UAE's capital. Abu Dhabi.

An Israeli government delegation and top aides to Trump, including his senior adviser and sonin-law lared Kushner, are due to travel on the flight on August 31, a US official said. **REUTERS**

BRILLIANT, KIND, LEARNED: TRIBUTES POUR IN

"To be young, gifted, and Black; to use that power to give them heroes to look up to; to do it all while in pain what a use of his years."

KAMALA HARRIS "Chadwick Boseman was

brilliant, kind, learned, and humble. He left too early but **OPRAH WINFREY**

his life made a difference."

"What a gentle gifted soul. Showing us all that greatness in between surgeries and chemo. The courage, the strength, the power it takes to do that. This is what dignity looks like.'

Brown in Get On Up, in 2014, and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Born and raised in Anderson,

South Carolina, Boseman was the youngest of three boys. His mother, Carolyn, was a nurse and his father, Leroy, worked for an agricultural conglomerate and had a side business as an upholsterer.

In high school, Boseman was a serious basketball player but turned to storytelling after a friend and teammate was shot and killed. Boseman processed his emotions by writing what he eventually realised was a play. When it was time to consider colleges, he chose an arts programme at Howard University.

At Howard, he took an acting class with Tony-winning actress and director Phylicia Rashad, who helped him get into an elite

theatre programme at the University of Oxford, an adventure he later learned had been financed by a friend of hers: Denzel Washington.

After college, Boseman landed one-off television roles in Law & Order, CSI: NY, and Cold Case and eventually booked a recurring role in the 2007-09 ABC Family series Lincoln Heights. The show was filmed in Los

Angeles and afforded Boseman

his first taste of Hollywood. "Before that, I had just wanted to be an artist in New York," he said. "I didn't understand that coming to LA and trying to be a film actor was a completely different thing." NYT

HE ALSO PORTRAYED PIONEERING BLACK FIGURES SUCH AS JACKIE ROBINSON, JAMES BROWN AND THURGOOD MARSHALL

Chadwick Boseman, star of *Black Panther*, dies of cancer at 43

MICHAEL LEVENSON AUGUST 29

CHADWICK BOSEMAN, the actor who found fame as the star of Black Panther and who also portrayed pathbreaking Black figures such as Jackie Robinson, James Brown and Thurgood Marshall, died Friday.

He was 43, his publicist, Nicki Fioravante, told The Associated Press. A statement posted on Boseman's Instagram account said the actor learned in 2016 that he had stage 3 colon cancer, which had progressed to stage 4. It said he died in his home, with his wife and family by his side.

"It is with immeasurable grief that we confirm the passing of Chadwick Boseman," the statement said. "A true fighter, Chadwick persevered through it all, and brought you many of the films you have come to love so much," it added. "From Marshall to Da 5 Bloods, August Wilson's Ma Rainey's Black Bottom and several more, all were filmed during and between countless surgeries and chemotherapy." Boseman was best known for

his role as T'Challa, or the Black Panther, king of the fictional African nation of Wakanda in the jor superhero movie with an 2018 Marvel superhero movie Black Panther. The film was a cultural touchstone — the first ma-



the actor learned in 2016 that he had colon cancer. AP

African protagonist: and in Rvan Congler, the first to employ a Black writer and director.

The film represented a moment of hope and pride for African American moviegoers, many of whom planned special outings to see the film.

Boseman also portraved baseball icon Jackie Robinson in 42, in 2013, soul singer James

Marshall in Marshall, in 2017.

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ARTS etc 'I am more of a listener'

Actor Fahadh Faasil on his new production, why he feels rooted in Malayalam cinema, and doubting himself



BOOKS

Review of Isher Judge Ahluwalia's Breaking Through: A Memoir • Review of Kunwar Narain's The Play of Dolls: Stories, translated into English by John Vater and Apurva Narain





Several British and Japanese soldiers died in the hills of Manipur during WWII. They do not lie here forgotten. A team of 'battlefield diggers' has been scouring the terrain to find their remains — and bring closure to families seeking answers about their final days in a foreign land

N A full-moon night, atop a hill in Manipur, Yumnam Rajeshwor Singh reads the names of the dead. They may have been gone from this earth 76 years, but time is relative for Rajeshwor, a man with a plan and dozens of maps.

"We are on this ridge," he says, tracing a finger on an A4 size copy of a map from 1944. "And there — there were the Japanese bunkers! From where they fired." He points a little further away, in the direction from where we had trekked in the morning - carrying pressure cookers, metal detectors, tents and canned fish. The nondescript hill, about 15 km from Imphal, was one of many battlefields of the Siege of Imphal, where the Allied and the Axis powers fought between March and July 1944, in some of the fiercest battles of World War II.

Rajeshwor gets back to reading his list of dead soldiers — aided by flashlights of three phones — before he stops at one. "Private Tod D," he says, "This is the guy we are looking for."

In early March, when Rajeshwor drives me to the hill to look for the remains of David Tod, a British soldier who died in the war, the skies are blue and the days are glorious. The newspapers have some news about the virus from China entering India but few in Manipur think of it as a threat. Rajeshwor, who works in a telecommunications company in Imphal, has his itinerary chalked out. "I will be on my tour from March 28 — UK, France, Belgium," says the 43-year-old.

For months, I have been persuading him to let me join his WWII excavation expeditions - where he travels the hilly Manipuri countryside with his friends, unearthing relics and remains, stories and memories from the twin World War II Battles of Imphal (Manipur) and Kohima (Nagaland). He is reluctant because the work is "secret" and done in the "complete absence of media." But earlier this year, when I send him my customary monthly WhatsApp message asking him if he has changed his mind, he relents, but with a caveat: "Please don't mention the exact location."

Ten minutes into the climb, I understand why Rajeshwor had asked me if I was fit enough. My running shoes are not equipped for the terrain, and I slip, stumble, fall, and, on certain portions, comically crawl up the hill. To think of men vying for each others' blood, with guns and bayonets in hand, seems a

ridiculous idea But Lam less amused when I see the 72-year-old member of the group, trotting up the hill, way ahead of me, with the support of one thin stick.

Rajeshwor hangs back to tell me his story. Like many others, he grew up in ignorance about the WWII battlegrounds. More than seven decades ago, this hill was one of the many sites in Imphal that the Japanese and the British skirmished in — the Japanese lost more than 30,000 men in a defeat so decisive that it ended their imperial pursuits in Asia. But it was only in 2013, when a vote by the National Army Museum of Britain termed them "Britain's Greatest Battle" that the Battles of Imphal and Kohima entered public consciousness.

Till then, the battles were buried in the hills of the Northeast, unknown, save for some literature by military experts, war veterans and historians. In 2005, Rajeshwor chanced upon one such book: The Forgotten Army's Box of Lions: The True Story of the Defence and Evacuation of the Largest Supply Depot on the Imphal Plain (2001) by Christopher D Johnson. "It was set in Manipur and focused on the battle of Kanglatongbi, I was surprised that I knew nothing about it. Growing up, we only knew what our grandparents told us...that there was a war...the Japan laan (war)," recalls Rajeshwor.

Over the years, he struck up an unlikely pen friendship with Johnson, whose father fought in the war. "Christopher started sending me books, war diaries - material I would devour late into the night," he says. Soon, with Johnson's cross-continental guidance and encouragement, Rajeshwor graduated from books to battlefields. "They were all around me ... all these years, I had no idea," he says.

In time, many friends joined in. Before they knew it, weekends or holidays became sojourns into history. "We would go from battlefield to battlefield, spades and shovels in hand. Even years later, there were things to find: helmets, shrapnel, cartridges, personal artefacts such as buckles and combs and even bones," he says. In 2013, Rajeshwor and his friend, Arambam 'Bobby' Singh, founded the Second World War Imphal Campaign Foundation to formalise their weekend expeditions in digging up a forgotten battle. Since 2017, the Japan Association for Recovery and Repatriation of War Casualties has been collaborating with the foundation on missions to recover the remains of Japanese soldiers killed in the war. "But I am not allowed to talk about that," says Rajeshwor.

What he can talk about are the personal requests he gets. Through Johnson, Rajeshwor was introduced to descendants of a number of war veterans seeking information about the last days of their family members. "It started with someone wanting me to lay a wreath at



A CORNER OF A **FOREIGN FIELD**

(Clockwise from top) The members of the Second World War Imphal Campaign Foundation on an expedition in 2014; Rajeshwor Singh atop the 'Pimple'; a plaque laid down for a slain British

> soldier; and the relics recovered from the dig

their grandfather's grave in the Imphal Cemetery," says Rajeshwor. Over the years, the requests became more elaborate: someone from the UK enquiring about the location of a tank blast their grandfather died in ("Could you please find that spot and lay a wreath there?"); another 78-year-old from the UK whose dying wish was to locate his father's remains in Imphal. "I have done all that climbed a hill, laid a wreath, put a poppy cross." savs Raieshwor, who does not charge any money for the work he does. When last June, Sharon Gibson, a 40-year-old nurse, reached out to him from Edinburgh, with a request to "find" her long-dead great-grandfather, with only a name (David Tod) and a photograph (black-and-white and faded), he told her: "No problem. This is a big thing for you, but a small thing for us. We will do it."

When we reach the top, Rajeshwor and his team get to work at once — the metal detectors and shovels are out, tents are being pitched, wood is being collected to cook lunch, and "toilets" are being "constructed" - unperturbed by the fact that it is raining, a bitter cold wind sweeping away the glorious summer day we left behind at the base of the hill. The British codenamed it the Pimple (because it

resembled one), and Rajeshwor and his

friends refer to it by the same name. It is a terrain he has studied for a year first, through documents he sourced from the British Library, then through a drone he flew over it and by trekking to the spot last November. "We followed the exact route mentioned in the British war diary of the time. It maintained the events of the episode – who shot whom, the direction of the attack, etc," says Rajeshwor. According to records, 16 Allied soldiers had fallen at the Pimple "According to protocol, they were buried with crosses. But when the Imperial War Graves Commission unit came two years later to collect the remains, the area was an overgrown jungle and the markers were gone," says Rajeshwor. "Of the 16 bodies, only 12 were recovered, and four were left behind.'

One of them was of Tod, Gibson's greatgrandfather. The family believed that he was 'lost in the jungles of Burma (now Myanmar)", since these battles fell under the British's "Burma Campaign". "That the battlefields transcended the boundaries of Burma is something they have come to understand now," says Joseph Longjam, a Directorate of Information and Public Relation employee in Imphal, who works with Rajeshwor.

"We were really expecting a jungle in Burma and not a hill in Imphal," says Gibson later, over an email, Last year, she dreamt of a man, who she thinks was her great-grandfather, telling her: "Find me in Burma." Gibson got herself on a Facebook group, comprising families of war veterans, scholars and historians. Her queries led her not to Burma, but to a man in Imphal. That month, Rajeshwor pored over war diaries, got in touch with researchers in the UK and managed to track down Tod's regiment, and, finally, the location where he died, by painstakingly superimposing map references of the time to Google Earth to pinpoint the

rough location of 25 yards. Finally, in

November last year, they did their first trek. "We just started digging anyway in the location we identified. Suddenly, we found the personal effects of soldiers in a pit. For us, it was a eureka moment because it meant that the four remaining bodies were around that area," he says. At Gibson's request, Rajeshwor had lugged up a memorial plaque and a remembrance poppy cross. In a small ceremony, the team laid the plaque at the spot where they believed Tod was killed, and livestreamed it to her in Edinburgh. "It was a very emotional sight. I was afraid to even blink in case I missed any of it," she recalls. "Rajeshwor dusted off the layers of time and brought a little-known part of history to light. It is amazing what he has done for me, a stranger from across the globe."

In recent years, Manipur has seen the beginnings of "war tourism" - initiatives to map the war through battlefield tourism tours, perhaps the first of its kind in the country. "WWII battlefields in Europe are mapped to the T; the Indian part of the war and the sites of fighting around Manipur and Nagaland have always been hazy," says researcher and author Hemant Singh Katoch, on the phone from Yangon. In 2013, he founded and conceptualised the "Battle of Imphal" tours, the first in the state. In the three years he spent in Imphal, Katoch led many tourists — often families of war veterans — on these tours. "It is a way to connect to their family's past. In some cases, it is not a grandfather or granduncle, but the father who has fought the war."

For example, Johnson has spent decades unravelling his father George Johnson's role in the war. He tracked down families of those who served with his father in Imphal. In time, he found out that George had to kill one of his wounded orderlies, Howard, in the war. "It was a case of mercy killing – my grandfather never spoke about it, but carried with him years after the war," says David Westgate, Johnson's nephew, over a video call Rajeshwor

> sets up for me that night from the hill. In 2017, Johnson managed to track down Howard's family. In April last year, during the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Imphal, his great granddaughter, Ellie, flew down to Imphal. "We had a small ceremony. I walked up to Ellie and apologised. She said there was no need to. 'Your grandfather did what he had to do," recalls Westgate.

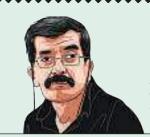
The next morning, the hill is abuzz with the beepbeep of metal detectors, and the scraping of shovels. "All these years, we have not recorded our work but I am thinking of

making a video repository on YouTube and naming the channel 'Battlefield Diggers'," says Rajeshwor. Last October, the team chanced upon a mass burial site, the recovered remains of which they have handed over to the Japanese. "But personal bone collection missions, like that of Sharon's great-grandfather,

can take years too,"says Rajeshwor. At the end of the dig, they have shrapnel, a few buckles, a comb, parts of a bullet, tail fins of mortar shells, but no bones. Before the team starts their descent down the Pimple that afternoon — unaware that a pandemic will keep subsequent ones on hold for some time -Rajeshwor calls up Gibson, and informs her

that the excavation was unsuccessful. "That's okay," she says, "At least, we now know where great-grandfather Tod is. He is no longer lost."

DOWN IN JUNGLELAND



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Pussycat, Where Have You Been?

Think what domesticating big cats does to their dignity and reputation

HE ONE thing I hate as much as croc wranglers showing off is people who keep big cats - tigers, lions, pumas and leopards – as pets. For all their "animal loving" ways, this, unfortunately, is allowed in many Western countries. In India, it's against the law but who's to say what goes on in the outlying farms of the rich and famous.

There are many videos and serials on this: inevitably they depict swaggering rednecks sauntering into enclosures and getting into loving clinches with a magnificent lion or tiger or a group of them, all of which with a single swipe of a paw can take their smug faces off. Probably, most of the animals must think it to be beneath their dignity – unless something sets them off and all hell breaks loose. But it's really demeaning to see such gorgeous hunting animals, reduced to the state of overgrown pussycats. They ought to be out there in the wild, stalking, chasing and bringing down even five-ton beasts.

Most of these big cats, unfortunately, have usually been rescued as cubs and lovingly brought up in human homes, and, thus, been saved from an untimely end. And yes, it must take some courage to swagger into an enclosure with a 200kg lion and "wrestle" affectionately with it. But if the cameras are rolling...it's all worth it. The ignoramuses, who keep these animals as pets, even allow their children into the enclosures with them - what an ego boost, even if it is the height of foolishness. In some national parks abroad, big cats have gotten so used to tourists vehicles that they even climb into them to have selfies taken with their petrified admirers. Merely letting loose a couple of deep-bass growls, these poor beasts

have lost all sense of decency and self-respect. In many cases where a cub has been orphaned and rescued, the intention is to eventually rehabilitate it in the wild again. But this is a notoriously difficult thing to do because the animal is accustomed to human beings and there's no saying what it might do once free.

At Gir National Park, neither do the lions pay great attention to the villagers living in and around, nor do the latter bother the lions (though this is, sadly, changing as the lion population rises and preys on livestock). No



FIFTY SHADES OF GRRR The human desire to tame the wild is deplorable

gung-ho bravado – the villagers just acknowledge the presence of the animals and politely give way. And there have been reports dating back years (read Jim Corbett) of village women quietly walking past tigers on jungle paths and coming to no harm. This, too, is sadly changing as we become the hideously intolerant society we're heading towards, and lynch animals.

Elephants, hippos and rhinos – also kept as "pets" or for working purposes – have usually been born and raised among us, and so are apparently used to us. Yet, an elephant, loyal to its mahout for decades may suddenly go berserk and attack him one day. The pachyderms really are best left to muse and sway in the jungles.

There's also a fondness for keeping dangerous reptiles and creepy-crawlies. Some people (again, mostly abroad) get their kicks by keeping gigantic pythons as pets, until one morning they find the toddler missing. Then, it's released in the nearest swamp (this happens with 'pet' alligators, too) - in Florida, this has become a major problem. Some full-grown, beefcakes prefer cuddling with hairy venomous tarantulas, and have them walk up and down their arms or the backs of their thick necks.

With some extremely rare bird species, there is no hope other than to take eggs, hatch them and raise the chicks in captivity. But keeping in mind that the chicks have to be released, the caretakers often don gloves which mimic the chick's parents' faces – so it is unaware that a human being is feeding it. In Israel, they recently had a military-specification drone drop pieces of meat to a rare vulture whose mother had died and father couldn't

But yes, imagine the ego-kick you'd get if you had a Bengal tiger lying by your feet in the drawing room – or better still, at your side when you go for a walk in Delhi's Lodi Gardens, while the strutters go about with their imported poodles and Pomeranians. That's until your pussycat decides that the poodle or Pom and their owner might just make a handy snack!

I suppose it's difficult to raise a yowling cub without falling for its baby charms. Like any parent, you will love it unconditionally even as it grows up and goes through its obnoxious adolescent phase. What could be more fulfilling than when it charges up to you and puts its massive paws around you and purrs like a lovesick diesel generator? And, heck, the cameras are rolling - so the whole world is watching this awestruck! But just pause and think what it does for the dignity and reputation of the animal – remember, big cats are not pussycats.



'I'm here because I've nowhere else to go'

Actor Fahadh Faasil on his new production, why he feels rooted in Malayalam cinema, and suffering from self-doubts

Alaka Sahani

N RECENT years, Kochi-based Fahadh Faasil has been making heads turn with his fine acting in much-discussed films such as Maheshinte Prathikaaram (2016), Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum (2017), Kumbalangi Nights and Tamil film Super Deluxe, in 2019, among others. Launched at age 19 by his filmmaker father Fazil in the romance drama Kaiyethum Doorath (2002), Faasil went to the US to study engineering after the film tanked. In his second innings as an actor, he has delivered a number of impressive performances. The 38-year-old will be seen next in CU Soon, a thriller shot in the lockdown, releasing on Amazon Prime Video on September 1.

You are famously media shy. What changed this time?

From the point I start shooting till I finish, my biggest concern is whether I've done justice to what I conceived. When I'm not sure, I don't talk about the film. I want my audience to discover it in the theatres. I'm never ready to discuss my films, that's the problem. This time, there are two reasons: one is to say that CUSoon is something fresh and new. And, it's going to people unlike earlier when they went to watch movies. So, I thought I should talk about it as we are witnessing a change.

Could you talk about how CU Soon was

made during the lockdown?

Two years ago, (editor-director) Mahesh Narayanan had come across a confession video of a trafficked Malayali girl in Saudi Arabia where she was crying for help. It was disturbing and stayed with me for a long time. During the lockdown, Mahesh, who stays a block away from my building, and I started talking about new possibilities in cinema. One can play around, explore different techniques, and redesign a film on the edit table – go closer to a character or make another character more prominent. So, we collaborated on Mahesh's idea. If I were to shoot this film when there's no lockdown, I'd have done it in the same way. However, lockdown is the reason it got made, otherwise, none of us stays at home for so long. We were given a proper script, attended a three-day workshop, lived in one building and met in the evenings.

You produced the film with your actorwife Nazriya Nazim. What professional dynamics do you share?

She's the strength behind what I'm doing. If there is no support at home, I don't think I can do any of these things. She gives me the push to go out and do it. There's no constant checking on what the other person is doing but we are together in this. She interacts with Mahesh more than me. She asked us not to shoot in our bedroom, so I've shot in every other possible corner of my building.

Your production house Fahadh Faasil and



WITHALITTLE **HELP FROM MY FRIENDS**

Malayalam actor Fahadh Faasil in a still from CU Soon; (top) in a still from Super Deluxe

Friends made Kumbalangi Nights and CU Soon. What's the idea behind it?

The idea is to make money. An actor like me needs money and a back-up plan. I've produced films that were rejected by others. Any time I had an issue convincing producers about a project, I bankrolled it. It was difficult to get someone to play Shammi's role (a character with dark shades) in Kumbalangi Nights, we were in talks with a Tamil actor for it too, but it was going nowhere. So, (co-producer and writer) Syam (Pushkaran) and (co-producer) Dileesh (Pothan) asked me to do it.

Are the different looks for your roles in each film consciously done?

It helps if it doesn't remind the audience of the previous characters I played. I play around with six reactions and I'm aware of my

limitations as an actor. So, it's important that I don't repeat the same look. More precisely, I want to look the character.

Speaking of limitations, how essential is it for great artistes to have self-doubts?

I have self-doubts and I don't consider myself to be a great artiste. This is nothing to do with being unsure. But an actor needs to be flexible. I don't believe that I can play any character that's given to me. I'm here because I've nowhere else to go. I don't know for how long I'll be here. I've not promised anyone that I will be around for any given time.

How closely do you work with writers and how do you pick a script?

Writers are an integral part of my functioning. I spend a lot of time with them but I'm more of a listener. I meet Syam when he starts writing, when he's midway and after he finishes. These three meetings give me a lot of details for the shoot. I keep discussing the script with my writer, director and cinematographer. I mainly work with people I have known for long. They are very aware of what I can do. There are very few roles that I've rejected. I've taken up almost 80 per cent of the work that has come my way. The films I've done, I've chosen in the fraction of a second.

On Irrfan's death in April, you wrote how he in Yun Hota Toh Kya Hota (2006) inspired you during your US days.

Irrfan was so appealing because he seemed very original and real. That was so rare in cinema back then, when actors wanted to look extraordinary with six-packs. He essayed his characters as an ordinary man. There was a rootedness to the roles he played.

Does the Everyman hero of Malavalam cinema excite you? Do you observe life keenly to portray roles like the goldchain-swallowing thief in Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum?

Characters don't excite me, the narrative, the story, the film as a whole does. Once we decide on the idea and narrative, we think of actors for the roles, that includes me. The narrative chooses how your heroes are going to be.

When I came home for the holidays from the US, on a train ride, there was a family with a small boy who was making a lot of noise. He smiled at someone on the upper berth, who, as I looked up, was playing with the boy. Later, when the train stopped at a station, and the boy was sleeping, the policeman sitting next to me waved at the guy, who came down. That's when I realised he had handcuffs. The episode stayed with me. I played the thief's role with the belief that I didn't steal the chain, until the climax. That's the only way to play

With your films on streaming platforms, do you think local idioms and nuances get lost in the subtitles?

Subtitling is the biggest revolution to have happened to Indian cinema in recent years. It might be a reference point. But films are going beyond it. The idea is to make the audience follow the emotion. Cinema has an emotion. That's the most powerful thing in a narrative. Music, graphics, subtitling are techniques to increase the possibility of telling a story. It depends on what design you are choosing to tell a particular story.

What relationship do you share with the evolved Malayali audience? Are you open to Hindi and international projects?

They watched my movies before they came on the OTT platforms. I owe my career to them. It's because of them that I'm attempting (these movies) and experimenting. Outside of Kerala, I don't think I can do the kind of films that I do. None of my films are remade because they are very rooted. I absolutely enjoy it here and just want to be here for the time being.

In My Own Skin

Sheeba Chaddha, one of the first actors to transition to the OTTs, on her role in the web-series Bandish Bandits and the need for writing solid women characters

Ektaa Malik

FOR HER role as Mohini Rathod, a daughterin-law of a musical family of Jodhpur in the web-series Bandish Bandits (streaming on Amazon Prime Video), Sheeba Chaddha had to briefly play the tanpura. It was a little chal-

lenging, a little nostalgic. As a child, she had taken some lessons in playing the sitar. The show's story, says the Mumbai-based actor, is not an "earthshattering" one, "it has familiar tones, it worked because of the writing and the added twists and turns". She doesn't have very many dialogues, but her eyes and gait speak of her pain and acceptance of her constraints. The twist comes towards the end when her ghoonghat-

clad character emerges from within the strict patriarchal world she inhabits – with silence and gravitas. "That, for me, was the most interesting part. And there is a rare sweetness to the show which we don't see nowadays," says Chaddha.

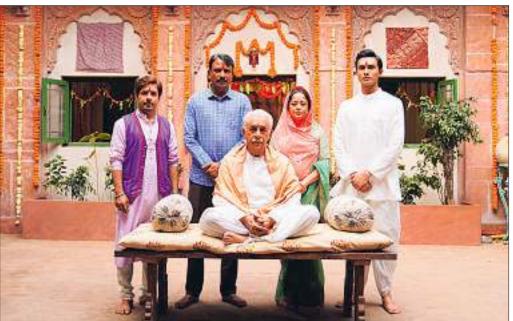
The heroine's cousin in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam (1999), the modest producer's wife in Zoya Akhtar's Luck by Chance (2009) – the character actor brings more to her roles than what's written. In a career spanning two decades, she's cemented her reputation as a "dependable actor". At a young age, theatre drew Chaddha, who grew up in Delhi's New Rajinder Nagar. "I was pretty active in inter-school theatre competitions. I got admission in Hansraj College (in Delhi University) through the dramatics quota. I was always a backbencher and not interested in academics. Hansraj had a pretty established theatre scene and we mounted full-fledged pro-

ductions," says Chaddha, 47, who was later associated with Delhi's Chingari theatre group. Following her mar-

riage and two-year stay in the US, she returned and headed to Mumbai to try her luck in screen acting. Her first acting gig was Bhansali's film, though Mani Ratnam's Dil Se... (1998) released a year earlier. It was, however, on television, and later, web-series, where she would carve her niche.

"By the time I came back, it was the early Nineties and there was a big revolution in the TV space. In Delhi, you could only do theatre and it wasn't sufficient to survive," says Chaddha, who then moved to Mumbai and acted in TV shows like Shri Krishna and Hip Hip Hurray in the '90s, and Hitler Didi and Pavitra Rishta around the 2010s. "I'm glad that I was able to be a part of some good television shows," she says.

"When I started, it was very formulaic. Films centred around the hero and heroine, everything was one-dimensional. With the



NOT A NOTE **OUT OF PLACE**

(Above) A still from Bandish Bandits; Sheeba Chaddha

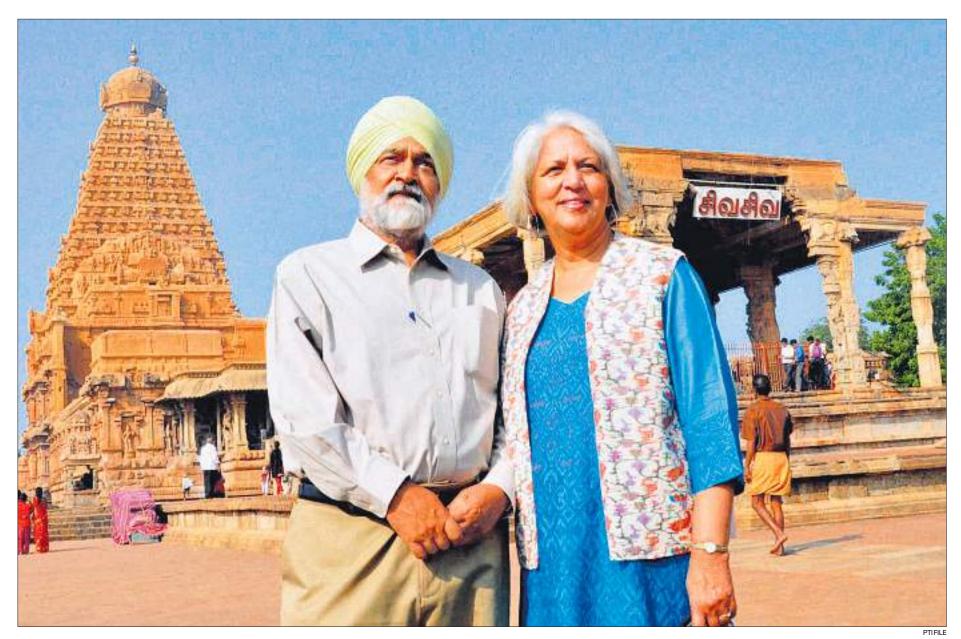
daily-soap boom, TV was ruined. The content was pathetic, but it paid your bills. After that, I only went on a TV set to make money. I hope TV is revived, because, as a medium, it's still relevant. Sadly, the women characters - the movers and shakers of the TV enterprise – are either shown as the sari-sindoor-clad sweet bahu or the overtly made-up vamp," she adds.

Even in her piecemeal roles as a mother or wife, she's been making noteworthy swerves. As the mother who shields Shah Rukh Khan from being beaten by his angry father in Zero (2018), and the mother who slaps Alia Bhatt in Gully Boy (2019). Or, the "cool" mom in Permanent Roommates (2014), India's first-ever web show that made her a household name among millennials. And later, in her comic sketches by short-audiovisual-content-creator Filter Copy.

She's one of the first actors to successfully make the transition to the OTT space. "TVF (media producer The Viral Fever) came to me. I liked the character that was written - cool and progressive. Actors can only shine if they

have good writing to work with," she says. A "big jump" was needed, she adds, "in the way we were writing and portraying our women characters. Shouldn't detailed, wellfleshed, relatable characters be the norm? Why do we look at good content through the lens of 'women characters'? Even the OTT platforms have not taken cognisance of the fact that they actually have the space which allows for this type of exploratory writing, to create immersive stories. We still keep binding it into the same systems, of a famous name and big studio. I hope it doesn't fall into the same trap."

For now, Chaddha is happy playing Vasudha in the web-show Mirzapur, whose Season 2 will stream in October and a comedy Pagglait is in the works. But she's most excited about playing Kabir's mother in Mira Nair's A Suitable Boy, which streams in September. "I'm there only for a scene and a half," she says, "but it's a lovely scene."



IN THIS TOGETHER

A file photo of Montek Singh Ahluwalia and Isher Judge Ahluwalia at the Brihadisvara Temple in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu

Omkar Goswami

T ALMOST the end of her long innings, wracked by grade IV glioblastoma, among the toughest of all cancers, Isher Judge Ahluwalia — grace, charm and subtlety personified, and, with widespread connections - took it upon herself to write this book. Courageous as she is, Isher did so in the most trying circumstances, while she was losing the ability to read and write on her own, relying extensively on help from the family to put down her thoughts.

Yet, thank God that she has written this book, for it is a story of grit, love, care and commitment. Grit, because who would have bet that a daughter of simple, traditional Sikh parents — one of 11 siblings — living in a small, rented flat near Purna Cinema, not far from Calcutta's Kalighat, would reach where she did, entirely on the strength of her efforts and her intense determination to succeed?

Or, that she would in 1962, finish her West Bengal Higher Secondary Board examination from the highly-regarded Shri Shikshayatan Vidyalaya, coming eighth in the state? She writes, "My father had never shown any interest in our education but when I did well in the exams, he would often tell his friends with some pride that I had got the third rank among girls. While I approved of his new interest in education, I objected to the gender differentiation; I would correct him, saying I was eighth, not third."

Isher then went to Presidency College, Calcutta, to study economics with a scholarship of Rs 35 per month, which paid for her college fees and the tram ride from home and back. After Presidency, she joined the Delhi

A Life Apart

Amid a battle with an implacable disease, Isher Judge Ahluwalia has published an account of her extraordinary life and career

School of Economics for her Master's degree. "My family would never have let me go to Delhi to live in a hostel. At this point, I had a lucky break. In 1964, my brother decided to move to the capital with his family to start a business and my parents agreed to my going to live with them, attending DSE as a day student."

As was the case with many of us, DSE was Isher's road to Damascus — a point of revelation when she was determined to study further and apply for a PhD. Armed with a high first division in a year when seven of the eight 'first-divvers' were women, Isher applied to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where she was accepted with a fellowship. Thus began her journey in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a passage that took a bit longer than necessary because of an interlude in Washington, DC.

In the summer of 1970, Isher applied to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a summer internship. Instead of the usual three months, she got a special six-month break from MIT. With that came love. Soon after moving to DC, she had a date with a su-



BREAKING MEMOIR **ISHER JUDGE** AHLUWALIA Rupa Publications 184 pages

WORDS OF

WISDOM

Kunwar Narain

receiving the 41st

2005) from then

Patil in Parliament

House, New Delhi,

in 2009

per-bright young man, the clever, erudite English-speaking debater from St Stephen's and winner of a congratulatory first in philosophy, politics and economics from Oxford, one Montek Singh Ahluwalia, who had joined the World Bank as a part of its Young Professionals Program.

Montek impressed Isher sufficiently enough — lunch in the Bank's Executive Dining Room, films, dinners, walks and drives. "It was during one of those drives, while we were picnicking off some bread and cheese and a glass of wine, that I decided that Montek was the man for me." Soon, Isher secured a full-time job at the IMF; and, in 1971, she and Montek married in Washington.

Four years passed in setting up home in Georgetown, going with IMF delegations for Article IV consultations in the Caribbean, and working long hours at the Fund. Suddenly, it dawned upon her that she had left her PhD programme behind. So Isher applied for a fellowship at Brookings and completed her MIT thesis from there in 1976 – which was published in 1979 by Macmillan, titled Behaviour

of Prices and Outputs in India: A Macro-Econometric Approach.

Then came care. Of parenting two boys – first Pavan, who was born in November 1977; and, then, Aman in October 1979, after the three of them had returned to India for good. Of taking charge of what was an immaculate home and hearth; of looking after a growing family that eventually extended to daughters-in-law and grandchildren; of being a partner to Montek, who would return late at night with stacks of government files.

Then, there was commitment to her pro $fession. ``Being\,a\,mother\,is\,a\,full-time\,job.\,Being\,$ a working mother is two full-time jobs." Even so, Isher completed two major books: Industrial Growth in India: Stagnation Since the Mid-Sixties (1989, Oxford University Press) and Productivity and Growth in Indian Manufacturing (1991, OUP). She worked at the Centre for Policy Research, then took over as the head of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), an institution which she strengthened by attracting excellent full-time fellows and garnering some very serious grants from abroad and the Indian corporate world, that made ICRIER financially comfortable. If these were not enough, Isher got into urbanisation and published two books on the subject.

Breaking Through is a beautiful read because it is so honestly written, so touching in content - a wonderful mélange of the personal and the public. It is, in effect, a signing off. Of a great life. Of struggles. Of success. Of love and caring. Of building families, values and institutions. And, of Montek.

Thank you, Isher.

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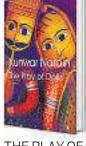
Beasts and Superbeasts

Through the stratagem of the inhuman, Kunwar Narain explored what it means to be human

Harish Trivedi

IN ONE of Kunwar Narain's stories, two men begin fighting in the middle of a street, calling each other the "son of a pig," "insect," "owl", etc. Gradually, all the creatures so invoked come and surround the two men to watch them fight. The ass asks (he would, wouldn't he?) why they are fighting, not knowing that to fight you don't need a reason, but only strength. When the two men have strangled each other to death, all the animals clap loud and long enough to make the skies resound. The lion declares ceremoniously that the fight ended in a tie, and orders an owl sitting on a tree to record the history of the fight for the edification of future generations of animals.

In another story, two rapacious and rival managers of an orphanage are prevented from killing each other by a woman tying them to stakes at opposite ends of a courtyard as they viciously



THE PLAY OF DOLLS: **STORIES** KUNWAR NARAIN, TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH BY JOHN VATER AND APURVA NARAIN Penguin Modern Classics

snarl and growl. In yet another, a mysterious man comes riding a high horse and orders the narrator to take off all his clothes. And, in yet another, a terrifying insect appears and sits on top of the narrator's manuscript, glinting at him more and more terrifyingly. But no, unlike in Kafka, the minatory insect here is one entity and the human victim another; the one does not metamorphose into

The humanity of men is stripped and threatened not only in relation to animals in these stories but also, of course, to other men. An ageing man renounces the world but is soon hauled back to a police station because they have found an old shirt of his with bloodstains on it. By the time the killer is found, this all-forsaking man has gone out of his mind and begun to claim that he has murdered not one person but "the

whole world". In a quieter and subtler story, a man feels his status as a human being diminished by



the hour as he is made to sit all day, waiting to be called in by a government official he has come to see. Many of the first-person narrators in the other stories here are meek, mild and fairly faceless characters, created Jnanpith award (for mainly to be sat upon, but this one shows high individuality. president Pratibha

Sitting idly but impatiently, he vaguely re-calls Shakespeare: "I am tied to the stake/...bear-like" (animal and stake again!). He then recalls more accurately Sahir Ludhianvi: "Meri raaton ke muqaddar mein sahar hai ki nahin? (Is it the fate of my nights to see the dawn or not?, as translated here)' When he is finally called in, the smug official, who has probably never heard of either poet, dismisses his plea at once with civil aplomb.

The few women in these stories are less than fully human to start with, for they are invariably seen through male eyes. This is not the predatory male gaze so much as a quizzical but indulgent regard for the different quiddity of women. There are several sudden kisses, initiated by women as well as men. In an especially intricate story, a woman stands stark naked before a mirror, gazing at herself through the narrow gap between her fingers with which she covers her face. She is trying to see how she looks to others — with the male narrator watching

her watching herself. These stories are like no others written by any Hindi writer. As if conducting semiscientific experiments, Narain brings a sceptical scalpel to all kinds of characters to peel off their put-on humanesque skins and expose their beastly nature. Through setting himself these ethical puzzles, Narain seems intent on figuring out what precisely it means to be human and to act human. Some of the stories seem to be ingeniously designed thought-experiments, and in some others, this persistent humanist concern becomes explicit, as with the strings in the puppeteer's hand occasionally showing in the title-story, 'The Play of Dolls'. The word "human" tolls through the book.

Kumar Narain was primarily a poet, in which capacity he won many plum awards and honours: the Sahitya Akademi, the Inanpith, the Padma Bhushan and the lot. In a famous poem, he said he wished to be reborn as "human-er". This volume of short stories was the only one he put together in his lifetime. The two conscientious translators substantially enhance the 143 pages of the text here with 48 pages of informative and solicitous para-text. One can't wait for Narain's other (posthumous) collection of short stories to come out in English, for they are even more playfully inquisitive.

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New Delhi



MEN AT WORK

(Right to left) Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Bhai Mahavir, Balraj Madhok and Jagannath Rao Joshi during a national executive meeting of the Jan Sangh in Ahmedabad, 1970

Democratic Dividends

Yogendra Yadav's essays cover India from Rajiv Gandhi to Narendra Modi, but without sufficient connect with sociopolitical history

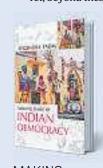
Mahesh Rangarajan

EW SCHOLARS and observers of the Indian political scene over the last three decades have been as prolific and wide in scope as Yogendra Yadav. His recent shift to party political work has seen a change of tone and timbre as he made the transition from being watcher to player in the political and even electoral arena.

The core of his work is the relation of ideas to political practice, nowhere more so than in the study of electoral trends and the changing social and economic makeup of the parties that are so vital to the process. This collection is like refined gold, as it puts the core of his essays in one place.

The demise of the Congress system and the rise of regional and Mandal and Dalit-led parties in north India was studied in his well-known essays. The titles say it all, though they do not appear in quite that direct, pithy form here. The rise of the third electoral system, 1989-2014, saw governing with no really dominant party at the centre of the web. Further, it was higher participation in politics, not just in election season, that saw the rise of figures like Mayawati, Lalu Prasad Yadav, Nitish Kumar and the Yadavs of UP. Finally, the Congress itself showed signs of reverting to a group of diverse state-level parties held together by a leader in New Delhi.

There is a fascinating essay on the "State Nation", not the nation-state, where Yadav detours into European history and shows how in India, the challenge of forging a sense of nationhood became more, not less, acute after Independence. The formation of linguistic states and efforts at positive discrimination are seen as progressive. Yet, beyond these, this collection falls short. The



MAKING SENSE OF **INDIAN DEMOCRACY** YOGENDRA YADAV Permanent Black/Ashoka University 390 pages ₹995

reasons emerge in the introduction and more so in his essay written on the eve of the 2019 general election. He rightly sets aside simple anti-Modi sentiment and draws an uncanny parallel with the flop of 'Indira Hatao' as a slogan in 1971. But if her party raised its tally from 283 to 350-plus (very similar but not identical with Modi's own gains), the reasons do need more thought and care. Yadav begins well, but falters.

The deeper reason may be both apparent and substantial. For one, the assertion that supposedly secular parties forged a unified Muslim vote and rendered the BJP's task easier is not new. But it is made more by the latter's acolytes and has been contested by many of Yadav's own colleagues. In more instances than can be counted, minority voters have split on class

or caste lines, or of party. And if this indeed was the case, the Jan Sangh should have romped home easily,

The deeper issue is analytic. For someone so versed in political lore, there is scant engagement with serious sociopolitical history. This leads to a serious underestimation of why North and South (or West) are so very different as macro regions. The social and cultural transformations unleashed in the latter have yet to resonate fully in the Ganga basin and much of Hindi-speaking India. These works over the last quarter century would include Rajni Kothari's volume Caste in Indian Politics (1969). The result is that the volume is at its best in shedding light on the India between Rajiv's fall and Modi's rise. But in contrast to the late Professor Kothari, whose work on the Congress system Yadav analyses so well, the latter stops short of grappling with why the drama unfolded as it has.

Issues of gender and occupational mobility, of access to education and age of marriage were taken up far earlier, and systematically. Few in Hindi-speaking India know that the first Nadar School for Boys was founded in 1890, for girls in 1910 and a bank in 1920. This wider penumbra of changes never figured in the agenda of the north Indian OBC leaders, most of whom cut their teeth on Lohiaite socialism. This is not simply a political failing but a larger socio-cultural vacuum, and it is this that enabled a remaking of the Hindutva party under its firstever OBC mass national-level leader. To know why this was so, maybe history and political economy need to be looked at afresh.

A fleeting thought is to get Yadav to write a fulllength account of political change over the last two or three decades. But the present anthology is an aid to thinking through post-1989 India - a book to read, mull over and argue with.

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England all-rounder Ben Stokes' father Ged has said he was diagnosed with brain cancer in January after a trip to South Africa to watch his son play in the four-test series. Ged, a former New Zealand rugby league player, was admitted to hospital in Johannesburg ahead of England's Boxing Day Test.

Log in, log out awards

60 winners attend virtual ceremony; Minister Rijiju defends jumbo list

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

APART FROM the novelty of the first ever virtual ceremony, Saturday's national sports awards function also saw an unprecedented number of awardees with sports minister Kiren Rijiju saying India's improved performance on the international stage merited such

Altogether 74 sportspersons, coaches and institutions were selected for the honours including an unprecedented five names for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and 27 for the Arjuna Award – more than double the usual "The performance of our athletes in the

international level has become better. When our players perform better, they have to be recognised and rewarded. If the government doesn't recognise their achievements, it will discourage every budding sporting talents we have in India," the minister said.

"So, compared to the previous years, the performances of Indian athletes have gone up considerably and as a result, the number of award winners have also gone up."

At the same time, Rijiju said that the government had no role in deciding the awards list with a selection panel in place for the pur-

"For the sports awards, the committee was headed by a Supreme Court judge and all the renowned people from the field of sports. When they take a call there is intense deliberation, discussion and there are set guidelines on the basis of which they have used their judgement," he said.

"The minister doesn't decide the awards, the minister only gives the consent on behalf of the government but it is the technical committee which decides.

Only 60 of the 74 awardees were present at various Sports Authority of India centres. Some - like cricketers Rohit Sharma (Khel Ratna) and Ishant Sharma (Arjuna), golfer Aditi Ashok (Arjuna) and former national football coach Sukhwinder Singh (Dhyan Chand Award) - were not in the country while others including wrestler Vinesh Phogat (Khel Ratna) and shuttler Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (Arjuna) had to skip



Shooter Manu Bhaker, who specialises in the 10m air pistol event, clicks a photograph before receiving the Arjuna Award on Saturday. SAI Media

the virtual ceremony after testing positive for Covid-19.

President Ram Nath Kovind applauded as the names and achievements of the awardees attending the ceremony were announced. "This is the first awards ceremony in COVID times during which the President has participated," Rijiju said.

Increase in cash prize

This year, the cash prize for the awardees was also boosted. The prize money for the Khel Ratna was increased to Rs 25 lakh from Rs 7.5 lakh while Ariuna awardees, who got Rs 5 lakh last year, received Rs 15 lakh this time. The Dronacharya (Lifetime) awardees' cash prize was also increased from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 15 lakh, while the regular Dronacharya Award brought Rs 10 lakh instead of Rs 5 lakh. Dhyanchand Awardees received Rs 10 lakh, double last year's amount.

Due to the prevailing pandemic, stringent health and safety protocols were followed at the 11 SAI centres in various cities, where the awardees had to assemble.

They were seen in PPE kits as they made their way to the various venues. As per the government directions, each one of them had to undergo a COVID-19 test before reporting to their respective SAI centres.

Among the Khel Ratna awardees, table tennis player Manika Batra attended from Pune, women's hockey captain Rani Rampal and Paralympic gold medallist Mariyappan Thangavelu were at the SAI centre in Bengaluru.

Among those receiving the Arjuna Award on Saturday were star sprinter Dutee Chand, woman cricketer Deepti Sharma, archer Atanu Das and men's hockey team forward Akashdeep Singh.

The Dronacharya award in the lifetime category was bestowed on eight coaches, including Dharmendra Tiwary (archery), Naresh Kumar (tennis), Shiv Singh (boxing) and Romesh Pathania (hockey).

In the regular Dronacharya category, the five awardees included Jude Felix (hockey) and Jaspal Rana (shooting). Trupti Murgunde (badminton) and Nandan Bal (tennis) were among those conferred the Dhyan Chand

Despite the long list of awardees this year, there's bound to be a few heartbreaks. Rijiju said that the deserving candidates who missed out can look forward to next year.

How will absence of Raina impact CSK

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

AUGUST 29

CHENNAI SUPER Kings's Suresh Raina returned to India from the UAE for personal reasons and will be unavailable for the IPL season. Raina has been the second most important cog in the CSK wheel after MS Dhoni. Raina plays multiple roles for CSK. The absence of Dhoni's Man Friday could impact

As a batsman

Over the past 12 seasons, Raina has scored 5,368 runs in 193 matches for CSK. The team has Faf du Plessis, Ambati Rayudu, Shane Watson, and Murali Vijay in the top order. But Raina's ability to pace his innings at No.3 separates him from the rest. He is the glue in CSK's batting.

Also, Raina has the ability to up the ante in the death overs. His IPL strike rate of 137 attests to his all-round EXPLAINED

ability as a batsman. In Raina's absence, if Dhoni decides to promote himself up the order, then the team will have to find a new finisher. Raina's unavailability is likely to force CSK to rejig, batting-wise.

As a bowler and fielder

It would be wrong to judge Raina's bowling by the number of wickets – 25 – he has taken in the IPL. He has been Dhoni's go-to man in the middle overs, especially against left-handers. His economy rate, a little over 7, confirms his utility as a part-time off-spinner. His skill to take the ball away from left-handers helps CSK to curtail runs before the death overs. Often Raina has shaken the momentum of rival teams by breaking partnerships. In the desert heat, on overused pitches – just three venues will be used for the 2020 IPL in the United Arab Emirates - taking pace off the ball would be important, and Raina's absence is going to hurt CSK, the fact that the squad is loaded with spinners notwithstanding.

In Raina's absence, the onus would be on Kedar Jadhav to step up as the team's fifth or sixth bowler.

And even at 33 years of age, Raina re-



Suresh Raina has been a source of support for MS Dhoni. File

mains an outstanding fielder, mainly because of his anticipation. CSK will miss his world-class presence both close-in and in the outfield.

As Dhoni's Man Friday

Such is the bond between the two players that Raina decided to hang up his international boots minutes after his skipper bade farewell to interna-

tional cricket.

Raina is Dhoni's deputy in CSK, someone who contributes a great deal to the strategy with his tactical inputs. From short midwicket or short cover, Raina is always talking to the younger bowlers, helping them feel comfortable.

As on-field cheerleader

Raina also acts as a bridge between the junior cricketers and Dhoni. The CSK skipper is a man of few words, and although Dhoni hardly carries any airs, young players can be a little hesitant to directly communicate with their captain. Given Dhoni's stature in the game, that's understandable. This is where Raina acts as a bridge and this method has worked wonderfully well for the team. His energy in the field too, is vital. He keeps the fielders on the toes, appreciates their efforts, and is always ready with inputs for the bowlers.

Barca won't let Messi go till contract ends

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADRID, AUGUST 29

BARCELONA IS unwavering in its intention to keep Lionel Messi, who told the club earlier this week that he wanted to leave. Spanish media say Messi has contacted the club to try to resolve the situation, but Barcelona confirmed to the Associated Press on Saturday that it will not negotiate to allow the Argentina great to depart before his contract ends next year.

Earlier this week, Messi said he wanted to invoke a contract clause that allowed him to leave at the end of last season, but the club said the clause had already expired.

A lengthy legal battle may ensue as the 33-year-old forward is expected to say the clause was valid until the end of the season, which was pushed back because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Barcelona is not willing to give up on the player, especially not for free. Messi's contract, which ends in June 2021, has a buyout clause of 700 million euros (\$831 million). He has been with the club for nearly two decades, leading it to more than three-dozen titles and holding most of its individual records. Spanish media said Messi and his team contacted the club late this week to try to discuss his situation.

He had announced his intention to leave by sending the club a burofax, a certified document similar to a telegram.

Barcelona president Josep Bartomeu reportedly tried to meet with the player after his decision to leave was announced. He later said he was willing to resign if that was what it took to get Messi to stay, and if the six-times Ballon D'Or winner admitted the president's presence at the club was the reason he wanted to leave.

Messi reportedly talked to new coach Ronald Koeman before making his decision to leave. Messi hasn't spoken publicly since the embarrassing 8-2 loss to Bayern Munich in the quarterfinals of the Champions League on August 14, one of the worst defeats in the player's career and in the club's history.

He was outspoken against some of the club's decisions this season, the first without a title since 2007-08.

You may battle on at work and let

nobody tell you

you're not good

I know it is a pain

ground, but it can

also be good

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were done with a long time ago

methods of doing things seem

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)

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chance. Jupiter is still supporting

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20) You're building up to

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as mixing with old friends. It

also means you must accept

a sociable period.

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your attention. Traditional

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enough. Also, prepare for a major professional advance in

about two weeks' time, and lay

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SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

BRIDGE

SOUTH NORTH ♣ AK8 **₩**K63 ♦ KQ2

♣AJ103 **♣**Q64 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH Pass Pass

ds the SJ. You try to

You have 35 HCP in total but neither hand has a five-card suit. You have te tricks off the top — three spades, three hearts, three diamonds and one club.

There are no extra red-suit tricks available so you look to spades and clubs. There is a small chance that the spades are split 3-3, but that would only give you one extra trick, so you need to work on the club suit. Assuming no help from the spade suit you need four club tricks.

The West Hand: S - J 10 9 5 3 H - 9 2 D - 8 7 5 3 C - K 5 The East Hand: S-4 H-J10874 D-1096 C-9872

You win the SA in dummy and cash the SK to test the spade suit in the vain hope that it splits 3-3. East shows out on the second round so you need to make four club tricks. Obviously you need West to have the CK. It may seem intuitive to lead the CQ for a finesse. However, in the layout above West will cover with the CK and

you will win in dummy with the CA. You can take the next two tricks with the CJ and C10 but alas, East's C9 will now be the top club and you will only take three club tricks. The correct play is to lead a low club from your hand towards dummy and insert the CJ when West plays low. Then return to your hand and repeat the finesse by leading low towards dummy again. This time West will have to play the CK, which you will win with the CA. You will still have the CQ and the CIO as winners.

As a general rule it is preferable to lead a small card rather than an honour when finessing. This deal is a good illustration of the mechanism. In this situation, leading the CQ works only when the suit splits 3–3. Leading low works of the control of the cont

You are South, declaring 3NT

JUMBLED WORDS

There's no use doing a kindness if you do it

the answer for the given quip.

BTAOO

NORTH SOUTH **♠** Q32 ♠ AK5 **₩** AK4 **9.**.17 **♦** 102 ♦ K74 **♣**Q9632 ♣ KJ1074 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 1NT Pass Pass West leads the D5. East wins with the DA and continues with the DO. How

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to $\,$

EESLTT

BILODY

.-Charles Kingsley (1,3,3,4)

the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2284

QUICK CLUES

- Dispensary (8)
- 10. Ruler(7)
- 11. Tell a story (7)12. Second largest of Greek Ionian islands (5)
- 13. Becomes inverted (9)
- 14. Unpleasant (12) 18. Senseless gibberish (12)21. A common saying similar in
- meaning to, "As you sow, so shall you reap"? (3,3,3) anagram?(5)
- 24. Vehicles or people moving along roads(7) 25. Portending evil (7)
- 26. Artificial bait for an angler? (3-3)
- 27. Expressed forcefully (8) **DOWN** Deliver a sermon (6)
- Hope to (6) Lively and volatile (9)
- Alternative forms of incentive (6,3,5)
- Cards for the fortune-teller? (5)
- Hostile rant (8)
- Exceed or go beyond (8)
 Questionings (14) 15. Use sparingly (9)
- 17. Death announcement (8) 19. Arrange in types, classify (6)
- 20. Run a ___ shop: be secretive of what one does, in a way? (6)

22. Entrails, etc (5) CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- Arab emirate has an immature flower in a habit yet incomplete
- Wager about the parson getting
- higher rank (6) 10. A parasite gropes wildly round the pole(7)
- may have more than enough to eat
- 13. They fight bull that ripped out
- hidden charges 18. Off-road arrangement for

motorists?

- 14. It'll save you blowing up over
- 11. People not starting on the Cheddar Get rid of what cuts and let bygones be bygones (4,3,7)

Difficulty Level 4s

To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

must appear in each of the

each of the nine horizontal

nine vertical columns, in

rows and in each of the

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;

3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;

5s = Very Hard; 6s =

Difficulty Level

every digit from 1 to 9

Instructions

- 12. Sawyer rises provided there is a

15. Brenda gets Ms Hurley

- 8. Try a ruse to get at where big noney is! (8) 9. He composed song where Grieg
- Ambitious person in the jet-set? (4-
- Anywhere G-man finds interior fruit bursting into dehiscent parts
- 7. Drink for clergyman upset by

 $21. \ \ A\,measure\,of\,gold\,turns\,up\,in$

24. Men lacking leadership he can

25. Wedge in position for tidying up

the bed (7)
26. Provide in flexible fashion! (6)

27. A grub screw part of small size?

1. Suppose it gets us back into the

Substurning to a sub (1-5)

23. No turnover in drink if company's

pussy's waterfalls (9)

reform and improve

missing(5)

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- 16. Money for kisses ?(8) 17. Sew together frame? (6,2) 19. Monk in empty cape (6)

a-flutter inside don't

you think? (9)

- 20. Tree indicating pyorrhea? (3-3)
- 22. Learn about the kidneys, perhaps (5)

Solutions to 2283 QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Barrel, 4 Infra dig,

9 Cobalt, 10 Run after, 12 Emus, 13 over, 21 Yesteryear, 22 Erat, 24 Amateurs, 25 Revile, 26 Spare rib, 27 Wipers. **Down:** 1 Bachelor, 2 Rebounds, 3 Eels, 5 Neurological, 6 Ready set go, 7 Detain, 8 Gyrate, 11 Aishwarya rai, 14 Paul revere, 16 Overtime, 17 Fritters, 19 Bypass, 20 Espana 23 Peri. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 1 Herman, 4 Isostasy, 9 Repaid, 10 Converge, 12 Tank, 13 Stalingrad, 15 Preparedness, 18 Cock-eyed view, 21 Tuning fork, 22 Wren, 24 Gracious, 25 Cartel, 26 Rednecks, 27 Aril, 5 Scotland Yard, 6 Seven-a-side, 7 Aurora, 8 Yields, 11 Streak of luck. 14 Mayonnaise, 16 Migrates, 17 Swindles, 19 Stager, 20 Inward, 23 Laze.

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If it's your Birthday

Sunday August 30

Long-distance travel could bring surprises over the next year. You should thumb through the brochures and, for now, take a journey in your dreams.

Monday August 31 As the days pass, your urge to be top will be

replaced by a desire to be liked. Even workaholic individuals might soon bunk off work to go out with friends. **Tuesday September 1**

Your concern for others is really admirable,

but you need to look after yourself. One quality which is set to underpin the coming year is your deep sense that the world could be a better place. Wednesday September 2

You're approaching the start of a new

twelve-month cycle. In fact, everything you do over the next few weeks will influence

both your and a loved one's lives. Thursday September 3 There's a sense in which the seeds of future offers and invitations have already been

which are already underway.

Friday September 4 Today's Moon suggests that with just a little extra determination, you'll be able to transform almost any area of your life you

Saturday September 5

soon as extra facts come to light.

sown. That's why you'd do well to concentrate on initiatives and enterprises

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choose over the next twelve months.

It's a fertile time for ideas, and you'll be hatching plans for future achievements. However, you must seek expert advice as

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1 6 2 9 4 8 7 5 3

9 4 7 5 1 3 8 6 2

YOUR WEEK AHEAD LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Let's look ahead a little and comment

on your financial prospects, which are about to become absolutely amazing. If you're sensible this week, you'll get all the paperwork cleared. Check out the options and decide what exactly you do want to do with

all your money. But there's no

need to hurry. I wouldn't be at all



future. Mercury, planet of thought, is not only behaving badly, it's aligned with a foggy part of your chart. The only thing to do is relax, enjoy yourself and wallow in

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Your social stars are

trucking along nicely, which means that you're in with a chance of an extremely lucky meeting. Even better someone

who has been bugging you may finally back off. Do get out and about as much as you can this week, for very soon you'll become much more reserved, secretive even.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You may be

rediscovering your ability to get the better of other people, but only at the cost of

losing some of your more delightful, softer, sensitive qualities. But, nothing comes without a price. Also, tie up loose ends at work. but don't expect an early agreement.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Good fortune is your forte, but just at the moment something

unstuck. Somewhere back along the line you made a rash legal decision or a dodgy ethical choice. There is still plenty of time to mull over the past and do it all better second

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) A recent financial advantage may start to look less rosy, although if you begin to see the cons rather than the

they arise, and pleasantly

surprised if they don't.

pros, this could be a rather refreshing change. Actually, if you focus on the potential problems you'll be prepared if

down, otherwise you have no way of knowing what you're missing. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Saturn and Jupiter are now your two

most dominant

planets, but I doubt if they will swing into action just yet. Give yourself about two weeks to prepare the ground before some of the most stunning stars of the year shake vou up emotionally. romantically, professionally and

financially. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) You probably thought that you'd had your last chance

to make your fortune. In actual fact, you're going to have not one more opportunity but two, so grab all monetary openings with both hands. Your home could do with a dash of extra colour, so how about a spot of decorating?

Answer: There's no use doing a kindness if you do it **a day too late**. - Charles Kingsley SOLUTION: ALCAE, TABOO, SETTLE, BODILY

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