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MORE TALKS SOON

India, China agree no more escalation, to see if it holds

No disengagement pact yet, say more troops will not be sent to frontline

SHUBHAJIT ROY & KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

RETURNING TO the talks table after their foreign ministers reached a pact to dial down tensions in Ladakh, India and China have agreed not to engage in "escalatory behaviour" along the Line of Actual Control, The Indian Express has learnt.

This is the key takeaway from the 12-hour meeting at the Moldo border point between Indian and Chinese military commanders Monday

Sources said while there has been no agreement on "disengagement" at the friction points, the two sides have come to an understanding on not escalating the situation given that troops of the two armies are within firing range of each other.

This, sources said, is the first step towards efforts to "ease tensions" following the September 10 agreement in Moscow between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on a five-point approach to resolve the tense situation.

A joint press release Tuesday stated: "On September 21, the Chinese and Indian Senior Commanders held the 6th round of Military Commander-Level Meeting. The two sides had candid and in-depth exchanges of views on stabilizing the situation along the LAC in the China-India border areas.'

"They agreed to earnestly implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, strengthen communication on the ground, avoid misunderstandings and misjudgments, stop sending more troops to the frontline, refrain from unilaterally changing the situation on the ground, and avoid taking any actions that may complicate the situation."

"The two sides also agreed to hold the 7th round of Military Commander-Level Meeting as soon as possible, take practical measures to properly solve problems on the ground, and jointly safeguard peace and tranquility in the border area," it stated.

Sources said "non-escalation" could hold the key to CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Vacant seats in the Rajya Sabha after Opposition MPs staged a walkout on Tuesday. PTI

Oppn to boycott RS till suspension revoked, Govt says 'express regret'

To err is human... but some leaders justifying it, says Venkaiah Naidu; Azad leads Oppn walkout in Upper House; suspension echoes in Lok Sabha

MANOJ C G & ESHAROY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

DRAWING THE battle lines, the Opposition on Tuesday decided to boycott Rajya Sabha proceedings till the suspension of eight members is revoked. But the government insisted that the MPs - suspended for "unruly behaviour" during the passage of two key farm Bills on Sunday should first "express regret".

The suspension of the eight Opposition MPs -- Congress's Rajeev Satav, Syed Naseer Hussain and Ripun Bora, Trinamool Congress's Derek O'Brien and Dola Sen, AAP's Sanjay Singh and CPI(M)'s K K Ragesh and Elamaram Kareem -- echoed in THE EDITORIAL PAGE

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Lok Sabha as well, with some parties, including the Congress, TMC, DMK and TRS, boycotting the proceedings for a day.

With the Opposition deciding to boycott Rajya Sabha, the

eight MPs, who held a sit-in next to the Gandhi statue at Parliament through the night, ended their dharna

Speaking in Rajya Sabha minutes before 9.30 am, Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad said: "There is a proverb in English: the last straw which broke the camel's back. I think, day before yesterday was the last straw which broke the camel's back... Today, Bills are not sent to the standing and select committees... An attempt is made to pass all Bills. Why did the fight take place? It should not have happened. I don't approve (members) breaking microphones and climbing on tables. Nobody approves it. But, as I said, it was the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Cyprus to Isle of Man: Over 100 transactions linked to Max chairman

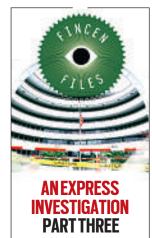
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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

OVER 100 transactions worth \$104.4 million by companies associated with Max Group founder and chairman Analjit Singh were red-flagged by Standard Chartered Bank, New York, to US financial watchdog

These transactions, between July 2014 and November 2016, were between entities in India and those located in Cyprus, UAE, Singapore, South Africa, Jersey and Isle of Man. Some of these companies had Singh as a director as well, according to the bank's records of Suspicious Activity Reports investigated by The Indian Express.

In two SARs, the bank said that Singapore-based LGO Pte, a company where Analjit Singh



is a director, which had an account with the bank, carried out transactions with "unknown entities, located in high-risk ju-

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2010-2017: TRANSACTIONS OF \$27.88 MN

Antiques smuggler in Tamil Nadu jail, and a trade that flourished even after his arrest

SHYAMLAL YADAV NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

DATA FROM the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), the US regulatory agency for enforcing money laundering laws, provide a glimpse into the network of companies and individuals trading with antiques smuggler Subhash Kapoor who is now in a Tamil Nadu jail.

The data show that dealings of stolen artifacts and transactions continued years after the

arrest of the alleged kingpin. Kapoor was one of 17 subiects in a Suspicious Activity

One more veil lifts: Suspicious bank transactions of Indians are **GARMENT FIRMS RED-FLAGGED BY**

2017 by the Standard Chartered Bank, New York, "for obtaining millions of dollars in trafficking looted artifacts from international smugglers and selling them illegally".

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As Sept surge sweeps rural Maharashtra, hunt for beds

More than 34% of new cases in rural areas, officials try to catch up

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA SATARA SEPTEMBER 22

FOR THREE days earlier this month, 65-year-old Kashabha Kumbhar lay outside the Karad Sub-District Hospital as his family, which had made its way there from a village 20 km away, hunted for a hospital bed. It was only when Kumbhar turned critical that the hospital admitted him on September 10.

The Karad hospital had been converted into a Covid facility in March, but as cases lagged, had gone back to taking in other patients. Now, as coronavirus spreads to rural areas, hospitals like Karad's in Maharashtra are struggling. Again declared Covid-only this month, the Sub-District Hospital has 45 beds and none in ICU due to the lack of an intensivist and oxygen

Accounting for 54% of the state's 11.23 crore population, rural Maharashtra had only 16.5% of its coronavirus cases till mid-July CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



After failing to get a bed for Poonam Badwe in five hospitals, the family arranged for oxygen at home. Tabassum Barnagarwala

Panic, overuse: Centre pinpoints oxygen issues

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE CENTRE has identified three major "problem areas" in the management of oxygen inventory and clinical management of patients on oxygen support, which resulted in poor availability of oxygen, especially in big states with high Covid-19 caseloads, The

Indian Express has learnt. Over the past week, the Centre has held multiple meetings with states about the avail-

ability of oxygen. A senior central official who is part of the empowered committee that met with state officials said that the number of patients requiring oxygen support has gone up by almost 1 percentage point over the last 45 days. At the same time, discrepancies in inventory management had led to a shortage of oxygen supply, sources said.

'Forty-five days back, around **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

exit as Tata offers to buy out its stake

Shapoorji ready to

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE SHAPOORJI Pallonji (SP) Group said in the Supreme Court Tuesday that it would exit from Tata Sons, provided it gets an "early resolution" and a "fair, equitable solution" in the protracted legal battle between the two sides. This could potentially mark an end to the 70-year relationship between two of India's oldest and biggest business groups.

The SP Group is the largest minority shareholder in Tata Sons, the holding company of Tata Group, with 18.37 per cent stake. But it said in a statement that a separation "is necessary" due to the potential impact of the continuing litigation between the two sides on "livelihoods and the economy".

"It was crucial that an early resolution is reached to arrive at a fair and equitable solution reflecting the value of the underlying tangible and intangible assets," it said. "The SP-Tata relationship, spanning over 70 years, was forged on mutual trust, good faith, and friendship. Today, it is with a heavy heart that the Mistry family believes that a separation of interests would best serve all stakeholder groups."



flashpoint

the two heavyweights marks the latest turn in a long-running legal battle, which started in December 2016 soon after Cyrus Mistry was ousted as Chairman of Tata Sons. In the latest salvo, the SP Group has accused Tata Sons of taking "value destructive business decisions" ever since Mistry's sacking.

THE FACE-OFF between

The statement came hours after the Tata Group informed the court that it was ready to buy out the SP Group's stake. The court restrained the SP Group from pledging or transferring its stake in Tata Sons and asked the Mistrys to maintain status quo until October 28, when it starts hearing final arguments.

The Tata Group said it is open to buying shares held by the SP Group to aid the latter's fundraising efforts, its lawyer told the Supreme Court. The Tata Group had moved the court earlier this **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

First Covid lay-offs by BCCI: 11 coaches at national academy; they say were not alerted BCCI has decided to not renew clude domestic stalwart he informed us that BCCI has deready appointed coaches for

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DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

NO INDIA matches since February, its showpiece IPL playing out in a bio-bubble of empty stands in the UAE, the world's richest cricket body is now qui-

etly tightening its belt. Marking its first big staff layoffs since the Covid outbreak, the the annual contracts of 11

that former India captain Rahul Dravid, who had handpicked the team after taking over as Head of Cricket at NCA, informed the coaches last week about the termination of their services. Those who have been asked to leave in-

coaches at its premier National Cricket Academy (NCA), including five retired India players – Ramesh Powar, SS Das, Hrishikesh Kanitkar, Subroto Banerjee and Sujith Somsundar. The Indian Express has learnt

Sitanshu Kotak.

The 11 coaches were employed on one-year contracts that are set to expire this month, on salaries ranging from Rs 30-55 lakh. And at least five of them told The Indian Express that they were not alerted before the decision was taken or given a "real reason".

Dravid, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and board secretary Jay Shah did not respond to queries from The Indian Express.

'We received a call from $Rahul (Dravid) \, two \, days \, ago \, and \,$

cided not to renew our contract. There was no real reason given to us. He said he tried his best to retain us but he couldn't do anything further. For the past three months, we have been attending webinars and planning activities for after Covid-19. Now suddenly, we are told that our services are no longer needed," said one of the coaches.

Another coach rued the timing of the decision. "We have been told this at a time when many state associations have altheir teams. It will be tough for us to get new assignments in this Covid time," another coach said. Cricketing activities at the

NCA had come to a complete halt since the Covid lockdown in March. However, earlier this month, BCCI-contracted players were given the option of training at the Bengaluru-based academy. In 2019, on Dravid's recom-

mendation, the Supreme Courtappointed Committee of Administrators had recruited CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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After nearly 6 months, schools reopened in several parts

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Stalled pilot project on malnutrition could be the key to success

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Decoding police claims on the conspiracy behind Delhi riots

Since September 1, Satara

has recorded 16,000 cases, with

Karad the epicentre. Says Karad

Superintendent Dr Sheela

Khairmede: "We did not expect

ularly harsh for Maharashtra,

which has consistently had the

highest number of coronavirus

cases in the country. Of India's

nearly 2 lakh new cases this

month, 46% of them have been

recorded in Maharashtra alone.

With Mumbai being the initial

epicentre, the state's efforts

were focused on the capital. As

rural areas take a hit, the system

mid-August, and its total num-

bers now stand at 30,037, half of

them in Karad alone. The district

has 471 ICU beds and 1,154 oxy-

gen beds for over 8,700 active

cases, including in 22 private

hospitals that are now Covid fa-

pitals to participate," says Civil

Surgeon Dr Subhash Chauhan,

while talking about plans for a

300-bed "jumbo facility" with a

"We need more private hos-

Satara saw its surge around

is straining.

September has been partic-

cases to rise so suddenly."

In today's episode we're looking at what the Delhi Police has said on a conspiracy to spark communal riots in the national

FROM PAGE ONE

Max chairman

Incidentally, Analjit Singh has been probed for his overseas transactions in the past too. In 2012, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summoned Singh, then the chairman of Vodafone India, with regard to a foreign exchange violations case.

The bank's first SAR cited 85 transactions between July 2014 and May 2016, totalling \$94.13 million with unidentified entities located in Cyprus, UAE, Singapore and India, "These transactions have the appearance of being conducted in a circular pattern without an identified business purpose. The remittance field section states and/or Loan

repayment...In addition, several of the counter-parties have registered addresses in Cyprus and appear to be shell companies with no identifiable line of business or physical locations," the SAR said.

In its second SAR, the bank identified 19 transactions totalling \$10.3 million remitted/received by LGO. These transactions were carried out between June 2016 and November 2016.

The companies with which LGO Pte conducted these transactions include: Analiit Singh: Pier114 Imports Private Ltd; South Africa-based Leeu Holdings Ltd formerly known as Blue Moral Ltd; Piveta Estates Private Ltd; Varana Global Holdings (based in Isle of Mann); LGOX DMCC (based in UAE) and DIXCART Services/ DIXCART Management (based in Cyprus).

Records filed by Max India that provide details on directorship and partnerships of Analiit Singh in other entities (including foreign companies), show that Singh is a director in LGO Pte, the company that is at the centre of these transactions. He is also a director in three other companies that have been named in the SARs: Piveta Estates, Varana Global Holdings and Leeu Holdings Cyprus.

While the SAR states that one Analjit Singh, located/banking in Singapore, could not be conclusively identified, it said, "an individual with this name was identified as chairman of Max India Group, a healthcare and insurance provider located in India and founder of the Leeu Collection, a hospitality business located in South Africa. A relationship between Leeu and Leeu Collection could not be conclusively established although the names of the entities appear

In fact, the SAR has listed three transactions that were specifically carried out by Analjit Singh worth \$2.19 million between June 6 and June 27, 2016. It said that Singh used Deutsche Bank accounts in Singapore and Switzerland to remit/and or receive the funds. "The transactions lacked transparency and had an unidentifiable business purpose," the SAR said.

While highlighting another transaction where LGO Pte sent \$1.16 million to Varana Global Holdings, the SAR said that a public search of Varana's address in Isle of Mann "identified several unrelated businesses that utilize this address, suggesting that Varana is possibly a shell

CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

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IN THE article 'Power to new age farmer' by BIP national secretary and Rajya Sabha MP Bhupender $Y adav, the \, accompanying \, author \,$ sketch is of Bhopinder Singh, former Lt. General of the Indian Army and Lt Governor of

The error is regretted.

currently out on bail. Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

According to the SAR, Varana utilised its account with Union Bank of India UK Ltd. Great Britain to receive the funds. Leeu Holdings, another company registered in Cyprus received three transactions from LGO Pte amounting to \$1.65 million in June 2016.

When asked about the SARs, Analjit Singh and his companies being named in these reports, a spokesperson from the Sponsor Group of Max India said: "All transactions being referred to have been done in the normal course of business and in total compliance with laws. The remittances have RBI approval. We also file an annual update with them as per norm. As you are neither a competent or appointed authority we have no reason to furnish details for each transaction. The funds have been used to invest in hospitality ventures started since last few years and currently operating in South Africa, the Lake District of UK and Florence Italy."

On the observation in the SAR that Varana is possibly a shell company, the spokesperson said: "Varana is an ecofriendly clothing line which markets its products in UK, while it has a workshop in Bangalore. It counts some highly respected Indians amongst its

Smuggler

Transactions of \$27.88 million were made between March 2010 and March 2017. The SAR noted: "Art is utilized as a money laundering vehicle and is a red flag which is commonly used to conceal cash.'

The FinCEN Files have been investigated by The Indian Express in collaboration with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, BuzzFeed News and 108 media partners into bank compliances and anti-money-laundering systems around the world.

Kapoor, 71, is in Trichy central jail for smuggling idols from Tamil Nadu temples. He is facing charges in the US as well for smuggling idols and artifacts from countries in Asia. He was arrested on October 30, 2011 at Frankfurt, and extradited to India in July 2012.

A complaint filed in July 2019 in a Criminal Court of New York by the US Department of Homeland Security stated that the "total value of stolen antiquities known to have been trafficked by Kapoor exceeds USD 145.71 million".

Over 30 years, Kapoor is suspected to have trafficked thousands of antiques, including statues and paintings, most of them now believed to be stolen artifacts, and 2622 of them were seized, the complaint stated.

An intermediary for Kapoor, the complaint stated, entered Afghanistan during the country's civil war in the 1990s and bribed a Mujahideen commander for access to an archaeological site. The deal allegedly yielded two stucco Buddha heads dating to the Gandhara

In Tamil Nadu, he faces two cases of theft involving 28 idols. In October 2013, two years after the arrest of Kapoor, his sister Sushma Sareen was also arrested, allegedly for hiding stolen idols worth more than USD 14 million. Multiple raids were conducted by the FBI in March 2016 under an operation codenamed Hidden Idol.

Nancy Wiener, who owns the Nancy Wiener Gallery in New York and allegedly assisted Kapoor in smuggling of antiques, was also arrested in December 2016 on a similar charge. Sushma and Nancy are

Tata-Mistry rift month to restrict the SP Group

India, China agree no more escalation

"building trust" between the two sides, before moving towards disengagement and then de-escalation.

If "non-escalatory behaviour" holds for a reasonable period of time, it will give confidence to take the next step. And to take the process forward, sources said, another round of talks can then take place between the commanders and the diplomats.

The Indian team at the Moldo meeting was led by XIV Corps Commander Lt General Harinder Singh. With him was Lt General PGK Menon, expected to take charge of the Leh-based Corps in October. Also in the team was

Naveen Srivastava, Joint Secretary (East Asia) in the Ministry of External Affairs. Fluent in Mandarin, he had been dealing with his Chinese counterparts at the meetings of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC). This was the first time that an official of the MEA joined the military talks.

The Chinese team was led by Major General Liu Lin, Commander of the South Xinjiang Military Region.

Sources said the emphasis in the joint press release that the two sides will "stop sending more troops to the frontline, refrain from unilaterally changing the situation on the ground, and avoid taking any actions that may complicate the situation" means that both will assess the non-escalatory behaviour, and if it instils confidence, they will take the next

will be seen as a "confidencebuilding measure", a top source told The Indian Express. At the meeting in Moldo,

Non-escalation, in a sense,

of complete disengagement at the friction points and de-escalation across eastern Ladakh. The Chinese, on the other hand, wanted Indian troops to first vacate key heights on the south bank of Pangong Tso and the Chushul sub-sector.

Sources said while another round of talks at the Corps Commander-level is expected soon, India is also looking to keep its troops deployed in Ladakh through the winter should there be no progress at the talks table.

There are an estimated 50,000 troops on each side of the LAC in Ladakh, backed by tanks, artillery and air defence

Meanwhile, a new study released Tuesday by the geopolitical intelligence platform Stratfor stated that China has been rapidly expanding its military infrastructure along the entire LAC with India, especially since the Doklam standoff.

"The 2017 Doklam crisis appears to have shifted China's strategic objectives, with China more than doubling its total number of air bases, air defense positions, and heliports near the Indian border over the past three years," it stated.

"A significant portion of Beijing's recent infrastructure developments is aimed directly at strengthening its ability to project air power along the entire Indian border at a time when New Delhi itself is struggling to rebuild its air

"By forcing India to respond in kind, China's aggressive strategy is leading to a greater concentration of military assets in heavily disputed areas along the border that could raise the risk of potential escalations and sustained conflict,"

At the private Krishna Medical College as well as the Satara Civil Hospital, which have the district's only Covid-19 dialysis beds, there is a waitlist of two-three days. Civil Hospital has seven such beds. "We need one more dialysis unit,"

Chauhan savs.

20 kilo-litre oxygen tank.

"I get multiple calls a day for beds, my own relative is currently looking for one," says corporator Vijay Wategaonkar, from regional party Lokseva Aghadi.

Dr Nagnath Dharamadhikari, in-charge of Covid at the Karad Sub-District Hospital, says, "Patients come gasping, but I can't remove one patient from oxygen to help another.'

Locals in Satara have pooled in funds to buy at least 80 oxygen concentrators for patients unable to get a hospital bed. One of them is Poonam Badwe (29), who has Down Syndrome and was diagnosed with Covid-19 on September 7. The family says it couldn't get a bed in five hospitals, even as Poonam's oxygen saturation levels dropped below 50%. On September 8, the family reached out for help through WhatsApp, and locals arranged an oxygen cylinder at home.

Kumbhar had come negative in a Rapid Antigen test. While norms mandate a symptomatic person to be re-tested through RT-PCR, there was no followthrough by the government hospital. It was when his condition worsened that his son got him tested at a private lab, where he showed positive. Then began the wait in the Karad Sub-District Hospital compound.

Hambirao Yadav's son Satish too made rounds first of hospitals in Karad and then Satara, after Hambirao contracted Covid-19 last week. Satish finally took his father, the sarpanch of Yeravale village, to Pune Military Hospital, 160 km away.

Satara Collector Shekhar Singh says the district will increase 1,000 beds in the next few days. "Every week we are adding more private hospitals.'

In Osmanabad district, locals raised Rs 1 crore to set up an RT-PCR lab back in April. The district was in green zone -- meaning no or few cases -- from March till May, during which, a senior district official says, only Covid Care Centres for mildly ill patients were set up. Since August 1, the district has recorded 8,955 cases,

89% of its total, which is when

the scaling up of beds began.

"Cases suddenly rose from July

end," says district health officer Dr H V Wadgave. Osmanabad now has 1,010 oxygen beds, and plans to add

population of 16.6 lakh, it has 19 ambulances for Covid-19 cases). Every day, the District Civil Sub-District Hospital's Medical

Hospital makes frantic calls to dealers for oxygen cylinders. Its requirement for oxygen is expected to increase from 300 to 550 cylinders per day by September end. Ĥasan Pathan, from Goraj Gases, a dealer, says, "The demand is huge and the supply has not increased."

Wadgave says a plan to install tanks in two government hospitals is waiting for approval.

Osmanabad Collector Kaustubh Diwegaonkar says they are trying to ramp up testing. "We are using primary health centres for early identification. We are also increasing the number of ambulances."

Oxygen supply 5.8 per cent of active cases re-

quired oxygen support; now around 6.5 per cent do. This is not a very significant increase, even though on a large base it does makes a difference. However, even with 6.5 per cent, there is sufficient headroom, and there is capacity that is available," the senior official said.

The first of the "problem areas" in the supply of oxygen identified by the central government has to do with the "less than efficient management of inventory at the level of hospitals", sources said.

"The states have been directed to address this," they said.

"The hospitals have to estimate the (numbers of) mild cases: out of these mild cases. they should have estimates on how many require oxygen, because the clinical management recommends that mild patients sleep in a prone position (flat on their chest) to ensure oxygen levels," said the senior official.

"We told them (states) that hospitals should also have estimates of moderate cases, and of how many of them are on oxygen at more than 10-11 litres per minute. The clinical management protocol does not recommend oxygen at a flow of more than 11 litres per minute for moderate cases," the source said.

Second, the source said, was 'the knee jerk reaction by states when they reported a high number of cases for two-three days". In these situations, "we noticed that states stopped oxygen to other states," the source said.

There are two kinds of oxygen-supply agreements, the sources said. "One in which the state and bigger hospital chains have an agreement with a manufacturer: two, where the agreement is with bottlers. The liquid oxygen tankers deliver to bottlers, who deliver this in cylinders. The advisory says that it is an essential public health good, and no state can restrict its movement," they said.

The third issue concerns the length of time for which patients are required to be on oxygen. "The moment a patient reaches a saturation level of 95, they should be taken off oxygen. It doesn't make a difference if the patient's saturation level is the range of 95-99. However, doctors are trying to achieve 100 per cent saturation," a source said.

At the weekly briefing on the pandemic, Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said five decisions had been taken on oxygen supply. "First, unhindered transpiration of oxygen, interstate, and intrastate. Second, oxygen tankers will be permitted to move freely within city limits in the day time," he said. "Third, the an inter-ministerial control where states can inform their problems on a real-time basis. Fourth (decision) is regarding the micro-level management of use of oxygen. And fifth, states have been directed to watch hoarding and overcharging."

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India repeated its core demand Oppn to boycott RS till suspension revoked

last straw on the camel's back. It was building up... and when it broke, it turned into a storm," he said.

Azad said 18 parties were against the farm Bills, but a division of votes on amendments was not allowed. "I want to quote Arun Jaitley. He said, in 2016, that the government becomes illegitimate if the Speaker refuses division of votes," he said, adding that the Centre had even "gone to court over division".

Raiva Sabha Chairma Venkaiah Naidu intervened and said Jaitley had also spoken about "tyranny of the mi-

When Naidu asked him to conclude, Azad said both Jaitley and Sushma Swaraj, as Leaders of the Opposition, could speak whenever they wanted. "There were no time constraints on them... But I am tied to time. Hum Leader of Opposition na hone ke barabar hogaye... this is not in the interest of democracy," he

Azad asked the government to bring another Bill in the House to restrain private players from purchasing foodgrain below the MSP, ensure that MSP is fixed as per C2 formula under the Swaminathan Committee. and procurement is not done below MSP. "And our colleagues who have been sus-

pended for the rest of the session, their suspension should be revoked....Till the government does all these things, we will boycott the session," he said, before walking out.

Most of the Opposition members walked out with him. Among those who remained in the House were the Samajwadi Party (SP), DMK, NCP and TRS – but they too walked out later. SP's Ram Gopal Yadav said

nobody could approve what happened in the House, but asked the Chairman to reverse his decision to suspend the MPs. "Mistakes have been made. And the ruling party has conducted itself with patience. Nevertheless, in your wisdom, I request you to reverse your decision and allow the members back," he said.

NCP's Praful Patel echoed TRS MP K Keshav Rao and

DMK's Tiruchi Siva said the Deputy Chairman should have agreed to a division. The way the Bills were passed in the last two days is unprecedented. When members ask for division, it must be allowed. This does not reflect well on us," said Siva.

"The proceedings say 13 times, the Deputy Chairman said, 'please go to your seats, I will allow division'. You can verify it on record," Naidu responded.

"I have a long list of how people have been suspended in this House and in the other House... I give the instances where members of different parties, including the ruling party, were suspended earlier. Ruling party members were also suspended when the House had taken up a particular resolution. Secondly, there are a number of instances where the House passed Bills without division, in the din also. It is not a healthy thing. I do agree, but there are a number of in-

stances," Naidu said. "To err is human. Emotions main thoda ho gaya... I am happy that at least some leaders said what happened was not good, but some leaders are justifying it. It is a different matter... I don't want to name anybody.... In the heat (of the moment) or, sometimes, in emotion, members do something and later, realising it, they say they should not have done... But you go through today's newspapers. The Indian Express carried an interview of all the eight members who have been suspended.... They not only justified it (their action), they asked what wrong (they did)... and some of them also confirmed that they did it... Getting on the table and dancing... tearing the papers... throwing them in the House...

going to the Deputy Chairman... Some members justified all this. I cannot justify it," said Naidu. "If some people feel my way or the highway, that is

not the way. I will not accept it," he said. After Naidu ended his speech, members of the DMK, SP, TRS, NCP and former

Prime Minister and ID(S)

member HD Deve Gowda too

walked out, making the

Opposition boycott complete. "Is it not painful that in this House of Elders, which is the most respected House, we saw members going to the Deputy Chairman, almost attacking him? And is it not true that one of the marshals was physically attacked? Was he not thrown away? Is this the way to behave in the House, said Parliamentary Affairs

Minister Pralhad Joshi. "If they express regret, the government is not bent upon keeping them away," he said. "When they are talking about the numbers, on that day (Sunday) in particular, it was 110 in our favour and 72 in their favour, which can be proved again," he said.

"I can very confidently say that we had the numbers and we were ready for division also. If they express regret and come here, today also, if there is a division, we are okay with that," he said.

Apart from helping the

men's and women's senior

teams during camps and reha-

bilitation programmes, the

coaches were involved in train-

ing India-A, India U-19 and India

in identifying and nurturing tal-

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With the NCA also involved

"The NCA doesn't function

U-23 developmental sides.

work for 120 days a year.

from raising capital against The SP Group said its role their shareholding in Tata Sons. was "always one of guardian-

In its fresh application, Tata Sons sought a direction to the SP Group "to disclose on affidavit all the pledges, encumbrances or charges, direct or indirect, that may have been created" upon its shares or the shares of two Mistry family-run entities, Cyrus Investment Pvt Ltd and Sterling Investment Corporation.

Under the Articles of the Association (AoA), the board of Tata Sons claimed it has a Right of First Refusal (RoFR) to buy at fair value the shares of Mistry and others who want to sell. However, the SP Group wants the apex court to dismiss this petition as "creation of pledge does not amount to transfer of shares".

As the urgent application by Tata Sons was filed soon after the SP Group signed documents with a global investor to raise Rs 3,750 crore, the latter has accused the former of blocking its Rs 11,000-crore fund-raising plans.

ship with an aim to protect the best interests of the Tata Group". "It is a matter of record that prior to the year 2000, when the Tata Trusts, being Public Charitable Trusts, couldn't exercise their voting rights, the same being held by a Public Trustee, the SP Group voted to protect the best interests of the Tata Group." it said. "It is extremely unfortunate

that the current leadership of Tata Sons has not only continued to take value destructive business decisions in a misguided effort to prove a point in these proceedings. It is a matter of public record that several issues, identified years earlier, continue to plague the group. Be it the operations of Tata Steel UK, where over the last three years alone the operational losses have increased by an additional 11,000 crores, or the Group's aviation businesses," it

"In 2012, when Cyrus Mistry accepted the position of Chairman of Tata Sons, it was not only with a sense of pride, but also with a sense of duty as an 'insider' on the board of Tata Sons. The Tata Group was going through significant change," it

"A generation of Tata leaders was retiring with implications on the future governance of the Group. Several of these leaders who were retiring from the Board of Tata Sons also served as Trustees of the majority shareholders -- Tata Trusts," the SP Group said.

It was "in this context" that Mistry set about "trying to establish a governance structure that would institutionalize accountability, and create the right checks and balances, without contravening the new SEBI Insider Trading law that regulated the flow of information across all stakeholders", it said, before he was removed.

BCCI lay-offs

these coaches to manage the heavy workload at the country's premier academy.

Maharashtra

that we have to give 120 days to NCA where we work with seniors, India-A, India under-19, India under-23 and other specialised camps, which are conducted every year," a coach said. It's not as if the BCCI is run-

ning out of money, though. The last balance sheet made public by the board showed cash and bank balance of Rs 5,526 crore, as of March 2018.

graph has been rising, and now, at 4.02 lakh cases. Maharashtra rural regions make up 34.4% of its numbers.

As the lockdown lifts, the

New Delhi

580 more. However, it did not plan for oxygen storage tanks, or ambulance demand (with a

201-300 Poor

POLICE CLAIM DECEMBER VIOLENCE WAS BETA VERSION OF FEBRUARY RIOTS

Riot chargesheet says women protesters paid 'daily wages', used for 'gender cover'

ANAND MOHAN J

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

WOMEN PROTESTING against the CAA at locations such as Shaheen Bagh and near Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) were paid "daily wages" by alleged conspirators behind the Northeast Delhi the Delhi Police filed Karkardooma court last week states. The chargesheet also states that the women were used by the accused for a "secular cover, gender cover and me-

"Shifa-Ur-Rehman (Jamia coordination committee member and president of Alumni Association of JMI) and others collected funds predominantly in cash and also in bank accounts and funded this sustenance of various sit-in protest sites by providing logistics and daily wages to lady protesters. AAJMI also provided mic, poster, banners, ropes, etc at gate number 7 of Jamia Millia protest site. AA-JMI also paid for buses hired for protests. The daily expenditure of AAJMI ranged between Rs 5,000- 10,000 at protest site of

Police claim to have established this based on statements of witnesses and WhatsApp

Police also sought to draw a distinction between the February riots and the protests and violence near Jamia Millia Islamia in December 2019, saying that the latter was a "precursor riot" to the Northeast Delhi violence that killed 53.

Spelling out key differences. police claimed Jamia and Shaheen Bagh were "deliberately avoided by rioters" during the February riots, and "women at the forefront (both local and transplanted) were the universal underlying theme of the protest in February 2020, as against the incidents of December 2019".

Police claimed the 2019 "precursor riots" could "not generate nationwide traction", hence the alleged conspirators resorted to "masking these protests with the secular facade, providing mass based and more acceptable civil society participation and also to exploit women and children as a shield while facing the police".

Police said the violence near Jamia Millia Islamia was a 'precursor riot' to the Northeast Delhi

Metro, DTC damage also find mention

Vihar section, 362 partial round

trips were cancelled between

Maujpur-Welcome station, and

23 round trips were cancelled be-

tween Shiv Vihar-Welcome sec-

tion." This is between February

with a different time frame -

from December 5, 2019 to

February 28, 2020. The response

attached to the chargesheet says,

"During anti-CAA protest, five

Delhi Police wrote to DTC

22 and 26.

ruption in services... On February DTC buses were damaged. No

25, 174 round trips were can- DTC staff was injured. During the

celled between Maujpur-Shiv protest, loss of Rs. 2.65 lakhs was

incurred to the DTC due to dam-

age of buses." From February 24-

27. the Delhi Fire Service received

242 arson calls, as per data

Police also stated that a letter

was written to DC, Northeast

Delhi seeking a "report of survey

by his office on damage to gov-

ernment/public properties dur-

ing the riots," and "reports from

four SDM offices in Northeast

district have been received."

shared in the chargesheet.

perience of the key conspirators from half-baked success and failures over the past two weeks (in December) made them realise that in order to achieve their true objectives, there was need for a secular cover, gender cover and media cover". "The whole of the analytics

corroborates and reinforces the investigative findings that in spite of best efforts being put in by the key conspirators, the incidents of December 2019 remained a beta version of the carnage of February 2020. The key conspirators had learnt their lessons drawn from December 2019, and while executing the continuing conspiracy in February 2020, chose Northeast Delhi with its unique economic, social and demographic matrix as being the ideal ground for mass scale mobilisation and violence... Further, with the introduction of DPSG (Delhi protests solidarity group) and Pinjra Tod for a wider role, the stigma of being perceived as an overtly communal campaign without a tactical female shield was effectively erased," chargesheet states.

In statements of 38 'protected witnesses', mirchi powder, WhatsApp and acid bottles

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE DELHI Police Special Cell is relying on statements of 38 "protected" witnesses, whose names have been withheld in the Northeast Delhi riots filed chargesheet Karkardooma court last week, to bolster its case that the riots were the final chapter of a larger conspiracy.

The statements are part of the "final report" in the chargesheet that spans over 17,000 pages and names 15 people as accused, including suspended AAP councillor Tahir Hussain, Pinjra Tod's Devangana Kalita and Natasha Narwal, and former DU student Gulfisha, among others.

Of these, statements of 33 have been recorded under CrPC section 164, which makes them admissible in a court of law, as opposed to disclosure statements made under CrPC section

Criminal Lawyer Ashish Dixit explained, "Statements recorded under CrPC section 161 are recorded by police while those recorded under 164 are done so in front of a magistrate. It should be noted that statements under section 164 are admissible as evidence but courts also demand corroborative evidence to substantiate the allegations.'

To protect their identities. witnesses have been given pseudonyms such as Charlie, Kilo, Hotel, Romeo, Juliet, Silver, Platinum, Robert, Davis, Smith,

Key disclosures made by the

protected witnesses include: ■ A witness claimed that on February 25, at the Indian Social Institute, Swaraj India leader Yogendra Yaday said "our mission is successful... by orchestrating riots, we have shown our strength to the central government". The witness also claimed that those at the meeting, including filmmakers Rahul Roy and Saba Dewan, agreed to United Against Hate's Nadeem Khan's suggestion that "it's very important that we put the blame of this violence on someone else... We should pressurise the Delhi CM to put the blame on the

Delhi Police." Yadav denied these







allegations and said, "How does one respond to something so ludicrous, except to say that Delhi Police could have chosen better dialogues for my character in this comedy? They could have researched my Twitter and Facebook timeline. Or at least checked the resolution passed in this meeting. Or asked me once.'

On February 24, he said he requested Delhi Police for immediate intervention in Northeast Delhi, especially in Chand Bagh. He also made an appeal to residents to maintain peace. On February 25, he, along with 25 other activists, sent a letter to the Police Commissioner to "bring the (riots) situation under control and restore peace".

■ At least five protected witnesses have stated that the accused Gulfisha, a former DU student, allegedly told protesting women at Seelampur to bring 'red chilli powder, sticks and bottles". Two of these five witnesses claimed that in February, as anti-CAA protests were on, Gulfisha allegedly used code words such as 'Eid par Nainital jaana hai' which meant 'road has to be blocked', and 'Aaj chaand raat hai', which meant 'the eve of roadblock'

Gulfisha's lawyer Mehmood Pracha denied the allegations and said: "Delhi Police has given these so-called witnesses two options - either agree with them to give these bogus statements or get arrested under UAPA without bail. We will take legal action against Delhi Police Special Cell and Crime Branch." A person who figures in the

list of 33 claimed to have sold "50 litre acid and 100 bottles" to Tahir Hussain 10 days before the riots. "He told me there is work going on in his house and terrace and he needs acid and bottles for that... I was paid Rs 8,000. When riots broke out, I saw bottles at the petrol pump, and I remembered that these were the same bottles I gave to Tahir Hussain," claimed the witness. Hussain's lawyer refused to comment.

As per another witness, in a bid to "manage the protest at Shaheen Bagh", JNU PhD scholar Sharjeel Imam and another person started a WhatsApp group called "Shaheen Bagh protest", while filmmaker Rahul Roy "made Twitter handle Shaheen Bagh Official 1 for media publicity". The Twitter handle, which had become the focal point for information about the Shaheen Bagh protests, was handled by two other individuals, the witness said. As per the witness statement, "when Supreme Court mediators came to Shaheen Bagh, Rahul Roy and (former INU student) Umar Khalid, among others, told protesters not to end the protest". Roy refused to comment.

■ At least two protected witnesses have claimed in their statements that "Rahul Roy and certain other elements" on the WhatsApp group called DPSG (Delhi protest support group) "supported call for chakka jam". As per the witness, Roy "disclosed his plan for chakka jam and said the protest has to turn confrontational eventually with forces, (but) confrontation should not be communal". The witness claimed that on the WhatsApp group, the call for chakka jam and violence was opposed by two members.

■ As per a witness, during an anti-CAA protest at Khureji on January 28 and 29, there was a meeting in which three men who were managing the site – Yogesh, Vishal and Sartaz — said "dharna is not enough, government won't listen to us, we will have to do something else... whether we block roads for this or riot... we will ensure NCR and CAA are rolled back". The witness said when the three men mentioned riots, "locals got angry and the three had to apologise... Locals told these three to not come for the protest".

Gurgaon team to assist in recovery of home isolation cases

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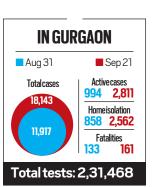
GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 22

WITH THE number of Covid patients in home isolation in Gurgaon rising from around 850 at the end of August to more than 2,000 this month, the district health department has stepped up efforts to cater to them by constituting a team to keep a closer eye on their health and assist in faster recovery.

As per data released by the district health department in its daily health bulletins, 90% of active cases currently in home isolation. While the number of active cases in Gurgaon at the end of August was 994, it almost tripled to 2.811 as of September 21. The number of people in home isolation has, simultaneously, also almost tripled from 858 on August 31 to 2,562 as of September 21.

An 11-member team has been formed to help patients in home isolation and is headed by the Deputy Civil Surgeon, said officials. "The team will take details related to the health of persons in home isolation over the phone, and if any patient has any issues, they will be resolved accordingly. If the condition of a patient is found to be serious by the team, they will be moved to the hospital," said Deputy Commissioner Amit Khatri.

According to officials, six doctors from the team will contact patients between 9 am and 5 pm and ask about their health, while



three others will perform this task

on alternate days

Before this, although patients in home isolation were being contacted daily, the task was being performed by Rapid Response Teams comprising ASHA and anganwadi workers

Officials said the new team was formed as a "precautionary measure" to ensure decisions regarding treatment of home isolation patients are made promptly, keeping in mind the higher number of people in this

With over 6,000 Covid cases being recorded this month already, bed capacity across the district has also been increased. The district magistrate had issued directions last week, making it mandatory for all hospitals to reserve 35% beds for Covid patients.

Data with the health department also reveals that most beds reserved for Covid patients are unoccupied. Overall, of the 2,357 beds reserved for Covid patients, only 732 are occupied - less than

Delhi govt releases salary grant to 6 DU colleges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE DELHI government Tuesday released a grant in aid for salaries to six Delhi University colleges fully funded by it. However, the remaining six colleges which have not received any funds, are yet to receive grants.

Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education & Sports Sciences, Acharya Narendra Dev College, Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women, Maharaja Agrasen College, B R Ambedkar College and Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences received funds of Rs 4 crore, Rs 6.8 crore, Rs 4.65 crore, Rs 5.8 crore, Rs 6.35 crore and Rs 4.5 crore respectively, Delhi government sources said.

However, no funds have been released for Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, Bhagini Nivedita College, Keshav

Mahavidyalaya, Mahavidyalaya and Maharishi Valmiki College of Education.

DIJ Teachers' Association President Rajib Ray said, "The allocated amount does not cover all expenses of these colleges, yet we hope the Delhi government at least transfers these funds to the colleges immediately. Unfortunately, the other six colleges still await the sanction... We must remind the government that these divisive policies will not work with us."

Former Academic Council nember Pankaj Garg said, "They (the government) are following the policy of divide-and-rule and unnecessarily harassing the teachers of rest of the six colleges. They must sanction and release grants of the rest of the colleges.

Delhi government officials said that since the six colleges had cooperated on matters regarding the accounts audit, funds for salaries were released.

Broken spectacles and Hong Kong text cited against Sharjeel

riots in February, which killed 53 people. Archive

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NEW DELHI SEPTEMBER 22

AS PER the chargesheet filed in

the conspiracy case in the

Northeast Delhi riots, Delhi Police

stated it wrote to DTC and DMRC

to assess the damage and loss of

revenue the services incurred

due to the anti-CAA/NRC protests

and the riots. As per the DMRC

response mentioned in the

chargesheet, it incurred "unspec-

ified huge revenue loss due to

closure of Metro stations and dis-

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

A WHATSAPP message featuring INU student Sharieel Imam talking about "Hong Kong wali strategy" and his broken spectacles have been cited by Delhi Police in their chargesheet filed at Karkardooma court last week, to substantiate their claim that he was a conspirator behind the Northeast Delhi riots. Though Imam has not been chargesheeted as an accused in connection with the riots so far, police said they plan to do so in a supplementary chargesheet later.

Police also cited slogans raised by a Jamia student -"Nara-e-Takbeer" and "La Ilaha *Illallah*" — when Congress leader Shashi Tharoor visited Jamia Millia Islamia as a speaker on January 12, and said Imam had put him up to it.

Imam's lawyer Ibrahim said, "It would not be right to comment on these allegations since he has not been made an accused in this case. There is nothing on record to show he did any crime."

The chargesheet also refers to an anti-CAA protest from December 7, 2019, when Imam was introduced to Swaraj Abhiyan leader Yogendra Yadav by "Umar Khalid, his (Imam's) senior and mentor from INU"

"Imam was on an earlier occasion instructed by Khalid to form a group of like-minded groups of JNU, Jamia Millia, AMU and DU... Yaday and Khalid also instructed him to mobilise students of Jamia Millia, AMU and DU," the chargesheet states. Police have stated Khalid, Yadav and Imam decided to use social media "for large scale indoctrination and mobilisation of youths for chakka jam as a protest against CAB".

Yadav, when contacted, said: "While I understand police's compulsion to come to a conclusion, they could do with a better script writer. Umar Khalid was under police protection for the last two years. They are saying he did such a big conspiracy and executed it right under their nose? Imam was arrested a month before the Delhi riots. They are saying he executed this conspiracy?"

On the December violence near Iamia Millia Islamia, the chargesheet states: "The complicity of Imam is corroborated by the fact his spectacles were broken in the riots..." Calling him the mastermind of the Shaheen Bagh agitation, police state it was a "criminal conspiracy" when he "exited from the protest site and handed over its management to

his associates".





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Polio drive target lower than before

Gurgaon: The polio immunisation drive carried out in Gurgaon over the last three days was starkly different from the one carried out eight months ago in January. This time, the target was less than 30% of what it was in January, and the staff involved was also less than half the number involved earlier. The reason for the thinner numbers, officials say, is the coronavirus outbreak. While the drive in Ianuary saw a target of 3,59,648 children being set, the target this time was 1,00,318, with the staff involved also reducing from 5,184 people and 266 supervisors to only 1,788 people and 146 supervisors. The number of booths have also reduced from 1,296 to only 557, and the transit teams from 109 to 27. "Keeping in mind the Covid outbreak and the reduced staff, the aim this time was to cover the high-risk areas, where there are more migrant workers and slum clusters," said Dr Virender Yadav, Chief Medical Officer, Gurgaon. ENS

NDMC's tax amnesty scheme

New Delhi: North Delhi Mayor Jai Prakash on Tuesday announced that the NDMC has rolled out a property tax amnesty scheme to provide relief to residents of unauthorised regularised colonies. As per terms of the scheme, if a taxpayer of residential properties in such colonies pays property tax for the financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21, all outstanding tax prior to the financial year 2019-20 shall be exempted, he said.

DDA seals properties in Patel Nagar

New Delhi: The DDA has undertaken a sealing operation in South Patel Nagar by removing "encroachments" at 14 residential-cum-commercial properties and premises, officials said on Tuesday. "During the operation, these premises, which mainly consist of auto workshops and auto accessories, were sealed successfully recently and possession were taken over by the DDA," the urban body said in a statement.PTI

DELHI GOVT SAYS WILL CHALLENGE DECISION

HC stays order to reserve 80% ICU beds for Covid cases in pvt hospitals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday stayed a Delhi government order asking some prominent private hospitals to reserve 80% of their ICU beds exclusively for Covid-19 patients. The Delhi government, in a statement later, said it will challenge the order on Wednesday, while asserting that "it is extremely important to reserve ICU beds in private hospitals to deal with increasing corona cases".

Justice Navin Chawla, while issuing notice to the Centre and Delhi government for October 16 on a petition filed by the Association of Healthcare Providers India, observed that prima facie the order passed by the state appears to be arbitrary and unreasonable, adding that



Medics screen labourers for Covid-19 at a construction site on Tuesday. Tashi Tobgyal

it was also violative of the fundamental rights of an indi-

The court also observed that the disease itself cannot be a

ground for reservation, even as the Delhi government submitted that the decision was taken keeping in view the surge in the number of Covid-19 cases in

The court also said that non-Covid patients in need of urgent treatment cannot be expected to run around and the state cannot

The Association, which has 33 hospitals as its members, while seeking quashing of the government order, argued before the court that the government's decision exposes non-Covid patients to the infection and that it was taken without any prior consultation with the hospitals.

Such an order would directly hamper the treatment of non-Covid patients, such as leading to denial of urgent care required for seriously ill patients, the petitioners have argued.

"Currently, non-Covid patients constitute 45-55% of all admissions in private hospitals

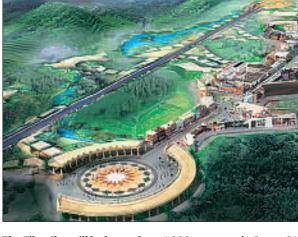
The government in an order

The city has been seeing an average of 4,377 new cases in the

are to be mandatorily kept in ICU post their procedure. Hence, reserving ICU beds for Covid patients would mean either hospitals don't admit non-Covid patients facing imminent death (in case surgical interventions are not carried out immediately) or accept sub-optimal outcomes, both of which may not be the intended purpose of the order, but sadly would be the direct result of this order." the association has stated in the writ petition.

on September 13 had issued instructions to 33 private hospitals to reserve 80% ICU beds for Covid patients, keeping in view the rise in Covid cases in the

last 10 days.



The Film City will be located at a 1,000-acre area in Sector 21

UP's new Film City to come up along Yamuna E-way

MAULSHREE SETH & **ASHNA BUTANI**

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

DURING A two-hour-long marathon meeting with over 20 film directors and producers, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Tuesday unveiled his government's plan to set up a dedicated infotainment zone or 'Film City' in the state, saying the "need of the hour is that the Indian film industry should get a new platform".

The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development (YEIDA) finalised the locationa 1,000-acre area in Sector 21, situated along the Yamuna Expressway, close to the upcoming Jewar airport.

On the significance of the location of the proposed project, Adityanath said, "We have proposed this film city in Hastinapur region of Bharat, the son of Shakuntala. Bharat ki pehchan ka prateek banega. Yeh Ganga-Yamuna ke beech ka bhu-bhag (This will become the symbol of the country, this land between Ganga and Yamuna rivers)... Uttar Pradesh is the land of the birthplace of Ram to Krishna."

Arun Vir Singh, YEIDA CEO, said, "The film city will be ready by finalised after a meeting with film industry professionals. It is a 1,000 acre area in Sector 29, Expressway. The industrial area (studios, sets) will be spread over 780 acres while the remaining 220 will be used for commercial purposes.'

The location will also have

outdoor locations, open grounds, a food court, a shopping complex, a theatre and a film university. It has been divided into five zones. While it has been proposed that Zone 1 would have the en-

trance, office, power station,

three- and five-star as well as budget hotels along with a shopping complex, zone 2 is likely to have food court, outdoor rides, indoor rides, outdoor locations, etc. Zone 3 would have a village and bungalows, while zone 4 is

likely to have a club house. An airport office, warehouse, fuel house, etc, have been proposed in zone 5. Studios will have state-of-the

art facilities, green screen halls, video editing rooms, sound and mixing rooms, recording studio rooms, a blue screen hall and a workstation. "From film sets to post-production and special effects studios, everything will be available," said Singh.

Officials said this will attract more tourists to UP. "It will create employment opportunities, both direct and indirect," said

Increase in cases this month behind move to up beds

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

BEHIND THE Delhi government's

move to order 33 private hospitals to reserve 80% of their ICU beds for Covid patients is the increase in cases since the beginning of the month as well as the apprehension that people from outside Delhi are occupying ICU beds.

As per sources, 35% of patients on ventilators and 25% of those in ICUs and on oxygen support in Delhi's Covid hospitals are from other states. At present, there are 15,800 beds for Covid patients, of which almost 45% are occupied. There are 1,287 ventilator ICU beds of which 63% are occupied, while almost 69% of 1,875 nonventilator beds in the ICU are full.

On Monday, Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain had said 1,500 outstation patients are undergoing treatment in Delhi: prefer private hospitals... They go directly to four-five hospitals they have heard of... Max, Apollo and Fortis. That's why ICU beds at these hospitals are full."

The government's order to reserve ICU beds was stayed by the Delhi High Court Tuesday, which experts say could increase the pressure on the capital's hospital infrastructure. "If Delhi is expected to provide treatment to patients across North India, we are definitely moving towards a crisis. The exponential rise in bed occupancy is due to patients from outside the city. Since no hospital can deny treatment to anyone, occupancy rate of patients from other states is going up," said Dr

Arun Gupta, member of the second expert committee formed by the government to assess the Covid situation in Delhi.

In June, when there were 9,179 beds, the state government had projected a rise in cases and said the capital would need 1.5 lakh beds by the end of July. At that time, bed occupancy was 53.69%. However, with border restrictions in place, patients were equally distributed between government and private hospitals.

This time, while top private hospitals are running full, beds in government hospitals are vacant. There are 115 hospitals in Delhi offering treatment to Covid patients, of which 19 are government run. Delhi's biggest Covidonly facility, Lok Nayak, has 2,000 beds, out of which 1,301 are unoccupied. Similarly, hospitals like GTB, Rajiv Gandhi, Hindu Rao and Safdarjung have a fair number of beds available for patients.

tals have increased significantly in the last few months. Two more hospitals have been turned into Covid facilities. At present, patients from other states such as UP. Harvana, Puniab, MP, are directly reaching out to private hospitals. Last time, there was no border movement and people were being admitted to both government and private hospitals,' said Dr Suresh Kumar, medical

director, Lok Nayak Hospital. Private hospitals like Max, Sir Ganga Ram, BL Kapoor, Indraprastha Apollo have no vacant ICU beds with ventilators. As per the Delhi corona app, 98 hospitals have ICU beds with ventilators, of which 48 are full.



DISTANCE LEARNING

An English teacher takes an online class for students of Class XI at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya in West Vinod Nagar on Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

Ahead of winter, stubble burning back in focus

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THE SUPREME Court-appointed Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) Tuesday wrote to the chief secretaries of Punjab and Haryana to urgently address the issue of crop residue burning.

The letter from EPCA chairman Bhure Lal said crop stubble burning appears to have started in Punjab and neighbouring border areas.

Lal said that as per data from the Centre-run SAFAR agency, the fire counts were 42 on Monday and 20 on Sunday, and appear to have started after September 15,

"(Stubble burning's) impact on Delhi's air quality index (AQI) will be minimal for the next three days, as predominant winds are not supportive for transport and accumulation (of pollutants)," the letter said.

It added, "While the impact on air pollution is minimal currently, as the wind speed is high and there is dispersion, crop burning season has started and it needs to be urgently addressed as per directions of the Supreme Court."

At the start of every winter, farmers in northwest Indian states set fire to leftover paddy stubble to quickly clear their fields before planting wheat crops. Every year, smoke from such farm



Stubble burning in January this year in Ludhiana. Archive

fires veer over to Delhi, contributing to air pollution during winters, in addition to sources of emissions within the city.

Haryana chief secretaries that

Lal told the Punjab and

situ and ex-situ stubble management measures that need to be taken, so that farm fires are minimised, if not completely eliminated. The letter also asks the chief secretaries to ensure that machines that are alternatives to stubble burning are available to farmers at affordable rates.

"We would also request you to set up a control room in which directions can be issued and action taken, both for ensuring the machineries are within the reach of farmers as well as ensuring enforcement of the non-compliance reported from the field," it added.

EPCA also held a review meeting with the Delhi Pollution Control Committee on Tuesday city. The hotspots include Dwarka Wazirpur, Mayapuri, Anand Vihar,

Jhilmil, Punjabi Bagh. DPCC had inspected the hotspots over August and September, identified polluting activities or sources of pollution, and issued directions to various agencies to control them.

Dumping of construction waste, garbage and traffic congestions were among major issues reported at the hotspots. At Punjabi Bagh, air pollution from a crematorium was noted. It has four CNGfired furnaces and open fire facilities, and during peak Covid period, as per the DPCC, around 22-25 bodies per day were cremated using CNG facilities.

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1	MUNICIPAL COMMETTEE, MISSING	BEAUTIFICATION OF ROAD FROM GURUDWARA CHOWK TO MUNICIPAL LIMIT ON GONDER ROAD, NISSING. (RE-TEMBER)	CLOSING DATE 26.09.2020	8.45 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01745-271608
2	HPGCL, HISAR	NIT NO. 04/XEN/EN/ 8. ASH UTLZ/2020-21/F-705 DT. 11.09.20. REGULAR MONITORING OF AIR, WATER, PLY ASH & STACK EMISSION ETC FOR 2X500 MW AT RIGHTP, KHEDAR, HISAR	OPENING CLOSING DATE 10.10.2020	28300/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9354516239 xenenvash.rgtpp@fipgd.org.in
3	HPGCL, HISAR	NOT NO. 05/FHV/RGTPF/TRANSPORT/F-90 DT. 11.09.20. OUTSOURCING OF OPERATION/DRIVING OF 04 NOS. LHV & 03 NOS. HHV CORPORATION VEHICLES FERRYING AT RGTPP, KHEDAR, HISAR	OPENING CLOSING DATE 30.09.2020	56582/-	https://etenders.fry.nic.in	9355084358 fmxxrrgtp@gmail.com
4	UHDANÇANCHKULA	HIRING OF 1 NO. VEHICLE (MAHINDRA PICKUP) FOR THE OFFICE USE OF SDO OP S/DIVN UHBAN KAUKA	OPENING CLOSING DATE 07.10.2020	6000/-	www.uhbvn.org.in	93160-65971 senopuhbyopandhkula@gmail.co m
5	HARYANA RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD, CHANDIGARH	SHIFTING / MODIFICATION OF OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL CROSSINGS INCLIDING SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMPRISSIONING OF OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CROSSING LT/HT UPTO 33 N/ BY UNDERGOLAD CABLES AND REMOVAL OF OTHER ELECTRICAL INFRINGEMENT / UTILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED HARVARA CREATIVAL RAIL CORRIDOR (HORC) FROM MANESAR TO HARSANA KALAN IN THE STATE OF HARVANA.	01.10.2020 21.10.2020	8.63 CRORE	www.hridc.co.in//	0172-2715644 dgmphridc@gmail.com
6	DHEVIL HISAR.	FOR ENGAGEMENT OF ACCOUNTING / DATA VERIFICATION CONSULTING FIRM FOR COLLECTION AND COMPLIATION OF THE DATA RELATING TO SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO AGRICULTURE CONSUMERS IN SELECTED AGRICULTURE FEEDERS IN WHOLE OF DHEAN FOR TWO YEARS I.E. 2017-18 AND 2018-19 AND TO COMPARE THE SAME WITH THE DATA AVAILABLE IN THE ORDERS OF HERC FOR AUTHENTICATION AP SALES DATA. NIT NO. BUSSCHERN/2020-21	18,09,2020 15,10,2020	23.60 UACS	www.chlovn.org.in	01662-223184 energyaudithisar1@drbvm.org.in
7	CHEVY, HESAR.	ENGAGEMENT OF AN AGENCY FOR PROVIDING SMS GATEWAY FACILITY FOR PULLYPUSH SMS SERVICE IN UNION A DHEWN AGAINST RIT NO. TER-45/ IT/SMS/2020 DATED 14-09-2020 & E-TINDER NO - 2020, FMC 14-4013	CLOSING DATE 29.09.2029	7 CRORE	www.dhlavn.org.in	01662-223194 serapdrpi)dhbwn.org.in
â	HPGCL, HISAR	NIT NO. 26/RGTPP/CHEMICAL/CEM-05 VOL-VEII DT. 11.09.2020. ANNUAL RUNNING CONTRACT FOR OPERATION 8 MTC.OF DM PLANT, PT PLANT, ET PLANT, CHLORIDATION SYSTEM (CW, PWSRW), OPERATION OF COMDENSATE POLISHING UNIT AND NTC. OF CIVI RECENERATION SYSTEM, CW TREATMENT PLANT & SIDE STREAM FILTRATION SYSTEM AND TESTING OF COAL, WATER GAS & OIL SAMPLES ETC. FOR 2X600 MW RGTPP, KHEDAR, HESAR	OPENING CLOSING DATE 12:18:2020	10 LACS	https://atonders.hey.ric.in	9335084343 senchemical.rgtpp@hpgcl.org.in
9	HSAMBOARD, KARNAL	SPECIAL REPAIR OF LINK ROAD FROM KALWERI-KUNUPURA ROAD TO KALWARI BASTI (H-3953) + 2 OTHER WORKS	28,09,2020 12,10,2020	75/02 LACS	https://etenders.hry.rec.in	01842220964
10	DHEWN, HISAR	ENGAGEMENT TO CARRY OUT THE AUDIT OF EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FOR FY-2019-20 & 2020-21.	CLOSING DATE 07.10.2020	-	www.dhitve.org.in	8099960383 sneoweca@dhbym.org.in
11	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE GHARAUNDA	DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION, SEGREGATION, TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS PROCESSING OF THE WASTE OF MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, GAVARAUNDA	11,09,2020 24,09,2020	0.00	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	1748-250070 Secymc gharaunda@hry.nic.in
12	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, NESSING	SCIENTIFIC TREATMENT/MANAGEMENT/BIO REMEDIATION OF OLD COLLECTED LEGACY WASTE AT DUMP SITE OF MC MISSING.	CLOSING DATE 06.10.2020	3	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01745-271608
13	HARTKON	SUPPLY 6 INSTALLATION OF COTY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AT VARIOUS UNITS OF HARYANA SEEDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PANCHOLIA	24,09,2020 15,10,2020	14,80 UCS	https://etenders.hry.rec.in	0172-2720113, 2580096 Rasiym hartron-hry@gov/n

Bus tickets to be available on app starting November

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COME NOVEMBER, tickets for DTC and cluster buses in Delhi will be available at the click of a

The second phase trial of the Chartrapp between September 7 and 21, which covered more than 60 routes on cluster buses and one route on DTC buses, showed that in non-AC buses 6% of tickets were sold through the app. This figure was 7% for AC buses.

Of the 51,644 tickets purchased through the app during this 14-day period, almost 80% were free "pink" tickets for women passengers, the Delhi government said. A smaller trial was earlier conducted on the Anand Vihar route.

Once the project is scaled up, all commuters can download the Chartr app and pay the fare by scanning QR codes pasted behind every seat and receive etickets, which will also have the expected time of arrival at their destination. While the project

New Delhi



Connectivity, user interface key factors

ACROSS THE world, apps and universal cards for all forms of public transportation are a common feature, making commute simpler. The common mobility card – One Delhi – was launched in 2018 and can be used in the Delhi Metro, as well as in buses which have the electronic card readers, eliminating the need for cash. Usage of the new app, however, will depend on a variety of factors, the most important of which are connectivity and user interface.

has been on the cards for a while, the government fast-tracked it in the wake of the pandemic, which requires people to socially distance at public places.

In case users know the ticket fare, they can click on the 'by fare' link on the app, scan the QR Code of the bus, select Buy New Ticket and choose the payment option. In case users know the route, source and destination, they can click on the 'by destination' link, select the bus route and destina-

responses from passengers. We have rectified all glitches we've noticed in the previous trials. We are also in the process of incorporating daily and monthly passes, along with developing a system for non-smartphone users to buy tickets. We are looking forward tocovering all the cluster and DTC buses under this app by the first week of November," said transport minister Kailash Gahlot.

"The app has received good

tion, and buy the ticket.



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BACK HOME

CONGRESS PRESIDENT Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, who returned to the country Tuesday after 10 days, will not be able to attend the Parliament proceedings. Party leaders said they will have to undergo home quarantine for a week. They will not miss much, since there is a buzz that Lok Sabha will be adjourned sine die on Wednesday. Sonia, accompanied by Rahul, had left the country on September 12, two days before the monsoon session began, for her annual medical check-up. In their absence, the party's top leadership had met on Monday and announced an elaborate agitational programme on the issue of the farm Bills.

BRAZIL CONNECTION

INDIA'S NEWLY-APPOINTED ambassador to Brazil Suresh K Reddy on Monday presented his credentials to Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro. Reddy, who has earlier served as India's ambassador to Iraq and envoy to ASEAN, was until recently an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. Reddy recalled Bolsonaro's visit to India in January as chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations. "A relationship of convergence and infinite opportunities!" he tweeted

HIGH PRAISE

RAILWAYS MINISTER Piyush Goyal is said to be happy with the officers. In a meeting on Tuesday, officers said, Goyal was all praise for the railway bureaucracy for doing well on every front during and after the lockdown, despite the pandemic. Officers said the minister apparently remarked to the effect that he was pleasantly surprised to note such capabilities of railway employees to deliver tough tasks in tough times.

'Our commitment to farmers remains, once people realise it, Opposition will be exposed'

MP RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD speaks to **LIZMATHEW** about the contentious farm Bills and the Opposition protests in Parliament.

There is a stalemate in Rajya Sabha, with the Opposition demanding changes in the farm Bills to enable the House to function smoothly. How do you plan to break it?

There is no stalemate. Rajya Sabha ran today and passed Bills. But what led to this situation? Four hours of debate happened on the Bills. Thereafter, as per the norm, consensus was taken to extend the House because the minister was replying to the debate. They started opposing it. The Chair made 13 requests to the Opposition to go back to their seats for moving the statutory resolution. Then what happened was unheard of --- microphones were broken, wires snatched, some MPs jumped over the table, someone threw the rulebook on him and a leader tore the rule book. But for the intervention of the marshals, the deputy chairman would have faced physical harm. We have a majority in the House and it was 110 against 72 on the Bill. They knew they would have lost. The most shameful conduct took place that day

On the second day, Chairman Venkaiahji(Naidu)suspended the

there is no debate. Once the order has been passed, the MPs would have to withdraw. But you did not do that. You humiliate, insult and try to physically harm the vicechairperson and defy the chairman, who is the Vice-President of India. The most disturbing part is the Congress's behaviour.

But the Opposition has raised demands on the Bills to return to the House.

The opposition to the Bill is for the sake of politics. The Congress in its 2019 manifesto had said it would rationalise the mandi Act, and create scope for farmers to sell their produce anywhere. The same is said in its Punjab manifesto. Contract farming was launched by its Haryana government in 2007. We did the same thing. Regarding MSP, we have made it clear, it is already announced, and we are the first government to give 50 per cent raise as recommended by the Swaminathan Committee.

With these Bills, 86 per cent of the farmers have been given the freedom to sell their produce everywhere. We have launched e-Nam. Around 1.6 crore farmers have registered and done transaction above Rs 1 lakh crore... The law is very clear in this Bill - they cannot be deprived of ownership of land, no mortgage nor lease.

The sponsors will take responsibility. Is it not empowering the farmers? The PM has said MSP will not be withdrawn, mandi provisions are not to be withdrawn. This empowers farmers, and the PM explained that initial response to the ordinance was overwhelming.

You were talking about the Congress manifesto. In 2012, late BJP leader Sushma Swaraj fiercely argued for arhtiyas, saying there is a relation of trust between them and farmers, and that they have been the farmers' ATM. You say you have done away with

Did you not see Kapil Sibal's speeches? When we want to double the income of farmers, we want to have time-tested initiatives after good research, Research says 86 per cent farmers are small and marginal and they should be given exposure and good prices and that's what we are doing.

Many Opposition parties have demanded that the Bill be sent to a Select Committee. Why could the government not agree to that? The government could use it to resolve differences.

We cannot agree to committees just to delay. We don't want farmers to suffer.

Not just Opposition parties, your ally and RSS-affiliated groups are also not convinced? The ally has its own state com-

pulsions. We have already talked to the Parivar and our distinguished colleagues. There may be

INTERVIEW RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD

some compulsions in Punjab politics. But this initiative is for reforms to empower farmers..

If the government is giving assurances on MSP, why can't

MSP is an administrative decision, as we took on Monday. The price commission recommends it and it is part of the commitment. The Prime Minister said it.

it be part of the Bill?

But what stops you from making it part of the government? One demand was to make private parties pay at least the MSP?

If a farmer is getting more than the MSP, do you want to shackle it? No farmer will sell their produce at less than MSP. We have given a commitment that MSP will stay.

Another contention about the

"I got the notice yesterday

balance when it comes to contract farming. Farmers fear that bureaucrats would favour the corporates.

Our commitment is to farmers. You should see our record we covered 10 crore farmers under PM-KISAN scheme Haven't we made fertilisers available to every farmer? See how we freed farmers from licence quota raj.

Do you consider calling an all-party meeting?

I can't comment. The Bill was passed after elaborate discussion

What is the party's assessment about its impact on Bihar elections? Do you think the perception created would harm the BJP?

Look at the conduct of Harivansh, a respected leader. He went to the protesting MPs to have tea with them. He is a Gandhian, a socialist and a man from a humble background from JP's village. The way he was humiliated in the House has annoyed the people of Bihar. Many protests are being sponsored by those who will be impacted, the Congress and the Opposition. But our commitment to farmers remains, and once people realise the reality, the Opposition will be exposed.

FULL INTERVIEW ON www.indianexpress.com

Delhi HC reserves order on ED, CBI pleas against acquittals in 2G scam

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday reserved judgment in applications filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the CBI for early and urgent hearings on pleas challenging acquit-

tals in the 2G spectrum scam case. Former Union Telecom Minister A Raja and others were acquitted in the case in 2017.

The Central agencies have approached the court as Justice Brijesh Sethi, who has been hearing the case, is set to demit office on November 30.

The matter would have to be heard afresh by another bench if Justice Sethi's bench is not able to pass a judgment before he

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> and sought his "clarification and explanation" on some poll affidavits furnished by him. Last week, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, his son and state Tourism Minister Aaditya

NCP CHIEF Sharad Pawar on

Tuesday said the Income Tax de-

partment has served him a notice

Thackeray, and NCP MP Supriya



Sharad Pawar

Sule had received notices from the I-T department over their poll affidavits filed in the previous elections. The complaints, lodged with the EC alleging discrepancies in the affidavits, have also been referred to the Central Board of Direct Taxes for investigation.

(Monday)... We are happy that they (the Centre) love us from among all the members... The notice was served by Income Tax (department) after the Election

Pawar takes dig at Centre over I-T notice

reply to the notice," Pawar said. Expressing solidarity with the eight Rajya Sabha members who were suspended over chaos during a vote on the controversial farm Bills. Pawar also announced

a one-day fast, "I will not eat any-

Commission asked (it) to... We will

thing today in solidarity with the protesting members," Pawar, a Raiva Sabha member, said.

He also expressed concern over Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh not allowing Opposition MPs to put forth their views on the farm Bills.

Pawar also said his party was firmly behind the farmers on the farm Bills issue. The NCP has received flak for its stance on the issue during the debate on the farm Bills in the Rajya Sabha.

Ladakh political, religious leaders call for boycott of elections to LAHDC, Leh

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU. SEPTEMBER 22

LESS THAN a month before the elections to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC). Leh. the leaders of political and religious organisations have taken a unanimous decision to boycott the polls till the Centre grants constitutional safeguards to the Union Territory under the Sixth schedule of the Constitution, along the patterns of the Bodo Territorial Council.

BJP's Leh district president Nawang Samstan has also joined

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11 other parties.

Signatories to a joint statement issued include former MPs Thiksey Khanpo Rinpochey and Thupstan Chewang and former Leh BJP president Chering Dorjey Lakrook, who resigned from his post in protest against the delay by the UT administration in bringing home Ladakh residents stranded in different parts of the country due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The polls to the LAHDC, Leh are scheduled for October 16, the first such exercise in the region after the Union Territory of Ladakh

state of Jammu and Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370 last year. The date for filing of nomination papers has been fixed as September 21-28, followed by scrutiny to be held on September 29 and the last date for withdrawal of nomination papers on

Chewang, a former BJP leader tho resigned in 2018, said, "The apex body of People's Movement of Sixth Schedule for Ladakh unanimously resolved to boycott the ensuring 6th LAHDC elections till such time the constitutional safeguard under Sixth schedule

on the lines of Bodo Territorial Council is not extended to the UT Ladakh and its people."

Samstan could not be contacted despite repeated calls. However, BJP general secretary (organisation) for Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Ashok Koul, said that the party "will contest the LAHDC election. We too have come to know about Samstan attending the meeting and we are enquiring into it".

Party sources said he was leaving for Ladakh to look into the

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सर्व-साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर पंचायत डासना, जनसुविधा एवं कार्यालय प्रयोग हेतु सामग्री आपूर्ति हेतु 30 सितम्बर 2020 को अपराहन 02 बजे तक सील बन्द निविदा आमन्त्रित करती है निदेशक नगरीय निकाय 30प्र0 के आदेश सं0-तक0 सेल/07/निदे0/2019 दिनॉक 28 जून 2019 एवं शासनादेश सं0 3890/नौ-5-19-149 सा/2019 दिनॉक 20 सितम्बर 2019 का पालन करना अनिवार्य है। इच्छूक ठेकेदार/फर्म अपनी निविदा दिनॉक 30 सितम्बर 2020 को अपराहन 02 बजे तक सील बन्द निविदा नगर पंचायत डासना के कार्यालय/जिलाधिकारी के कार्यालय में उपलब्ध निविदा बॉक्स में डाल सकते है और निविदा शुल्क व जमानत की राशि नगर पंचायत डासना के नियुक्त कर्मचारी से नकद धनराशि देकर रसीद प्राप्त कर क्रय कर सकते है अथवा नगर पंचायत डासना के HDFC बैंक शाखा गोविन्दपुरम् गाजियाबाद में नगर पंचायत डासना के खाता सं0-50100332185071 बैंक−आई0एफ0एस0 कोड़-HDFC0004733 में जमा कराकर निविदा प्रपत्र कार्यालय से प्राप्त कर सकते है, धरोहर⁄जमानत राशि उपरोक्त बैंक में नियत खाते में सीधे या आर0टी0जी0एस0/एन0ई0एफ0टी0 के माध्यम से जमा करा सकते हैं। निविदायें उसी दिन शाम 04 बजे सक्षम प्राधिकारी के द्वारा खोली जायेंगी। अध्यक्ष/अधिशाषी अधिकारी को यह अधिका रहेगा कि वह बिना कारण बताये किसी भी निविदादाता की निविदा को अस्वीकार कर सकते हैं। कार्य से सम्बन्धित सूचना /शेष शर्ते कार्यालय से प्राप्त कर सकते है।

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6 IN PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION

House Diaries

THE PANDEMIC EFFECT

■ Amid the ruckus in Lok Sabha where Opposition members were demanding an opportunity from Speaker Om Birla to speak on the suspension of eight Rajya Sabha members and asking the government to take back the farm Bills, a visibly irritated Farooq Abdullah shouted, "Will someone allow me to speak? I have to go to a dentist." This immediately got Birla's attention who allowed Abdullah to speak. Abdullah, it turned out, had only one line to say. He made an appeal to take back the August 5, 2019 decisions on Kashmir and then left the House.

■ After several days of the Monsoon Session, when members were strictly adhering to the rules of social distancing, Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu had to tell Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Tuesday to ensure that the seating protocol is followed strictly as some members of Rajya Sabha had changed seats.

NO QUESTION HOUR: MY QUESTIONS



- Is it true that the unemployment rate is likely to be at a 45-year high? Does the ministry have data of unemployment in the last five years?
- Has the govt taken stock of the financial needs of Andhra Pradesh after its bifurcation in 2014? If ves, what are the details?

RAM MOHAN NAIDU, TDP

1.06 cr migrants

returned from

cities to home

lockdown: Govt

AROUND 1.06 crore migrants left their cities

of work and returned to their home states

during the nationwide lockdown, the gov-

ernment said on Tuesday. This number in-

cludes those who travelled on foot, Minister

of State for Road Transport and Highways V

travelled to their home states in 4,621 Shramik

Special trains between May and August, the

were operational, many migrant labourers

were seen travelling on foot or taking rides

in commercial trucks to reach their destina-

Railway Ministry told Parliament recently.

As per official figures, 63.19 lakh passengers

Even when the Shramik Special services

states during

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR

K Singh told the Lok Sabha.

tions, mostly in Uttar

Pradesh and Bihar. In

big cities, migrants

were frequently seen

walking along high-

ways in groups, car-

rying their belong-

ings, during the

nationwide lock-

fore the train services

NEW DELHI SEPTEMBER 22

Oppn not in, RS rushes seven Bills through

Bill to bring co-op banks under RBI purview gets nod; Oppn says 'brazen assault'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

WITH MANY opposition parties boycotting the day's proceedings in solidarity with the eight MPs suspended, Rajya Sabha on Tuesday passed seven Bills in about three-and-a-half hours by voice vote, sparking criticism from several Opposition leaders.

Among the Bills passed are the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, Companies (Amendment) Bill and Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill.

Slamming the government for passing the Bills in the absence of several opposition parties, TMC leader of the House Derek O'Brien tweeted, "#CheatIndia 7 Bills passed in RS in 3.5 hrs today! I had moved resolutions against 2 Ordinances plus a motion to send Essential Commodities Bill to Select Committee. Also amendments to Banking Regulation Bill. All 4 cancelled. Suspend us. Then pass Bills."

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury tweeted: "The entire Opposition is boycotting in protest against NO discussion, NO division of vote & legislating in the din. Now legislating in a House bereft of any opposition. Brazen destruction of Indian parliament. This assault will be resisted and defeated."

The banking Bill seeks to protect deposi-

tors of cooperative banks and empower Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to regulate banking activities of cooperative societies. Lok Sabha had approved it last week.

Several opposition parties had earlier opposed the Bill and raised concerns that it will infringe upon the rights of states and undermine India's federal structure.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the Bill is aimed at governing the activities of only those cooperative societies that function as banks. "Changes being introduced through the Bill are required to protect the interest of depositors," she said, adding that it seeks to extend certain commercial bank rules to cooperative societies that function as banks.

The Bill also empowers the RBI to effectively handle mishaps in private banks without any loss of public confidence or disruption to the financial system, she said. The RBI can restructure the banking companies even without a moratorium being allowed, the Bill proposes.

Sitharaman said, "...when Yes Bank faced difficulties, the problem was solved in two weeks because the rules of commercial banks was extended. However, in the case of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank, the problem exists till date."

Amar Patnaik (BJD) asked how RBI will monitor cooperatives, and if it had the manpower to do so.

OTHER BILLS PASSED

INDIAN INSTITUTES OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAWS (Amendment) Bill proposes

to declare five newly established IIITs as institutions of national importance. They are to be set up under PPP mode in Surat, Bhopal, Bhagalpur, Agartala, and Raichur.

TAXATION AND OTHER LAWS

(Relaxation and Amendment of Certain Provisions) Bill aims at relaxing time limit on compliance with tax laws, GST payment and filing in view of the pandemic.

COMPANIES (AMENDMENT)

BILL proposes to amend 48 sections of the Companies Act, 2013, by decriminalising various non-compoundable offences in case of defaults, but not involving frauds, omitting imprisonment for various offences that were considered procedural.

NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES **UNIVERSITY BILL** proposes to set up a National Forensic Sciences University by upgrading Gujarat Forensic Sciences University

RASHTRIYA RAKSHA **UNIVERSITY BILL** proposes to set up Rashtriya Raksha University for policing in Gujarat.

Onion, potato, cereals off essential commodities list, amendment Bill passed

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

PARLIAMENT ON Tuesday passed The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020, which removes cereal, pulses, oilseed, edible oil, onion and potatoes from the list of essential commodities.

The Bill was passed in Rajya Sabha by a voice vote, in the absence of the Opposition, which boycotted proceedings. Lok Sabha had passed it on September 15.

The Bill replaces an ordinance promulgated in June and amends the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Introducing it, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Danve Raosaheb Dadarao said the Bill aims to remove fears among private investors of excessive regulatory interference in their business operations. The freedom to produce, hold, move, distribute and supply will lead to harnessing of economies of scale and attract private sector/foreign direct investment into the agriculture sector, he said.

It will help drive up investment in cold storage and modernisation of the food supply chain, the minister added.

Dadarao pointed out that the government, while liberalising the regulatory envi-

ronment, has also ensured that interests of consumers are safeguarded. It has been provided in the amendment that in situations such as war, famine, extraordinary price rise and natural calamity, such agricultural foodstuff can be regulated, he said.

'This amendment is required to prevent wastage of agricultural produce due to lack of storage facilities," Dadarao said.

BJP MP from Bihar, Gopal Narain Singh, said: "With FCI (Food Corporation of India) controlling stocks before, there were less investment and buyers (earlier). Farmers often hoarded for six months to get a better price, and their produce often rotted. The possibility of export will benefit farmers."

Stating that the Bill ensures farm sector transformation and a stable regime, while increasing farmer income, Amar Patnaik of BJD said the definition of calamity should be clarified and expanded to include man-made calamities such as gas leaks. He also asked the government to clarify how the difference between farmer's support price and consumer price will be bridged.

"We also feel too much space and liberty has been provided to contract sponsors, who can now play around with the market — at the cost of the farmers. I would also urge you to take the storage element out of the Bill, as this could lead to manipulation," Patnaik said.

Oppn parties boycott Lok Sabha in solidarity with suspended RS MPs

LIZ MATHEW & DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE PROTESTS against the farm-related Bills and suspension of eight Opposition members from Rajya Sabha echoed in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, with the Congress, TMC, DMK, TRS and the Left, among several opposition parties, boycotting proceedings for the day in solidarity with farmers and the suspended MPs.

The Opposition was initially planning to boycott the remaining part of the session, but there were indications that the monsoon session could be wound up by Wednesday. Opposition leaders subsequently said they have decided not to be part of the proceedings for

As the House began, the Opposition began and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill and Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill; as also what happened in the Upper House when they were passed on Sunday. Within 15 minutes, the House was adjourned for an hour. As it met again at around 4.15 pm, the Opposition again raised the issue, followed by a response from Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar, who took on the Congress for its alleged doublespeak.

Demanding that the Bills be taken back. and expressing solidarity with the suspended RS members, Congress leader of House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said, "We hoped he would say something about farmers. But he has re-



Tomar

Chowdhury

sorted to white lies. Since 2014, farmers, the youth and labourers have suffered the most in the country). We wanted MSP to continue, but you snatched that. You are forcing us to boycott the House, and we are going.'

This was in response to Tomar's allegation that agitations of farmers in parts of the country had been organised by the Congress.

in the House and something else among the people. The agitations are not being held by farmers but by the Congress. The reforms (proposed in the Bills) are going to help farmers. The productivity is going to rise, revolutionary change is going to come in the farm sector. But the Congress is misleading farmers. Even during their time, MSP was not part of the law." He said the Congress was rattled by the support the Narendra Modi government is getting from farmers.

Chowdhury asked, "....Will the minister say he will take back the Bill?"

Speaker Om Birla said the House had discussed the Bills for over five hours before passing them, so it is not right to ask for withdrawal.

LOK SABHA PASSES 3 LABOUR CODE BILLS

Gangwar: Must move towards social security for all labour

LOK SABHA on Tuesday passed three Bills reabling environment for industry to prosper.

Replying to the debate, Gangwar said, "Bhim Rao Ambedkar spoke about the rights of labour. Through these Bills we have taken forward the dreams of Ambedkar and drawn a parallel between Shramev Jayate and atyamev Jayate."

Working Conditions Code, 2020, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, and the Code on Social Security, 2020 — were passed by a voice vote. More than 29 labour laws have been merged into four codes, one of which (Code on Wages

the Bills to provide a safe work environment for labour. "We have to gradually move towards universal social security. We want all 50 crore labour to come under social security. We have taken ESIC to those in unorganised sector too. Those engaged in hazardous work have



Labour Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar

While initiating the debate, Gangwar said, "When we started the process we found 44 laws which were more than 50 years old. Over 73 years, the work environment has changed."

He added that the Bills were brought after comprehensive consultation, including through a Parliamentary Standing Committee. Almost 75% of the committee's 273 recommendations were accepted, he said.

Gangwar said that through the four Bills. workers from the entertainment industry, digital media and electronic media will come under labour laws. "We are very sensitive to migrant labour. States will have to make database of migrant labour. Employer will have to give LTA. There will be welfare scheme portability along with a helpline. They will get free health check-up after a certain age," Gangwar said.

During the debate, BJD's Pinaki Misra said, These three codes consolidate 25 central laws with 411 clauses running over 350 pages. An exercise of this scale has never been undertaken." However, he flagged issues of "excessive delegated legislation", "code on social security insisting on Aadhaar" and another Bill encroaching on "the power of states".

On Tuesday morning, RS Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh arrived with tea for the protesting MPs. PTI Songs, politics under night sky as suspended MPs sat in protest

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THEY ARE poles apart ideologically, and bitter rivals in West Bengal, Kerala and Delhi, but the eight Rajya Sabha MPs — from the Congress, Trinamool Congress, CPI(M) and Aam Aadmi Party(AAP)—who spent a day and night on the grassy lawns of Parliament, next to the Gandhi statue, to protest against their suspension had a common concern: how to sustain the momentum against the BJP-led government.

The political significance of the symbolic dharna which began shortly after noon on Monday was not lost on anyone. For the Opposition, the passage of what it calls "antifarmer Bills" is the first grassroots issue that it has got since the anti-CAA/NRC protests, and the challenge now is to turn it into a political movement. For the BJP, the immediate concern is the coming Bihar Assembly elections.

The suspended MPs — Congress's Rajeev Satav, Syed Naseer Hussain and Ripun Bora, Trinamool Congress's Derek O'Brien and Dola Sen, AAP's Sanjay Singh and CPI(M)'s KK Ragesh and Elamaram Kareem - spent a peaceful night, but could get little sleep. "We hardly slept for two-and-a-half hours," Ragesh said. Some like O'Brien changed into T-shirt and track pants to make the night out in the open a little more

Many other Opposition MPs gave them company, at least till 1 am. Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, Farooq Abdullah (NC), Sanjay Raut (Shiv Sena) and Manoj Kumar Jha (RJD) were among those who dropped in at night in a show of support. Trinamool Congress chief and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee spoke to five-six suspended MPs on the phone, and NCP supremo Sharad Pawar sent a message of solidarity.

The eight MPs stayed awake till about 3 am, singing songs, discussing politics and engaging on social media. Mosquitoes were the only irritant, Sen, a trade unionist turned MP, sang songs of resistance. And Singh, who represents a party which was born out of dharna politics, pitched in with a song too.

"I sang songs of movement," Sen told The Indian Express. Sen, head of the TMC's trade union wing, had led a hunger strike in Kolkata last year in protest against the Centre's decision to disinvest 42 public sector companies.

"We were all awake till 2.30-3 am, discussing politics, sending videos... we slept for ab-

out two-and-a-half hours and woke up around 5.30 am. Then we took a walk inside Parliament premises," said Hussain. "It was a peaceful night except for the mosquitoes," he said.

"Look at the coils we had to burn to protect ourselves from mosquitoes," Sen said, pointing to the leftover coils lying on the grass. The morning brought a surprise visitor.

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh – against whom 12 Opposition parties gave a noconfidence motion—came at about 7 am, with tea and breakfast. But his tea diplomacy did not cut much ice. Hussain said none of them had the tea or breakfast brought by the Deputy Chairman. "He told us his visit was personal, he was not using his official vehicle. Although he came with the media, we initially thought it was a personal visit. But it became clear that it was a political visit when we came to know that he was going to observe a 24-hour fast. And when the Prime Minster tweeted, praising him for bringing tea for us, the game plan became clear. That it was all aimed at Bihar... they have realised that they are getting alienated from the people," Ragesh told The Indian Express

In his tweet, Modi said: "For centuries, the great land of Bihar has been teaching us the values of democracy. In line with that wonderful ethos, MP from Bihar and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson Shri Harivansh Ji's inspiring and statesman like conduct this morning will make every democracy lover proud... To personally serve tea to those who attacked and insulted him a few days ago as well as those sitting on dharna shows that Shri Harivansh Ji has been blessed with a humble mind and a big heart. It shows his greatness. I join the people of India in congratulating Harivansh Ji.'

"He (Harivansh) came just for optics. The whole ruckus was created because of his partisan behaviour... he wanted to make amends... he came with the media so that the media could send the message that he tried to reach out to us... We didn't speak to him much. We just told him that he should give back the morsels that he has snatched from the mouths of farmers.' Hussain said. Singh said the MPs told the Deputy Chairman that the anti-farmer Bills were passed in blatant violation of rules and procedures. "The BJP did not have majority. We kept demanding division, but he did not allow voting," he said.

The eight MPs called off the sit-in around 10 am, after Azad announced boycott of Rajya Sabha for the rest of the monsoon session. And all of them rushed home to catch some sleep.

Harivansh writes to President about 'anguish'

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

A DAY after the Opposition gave a notice of no-confidence motion against him, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Tuesday wrote to the President about the "anguish" he felt at the "insulting behaviour" against him in the House on Sunday and began a 24hour fast to "awaken the sense of introspection in the honourable members who behaved in such a way".

In a letter to President Ram Nath Kovind, Harivansh said, "Whatever happened in Rajya Sabha on September 20, I am in deep anguish, stress and mental pain for the last two days. I could not sleep the whole night." "The scene, which occurred in front of me

in Rajya Sabha on September 20, has caused an unthinkable damage to the dignity of the Chair and the House," he said, referring to the ruckus during the passage of The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020; and The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 on Sunday. Following the incident, eight Opposition members were suspended for "unruly behaviour".

"In the name of democracy, honourable members resorted to violent conduct. The act of ripping off democracy that caused anxiety to heart and conscience, remained in my mind the whole night. I could not sleep," he wrote in the letter which was also shared on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's twitter handle. "I felt that I should observe a day fast for

the insulting behaviour with me on the dignified chair of the Upper House. I hope that my fast will awaken the sense of introspection in the honourable members who behaved in such a way," he said.

He said that his fast began on Tuesday morning and will continue till the next morning. He said he will continue to participate in the functioning of the House during this period.

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

lated to labour codes amid boycott by the Opposition, Labour Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar said the Bills were an attempt to move towards universal social security for labour and at the same time provide an en-

The Bills — Occupational Safety, Health and

Bill, 2019) was passed earlier.

Gangwar said the government had brought



Mohammad Jawed.

during the lockdown," Singh said in his written reply to questions asked by Congress MPs Dean Kuriakose, D K Suresh and



were started on May 1. There were also road accidents leading to the death of several migrants. There was a case of 16 migrant workers being mowed down by an empty train when they were sleeping on the tracks near Aurangabad in

The Road Transport and Highways

Ministry, however, said that it did not maintain any specific data on how many migrants died in road accidents during the lockdown. As per figures available, there were a total of 29,415 deaths in 81,385 road accidents

"However, this Ministry does not maintain separate data in respect of migrant workers who have died in road accidents

between March and June this year.

EXPRESS NETWORK



Vijay Mallya

MAHARASHTRA Court issues LoR to US for aiding CBI in Mallya probe

Mumbai: A special CBI court on Monday has allowed an application by the CBI seeking issuance of a Letter of Request (LoR) to the competent judicial authority in the US to conduct an investigation related to Vijay Mallya and Kingfisher Airlines. The CBI submitted before the court that Mallya and Kingfisher Airlines allegedly diverted sanctioned amounts given by banks as loans for purposes other than those avowed. It claimed that there are 'large scale transfers of funds' from bank loans to accounts in the US and other overseas locations claiming they could be proceeds of crime. ENS

CHHATTISGARH 2 health officials dismissed for negligence

Raipur: The dean of the Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences and a civil surgeon at the Bilaspur district hospital have been dismissed after several complaints against the district hospital. The charges against dean PK Patra and civil surgeon Dr Madhulika Thakur were of carelessness, serious negligence in following the Covid-19 protocols and mismanagement, an official statement from the state government

UTTAR PRADESH 5-yr-old raped by Shiksha Mitra in school

Meerut: A five-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a Shiksha Mitra at a government primary school in a Meerut village on Tuesday. Police said that upon reaching home, the girl told her parents about the incident, following which the parents, along with local residents, stormed the school and locked the Shiksha Mitra inside a room there and then informed the police. Meerut(rural)SPAvinash Pandey said, "The accused has been arrested under IPC section 376 (rape) and sections of the POCSO Act...The accused has been sent to jail. Education Department officials have also been informed about the incident for further action against him." ENS

BJP as mediator, AIADMK and Uddhav govt declares Sasikala hold talks for merger

ARUN JANARDHANAN

CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 22

TALKS ARE on for merger of the rebel faction led by V K Sasikala into the AIADMK, with the BIP facilitating the discussions, in preparation for the May 2021 Assembly elections. Two days ago, TTV Dhinakaran, who is running the Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) in the absence of the jailed Sasikala, travelled to Delhi, where he is said to have met top BJP leaders.

In power now for two terms, the AIADMK faces a tough challenge from the DMK in the Assembly polls, its first since supremo J Jayalithaa's death. Incidentally, the BIP is said to have played a key role in the split in the AIADMK after her death in December 2016, enabling the faction led by O Panneerselvam and Edappadi K Palaniswami to capture power at the expense of Javalalithaa's confidante Sasikala.

The developments come ahead of Sasikala's expected release from a Bengaluru prison

before January 2021. According to a highly placed

AMIL BHATNAGAR

MATHURA, SEPTEMBER 22

TENSION RAN high in two adja-

cent villages of Mathura district,

in Uttar Pradesh, on Tuesday,

hours after after the death of a

17-year-old boy, allegedly fol-

lowing assault by relatives of a

girl and neighbours for entering

nied by a friend, also a minor. The

other boy was also assaulted and

According to police, four peo-

ple have been arrested so far and

nearly two dozen Provincial

Armed Constabulary personnel

and policemen drawn from local

stations have been deployed in

both villages to stop any violence

- the boy and girl's families be-

long to neighbouring villages,

The boy and the girl studied

in the same school and were

friends, but her family did not ap-

prove of their friendship, accord-

The FIR, lodged on the com-

plaint of the boy's family, says he

and a friend went to meet the girl

sometime around 11 pm on

that he then entered her house

without permission, apparently

scaling the rear wall, the boy's fa-

ther told The Indian Express, "We

don't even know if he entered

the house or was picked up from

According to a relative of the

girl, as the two teens entered the

compound, the girl's grandfa-

ther, who was sleeping on the

verandah, woke up and raised

alarm. Relatives and neighbours

gathered and allegedly assaulted

them. Both boys were taken to

hospital; the victim was de-

Mathura SSP Gaurav Grover

clared dead on arrival.

somewhere else.'

While the girl's family alleges

ing to police and neighbours.

dominant castes.

is recuperating in hospital.

The deceased was accompa-

her house around midnight.

V K Sasikala

source. Dhinakaran has been promised "earliest release" of Sasikala if the talks are fruitful. However, Dhinakaran is said to have demanded that his aunt be made the general secretary and he be given a key post. The arrangement could finally be for the reins of the government to continue with the Chief Minister-Deputy CM duo of Palaniswami and Paneerselvam, while party reins pass on to Sasikala.

A senior AIADMK minister said the above division of powers would be agreeable to most party members, and that the BJP central leadership had been pressing for a merger for more than a year now. "The BJP succeeded in its mission to ensure that there was no unquestion-

4 HELD. POLICE PRESENCE RAISED IN ADJACENT MATHURA VILLAGES

Boy tries to enter girl's house

at midnight, 'beaten to death'

Police deployed at the Mathura village after a boy was

beaten to death on Monday night. Gajendra Yadav

said: "We received information

that a man youth was attacked

by a group of villagers when he

went to meet a girl. Senior offi-

are investigating. The family of

the deceased has submitted a

complaint against the girl's rela-

tives and local residents. Four

people have been arrested and

two neighbours have been ar-

the girl contacted people in their

village, seeking help for the boy.

But, local residents said, by the

time anyone could reach her vil-

lage, the victim had sustained fa-

dinner together sometime after

9 pm on Monday, and then his

son went out with his friend.

"We got frantic calls later, telling

us that my son was being beaten

up.... They killed him mercilessly.

I understand that they knew

each other from school, and per-

haps that did not go down well

with them (girl's family), but

girl, who was present at the spot,

According to a relative of the

The father said the family had

tal injuries.

Two relatives of the girl and

According to the boy's father,

further action will be taken."

Amma's (Jayalalithaa's) death... The Sasikala camp might be obliged to take up this offer to ensure there are no hurdles in her exit from prison. Edappadi too can hope to gain lost ground with the help of Sasikala. As everyone has an interest in it, this merger is likely to materialise," the minister said.

Justifying their decision to reach out to Sasikala, a senior state BJP leader said, "Of course, the AIADMK needs to unite and fight the DMK. Sasikala served her punishment, she is no more untouchable." Sasikala had been sentenced

to four years in a disproportionate assets case, in which Jayalalithaa had been the prime accused, in December 2017. The AIADMK and BIP had

also hinted at Sasikala's hand in the death of Jayalalithaa. The senior AIADMK minister said they didn't expect that to be a hurdle either. "There were formal investigations into Amma's death.'

The minister admitted that the BJP with its sheen of a meddling Delhi party, always a disadvantage in Tamil Nadu, could

the victim and his friend arrived

on a motorcycle and tried to en-

ter the house from a side that

20-25 minutes," the relative said.

"Since the school is closed due to

the pandemic he tried to meet

her at her home, entering with-

out permission. The girl's mother

was in hospital and her father

was not home at the time. The

neighbours got angry and the

Class XII Board examinations

and often worked on daily wage

contract, his family members

injuries on the head, as multiple

people punched and kicked him.

family, and the boy was a Gurjar.

His village is the only Gurjar-

dominated one in the area,

flanked by four or five villages

dominated by people from

Thakur community. Even

though residents of both villages

said there is no antagonism be-

tween the communities, police

believe the incident could have

opened up the possibility of a

The police said he sustained

The girl comes from a Thakur

The victim had appeared for

overlooks the farms.

boy fought back...

in the polls. Hence, the added need for the party to get the AMMK on its side.

Dhinakaran has his compulsions too. While he had defeated the AIADMK candidate by a huge margin in the bypolls for the RK Nagar seat held by Jayalalithaa, and continued to be a crowdpuller across the state, he is facing a bribery probe by the Delhi Police and another by the Enforcement Directorate.

AMMK treasurer and Sasikala loyalist P Vetrivel said a merger was possible "if the party leadership was returned to safe hands again". "The AIADMK is totally broken, only leaders like Chinnamma (Sasikala) and Dhinakaran can revive the party... There is no question of talks without these conditions being met," Vetrivel said, while denying any knowledge of Dhinakaran's Delhi trip.

Saying only the DMK and not the BJP is "our permanent enemy", Vetrivel added that the current AIADMK leadership will collapse in the face of a defeat. "And none of them is a big enough leader to contest as a CM candidate.'

Gujarat social activist externed from 5 districts before PM's visit to Narmada

ADITI RAJA

VADODARA, SEPTEMBER 22

SOCIAL ACTIVIST Lakhan Musafir, 59, has been externed for six months from five Gujarat districts — Narmada, Bharuch, Vadodara, Chhota Udepur and Tapi — ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Kevadia in Narmada district on October 31 to inaugurate the seaplane service connecting Statue of Unity to Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, as well as the jetty service downstream the Narmada River.

Rajpipla Sub Divisional Magistrate issued the order banishing Musafir, who was served a notice for proceedings of externment in March this year, under section 56(A), Gujarat Police Act citing locals against the government, trading in liquor and being part of anti-social groups".

The order by SDM KD Bhagat, has relied on two FIRs registered against him in 2019 for rioting, unlawful assembly, causing hurt to public servants and criminal intimidation, and also accused Musafir of being involved in illicit liquor trade although no complaint has been registered against him under the Prohibition Act so far. The SDM said Musafir is known for "antigovernment slogans" and interrupting government works to

breach law and order. Musafir said, "PM Modi will inaugurate the seaplane service next month. They do not want anyone around who support local protests. The fact is that the protests are being organised by the locals because they are aware of their rights... The government failed to address the issues of the local people related to land acquisition and submergence of villages due to the Garudeshwar Weir...."

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE



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■Andhra	6,31,749	6,235	1.35%	53.27	
■Tamil Nadu	5,47,337	5,344	1.06%	68.14	
■ Uttar Pradesh	3,58,893	4,618	1.78%	40.45	
■ Delhi	2,49,259	2,548	1.70%	42.38	

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UTTARAKHAND On eve of 1-day Assembly session, 2 ministers positive

Dehradun: A day before Uttarakhand is to hold its oneday Assembly session, Forests Minister Harak Singh Rawat and Higher Education Minister Dhan Singh Rawat along with two legislators tested positive for the

As a precautionary measure, the RT-PCR test of all legislators was done on Tuesday. According to Deputy Speaker Ragunath Singh Chauhan, the samples of 32 MLAs were taken and four tested positive for Covid-19.

The others who tested positive for the virus are Deputy Leader of Opposition and Congress MLA Karan Mahara and BJP's Pushkar Dhami.

Meanwhile, CM Rawat's OSD Gopal Rawat died of Covid-19 while undergoing treatment at a hospital on Tuesday.

sops for Maratha youth

After SC stay on quota, minister says working for a way out

VISHWAS WAGHMODE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

REACHING OUT to the Marathas, who are protesting against the interim stay on reservation for the community by the Supreme Court, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maharashtra Cabinet on Tuesday announced a slew of sops targeting the Maratha youth.

Earlier, the SC had stayed the implementation of the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Act granting reservation to Marathas in education and jobs. With this, SEBC as a category has ceased to exist.

In a three-hour-long meeting, the Maha Vikas Aghadi government decided to extend scholarship benefits available till now to those belonging to SEBC - a category constituted in 2018 to provide the Marathas benefits of reservation – to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) students. These benefits for EWS students will now be made available to the Maratha vouth.

The Cabinet approved the decision of extending scholarship benefits under Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Fees Reimbursement Scheme and Dr Punjabrao Deshmukh Hostel Subsistence Allowance Scheme



Uddhav Thackeray

- which were till now applicable to SEBC - to EWS students. The government has sanctioned Rs 600 crore and Rs 80 crore, respectively, for these schemes in the current financial year.

In other decisions, the Cabinet announced its intention of withdrawing all pending cases against those who had been protesting for Maratha reservation. It added that the process of hiring relatives of all those who had died in the Maratha agitation in government services will be expedited.

State PWD Minister and chairman of the Cabinet sub-committee on Maratha reservation. Ashok Chavan, told mediapersons after the meeting that jobs in Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation will be given to the relatives of those who died in the agitations led by Maratha Kranti Morcha (MKM)

during 2016-2018. The proposals will be cleared in a month, he said.

He added that all cases registered against MKM protesters will be withdrawn. "At present, only 26 cases are pending with the government and these will be withdrawn within a month," Chavan said.

In 2018, the Maharashtra government had enacted the SEBC Act to grant reservation to the Marathas, a politically dominant community, in jobs and education. On July 27, last year, the Bombay High Court had reduced the state approved 16 per cent reservation to 12 per cent in education and 13 per cent in government jobs.

The move was, however, stayed by the SC, which announced an interim stay on the reservation. Following this, the state had on Monday filed an application in the SC seeking vacation of the interim stay on the reservation.

Chavan said the state government is working for a way out. 'The SC has made specific mention of jobs and education and new questions have arisen, which are being examined. There are some legal issues and the government is still ready to take a positive decision after examining them," he added.



Ashalata Wabgaonkar

79-year-old Marathi actor dies of Covid while shooting for TV serial

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

MARATHI FILM and television actor Ashalata Wabgaonkar, who had resumed shooting days after the Bombay High Court quashed the state government's directive that prevented any cast or crew members above 65 years at sets, succumbed to Covid-19 in Satara on Tuesday morning. She was 79.

The actor had been shooting for a Marathi TV serial Aai Majhi Kalubai in Satara for the last one month. She, along with at least 22 other crew members of the production team, had tested positive last week.

Wabgaonkar required hospitalisation after she started showing symptoms. She was subsequently admitted to Pratibha hospital in Satara where she was undergoing treatment for the last seven days.

Doctors said Wabgaonkar was put on ventilator support, but her health worsened due to old age. She succumbed at 4.45 am on Tuesday.

A district official said all the other crew members were kept under home isolation and have recovered.

Producer of the show and actor Alka Kubal, who monitored Wabgaonkar's hospitalisation and treatment, also remains in Satara for the shoot.

Satara Collector Shekhar Singh said the production team approached them for permission to begin shooting a month ago. The team had hired a bungalow for the shoot between Wai and Phaltan towns. "They were shooting at one or two locations. Based on the Union government's guidelines for resuming shooting, we gave them necessary permissions and asked them to follow social distancing

norms," Singh said.

Wabgaonkar made her theatrical debut in the role of Revati in the play Sanshaykallol. She has won several awards for theatre shows. She worked in films like Woh Saat Din. Ahista Ahista. Shaukeen, Ankush and Namak Halaal among others in her fourdecade career.

CEREAL IS MORE NUTRITIOUS, CAN WITHSTAND DROUGHT, IS LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO PESTS

why did they kill him?"

50 years on, millet makes a comeback in Odisha's Keonjhar district millet (Setaria italica) — two vaphase since the cultivation is still tional dietary intakes. tion of millet hit a roadblock. But

AISHWARYA MOHANTY KEONJHAR, SEPTEMBER 22

IN THE 1960s and '70s, with the advent of the green revolution. the Indian taste for cereal tilted towards wheat and rice.

This was the time when Rumbi Hanhaga (56), a farmer from Murgapahadi village in Odisha's Keonjhar district switched to growing paddy and vegetables instead of millets. Many others like him followed suit, and soon, millets disappeared from the farms and diets of the people in the state.

"I was 12 when I started helping my father at the farm. Back then, we grew ragi (Eleusine coracana or finger millet) and foxtail rieties of millet - but most of it was for personal consumption. We hardly sold the produce in the market and it was not profitable. Eventually, high-yielding rice varieties came into the picture and almost all the farmers from the village switched to that from the economic point of view," Hanhaga said.

However, nearly half a century later, millet is making a comeback, thanks to the intervention of the local administration and NGOs. Today, Hanhaga is among 1990 farmers across 163 villages in Keonjhar who have

taken up the cultivation of millet. Under Odisha's flagship programme for promotion of millets in tribal areas, called Millet



Chakradhar Mudi's millet farm in Kundapitha. Aishwarya Mohanty

Mission. 14 districts were roped in, but Keonjhar was not included. However, the district became the first in the state to introduce the locally cultivated

ragi as a part of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) for the first time in Odisha and implement it as a part of the pre-school meal to boost nutri-

Keonjhar has allocated Rs 1.5 crore for the project from the District Mineral Fund (DMF). In the first phase, the admin-

istration procured 47 quintal of locally-grown ragi from farmers in Keonjhar to distribute ragi laddu mix to students. In September alone, 86,293 students have benefited under the scheme.

Keonihar District Collector Ashish Thakare said, "The whole idea is to bring millet back into the picture as it is a highly nutritious cereal... For years, it was a traditionally consumed crop. We have introduced ragi in the ICDS program but due to the lockdown, ragi powder is being provided to children at their home instead of laddus. For the initial low we procured millet from other districts as well to meet our demands but eventually we wish to achieve a circular economy where the entire demand is met through locally grown millet." An NGO called the People's

Culture Centre is training farmers in Ghatgan block of the district to revive millet farming. Samarkumar Das, who works with the NGO, said, "Millet was omitted from the public distribution system and from state nutrition programmes for years, which focused mainly on rice and wheat. Low produce and low consumer interest, nonprofitability, poor markets and difficult processing methods were reasons why the promo-

the crop has a number of advantages like nutritional aspects and it can also withstand drought, is less susceptible to pests and can withstand extreme temperatures unlike other crops.' These initiatives have further

pushed farmers to cultivate millet — its cultivation in Keonjhar has increased from 190 hectare in 2019 to 774 hectare this year. Many farmers have also

adopted a barter system to popularise millet. Chakradhar Mudi, a farmer from Kundapitha village, said. "We do not sell what we produce. Instead we exchange it for vegetables or other crops with other farmers. This way, they too get a chance to consume ragi and can take up cultivation."

PM is the big face

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

MANIPUR CHIEF Minister N Birer Singh will initiate a cabinet reshuffle on Wednesday. He is expected to drop five-six ministers and induct new faces in his 12-member cabinet, sources said.

Biren was in New Delhi on Monday, accompanied by Manipur BJP chief Saikhom Tikendra Singh, and met central BIP leaders including national president I P Nadda, national general secretary BLSantosh, national general secretary Ram Madhav, national vice-president and central observer Baijayant Panda and Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, BJP sources said Panda has arrived in Imphal, along with the CM, to see the transition through. Three BJP ministers would be asked to resign on Tuesday night, it was learnt.

Th Biswajit Singh is expected to retain his ministerial portfolio, but three ministers from his camp are likely to be dropped. Biswajit was a contender for chief ministership, along with Biren, after the 2017 Assembly elections. After Biren bagged the top post, the two have shared an uneasy relationship. Of the four ministers of Conrad Sangma's National

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

ATOTAL of 13,244 complaints re-

garding content related to child

pornography, rape and gangrape

were lodged by the National

Cybercrime Reporting Portal be-

tween March 1 and September 18,

Women and Child Development

Minister Smriti Irani told

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In a written reply to a question

Parliament on Tuesday.

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

People's Party, two will be dropped, said sources. The decision is believed to have been communicated to Sangma.

The NPP, led by Deputy Chief Minister Y Joykumar, another Biren detractor, had pulled out of the government days before the Rajya Sabha election this year to back the Congress. The NPP has been a vital ally of the BIP in Manipur, which by itself did not have the numbers to form the government. However, the relationship between Joykumar and Biren has soured.

"When they learn that two ministers will be dropped, all four NPP ministers may pull out. There are two reasons for dropping these ministers. First is non-performance. They did not give adequate support to the CM in running the government. Secondly, all those being dropped are those who tried to destabilise the government," said a state BJP leader.

In their place, two former Congress faces - Okram Ibobi Singh's nephew Okram Henry Singh from Wangkhei and Oinam Lukhoi Singh from Wangoi — are expected to be inducted in the cabinet.

Three fresh BJP faces will also find place in the cabinet, includ-Speaker Yumnam Khemchand Singh, sources said.

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and other medium. The Childline

India Foundation received 3,941

calls regarding child sexual abuse

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has spent Rs 393 crore since 2014

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Director, Social Welfare

Dated : 21 09 2020

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to improve child sex ratio.

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Department of Women, Child Development and Social Security

(Directorate of Social Welfare)

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LAXMI VILAS SALE

today, 3 BJP and 2 NPP HC relief from arrest warrants, in Bihar elections: says prima facie not justified

DEEP MUKHERJEE JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 22

THE RAJASTHAN High Court Tuesday granted interim relief to retired IAS officer Pradip Baijal and two others from arrest over warrants in a case involving disinvestment of Laxmi Vilas Hotel in Udaipur in 2002. The Bench of **Justice Dinesh Mehta observed** that prima facie the Special CBI Court, Jodhpur, had not been justified in issuing the arrest warrants against the three, apart from former Union minister Arun

Shourie's plea in the matter will be heard on Wednesday, his counsel Pradeep Shah said.

The High Court also stayed the CBI court order attaching the luxury hotel and appointing the District Collector as the receiver.

While rejecting an application by the CBI to close the case, the Jodhpur court had, on September 15, summoned Shourie, the Union disinvestment minister at the

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE SUPREME Court has ap-

proved a settlement arrived at

between Malayalam writer MT

Vasudevan Nair and film pro-

ducer Sreekumar Menon re-

garding an unfulfilled project for

on-screen adaptation of the for-

mer's novel 'Randamoozham'

effected on July 2, were submitted

on Monday before a bench of

Justices D Y Chandrachud, Indu

Malhotra and K M Joseph, which

took note of it and allowed Menon

are disposed of as withdrawn

since the dispute has been settled.

The parties shall abide by the set-

Menon and Nair (popularly

Notice No.: 44/PS/FO/e-tender/20-21

known as MT) had agreed in 2014

'The Special Leave Petitions

to withdraw his petition.

tlement." read the order.

COVID-19 situations.

Contact Number: 0135-2755906

The terms of the settlement.

(second chance).

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22



Udaipur. PTI file

time of the sale of the hotel: Baijal the Secretary of the department then; Ashish Guha, belonging to financial advisory firm Lzard India Ltd: Bharat Hotels Managing Director Jyotsna Suri; and Kantilal Karamsey Vikamsey, proprietor of valuer Kanti Karamsey and Co. Relief was provided on Tuesday to Baijal, Guha and Suri.

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government was in power at the Centre at the time of the disin-

Senior counsel Mukul Rohatgi represented Baijal in the High Court while Suri was represented

Malayalam writer, film producer

to make a movie on the basis of

the 1984 novel Randamoozham

– a retelling of the Mahabharata

from the point of view of Bhim -

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did not materialise even after the

time was extended by one year,

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Dated: 22/09/2020

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King George's Medical University

U.P., Lucknow

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Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)

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TREATMENT BY LOCAL FORMATION COMMANDRES

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the state Government for COVID-19 treatment and co-morbidities.

following which he moved SC.

M T VASUDEVAN NAIR TO GET RANDAMOOZHAM SCRIPT BACK

SC nod to settlement between

and PPChoudhary, who is also the BIP MP from Pali

Staying the CBI court's order appointing the Collector as receiver of the Laxmi Vilas Hotel till the next date of hearing, on a petition by Suri, the high court said that the property, its assets and records be handed over to the authorised representative of Bharat Hotels. The next date of hearing is October 15.

In its order, the high court Bench said, "... the court below has not recorded any reason worth(its)name before resorting to the extreme mode of securing presence of an accused issuing arrest warrant. The issuance... becomes all the more serious when the petitioner was not (given) any notice of the pending proceed-

On Suri's plea, Justice Mehta said the lower court had not recorded any reason as to why her custodial interrogation was reguired, particularly when all the relevant documents were in the

The settlement also says that

Menon "can proceed in his dream

of creating a Magnum Opus based

on the epic Mahabharata by rop-

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of a Kozhikode court..." Menon

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cases in Kashmir, It raided six lo-

cations across Bramulla, Budgam

and Uri in connection with the

case involving

arrested J&K

Police deputy

NIA raids multiple places in arrested

J&K cop case, illegal cross-LoC trade

New Delhi: The NIA on Tuesday SP Devender Singh, and also con-

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in 2001, that too without notice to the petitioner or her hotel, is beyond anybody's comprehension; particularly when a final decision about petitioner's involvement/ guilt is yet to be taken by the court," the judge said. The High Court also cited a

letter written by the Udaipur District Collector saying he didn't have the resources and expertise to run a hotel. It said handing over the property in this manner could lead to "irreparable loss" to Bharat Hotels, as well as may cost employees their jobs.

Suri was asked to give an undertaking not to sell, alienate or otherwise transfer the land, building or fixed assets of the hotel till the case was disposed of.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

NIA takes over probe into Aug 11

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NIA SAID on Tuesday it has taken

that the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) and Popular Front of India (PFI) are responsible for inciting the mob.

"State secretary of SDPI,

Bengaluru violence

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

over the probe into the August 11 mob violence outside Congress MLA R Akhanda Srinivas Murthy's house and other areas in northeast Bengaluru - allegedly sparked by a derogatory social media post on Prophet Muhammad, shared by Murthy's nephew. Three people were killed in the violence and some 50 policemen were injured.

The Central agency alleged

Muzamil Pasha had earlier called a meeting and directed members of PFI/SDPI to instigate the mob and incite violence. The mob went on rampage in DJ Halli, KG Halli and Pulakeshi Nagar area..." the Central agency said in a statement.

DECISION 2020

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, SEPTEMBER 22

BIHAR AGRICULTURE Minister and senior BIP leader Prem Kumar on Tuesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi would be "the big face" in the Assembly polls, even though NDA is contesting under the leadership of JD(U) president and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Speaking to The Indian Express. Prem Kumar said: "We can now see big hoardings of the PM and CM together in Patna. It clearly speaks about the PM being a big factor in the elections. The Centre has given Bihar a Rs 1.25-lakhcrore special package. From laying optical fibre in villages to road, bridge, water drinking and sewerage projects, the PM has given Bihar a lot. We have to take it to the people. It would surely boost the BJP and NDA overall." He added that playing up the PM would also benefit JD(U).

When it was pointed out that the BJP's central leadership has reiterated that Bihar polls would be fought under Nitish, Prem Kumar said: "It is the party's decision and we are contesting under Nitish's leadership. But that said, the PM is obviously the big face in the coming polls."

Asked who would be the bigger face — the PM or CM — Prem Kumar said: "It is difficult to say. This comparison is not needed as the NDA is working as a unit."

BJP sources in Delhi said the party had been trying hard to con-

state BJP minister Moves to

assert position

> WHILE THE BJP does not want to defy or displease

Nitish Kumar, it does want

to assert its position and play up the Prime Minister in the field more than the Bihar CM. The BJP has been working silently to gain an upper hand over its alliance partner JD(U). The BJP aims to cash in on the Centre's contribution to Bihar under PM Narendra Modi and tactically play down Nitish as the development man.

test an equal number of seats as the JD(U).

"We gave the JD(U) equal number (17) of seats to contest in Lok Sabha polls even though they won just two seats in 2014 Lok Sabha polls. It will only be fair if the BJP and JD(U) contest equal number of seats. It is also our big chance to draw parity with the JD(U) in the Assembly polls."

The JD(U), however, has been trying to contest as the senior partner, Party spokesperson K C Tvagi said: "Modi praises Nitish in every public meeting. It shows how important a role the CM will play in the polls. There should not be any debate on the role of PM and CM in the elections."

Speaking to party workers at the JD(U) office, Nitish targeted the RJD: "Some people engage in tweeting anything without having full information... People had given me the chance to serve. It is the people who will decide if they want me to keep serving them.'

Bihar DGP Gupteshwar Pandey takes VRS, may contest from Buxar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE BIHAR government on Tuesday accepted DGP Gupteshwar Pandey's voluntary retirement with effect from September 22.

DGP, Home Guards, S K Singhal, has been given additional charge of Bihar DGP.

Pandey is likely to contest the forthcoming Assembly polls from Buxar, sources said. He has reportedly been assured a ticket from the BIP.

Pandey's political inclinations were indicated by his recent remarks on the Sushant Singh Rajput case. He has been

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Gupteshwar Pandev

critical of Mumbai Police in the matter. He had also sparked a controversy by saying that actor Rhea Chakraborty didn't have the "stature" to comment on

A home department notification issued by Additional Secretary Girish Mohan Thakur confirmed that the government had accepted Pandey's VRS request on Tuesday.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

The government had relaxed norms of three-month notice for taking VRS.

PM: Education will be the new medium of India's engagement with Southeast Asia

ABHISHEK SAHA GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 22

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged IIT-Guwahati to establish centres for Indian knowledge systems and of disaster management, adding that education will become a new medium of India's engagement with Southeast Asia.

IIT-Guwahati held its 22nd convocation ceremony on Tuesday. Addressing the occasion via video-conferencing, Modi said, "I believe that through a modern and scientific process, we can turn cultural knowledge, skills and beliefs into rich and cutting edge professional development programmes. I suggest that IIT-Guwahati plays an important role in this Through this, we can contribute invaluably to the northeast, India and the world."

Modi emphasised on the northeast's significance in the country's foreign affairs. "The northeast is the centre for India's Act East Policy. It is also the gateway to India's relations with Southeast Asia... Now, education will become a new medium of

our engagement," Modi said. Bringing up NEP 2020, he said it allows foreign universities to set up offshore campuses in India, giving Indian students global exposure. He said NEP was "meant for the needs of the 21st century" and would make India "a global leader in science and technology".

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

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD INVITATION OF BIDS - TWO COVER - ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM 14/F CWSS to 15/F CWSS to 16/F CWSS to 17/F CWSS to 18/F CWSS to llampillai llampillai llampillai llampillai llampillai Package-5/ DO(T5)/CE/CBE/ Package-1/ Package-2/ Package-3/ Package-4/ IFB No DO(T5)/CE/CBE/ DO(T5)/CE/CBE/ DO(T5)/CE/CBE/ DO(T5)/CE/CBE/ 2020/Dated 2020/Dated 2020/Dated 2020/Dated 2020/Dated 21.09.2020 21.09.2020 21.09.2020 21.09.2020 21.09.2020

Name of work: Providing Combined Water Supply Scheme to Ilampillai, Attayampatti, Panamarathupatti, Mallur an Edangalasalai Town Panchayats, 778 Rural habitations in Veerapandy, Panamarathupatti and Salem Unions in Sale District. (Construction period: 18 months, Trial Run: 6 months and Paid Maintenance: 60 months)

	Package-1	Package-2	Package-3	Package-4	Package-5			
Value of work put to tender including GST	Rs. 130.10 Crore	Rs. 125.50 Crore	Rs. 93.20 Crore	Rs. 106.20 Crore	Rs. 92.85 Crore			
Bid Security in Rupees	Rs.75,00,000/-	Rs.75,00,000/-	Rs.69,90,000/-	Rs.75,00,000/-	Rs.69,65,000/-			
Eligible Class	Class-I	Class-I						
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.30, Siruvani Nagar, Bharathipark Road, Coimbatore-641 043.				,			
Downloading	www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.twadboard.tn.gov.in (free of cost)							
Date and time of Pre-bid meeting 19.10.2020 at 11.00 A.M.								
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Nagar, Salem - 636 005 by cash or Demand Draft on any Scheduled/ Nationalized bank payable Document at Salem for Rs.1000/-+GST and additional Rs. 500/- by Post (Each) From 28.09.2020 to 27.10.2020 29.10.2020 up to 15.00 Hours @ O/o.the Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Coimbatore and opening

of Bid and opening at 15.30 Hours on the same day DIPR/ 3547 /TENDER/2020

SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS

Chief Engineer (i/c),

TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CHENNAI CIRCLE-I NOTICE INVITING TENDER ender Notice No. SCB/579/HD/SE(CC-I)/2020 Date: 22.09.202

Position of AAA: Accorded 2. Position of funds: Partially Available 3. Position of TS: Accorded

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 Technical Bid and Price Bid with name of work duly superscribed in both covers are wited from eligible Contractors who are in the field of Construction Industry and are registered carctactors of TNSCB under class-I and above or Government Departments / Government undertakings / Government / Semi Government Bodies / Quasi Sovernment / Public Sector undertakings / Housing Boards / Corporation Undertakings / CPWD and registered as a legal entity in did, by the Superintending Engineer, Chennal Circle-I, Tamil Nadu Shum Clearance Board, No.5, Mararajar Salai, Chennal 00 005 upto 3.00 PM on 22.10.2020 and the same will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny Committee and biddies? Their authorised agents.

SI. No.	Name of work/Estimate No.	(Including GST @ 12%) (Rs. in lakhs) Period of contract	EMD (in Rs.)	EMD / Tender Schedule cost to be Drawn
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Construction of 1040 Nos. of slum tenements adopting T.D.09A, 09B, 09C, 09D & 09E/2020 (G+4 storied) including internal water supply, sanitary, electrification arrangements and Infrastructure development works at Murugampattu Village scheme, in Thiruttani Taluk at Thiruvallur District under HFA-(AHP) CER.No.38 /HFA/2020-21		48,86,000/-	Executive Engineer / Reconstruction
2	Construction of 520 Nos. of slum tenements adopting T.D.09A & 09E/2020 (G+4 storied) including internal water supply, sanitary, electrification arrangements and Infrastructure development works at Thalavedu scheme , in Thiruttani Taluk at Thiruvallur District under HFA- (AHP) CER.No.39/HFA/2020-21	4931.10	24,77,000/-	Division, Chennai-10

Banks, payable at Chennai in favour of Executive Engineer, **mentioned in Column (5)**. The tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-I, TNSCB, No.5, Kamarajar salai, Chennai600 005 on writter equisition along with cost of the tender documents to a value of 16,900/- (Non-Refundable) in the form of Demand Draft o Banker's Cheque upto 3.00 PM on 21.10.2020 drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer mentioned in Column (5)

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

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.

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

New Delhi

KORBA (C.G.) For, Chief Engineer Bilaspur (C.G.)

details of tender documents can be The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. • For all erms and conditions please refer tender document • No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE **GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH,** WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, KORBA DISTT. KORBA (C.G.) e-Procurement Tender Notice

eProcurement portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

CORRIGENDUM No-1

	em Tender No. 67473 N.I.T. No. 02/SAC/2020-21, Korba				
Dated 0	7-09-2020 whose G-Number is 83551/5 dated 08-09-2020				
following amendments are made					
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1	Clause 4.3.1 of form-B (Envelop-`C')
	Has been amended and details can be viewed on the web
	site https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in
2	Prescribed tender amount for pre-tender eligibility
	has been amended and details can be viewed in the web site
	https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

Note:- All other terms and condition will remain be unchanged. Sd/-

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

Hasdeo Basin Water Resources Deptt. M.G.-83791

DRUG CASE

NCB summons Deepika's manager, talent company CEO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE NARCOTICS Control Bureau (NCB) summoned Karishma Prakash, the manager of actor Deepika Padukone and an employee of Kwan talent management company, as well as firm CEO Dhruv Chitgopekar, for questioning on Tuesday.

While Prakash sought exemption on grounds of ill health and said she would join the probe on Sept 25, Chitgopekar arrived for questioning in the afternoon.

Prakash and Dhruv were summoned in connection with chats retrieved from the phone of Kwan employee Jaya Saha, former man-

ager of actor Sushant Singh Rajput. When asked if Padukone, too, will be summoned, a senior NCB official, said: "Currently, no such decision has been taken. Mere WhatsApp chats do not prove criminality and are not grounds

enough for issuing summons."

The NCB has claimed that it has found a Whats App group in Saha's phone, in which marijuana was discussed and the names of some members of the group were saved as initials. Based on these chats and prima facie probe, summons were issued to Prakash and Chitgopekar.

The NCB, which questioned Saha on Monday, continued with recording her statement on Tuesday. Officials said Saha's questioning is important and will direct who else will be called in for questioning.

The case, lodged in connection to the Sushant death probe, is part of NCB's investigation against the "drug syndicate" that supplied "narcotics to Bollywood". So far, 19 people, including actor and Sushant's girlfriend Rhea Chakraborthy, her brother Showik as well as Sushant's cook Dipesh Sawant and housekeeper Samuel Miranda have been arrested in connection to the case.

The NCB had earlier said it was going to summon actors Sara Ali Khan and Rakul Preet Singh as well as designer Simone Khambatta later this week. The names of the trio had come up during Rhea's questioning, said officers.

Rhea custody extended till Oct 6

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

A SPECIAL Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act court Tuesday extended actor Rhea Chakraborty's judicial custody till October 6 in an alleged drugs case filed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in connection with actor Sushant Singh Raiput's death. Chakraborty and her brother Showik, meanwhile,

have moved bail applications before the Bombay High Court which will be heard Wednesday. Their bail pleas were rejected by the special NDPS court on September 11.

Chakraborty, who has been lodged at Byculla jail since September 9, was produced becial judge GB Gurao. With the NCB opposing her release on bail citing reasons, including ongoing investigation, Chakraborty's judicial custody will get extended every two weeks till she is granted bail.

and Showik, filed Monday, through senior counsel Satish Maneshinde and advocate Anandini Fernandes, are likely to be heard by a high court bench led by Justice Sarang V Kotwal on Wednesday. In their bail pleas, the two have said the NCB had not shown any seizure or possession of drugs from them or mentioned the type or quantity.

The bail pleas of Chakraborty

FOURTH INCIDENT IN THREE MONTHS

Weapons cache seized in Akhnoor; air-dropped over LoC, say police

ARLIN SHARMA

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 22

SECURITY FORCES seized a weapons cache in the early hours of Tuesday along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu division's Akhnoor sector, which they said was air-dropped by a drone from Pakistan.

This is the fourth incident of Pakistan air-dropping weapons in Jammu's border areas over the past three months, according to security forces.

Officials said the cache seized on Tuesday contained two AK-47 rifles, three magazines and 90 rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition, one 9-MM Chinese pistol along with two magazines and 14 rounds of ammunition, besides two packets of packaging material containing blue thermocol wrapped in adhesive tape with wooden attachment fittings and two rolls (nearly 300 mts) of synthetic/parachute thread.

Jammu's Senior Superintendent of Police, Shridhar Patil, said the arms were seized during a search operation launched by security forces on Monday night across various places in Akhnoor, based on credible information. Around 12.50 am, teams in Sohal Khad area heard a drone but they could not spot it owing to the darkness, Patil said, adding that they continued searching the area and found the consignment.

A case under various provisions of the

IPC, the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Indian Arms Act had been registered at Akhnoor police station, Patil said.

Sohal Khad, nearly 12 kms from Akhnoor town, forms part of the strategic Chicken's Neck area where the International Border (IB) coming from the plains of Kathua. Samba and Jammu meets the LoC going towards Rajouri and Poonch through the mountain ranges of Pir Panjal.

Significantly, following the heightened vigil along the IB by the BSF and Army troops, airdrops of weapons have emerged as a new challenge for security agencies.

Last week, the J&K Police and the Army's 38 Rashtriya Rifles had arrested three Lashkar-e-Taiba militants — Pulwama residents Rahil Bashir and Amir Jaan alias Hamza and Shopian resident Hafiz Yunus Wani – who had travelled to Rajouri's Gurdanbala area to pick up a consignment of arms and cash which was reportedly airdropped by Pakistan. Two AK-56 rifles, six magazines and 180 rounds, two Chinese pistols with three magazines and 30 rounds, four grenades, two pouches and cash worth Rs 1 lakh were seized from the trio.

After their arrests, J&K DGP Dilbag Singh had said airdrops of weapons and narcotics has of late emerged as a major challenge for security forces in the Union Territory. Counter-measures are being put in place, he had added.

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Date: 21.09.2020

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ADDENDUM ADVERTISEMENT NO. 08 Non-Faculty Post/Estt./IGIMS/2020

The following posts are being added in the advertised Advt. No. 08. Non-Faculty Post/Estt./IGIMS/2020 under department of Bio-Medica

Engineering for running and maintenance of Medical Gas Pipe Line System.

Details of requisite qualification, Experience, Upper age limit, pay Scale

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Application forms are invited from eligible candidates (visitivebsite of AICTE for detail) for Ph. D. programme-2020 under

ADF scheme supported by ÁICTE to the Departments of (1) Civil

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Application forms can be downloaded from the University website

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website: www.vssut.ac.in . The last date of application form is

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Thalamuthu Natarajan Building, No.1, Gandhi Irwin Road, **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)** (Consulting Services - Individual Selection Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA), Government of Tamil Nadu has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project. CMDA now invites eligible individua consultants / specialists to indicate their interest in providing the services for the below mentioned assignments under the Tamil

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J&K DGP: CIVILIAN DEATH IN ENCOUNTER UNFORTUNATE

Srinagar: J&K DGP Dilbag Singh on Tuesday said it was "very unfortunate" that during the encounter at Batmaloo, Srinagar "a civilian lady got injured in the cross-firing and later on, succumbed to the injuries".

On September 17, Kaunsar Riyaz was caught in cross-firing between militants and

security forces. She later died of injuries. Speaking to police personnel at the Police Component Srinagar, Singh, however added that "In most of the operations, police and security forces are displaying their discipline and professionalism in handling such situations.'

He said the J&K Police's efforts can be judged by the fact that families were called to persuade the terrorists to surrender during the encounter at Pantha Chowk. ENS

Govt. of Bihar

Bihar State University Service Commission 8th Floor, Bihar School Examination Board, Academic Building, Buddha Marg, Patna-01

Important Notice Regarding Regular Appointment on the

post of Assistant Professor. Online application in prescribed format, uploaded on commission website

https://bsusc.bihar.gov.in, are invited till 5 PM of 02-11-2020 from eligible Indian citizens only, for regular appointment on the vacant posts of Assistant Professor in different Universities of Bihar on the basis of requisition received from Education Department, Government of Bihar. To enable candidates to fill the online application form conveniently and without any error, advertisement notice/details/information and detailed guidelines are uploaded on Bihar State university Service Commission website-https://bsusc.bihar.gov.in. Before initiating the process of filling the online application form, candidates must guidelines for

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fore the special court via videoconference at 1.40 pm before spe-

Bhiwandi collapse: Toll rises to 25 Mumbai: The toll in the Jilani Building collapse in Bhiwandi rose to 25, including 13 children, on Tuesday. Nearly 40 hours after a portion of the three-storey building collapsed early Monday morning, 25 people have so far been rescued but several

On Tuesday, rescuers razed the boundary wall that the collapsed structure shared with a neighbouring building, allowing excavators, JCBs and dumpers to reach the site.

remain trapped. Officials said they feared

12 people were still trapped inside.

"JCBs and excavators could not reach the site

deputy commandant, NDRF. Bhiwandi-Nizampur Corporation Commissioner Pankaj Aashiya said. "After heavy machinery reached the

Officials said survivors were currently sheltered in a mosque and a community hall near the spot. SAGAR RAJPUT

earlier as the lanes leading to it are very narrow and congested," said Ashish Kumar,

spot, rescue operations picked up pace as debris was being cleared manually earlier."

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Vinod Kumar Nangia, allotee of CGY242 DLF Capital Greens Phase 3 Shivaji Marg,

Moti Nagar, New Delhi 15, expired or 05.09.2019 leaving behind surviving members of his family Smt Bela Nangia (wife), Jyoti Rahul Devjani (daughter) Deepika Shobhit Gaur (daughter). It is also informed that Jyoti Rahul Devjani & Deepik Shobhit Gaur have no objection to the transfer of the said property to their mothe Bela Nangia. If anybody has any objection he/she may contact at the above addres or Mobile 9967104913 within 21 days of

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Train No. 02691 KSR Bengaluru- New Delhi Special S/F AC Express	Train No. 02691 KSR Bengaluru- Hazrat Nizamuddin Special S/F AC Express	Station	Train No. 02692 New Delhi- KSR Bengaluru Special S/F AC Express	Hazrat Nizamuddin-KSR
Existing timings	Revised timings		Existing timings	Revised timings
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11.35 (Fri & Sat)	11.35 (Fri & Sat)	Dep.	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Arr.	16.45 (Mon & Tue)	12.40 (Mon & Tue)
16.10/16.20	16.10/16.20	a/d	Kota Jn.	a/d	10.45/10.55	07.30/07.35
23.02/23.20	23.02/23.20	a/d	Vadodara Jn.	a/d	03.39/03.57 (Mon & Tue)	00.36/00.56 (Mon & Tue)
00.55/00.58 (Sat & Sun)	00.55/00.58 (Sat & Sun)	a/d	Surat	a/d	01.55/01.58	22.55/22.58
05.00/05.05	05.00/05.05	a/d	Panvel	a/d	20.40/20.45	18.45/18.50
09.30/09.35	09.40/09.45	a/d	Ratnagiri	a/d	15.05/15.10	14.05/14.10
12.50 (Sat & Sun)	14.20 (Sat & Sun)	Arr.	Madgaon	Dep.	11.00 (Sun & Mon)	10.30 (Sun & Mon)

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> **Member Secretary** Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

THE CUSTODIAN

Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, as is his wont, is gentle and graceful. His chair calls on him to be firm and fair as well

EPUTY CHAIRMAN OF the Rajya Sabha Harivansh Narayan Singh is known to be a mild-mannered man. In his letter to the Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Venkaiah Naidu, in which he put on record his decision to observe a one-day fast because of the unruly scenes in the Upper House on Sunday, he invoked the values of Gandhi, JP, Ram Manohar Lohia and Karpoori Thakur. Tuesday morning he showed up with homemade tea for the eight Opposition MPs suspended for the Sunday fracas, who were protesting their punishment by sitting overnight on dharna in the Parliament premises. The peace, or tea, offering, applauded by the Prime Minister, was indeed a graceful gesture. And yet, the question won't go away: Why did Harivansh babu not display this generosity of spirit inside the House on Sunday? On that day, the sequence of events may have been very different if the Deputy Chairperson had showed even mere adherence to procedure — if he had allowed a division of votes when the voice vote was challenged. After all, the rule book says that in such a situation, "votes shall be taken by operating the automatic vote recorder or by members going into the lobbies". A division of votes may be demanded when there is no consensus, and even when the outcome is predictable — for parties and members to put on record their position on a bill. But not only did the Deputy Chairperson deny a division of votes on two controversial bills, on which an important BIP ally had just withdrawn a minister, he also refused the Opposition's demand for them to be sent to a select committee on the grounds of disorder in the House — even as, amid the same disorder, he helped pushed them through.

The job of the presiding officer is to run the House, not just to ensure that the government's business is done. Any response to unruly behaviour must be consistent with the democratic spirit, and not seen to be influenced by the stand of the party he belongs to or is supported by. Sunday's events in Rajya Sabha, and the suspension of eight MPs, is especially disquieting when the Parliament session is truncated, Question Hour is suspended and Zero Hour is abbreviated in the name of the pandemic. At a time when the Opposition, already in a shrinking corner in the House, is being denied its right to have its say, and when the government is using Parliament to have its way, the Deputy Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha has a special responsibility to look beyond the Treasury Benches and accommodate other voices and views. After all, in the absence of the Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, the Deputy Chairperson is the custodian of its dignity and prestige, and of the rights and privileges of its members – all its members.

Sunday's events in Rajya Sabha and their aftermath are also troubling because at their centre are pieces of legislation whose reformist intent is being undermined by the manner in which they have been passed. The only way out of this mess is the institutional one. The rules of the democracy game must be upheld, not the majority's right of way.

WHAT LABOUR NEEDS

Especially at a time of acute economic distress, concerns of workers must be placed at centre of labour law changes

NTUESDAY, THE Lok Sabha passed new versions of three labour codes, namely, the Industrial Relations Code Bill 2020, the Code on Social Security Bill 2020, and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code Bill 2020. Amending stringent and archaic labour laws has long been on the policy agenda. Yet, there hasn't been much movement on this issue because of the manner in which the debate has been framed — labour reform is often reduced to giving firms the power to hire and fire workers, without having to seek the government's permission. While there is indeed a strong argument for more flexible labour markets, at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the lack of basic safety nets for large sections of the labour force, and given the widespread distrust due to their unplanned and forced exit from cities, the first steps should be aimed at addressing distress and restoring the trust of the workforce, and creating some sort of social security architecture.

To be fair, firms need to be provided flexibility in order to deal with the vicissitudes of business cycles. However, doing away with standing orders for firms with less than 300 workers, which will essentially cover most firms, is tantamount to watering down the basic rights of workers in most organisations, affecting their bargaining power. The other initiatives in the bills which include widening the ambit of social security by including inter-state migrant workers and gig economy workers are steps in the right direction. As is ensuring direct fixedterm contracts, maintaining a database of migrant workers, and an adequately funded social security fund. However, questions are likely to be raised over the design and coverage of such schemes, and how portability of benefits will be ensured. Further, given the temporary nature of workers in the gig economy, how will this framework work?

There can be no argument against the need to amend the existing labour laws in India. However, considering the extent of economic distress in the country, concerns of labour must be placed at the centre of such policy initiatives. At a time of acute precarity, instead of moving in a direction of a reasonably flexible labour market with a degree of social security, the government should not be seen to be taking steps in the opposite direction.

THE PANDEMMYS

First major COVID-era award show was glitzy and glamorous and also touchingly personal

LD TUX JACKETS, designer pajamas, presenters in custom hazmat suits hanging outside the residences of nominees with the trophy, and a strong WiFi connection — that's all that it took for the 72nd Primetime Emmy Awards, or the Pandemmys, as host Jimmy Kimmel called it, to set the tone for this unusual year's award season. With no physical audience, the first major COVID-era award show, that recognises the best in US primetime TV, was an at-home edition held over Zoom, that homed in on what was important — entertainment and reward — with a sidetrack of the political and personal thrown in.

From the time the lights came on at the empty Staples Centre, from where Kimmel hosted the three-hour programme, the event highlighted all the things that make entertainment an integral part of lives. There was glamour and glitz - 24-year-old Zendaya, best actress in the drama series category, and only the second black woman to have won it, served up two costume changes — but also the comfort of kicking off one's high heels and watching a show in comfortable pajamas like nominees Jameela Jamil and Sameera Wiley. There was nostalgia, courtesy a reunion of the women from Friends, and reminders of all the things that make this such a critical political juncture in American lives: A hat tip to the Black Lives Matter movement with the Breonna Taylor T-shirts worn by winners Uzo Aduba and Regina King and Mark Ruffalo's urgent appeal to Americans to vote in November.

Freedom from a formal space also made the award touchingly personal. Aduba, who won in the outstanding supporting actress category for her role in Mrs America, called out to her mother in the next room to announce her win, Stephen Colbert turned to his dog for a hug when he lost out to John Oliver in the outstanding variety talk show category and writer Cord Jefferson, who shared an Emmy with Damon Lindelof for Watchmen, thanked his therapist in his acceptance speech — a reminder that in this traumatic year wins and losses are only as good as the relationships and bonds that have held people together.

Bills against farmers



Amarinder Singh

ONE DOESN'T REALLY know where to begin talking about the three disastrous farm bills, which the central government is touting as a watershed moment for India's agriculture sector but which are blatantly crafted to fill the pockets of capitalist cronies of the BJP at the cost of the poor farmers.

Frankly, everything about these three agriculture bills that the BJP-led NDA government has virtually railroaded through Parliament is wrong. From the way the original ordinances were introduced in the midst of the pandemic, to the manner in which they have been forced through Parliament now, nothing explains the mad rush with which the government of India has pushed the bills through. They never bothered to consult any of the major stakeholders before bringing the ordinances — they did not talk to the farmers' representatives, they did not talk to my government which represents the most important state in India's food security chain, even though agriculture is constitutionally mandated to be a state subject, and they did not bother to hear out the Opposition in Parliament.

The only reason for these sly, undemocratic and anti-federal actions on the part of the central government, as far I can see, is that these bills hide more than they reveal. They give the poor small and marginal farmers of India (constituting over 85 per cent of India's farmers) no assurance of protection of their interests, their livelihoods, and their future. They make no mention whatsoever of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) regime, which is the lifeline of these poor farmers and their key to survival, as also the survival of the nation's agriculture sector.

I am told the ordinances have simplified the names of the existing Acts. If that is meant to make the farmers happy, then I can only lament the total lack of understanding of their concerns, which is clearly reflected in the farm bills too. Frankly, the farmers have always only understood one nomenclature as far as their produce goes, and that is MSP.

So where is MSP in these ordinances/bills? Actually nowhere. In all those reams and reams of pages, the central

The Centre has claimed that these new laws will free the farmers from the monopolistic clutches of the intermediaries (arhtivas). There are two points I would like to make here. First, did they even once ask the farmers if they wanted to be freed from these arhtiyas, whom BJP's own leader, late Sushma Swaraj, had once described as the most trusted and biggest support system for farmers? And second, how will such legislation prevent the farmers from falling into the clutches of the monopolistic big corporates, who have progressively been taking over one sector after another under the benign eye of the BJP leadership?

government did not deem it fit to even once come out with a categorical assurance that the MSP will not be tinkered with, as we in the Congress did in our manifesto. If only the policymakers in the government of India had stated in black and white that the MSP will be applicable to the private players too, and that farmers will get an assured MSP not just on wheat and rice but all other crops so that they are encouraged to diversify (a critical need of the hour), the farming community might have reacted a little more kindly to these illconceived and devastating new farm laws.

Instead, what these laws will do is to throw the small farmers to the big sharks, where market forces will control the pricing, procurement and marketing mechanism, and these helpless farmers will be left running from one retailer/trader to another to sell their little produce season after season, with no bargaining power to demand or get the price they deserve. The financial security for which they are currently dependent on the existing marketing system will become a thing of the past, and the promise of a bright future will disappear just as the one on doubling of their farm incomes by 2022 receded long ago into the recesses of their distant memory.

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The bills are totally silent on these counts, just as they are on MSP. The verbal assurances being made by BJP leaders do not count as their track record in fulfilling promises is abysmal. Apparently, even their own ally, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), does not believe

in these verbal statements, or so they claim (though the Akalis' double-speak on this issue has totally exposed their lack of sincerity for the farmers). As for Sushma's remarks, the BJP is justifying its shameless deviation from its earlier stated stand on the grounds that farmers now have Jan Dhan and bank accounts. As if these are enough to help them out in an emergency!

Naturally, the farmers of Punjab are angry and upset with the BJP and its allies, including SAD, and have no confidence in their verbal assurances. The well-established system in which Punjab's farmers have operated all these decades has worked beautifully, with the state government addressing their concerns as and when required. Just recently, my government made necessary amendments in the Punjab APMC Act to provide for setting up of regulated mandis even in the private sector for specific produce, thus ensuring that the private markets do not overwhelm the existing, tried and tested procurement and marketing processes. We realised that the private sector mandis could not be given a free run of the farm sector, as that would spell the death knell for the small and marginal farmers, in turn ruining India's agriculture and its food security, which is what the government of India will end up doing with its ill-conceived legislation.

But does the power hungry and greedy BJP-led government care? Evidently, it does not, neither for the farmers, who are out on the roads, nor for the views of the elected representatives in Parliament or of the states who will be the worst affected by these arbitrary and ill-intentioned changes. And it definitely does not care about Punjab, the small border state whose contribution to the nation's security, through its food godowns and at the borders, is exemplary. I have warned the central government repeatedly that if there is farmer unrest on this issue, Pakistan will try to take advantage of the same to foment further trouble in my state, which will do no good to the country's security either. But, quite clearly, they simply do not care.

The writer is Chief Minister of Punjab

No Country For Appeasement

Tavleen Singh fails to provide examples of institutional discrimination in Modi regime

SHEHZAD POONAWALLA

AS AN Indian Muslim, I strongly disagree with Tavleen Singh's article, 'No country for Muslims' (IE, September 20), where she argues that Muslims have second-class status under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Singh starts by saying, "Everyone charged or arrested so far (by Delhi police in the Delhi riots case) is Muslim". This is factually incorrect. In Sahil Parvez & Anr vs Government Of Nct Of Delhi in Iuly, the Delhi High Court said that the Delhi Police had charge-sheeted 535 Hindus and 513 Muslims in riot cases until then. Media reports have pointed that charge-sheets filed by the Delhi police reveal how a WhatsApp group called "Kattar Hindu Ekta" was started to plan attacks and "rioters used 'Jai Shri Ram' to identify and kill nine Muslims". This demolishes Singh's claims that the Delhi police was trying to "build" a conspiratorial narrative against one

Singh claims that ever since PM Modi won his second term, he has "followed an agenda that has the singular purpose of showing Indian Muslims that they are inferior citizens in 'New India'." She fails to provide tangible examples of institutional discrimination by the Modi government. Do Muslims not get access to cylinders under Ujjwala, bank accounts under Jan Dhan or income support under PM Kisan? To substantiate her rhetoric, Singh talks about Tabrez Ansari's lynching but much like her ecosystem, she erases from the discourse lynchings of non-Muslims — the Palghar lynching, the brutal killing of Kamlesh Tewari or Ankit Saxena, killed merely because he was a Hindu in love with a Muslim, and The replication of mini Shaheen Baghs across India was laced with religious slogans while claiming to be a secular movement. Many protests in UP, Karnataka turned violent with the alleged involvement of radical groups like the PFI. While Singh remembers what Kapil Mishra and Anurag Thakur said, she has a hard time remembering the statements of Waris Pathan and others. which were as provocative and divisive.

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But surely, Singh can tell us if lynchings, condemnable without a doubt, (which also happened before 2014) can be remotely compared to the deadliest anti-Muslim mass lynchings, the 1969 Ahmedabad riots, 1983 Nellie massacre, 1987 Meerut riots, 1989 Bhagalpur riots, 1992 Mumbai riots? Was PM Modi responsible for them? Sadly, no one ever wrote about how there was "no country for Muslims" under such secular regimes.

On CAA, I wonder if Singh would accuse Gandhi, Nehru and Manmohan Singh alongside Modi for being the architect of what she labels the "first discriminatory law in our history as a modern nation". Manmohan Singh in his 2003 Rajya Sabha speech advocated for a "most liberal" approach to grant citizenship to minorities from neighbouring countries. His government continued with changes in the Citizenship Amendment Rules originally brought in by the NDA that allowed granting citizenship to minority Hindus who came to India during the 1965 and 1971 wars. Today's CAA covers a larger section of non-Muslim minorities, not just Hindus from Pakistan.

Ironically, even as Singh sees the CAA being "weaponised" by Modi against Muslims, Kapil Sibal confessed that the Act will not take away anybody's citizenship during a Rajya Sabha discussion in March. So, was fear being weaponised by some for vote-bank politics? She then shifts the goalpost and is upset by the characterisation of Shaheen Bagh as some sort of "den of jihadi traitors". But if that was really how the Modi govern-

ment viewed it, why would Home Minister Amit Shah be open to having a discussion with them on the CAA within three days of them seeking his appointment formally?

The Shaheen Bagh "movement" was a

conglomeration of leaderless, disparate leftleaning politico-religious forces trying to ride on the shoulders of an emotional mobilisation where kids were brainwashed into chanting "Hitler ki maut" for the PM and "dadis", who had no real clue of either the CAA or NRC (whose draft nobody has seen), were being goaded to block a public road for months in the name of saving the Constitution even as the Supreme Court was hearing challenges to the CAA. The replication of mini Shaheen Baghs across India was laced with religious slogans while claiming to be a secular movement. Many protests in UP, Karnataka turned violent with the alleged involvement of radical groups like the PFI. While Singh remembers what Kapil Mishra and Anurag Thakur said, she has a hard time remembering the statements of Waris Pathan and others. which were as provocative and divisive.

If Singh believes that the abrogation of Article 370, end to instant triple talaq, CAA or peaceful construction of the Ram Mandir after a Supreme Court verdict amount to "no country for Muslims", all I can say is that post PM Modi's second term, one thing is clear. India is no country for appeasement and victim card politics anymore.

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

IRAN-IRAQ WAR

IRAQI WARPLANES RAIDED Teheran's international airport and eight other air bases and strips in the rest of Iran as three weeks of ground, sea and air hostilities "escalated into a full-scale war" between the two oil giants of the Persian Gulf, Baghdad Radio reported. Iraq has declared war on Iran, a spokesman for the Iraqi embassy in Ankara told AP. Earlier, Turkish news agency Anatolia had issued the same report but quoted no source. Iran downed six Iraqi aircraft as fierce aerial warfare ensued between the two countries, Iran President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said on Radio Tehran. SECURITY ORDINANCE

THE PRESIDENT HAS promulgated the national security ordinance to enable the government to detain any person to prevent him from acting against the defence or security of the country. The ordinance also enables the Centre or state governments to detain any person to prevent him/her from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of the state or the maintenance of public order or supplies and essential services. An official release that the maximum period for detention would be 12 months, but the government could revoke or modify the detention order at any time. The re-

lease said the ordinance contained sufficient safeguards against misuse.

Manipur shootout

FOUR PERSONS WERE killed, two critically wounded and seven rifles and a light machine-gun were taken away from the Special Security Bureau (SSB) headquarters at Mongsangei during an exchange of fire between the SSB group and underground insurgents, official sources said. They said about 20 insurgents raided the SSB headquarters and opened fire on personnel on duty. Two SSB personnel and one insurgent were killed instantly in the shoot-out.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

Putting farmers first

Landmark bills will create an ecosystem to facilitate remunerative prices to farmers through competitive alternative trading channels. Opposition must not spread misinformation



HARDEEP S PURI

IN 1947, AGRICULTURE contributed 50 per cent to the national income and employed more than 70 per cent of the nation's workforce. As of 2019, agriculture contributed 16.5 per cent to the national income while the sector still employs more than 42 per cent of the workforce. The political parties that governed the nation for so long sang paeans to farmer welfare while the income levels of farmers stagnated and farmers were driven towards penury, distress and suicides. They only paid lip-service to successive recommendations of panels which argued for opening up the country's agricultural markets. It is deeply unfortunate that when our prime minister has demonstrated the will to implement these long-pending transformative reforms, opposition parties are resorting to misinformation and fear-mongering to score political points.

Indian agriculture has been characterised by fragmentation due to small holding sizes, weather dependence, production uncertainties, huge wastage and market unpredictability. This makes agriculture risky and inefficient with respect to both input and output management. These challenges need to be addressed by way of realising higher productivity, cost-effective production, and efficient monetisation of the produce to increase farmers' income. The Narendra Modi government has taken various steps in this direction, for example, the implementation of the Swaminathan committee's recommendation regarding fixing MSP at least 50 per cent profits on the cost of production, increasing the agri budget by more than 11 times in the past 10 years, establishing e-NAM mandis, an Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of Rs 1 lakh crore under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Package, the scheme for the formation of 10,000 FPOs, etc.

The landmark farm bills passed on September 20 will create an ecosystem where farmers and traders enjoy the freedom of choice of sale and purchase of farming produce to facilitate remunerative prices to farmers through competitive alternative trading channels. This will promote barrier-free inter-state and intra-state trade and commerce of farming produce outside the physical premises of markets notified under state agricultural produce marketing legislation. In this way, they will facilitate farmers with more buyers for their produce at their doorsteps.

The farm bills also lay the ground of a leal framework for fair and transparent farming agreements between farmers and sponsors. This framework will facilitate greater certainty in quality and price, adoption of quality and grading standards, linkage of farming agreements with insurance and credit instruments to transfer the risk of market unpredictability from the farmer to the sponsor and also enable the farmer to access modern technology and better inputs.

These recommendations have been made several times in the past, including by the Swaminathan Committee, which suggested the removal of the mandi tax, creation of a single market and facilitating con-



tract farming.

Even the Congress manifesto in 2019 said that changes in the APMC Act will be made so that all the impediments on the export and inter-state trade of agricultural produce are removed. They had also promised to repeal the Essential Commodities Act and establish farmers' markets, where farmers can sell their produce without any controls.

The Congress manifesto for the Punjab assembly elections too had suggested that the APMC act will be upgraded so that farmers get access to inter-state and international markets; an Agriculture Production Board will be formed, which will be responsible for contract farming/land leasing; and a legislation to regulate farmers' contracts to protect farmers' interests will be enacted.

When all this is being done by the farm bills passed on September 20, the Opposition has resorted to a malicious misinformation campaign suggesting that the bills intend to remove MSP, take away the lands of our farmers and make them slaves to corporations. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

The PM and agriculture minister have clarified several times that fixed MSP and government purchase at MSP will continue and that the farm bills are not related to the MSP. In fact, the MSP for paddy has gone up 2.4 times and for wheat 1.7 times in the past five years of our government. These pieces of legislation are only to protect farmers' interests. Farmers will get better prices as no taxes will be levied on the trade of agricultural produce in the trade area as defined in the bills. Also, mandis established under APMC Acts of states will continue to work and these bills don't override state APMC Acts.

In order to ensure that our farmers are not

The PM and agriculture minister have clarified several times that fixed MSP and government purchase at MSP will continue and that the farm bills are not related to the MSP. In fact, the MSP for paddy has gone up 2.4 times and for wheat 1.7 times in the past five years of our government. These pieces of legislation are only to protect farmers' interests. Farmers will get better prices as no taxes will be levied on the trade of agricultural produce in the trade area as defined in the bills. Also, mandis established under APMC Acts of States will continue

shortchanged or cheated by anyone, the bills have several safeguards such as the prohibition of sale, lease or mortgage of farmers' land and farmers' land is also protected against any recovery. Farming agreements cannot be entered into, if they are in derogation of the rights of a sharecropper. Farmers will have access to flexible prices subject to a guaranteed price in agreements. The sponsor has to ensure the timely acceptance of delivery and payment of produce to farmers and farmers' liability is limited to only the advance received and cost of inputs provided by the sponsor. Disputes will be resolved through a Conciliation Board, to be constituted by the sub-divisional magistrate (SDM), failing which an aggrieved party may approach the concerned SDM for the settlement of the dispute. The SDM can order the recovery of the amount in dispute, impose penalties and also pass an order restraining the trader for the trade and commerce of scheduled farmers' produce for such a period as deemed fit.

These farm bills will bring transformative changes in our agricultural sector and reduce wastage, increase efficiency, unlock value for our farmers and increase farmers' incomes. At the same time, traders and other stakeholders will get the opportunity to get access to better produce and develop additional services that can be useful to local farmers, like seed/soil testing facilities and cold storages. We must not allow falsehood and political opportunism to overshadow the key measures and mechanisms enunciated through this landmark reform, which finally puts our farmers first.

> The writer is a member of the Union Council of Ministers

Making sense of the virus

"Members of the Pakistan Hindu Council have emphasised that having a mandir and a crematorium site in Islamabad was an 'essential' requirement which ought

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

Dealing with COVID-19 will require continuous evidence generation. That's why sero-surveys are important



not to be politicised."

CHANDRAKANT Lahariya

THE WORD "PANDEMIC" has its origin in a Greek word that means, "all people". An effective pandemic response, therefore, has to focus on the entire population. The art and science of promoting, protecting and improving health of the entire population is public health. Epidemiology, another word with Greek roots, means the study of what affects the population - an integral part of public health practice. Expertise in epidemiology is especially useful to prepare and respond to disease conditions, when the causative pathogen and characteristics of the population at risk – who, what, where

- are not fully understood.

In the COVID-19 pandemic, the pathogen was not well understood, and understanding evolved continuously. Those who have watched the 2011 movie, Contagion, will recall that the characters played by Kate Winslet and Marion Cotillard were the first to be dispatched to respond to the outbreak. They played the characters of epidemiologists. But in real life, experts in public health and epidemiology are not always the first to be tasked to respond.

One tool of epidemiology is the seroprevalence survey or sero-survey. In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, sero-surveys have been proposed to test the presence of antibodies against SARS CoV-2 in the general population. These surveys have been conducted in major cities across the world and many states and cities in India. Though there are stated limitations, these surveys provide useful insights on the spread of the infection. Repeat sero-surveys have a $few \, advantages \, - \, they \, provide \, information$ on trends in new infections and the effect of interventions on the pandemic response.

Three sero-surveys have been completed in Delhi between June and mid-September. In Delhi's last sero-survey, the results of which were announced last week, 33 per cent of the samples tested positive. The survey shows 4 per cent additional population - around 6 per cent of the susceptible population – developed antibodies since the last survey period, nearly 30 days ago. From a baseline of nearly 45.6 lakh people with antibodies in the first round, nearly 12.6 lakh and 7.8 lakh new people have been infected in the next two periods of 30 days each. In rounds two and three, for every COVID-19 case officially reported, there are 22 unidentified COVID-19 cases. Most of them are likely to have been asymptomatic. A similar ratio of 1:20 has been noted in sero-surveys in other cities as well.

The repeat sero-survey findings provide important insights on the possible role of herd immunity (HI). Many experts have argued that as the susceptible population goes down and the numbers of those with immunity increase, the pandemic would be

over. However, there are two important caveats. One, the detection of antibodies in a sero-survey does not mean immunity. Second, there is no consensus on the appropriate threshold population which should have immunity, threshold herd immunity or THI, before HI comes into action.

From the trends emerging from Delhi's sero-surveys, even with the very optimistic assumption that everyone who has antibodies is protected, for the hypothetical values of THI of 50 per, 60 per cent or 70 per cent, at 6 per cent of the susceptible population getting infected every passing month, these thresholds can be reached by the end of January 2021, April 2021 and September 2021. This too is very optimistic considering, as we go along, the level of personal protection and public health measures are likely to be enhanced, thus increasing the time needed to reach any THI.

Epidemiology also tells us that the concept of HI is more suitable for large and wellcontrolled geographical areas and populations. It is not very useful for large cities with wide travel and migrant inflows and outflows. Second, the protection is temporary and location specific. For instance, a person living in Delhi may be protected as a result of HI. However, once out of the city, she or he is at risk. Many experts have also argued that the concept is relevant only in case of diseases against which an effective vaccine is available. In any case, at the national level, it will be long before THI is achieved.

Fortunately, with public health and epidemiology tools at the forefront, we are increasingly developing a better understanding of the pandemic. The components of effective response are a mix of following: All individuals continue to follow non-pharmacological interventions such as face masks, hand-washing and social distancing; governments scale up public health measures of testing, contact tracing, and isolation (whether at home or in facilities) and engage community members; develop a plan for vaccine deployment to make it accessible at the earliest, once it is available; and strengthen but don't get fixated only on treatment services. These are for only one in every 20 detected cases. Effective public health response can reduce the need for treatment services.

Individually, none of these measures offer a complete solution — they are part of the solution. For example, a pandemic response with far greater attention on hospital beds and ventilators and insufficient focus on public health interventions would be akin to sweeping the floor when keeping the tap running on the full flow. Similarly, even after the vaccine is available, people will need to continue using face masks, washing hands and practising social distancing and resorting to other interventions recommended as per the public health understanding then.

The right combination of these measures can be suggested by experts who rely on continuous evidence generation. That is why the COVID-19 response needs to be guided by experts with skills in epidemiology and public health — that's why sero-surveys and other public-health oriented tools should be persisted with.

The writer is an epidemiologist and public health specialist. Views are personal



A Ministry of Happiness

We need a paradigm shift and an effective mechanism to deliver the skill of happiness

to work and these bills don't

override state APMC Acts.

Sudha Kumari

HAPPINESS ECONOMICS HAS finally received global recognition. It implies that economic indicators such as the gross national product, per capita income, healthcare facility, employment and wealth must be related with national happiness.

The World Happiness Report, 2020 has ranked 156 countries by happiness of their citizens based on six key variables - income, healthy life expectancy, social support, freedom, trust and generosity. Finland, despite not having the highest GDP, tops the list due to its social safety, personal freedom and a worklife balance while materially superior countries are ranked lower. The results mean that growth in happiness is not always accompanied by growth in economic prosperity.

A somewhat similar phenomenon called "Easterlin paradox" was observed by Richard Easterlin in post-World War USA. This paradox showed decline in happiness at a very high level of economic growth. One reason for this paradox may be skewed distribution of income and wealth resulting in growing economic inequality accompanying economic growth. These findings give some hope that national happiness can be increased even if material prosperity is not among the highest. If people are covered by a social safety net, they have little to worry about healthcare, education, unemployment or old-age pension. In today's bleak global scenario, both economically and healthwise, increasing the happiness quotient be-

comes all the more important. The term Gross National Happiness was coined in 1979 by Bhutan and was determined by nine domains and four pillars. In 2011, the United Nations recognised the achievement of happiness as a fundamental human goal, and decided to observe March 20 as the International Day of Happiness. Thanks to global surveys, there is now an increasing awareness of this goal. India, Canada, Brazil, the US, UK, UAE, the Philippines and Thailand have undertaken efforts to measure and increase happiness and well-being be-

Various states in India have taken up this task in the right earnest and started happiness counselling. The Way to Happiness Foundation International conducts workshops across schools and the Delhi Police. Happiness classes are included in Delhi schools based on the triad for happiness. Guiarat University recently introduced a certificate course in "Happiness Counselling" through meditation, yoga, neurology, social activities, music, food and dance. Madhya Pradesh has set up a happiness department and organises "Happiness Camps" to teach positive outlook towards life. Andhra Pradesh has come up with a "Happiness Index" department to measure development

We need a paradigm shift together with

an effective mechanism to deliver the skill of happiness. Social and economic tensions need to be addressed for positivity, mental peace and happiness. India has made tremendous progress in economic prosperity and healthcare infrastructure. We now need to focus on social safety networks. A scheme may be framed which allows volunteers to serve old or ailing people and their service hours get deposited in a social service bank account. In return, the volunteers can claim the same number of service hours in their own old age. This can create a wonderful chain of service and make each generation assured of old-age care, thus taking some social burden off the back of the government.

Some more actions are required. While employment of women is necessary for growth in GDP, their safety and dignity is absolutely necessary for social harmony and happiness. Media, movies and market can create awareness towards this social responsibility.

For the safety of life, traffic and cleanliness, all stray animals should be removed from the roads, parks and office buildings. All such stray animals may be looked after by animal-loving people and organisations. Compassion for animals should not mean blocking traffic, roads or parks. For enduring mental peace, litigation needs to be minimised through minimum laws codified in simple language. Delivery of justice has to be

speeded up with decisions in simple language and in the minimum length possible

to save the precious time of all. We see a growth of charitable and religious trusts, flush with funds, proliferating in an unorganised manner. They all claim to be working for all the noble objectives possible under the sun. Still there are deprived people at every nook and corner. These trusts must work in tandem with the government to achieve plan objectives in areas like education, skill centres, hospitals, helping orphans/unemployed/old people, protection of women and environment. Their growth should be allowed only in the areas where it is required. This will contain their mushroom growth in an unorganised manner and will complement/supplement the government's efforts to achieve Plan objectives through better utilisation of voluntary funds.

Our deeply divided society has to be patched up with peaceful, reconciliatory and diplomatic means like education, awareness and social safety net. We need a Ministry of Happiness with academicians, economists, psychologists and social thinkers to map the road to happiness forever. The quest of humanity for another habitable planet must begin with making our own planet happy

> The writer, an IRS officer, is Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, Delhi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WILFUL BILLS THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Railroading

the bill' (IE, September 22). The BJP-led NDA government's three farm bills indicate more its policies of crony capitalism than the welfare of farmers. If the government is so sure of their usefulness for farmers, why it did not agree for a division of votes or their referring to standing committees? The government's callousness and cunning are evident from the fact that PM is congratulating the farmers for the passage of these three bills, which they continue to oppose vehemently. The curtailment of the Question Hour and stonewalling queries on the one pretext or another and calling the dissenters anti-national show the BJP leadership's scant respect for democratic norms.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

MEDIA REGULATION

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The wrong answer' (IE, September 22). New media has revolutionised the entire media space. With minimal entry barriers, this medium of mass communication is truly democratic. The inexpensive accessibility to digital media is both its strength and its weakness. It is a force multiplier, and the content published in this media depends entirely on its creator. Self-regulatory mechanisms as they exist in the electronic media space will be of no effect. The digital-only content of established media houses, inde-

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pendent digital media platforms and

individuals with significant followers must be subjected to some rational regulatory standards

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The wrong answer' (IE, September 22). The government's unease with digital media is understandable, as content on digital platforms cannot be reined in like legacy media. Among the latter, a majority are mouthpieces of the government. Even if the government is contemplating legislation to control digital media, has it got the wherewithal to staunch the flow of so-called dubious and information?

Deepak Singhal, Chennai

Complete detail and the tender document is available on Institute website .e. http://www.iiserbpr.ac.in/tender.php and https://eprocure.gov.in. Any corrigendum etc will be notified on the above websites only.

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (Power Wing) CORRIGENDUM-III NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-NIT No.: 06/BBMB, PPH Dated: 08.06.2020 Name of Office: Superintending Engineer, Pong Power House Circle, BBMB

Name of work: Procurement of Slip Ring & Commutator Carbon Brushes for ong Units 1 to 6

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Name of Office: Superintending Engineer, Pong Power House Circle, BBMB PW), Talwara. Name of work: Procurement of Fire Hydrants, Flexline Hose Pipes & Galvanized

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

E-Tender Notice No. BCSM/25 dated 23.09.2020 Department: The Bhogpur Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd., Bhogpur invites online bids for the following job:

S.No.	Item	Quantity
	Purchase of Six Decks Mogensen Sizer type sugar grader with distribution feeder or its equivalent having capacity 30 Tonne / hr	One (1) No.
Subm	ission of tender : 08.10.2020 upto 05.00 PN	1

Opening of Technical Bid 09.10.2020 at 11.00 AM Opening of Financial Bid-09.10.2020 at 2.00 PM Negotiation 09.10.2020 at 2:30 PM (if required)

Note: For any enquiry / help regarding e-tender please contact on 84465 90632 (Nakodar), 62808-59484 (Gurdaspur), 89684-99779 (Nawanshehar), 89685-99778 (Bhogpur). Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only. GENERAL MANAGER

www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (Power Wing)

CORRIGENDUM-III NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER E-NIT No.: 04/BBMB, PPH Dated: 08.06.2020

Name of Office: Superintending Engineer, Pong Power House Circle, BBMB PW), Talwara

Name of work: Procurement of Grinding Wheel, Discs, Depressed cutting Discs, Emery paper, Emery cloth, of different sizes as per (Annexure-II) for the Pong Power House, located in Himachal Pradesh, Bhakra Power House, Nangal, Sanguwal & Kota Power House, Ganguwal and Panipat

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Government of India Department of Atomic Energy Bhabha Atomic Research Centre Technical Services Division North Site, Trombay, Mumbai-85



NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Chief Engineer, Technical Services Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, North Site, BARC, Trombay, Mumbai - 400 085, on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate tenders on two bid system for

NIT NO. BARC/TSD/154/2020-21, Name of Work - Electrical Powe Supply & cabling for Solar Testing Facility (SOTEF), Gamma Garden BARC, Trombay, Mumbai 400085.; Estimate cost - ₹1,85,00,000/-Earnest Money - ₹3,70,000/- ; Period of completion - 12 months Last date and time of submission of bid - 13.11.2020 (23:59 Hrs.). The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the Website www tenderwizard.com/DAE or www.barc.gov.in

Changes if any, in the above scheduled date etc. will be notified only in he website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE.

Contact for assistance / clarifications 24x7 @ 9969395522 Shri Rudresh

-mail: rudresh.tenderwizard@gmail.com **Chief Engineer**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of The Executive Engineer, Bangalore South Division, Amruthnagara, Konankunte Main Road, Soudamini Layout, Bengaluru-62.

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (Single & Two Cover System) (Only Through e-Procurement) The Executive Engineer, Bangalore South Division, BBMP, Bengaluru

on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors for the below mentioned works. SI. Ward Approx. Value of Work No. No. (Rs. in Lakhs) **EMD**

No.	No.	(Rs. in Lakhs)	(in Rs.)	Works
		Reserved Fe	or ST	
1	184	5.00 & 25.00 (2nd Call)	6,250/- & 25,000/-	02
2	185	10.00	12,500/-	01
		Reserved Fo	or SC	
3	184	25.00 (2nd Call)	25,000/-	01
4	185	20.00	25,000/-	01
5	192	50.00 (2nd Call)	50,000/-	01
6	194	20.00 each	25,000/-	04
7	196	30.00	30,000/-	01
8	197	15.00 (2nd Call)	18,750/ -	01
9	197	20.00 & 30.00	25,000/- & 30,000	02
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10	184	10.00 to 70.00 (2nd Call)	25,000/- to 1,40,000/-	04
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Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (2) Date of Pre-Bid Meeting: 30.09.2020 at above office 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM. (3) Last date for uploading the Filled Tenders: 14.10.2020 upto 4.00 PM. (4) Date of Opening of Technical Bids: 15.10.2020 by 4.30 PM. (5) Date of Opening of Financial Bids: After Technical bid approval. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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websites: www.kotamc.org No:- NNK/Garage/2020/1554-74 Date: 22.09.2020 NIT No 25/2020-21 (Re-Tender)

Notice inviting online bids for Supply of Sanitary Equipments (with GPS device) in Kota City on behalf of KSCL through e-procuremen portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from eligible bidders in accordance with the RTPP Act 2012 and RTPP Rules 2013, amended upto date and under national Competitive Bidding with Single Stage two envelope Bidding procedure for following works. Detailed NIT & Bid read/seen sppp.raj.nic.in http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, & Kotamc.org. Sd/

> Commissione **Municipal Corporation**



Directorate of Medical Health & Family Welfare Danda Laukhond, PO Gujrada,

Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun Bid Identification no-8P/NP/IEC/03/2020/ 15134 Dated 22 00 2020

Government of Uttarakhand "e" procurement tender Notice
Name of the Work: Supply of Corrugated Box for Home Isolation COVID-19 kit Date and time of availability of bid documents in the portal: 23.09.2020 a

Last Date and Time for receipt of bids in the portal: 30.09.2020 at 2.00 PM

Name and Address of the Officer Inviting the Bid: Director General, MH&FW, Uttarakhand, Dehradun Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be

obtained from the website https://uktenders.gov.in Portal Registration: The bidder intending to participate in the bid is required to register in the portal using his/her active personal/ official email id as his/her

Login id and attach his/her valid digital signature certificate (DSC) to his/he For any other queries the bidders are asked to contact through Mail cbcchealthuk@gmail.com.

Director Genera Medical health & FW Uttarakhand, Dehradur

FOR KIDNAPPED SEARCH



General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Mohd. Sidhu @ Imran, S/o Mohd. Lalu, R/o: Jhuggi No. 1187-A, Zakhira Rakhi Market, Rama Road, Delhi, Age: 5 years Height: 3', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, wearing Green colour T-Shirt & Half Pant and Hawai Chappal in feet, has been kidnapped

from his house since 28.04.2017. In this regard a **FIR No.** 154/17 U/S 363 IPC, dated 29.04.2017 has been registered at P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639

P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/204/WD/2020 Ph. No.: 011-25101702, 9210406020



NOTICE INVITING BID

Construction of Compound Wall, Guard Blocks, Gates and External Development works for proposed centre of excellence in International Corporate Park (ICP) at Kharghar, Navi Mumbai.

CIDCO of Maharashtra Limited through the process of e-tendering invites "ON LINE" Item Rate Percentage Bids from the experienced prospective bidders fulfilling the mandatory eligibility criteria, registered with CIDCŎ Ltd. or with Central Govt., or with State Govt. of Maharashtra and its Undertakings in appropriate class & Category, who have completed work of similar nature like Čollectively or individual work experience in Water supply works plus sewer line, SWD & reclamation works for the work mentioned below:

1) Name of Work: Construction of Compound Wall, Guard Blocks, Gates and External Development works for proposed centre of excellence in International Corporate Park (ICP) at Kharghar, Navi Mumbai. 2) C.A. No.: 03/CIDCO/EE(CP)/2020-21 3) Cost put to the Bid: Rs. 13,82,16,769.71 4) E.M.D.: Rs. 13,83,000/-Registration Class: Class - I C & above Completion Period: 275 (Two Hundred Seventy Five) Days (including monsoon) 7) Tender Processing Fee: Rs. 29,500.00 (including 18% GST (Non-Refundable))

Bid Document along with Bidding Programme will be available on the website mahatenders.gov.in from 28/09/2020 at 17.01 Hrs.

Superintending Engineer

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JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi-4,
FAX No. 0651 – 2400799, email – cesd.jseb@gmail.com
(Department of Supply & Distribution)
CIN:-U40108JH2013SGC001702

Tender Notice

For "Augmentation, Repair/Replacement and Maintenance of defective 33 & 11KV Switchgears (VCB, C.T, P.T, CRP), Earthing, Lightning Arrester and DC power supply of substations under JBVNL including supply of spare parts and Annual Maintenance Contract

	(AMC)"	
SI. NO.	e-tender Notice No.	Name of the Electric
		Supply Area
1.	41/PR/JBVNL/2020-21	Ranchi
2.	42/PR/JBVNL/2020-21	Jamshedpur
3.	43/PR/JBVNL/2020-21	Hazaribagh
4.	44/PR/JBVNL/2020-21	Girdih
5.	45/PR/JBVNL/2020-21	Dhanbad
6.	46/PR/JBVNL/2020-21	Dumka
7.	47/PR/JBVNL/2020-21	Medhninagar

Timelines for participating in all the above e-tender is

SI. No.	Event	Timelines
1.	Date of Opening of Tender	23/09/2020 at 18:00 Hrs.
	for submission	
2.	Last date and time of	Upto 14/10/2020 at 18:00
	receipt of bid documents	Hrs.
	(Online)	
3.	Last date of physical	Upto 15/10/2020 at 17:00
	submission of Tender fee	Hrs.
	& EMD	
4.	Due date of opening of	16/10/2020 at 18:00 Hrs.
	Technical bid (Part-I)	

Bid uploading/ opening will be through e-tendering norms only. The complete tender documents can be downloaded through website www.jharkhand tenders.gov.in Bidder my contact help desk for e-Procurement system at the following web address: www.jharkhantenders.gov.in. Contact Details:

General Manager (ST.&DN.) – 9798129944

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General Manager (ST. & D.N.)

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Fifty three years ago, on 23 Sep. 1965 you made supreme sacrifice for the honour of the Regiment and the country by showing exemplified gallantry & determination of highest order during "Indo-Pak war 1965". Your valour & self sacrifice acts as a source of inspiration & strength to us.

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Ref. No. 37(1)/2020-INST Date: 21.09.2020 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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फोन:- 0771-2221616 क्रमांक 2634/जसंसं/वि.अ.प्र./2020 नवा रायपुर, दिनांक : 21/09/2020

गणतंत्र दिवस परेड 2021 के अवसर पर नई दिल्ली में चयनित होने पर प्रदर्शित की जाने वाली छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य की झांकी निर्माण के लिए निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

जनसम्पर्क संचालनालय, छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, नवा रायपुर की ओर से नई दिल्ली में आयोजित होने वाल गणतंत्र दिवस 2021 की राष्ट्रीय परेड में चयन होने पर प्रदर्शित होने वाली झांकी की डिजाईन/मॉडर प्रस्तुत करने तथा अनुमोदन पश्चात तथा फेब्रिकेशन आदि कार्य कर झांकी तैयार करने हेतु टर्न-की आधार पर अनुभवी झांकी/टेब्ल्यु निर्माताओं/फर्मो से मृहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है

इच्छुक (झांकी) टेब्ल्यू निर्माता/फर्म जनसंपर्क विभाग की वेबसाईट

www.dprcg.gov.in से निविदा प्रारुप नियम शर्ते डाऊनलोड कर निविदा में भाग ले सकते है . निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क राशि रु. 2,000/- (दो हजार रुपए मात्र) (वापसी योग्य नहीं) का ''संचालव जनसंपर्क संचालनालय'' के नाम से रायपुर में देय डिमाण्ड ड्रॉफ्ट टेक्निकल बिड लिफाफा के साथ जमा करना होगा। उक्त निविदा में किसी प्रकार परिवर्तन अथवा संशोधन होने पर जानकारी उत्त वेबसाईट मे प्रदर्शित की जायेगी। संशोधन सूचना समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित नहीं किया जायेगा।

(१) पर्णतः भरे प्रपत्र जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 20/10/2020 दोपहर 3 बजे तक (२) तकनीकी प्रस्ताव प्रपत्र खोलने की तिथि दिनांक 20/10/2020 सायं 4 बजे से।

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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

LETTER/ MEMO NO. & DATE: This office memo No. 6605 dated 03.09.2020 NAME OF DEPT./BOARD/CORP./AUTH: PWD (B&R)

OLD REFERENCE/NIT/TENDER NO.: Tender ID: 2020_HRY_142587_1, Tender ID: 2020_HRY_142617_1 NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM: The tender for the noted work invited vide this office memo no. 6605 dated 03.09.2020 is hereby cancel due to administrative/technical reason.

WEBSITE OF THE DEPT./BOARD CORP./AUTH: https://etenders.hry.nic.in

NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL: Executive Engineer/01274-250515/eeed-rwr-pwd@hry.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer

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कार्यालय अधीक्षक जिला कारागार भिवानी निविदा सूचना

जिला जेल भिवानी में हरियाणा सरकार की out sourcing policy part-I दिनांक 06.04.2015 के तहत अनुबंध आधार पर 09 प्तफाई कर्मचारी प्रतिष्ठित एजेंसी/फर्म के माध्यम से लगाए जाने हैं। इच्छुंक सेवा प्रदाता एजेंसी/फर्मों से सीलबंद टेंडर आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं। हरियाणा सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित शर्तों के अनुसार सेवा प्रदाता पंजीकृत आउटसोर्सिंग प्रतिष्ठित एजेंसी के पास रजिस्ट्रेशन नंबर ई.पी.एफ.

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	संपूर्ण जेल परिसर (अंदर व बाहर) में सफाई का कार्य	एक वर्ष	l

1. निविदाएं दिनांक 28.09.2020 को सायं 5.00 बजे तक अधीक्षक जिला जेल भिवानी के कार्यालय में जमा करवाना अनिवार्य है तत्पश्चात् कोई निविदाएं स्वीकार नहीं किए जाएंगी।

निविदाएं दिनांक 30.09.2020 को पात: 11.00 बजे अधीक्षक जिला जेल भिवानी के कार्यालय में खोली जाएंगी। निविदाएं स्वीकत अस्वीकृत व रद्द करने का पूर्ण अधिकार अधीक्षक जेल, जिला जेल भिवानी का होगा।

सेवा प्रदाता एजेंसी/फर्म 05 वर्ष से स्थापित होनी चाहिए तथा 03 वर्षों का कुल कार्यानुभव तथा सरकारी विभाग में कम से कम 02 वर्ष का कार्य अनुभव होना आवश्यक है।

4. हरियाणा सरकार् की आउटसोर्सिंग पॉलिसी पार्ट–1 दिनांक 06.04.2015 द्वारा निर्धारित दर या समय–2 पर संशोधित/ DC Rate से कम कर्मचारियों का मानदेय नहीं होनी चाहिए।

5. निविदा स्वीकृत हो जाने के बाद एजेंसी को 24 घंटे के अंदर एक माह के वेतन के बराबर रुपए की प्रतिभूति राशि FDI के रूप में अधीक्षक जिला जेल भिवानी के नाम से जमा करवानी होगी। जमा प्रतिभृति राशि पर कोई भी ब्याज नहीं दिया जाएगा। सेवा शर्तों का उल्लंघन करने पर प्रतिभृति राशि को जब्त किया जा सकता है या टेंडर रद्द किया जा सकता है।

कर्मचारियों के वेतन तथा ई.पी.एफ. और ई.एस.आई. इत्यादि की अदायगी सरकारी नियमों के अनुसार कर्मचारियों के खातों में जमा

7. सेवा प्रदाता एजेंसी नियुक्त किए जाने वाले कर्मचारियों का पूर्ण डाटा उपलब्ध करवाएगी तथा सफाई कर्मचारियों के पहचान पत्र सेवा

प्रदाता एजेंसी द्वारा जारी किए जाएंगे। कर्मचारी के अवकाश/अनुपस्थिति के दौरान दूसरे कर्मचारी का प्रबंध सेवा प्रदाता एजेंसी को ही करना होगा।

9. कार्यालय द्वारा बिलों का भुगतान न किए जाने की स्थिति में कर्मचारियों को वेतन समय पर देना एजेंसी/फर्म के लिए अनिवार्य है। 10. सरकार से बजट प्राप्त होने उपरान्त आउटसोर्सिंग एजेंसी के बिलों का भुगतान किया जाएगा।

11. समय-2 पर किए गए सरकार या कार्यालय द्वारा संशोधित नियमों को स्वीकार करना आउटसोर्सिंग एजेंसी के लिए बाध्यकारी होगा

12. निविदाएं हरियाणा सरकार की आउटसोर्सिंग पॉलिसी की शर्तों के अनुसार मान्य होंगी। 13. नियमों में परिवर्तन करने का व बिना कारण बताए टेंडर रद्द करने का अधिकार अधीक्षक जेल के पास सुरक्षित होगा।

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Notice Inviting E-Tenders Gist of NIT NO. 36 OF 2020-21 Dated: 21.09.2020 For and on behalf of Lt. Governor U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer,

Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, invites e-tenders from OEM or his authorized repre-

sentative/Authorized Dealers or Registered/reputed/experienced Firms having expertise as

Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Independent Heat Pump | 85.00

The complete tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders/tenderers may view, download the e-bid document, seek clarifications and submit their bids online upto the date and

time mentioned in the table below. Tender Document contains qualifying criteria for bidders. Specifications,

29.09.2020 at 11:00 Hours

13.10.2020 upto 16:00 Hours

14.10.2020 upto 14:00 Hours

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Allotment Order.

New Delhi

15.10.2020 11:00 Hours (or next convenient day)

Rs 4500/- = (Rupees four thousand & five hundred

Rs: 170000/- (Rupees one lac & seventy thousand

Three (03) months from the date of issue of LOI or

Sd/-Executive Engineer

Mechanical, SKIMS

Ongoing works for the year 2020-21

based HVAC system to newly constructed Engineering Block at SKIMS, Soura.

Bills of Quantities, & Terms and conditions of the contract and other relevant details.

Date and time of downloading/Sale of tender documents 23.09.2020 from 11:00 Hour

vi Date & Time of Financial Bid (Cover-IInd) Opening of the qual- shall be intimated separately

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iii Last date & Time of Bid Uploading

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vii Cost of e-bid Document

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Sr Name of the Work

अधीक्षक जेल जिला कारागार भिवानी

> **Estimated Cost** (In lacs)

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e-Tender Notice

e-tender is invited on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work:-

Natesar (21.07Km) Section including Islampur & Natesar yard for one year under Dy. CE/Con/Rajgir Approx cost of the work in (Rs.): 97,55,475.17 Period of work completion: 12 [Twelve] Months S.No. 2. e-Tender No.: ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-25-20-21 in single Packet System **Name of work** Miscellaneous work of Track fo commissioning of Tilaiya - Kheraundh (24.5Km) stations and maintenance o track after commissioning of section under Dy. CE/Con/Rajgir Approx cost of the work in (Rs.): 85,85,806.87 Earnest money in (Rs): 171700.00 Period of work completion: 14 months Date and time for closing of tender: 09.10.2020 15.30 hrs.

Post/Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted.

The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on website http://www.ireps.gov.in. Note: In case o any descripencies found in tender notice English version will be final. Tenderers http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for lates corrigendum/corrections etc in

> CAO/Con/South EC. Rly. MHX.Patna

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 N.I.T No: BP-2802

Dated: 18.09.2020 Name of Office: Dy. Chief Engineer, Bhakra Power Houses Circle, BBMB (PW), Nangal. Name of Work: Dismantling of the various components of generator so as to make the Generator Shaft accessible for testing to the CPRI NDT team; and after finishing of the repeat NDT test by CPRI, further reassembly of the dismantled components, uni realignment, boxing up and commissioning on acceptable finding of CPRI: OR in case of non- acceptable findings of CPRI further storage preservation of all the dismantled and un-dismantled components of the machines with the required preservation

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Bhakra Left Bank Power House of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). Start date for upload Pre-qualification documents 21.09.2020 from 10.00 Hrs. 21.09.2020 from 10.00 Hrs. Start date for download tender documents Last date for upload Pre-qualification documents 05.10.2020 up to 16:00 Hrs. Last date for download tender documents 16.10.2020 up to 16.00 Hrs. Start date for submission of online bid 21.09.2020 up to 10.00 Hrs. Last date for submission of online bid 21.10.2020 up to 14.30 Hrs. Due date for opening technical bid

techniques ensuring no damage on these components during storage, till their reuse

after approximately two years of 126 MW Hydro Generating Machine Uni No. 4 a

22.10.2020 at 15:00 Hrs. For detailed NIT & Earnest Money to be deposited, please visit BBME website https://bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.in

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Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B Nagar, (U.P. Website: www.noidaauthorityonline. E-TENDER NOTICE E-Tenders are invited from eligible firms/contractors for the

for any changes / amendments & corrigendum etc. 10/SM(Jal)-II/ET/20-21, M/o W/s (Repairing of PVC, DI, CI Water Line and Misc. Works in Sector-90, 136, 137, 138 139, 140, 140A), Noida (For Two Years). Cost- Rs. 33.13

following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same

shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The

details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida

Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com &

http://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites

Lacs 26/SM(Jal)-II/ET/20-21, M/o Sewerage (Cleaning of Deep Sewer Line By Super Sucker Machine and Cleaning of Sewer Line for Sector's Blocks by Jetting Cum Suction Machine in Network Sector-30, 31 and 36), Noida (For Two

Years). Cost - Rs. 47.98 Lacs. The above tenders can be uploaded by date 30/09/2020 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on date 01/10/2020 at 11.00 AM.

46/SM(Jal)-II/ET/20-21, M/o Sewerage (Raising of Manhole, cleaning of Manhole and C/F of Manhole cover frame and other sewer related work in Sec-33, 34, 35, and Village-Morna), Noida (For Two Year). Cost - Rs. 51.14 Lacs. 48/SM(Jal)-II/ET/20-21, M/o W/s (Repairing of Sluice Valve

Reflex Valve and M.S. Work at Network Sector-86, 87, 88) Noida (For Two Year), Cost - Rs. 35.31 Lacs. The above tenders can be uploaded by date 07/10/2020

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upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on date 08/10/2020 at 11.00 AM. Office: (YOGENDRA KUMAR) SENIOR MANAGER (JAL)-II, NOIDÁ Sector-37

DVERTISEMENT CONTRACT

E-Tender Notice No.: KYQ/CDO Re/Eam/02/19-20, Dated: 21-09-2020 -Tender are invited by the undersign or the following work. Tender No KYC/CDORe/Eart/0/19-20, Dated: 21-09 020. Name of Work : Sole Righ diensement Contract on Annual Rent basis for display of advertisement on Bottle crushing machine situated in Gueshatia amakhya abdion. Reserve Price for on nr: \$0,727-; Earnest Money: \$5,000 Cost of Tender : ₹ 1,000/-; Date 8 Time of Closing of tender at 15:00 fra 19-10-2020. Date & Time of Openio of tender at 15:30 hrs. on 19-10-2020

> Sr. Coaching Depat Officer **NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**

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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. -ECR-CAO-CON-NORTH-ETN-30-20-21 E-TENDER NOTICE NO.- ECR-CAO CON-NORTH-ETN-30-20-21 E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF

THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE

Particulars : S.N. 1. Name of work

Soil Exploration Test for Darbhanga Bye Pass Line between Kakarghati & Shish Stations (excluding Darbhang) Junction) in Samastipur Division of Ea Central Railway. 2. Approx cost fo the work: Rs. 30,53,261.23 3. Earnest money: Rs. 61,100/- 4. Date and time for closing of tender: 14.10.2020 at 14.30 hrs. 5. Website particulars details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc.: The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available or website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in. and also can see in the office of CAO/Con/ECR MHX, Patna **Note** : Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date

of closing for latest corrigendum corrections etc in response to this E-tender. CAO/Con/North EC. Rly. MHX.Patna PR/664/CON/ ENGG/T/20-21/40

S.No. 1. e-Tender No.: ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-24-20-21 in single Packet System Name of work: Maintenance of Track after commissioning of Islampur-

Any e-tenderes which is sent by

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CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

CWVID-19 VACCINE TRACKER

WHO global initiative has only \$3 bn of \$38 bn target so far

A WORLD Health Organization (WHO)-backed initiative to accelerate the development and manufacture of a coronavirus vaccine and make it available to all has so far garnered only \$3 billion in investments, when the need is for at least \$38 billion.

This initiative, called the COVAX Facility, aims to pool in resources to accelerate the development of the most promising of the coronavirus

vaccine candidates, and then ensure it is equitably accessible to all the participating countries. This is the alternative to the go-it-alone approach some rich countries like the US have been taking by funding the development of their preferred candidate vaccines, and pre-booking guaranteed supplies if these are successful and get

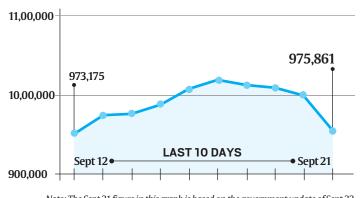
The COVAX Facility, if successful, would ensure that poorer countries are not starved of the vaccine whenever it is finally ready. As WHO has repeatedly em-

phasised, the goal should be to ensure that the vaccine should be available to some people, the most needy ones first, in all countries, rather than to all

people in some countries. But despite the interest shown by a large number of countries, the actual investments into the initiative have been below satisfactory.

INDIA ACTIVE CASES

975,861



Note: The Sept 21 figure in this graph is based on the government update of Sept 22

INDIA TOTAL CASES ource: Ministry of Health & Family

Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Sept 22

WORLD TOTAL CASES

Source: Johns Hopkins University updated at 11 pm on Sept 22

How pandemic has disrupted access to Parkinson's medication

A GLOBAL survey of healthcare professionals has found that during the pandemic, patients with Parkinson's disease in large parts of Asia, Africa, and Latin and South America experienced difficulty in accessing their medication. The email survey was done by the Movement Disorders Society in June,

and published in the journal pared with more affluent countries. Movement Disorders recently. It received 346 responses from 76

countries. The responses indicated that 88.9% of those in low-income countries considered access to



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ication to have been affected by Covid-19, compared with 22.8% of those in high income countries. All of the surveyed health professionals in low-income countries indicated that this would result in increased disability. Resource-poor countries appear to be dispropor-

Parkinson's disease med-

tionately affected com-Patients from high income countries in East Asia, Europe and North

America were less affected.

Source: Queen Mary University of London

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The farmer — a field report

Government says its reform Bills will make it easier for farmers to sell their produce to private players. How remunerative is farming at present, and how heavily is the sector regulated? What the data show

Average loan

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE GOVERNMENT'S push to reform India's agriculture sector has divided opinions and triggered a debate about the state of Indian agriculture. In the context of this debate, two long-standing characteristics of Indian agriculture are noteworthy. One, Indian agriculture is highly unremunerative. Two, it has been heavily regulated by the government and protected from the free play of market forces.

According to the government, the new Bills passed by Parliament attempt to make it easier for farmers to sell to and produce for the private sector. The hope is that liberalising the sector and allowing greater play for market forces will make Indian agriculture more efficient and more remunerative for the farmers

In this context, it is important to understand some of the basics of Indian agriculture.

Holdings, income & debt

At the time of Independence, about 70% of India's workforce (a little less than 100 million) was employed in the agriculture sector. Even at that time, agriculture and allied activities accounted for around 54% of India's national income. Over the years, agriculture's contribution to national output declined sharply. As of 2019-20, it was less than 17% (in gross value added terms). And yet, the proportion of Indians engaged in agriculture has fallen from 70% to just 55% (Chart 1).

A crucial statistic is the proportion of landless labourers (among people engaged in this sector) as it captures the growing level of impoverishment. It went up from 28% (27 mn) in 1951 to 55% (144 mn) in 2011.

Data shows that 86% of all landholdings in India are small (between 1 and 2 hectares) and marginal (less than 1 hectare - roughly half a football field). The average size among marginal holdings is just 0.37 ha. According to a 2015 study by Ramesh

Chand, now a member of Niti Aayog, a plot smaller than 0.63 ha does not provide enough income to stay above the poverty line.

The combined result of several such inefficiencies is that most Indian farmers are heavilv indebted (Chart 2). The data shows that 40% of the 24 lakh households that operate on landholdings smaller than 0.01 ha are indebted. The average amount is Rs 31,000.

Agood reason why such a high proportion of farmers is so indebted is that Indian agriculture – for the most part – is unremunerative.

WHAT THE INDIAN FARMER OWNS, OWES AND EARNS

CHART 1: THE FARM WORKFORCE

Total engaged in agriculture Agricultural labourers (% of (% of workforce) agricutltural workforce) 69.70% 28.10% 1961 69.50% 69.50% 1971 37.80% 69.70% 1981 60.50% 37.50% 1991 59% 40.30% 2001 58.20% 45.60% 54.60% 54.90%

CHART 2: INDEBTEDNESS BY LANDHLODINGS (JULY 2012-JUNE 2013)

Indebted farm

(hectares)	household (lakhs)	amount (Rs)
Up to 0.01	10.02	31,100
0.01-0.40	135.97	23,900
0.41-1.00	152.16	35,400
1.01-2.00	86.11	54,800
2.01-4.00	56.10	94,900
4.01-10.00	25.21	1,82,700
10 & above	2.92	2,90,300
All India	468.48	47,000

CHART 3: INCOM	NE AND INDEBTEDN	ESS
State	Farm households indebted (%)	Monthly income per household (Rs)
Andhra Pradesh	92.9%	5,979
Bihar	42.5%	3.558
Punjab	53.2%	18,059
West Bengal	51.5%	3,980
AllIndia	E1 00/-	6.426

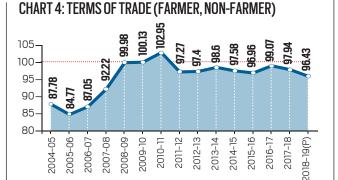


CHART 5: PROCUREMENT & PRODUCTION, 2018-19

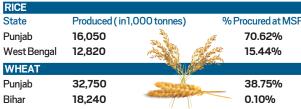


CHART 6: MIGRATION OF FARMERS

Out-migrants Uttar Pradesh

79,49,853 Raiasthan

CHART 7: SHARE OF FOOD PROCESSING GVA IN TOTAL MANUFACTURING GVA (%)

India (2017) Indonesia (2018) New Zealand (2013) USA (2018) 39,49,277 France (2018)

Source: Agriculture Statistics at a Glance 2019; Census 2011 (Chart 6); RBI (Chart 7)

Chart 3 provides the monthly income estimates for an agriculture household in four very different states as well as the all-India number.

Buying & selling

Land owned

Another way of understanding the plight of the farmers relative to the rest of the economy is to look at the Terms of Trade between farmers and non-farmers (Chart 4). Terms of Trade is the ratio between the prices paid by the farmers for their inputs and the prices received by the farmers for their output, explained Himanshu, an economics professor at INU. As such, 100 is the benchmark. If the ToT is less than 100, it means farmers are worse off.

A key variable in the debate is the role of minimum support prices. Many protesters fear governments will roll back the system of MSPs. MSP is the price at which the government buys a crop from a farmer

But although MSPs are announced for around 23 crops, actual procurement happens for very few crops such as wheat and rice. Moreover, the percentage of procurement varies sharply across states (Chart 5). As a result, actual market prices — what the farmers get — are often below MSPs.

Other variables

These trends of income, indebtedness and procurement are aligned to the inter-state migration. Chart 6 shows the states that witness the most out-migration.

Lastly, the government hopes that these reforms, including the relaxations to stocking food articles, will boost the food processing industry. An RBI study (Chart 7) found that India has a lot of room to grow in this regard, and

Women in armed forces: new strides, miles to go

SUSHANT KULKARNI PUNE. SEPTEMBER 22

THE INDIAN Navy on Monday announced the selection of two women officers as observers in the helicopter stream, making them the first women airborne combatants who will operate from warships. In March, the Supreme Court had upheld

the eligibility of women Short Service Commission officers in the Navy for the Permanent Commission. Last December, the Navy had inducted its first woman pilot. A look at how the role of women in the

Navy has evolved over the years:

Earlier...

Until 1992, women officers were inducted in the Navy only in the medical stream from the Armed Forces Medical Service. From July 1992, the Navy started inducting women in select branches, initially through a special entry scheme and later through the Short Service Commission. Over the years, various branches



Sub Lieutenants Kumudini Tyagi and Riti Singh, selected as Observers in Navy's helicopter stream. PTI

were added, and currently women officers can join the Navy in Air Traffic Control, Observers, Law, Logistics, Education, Naval Architecture, Pilots in Maritime Reconnaissance Stream, and the Naval Armament Inspectorate. As in the Army and the Air Force, women are currently only inducted as Commissioned Officers and not in Other Ranks (Junior Commissioned Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers). In the early 2000s women officers from the

Medical and Logistics stream were deployed armed forces are of 10 years, extendable by on board Navy ships. These deployments were later discontinued for various reasons.

The new landmark Observers are airborne tacticians. Until

now women were inducted as observers for fixed wing aircraft that take off and land ashore. Entry in the helicopter stream means that women officers can now be deployed on frontline warships from which helicopters can operate. Most of the large warships of the Navy do

have basic living arrangements that can be allocated for women. The question of gender sensitisation, on the other hand, is something many believe would require an effort. Serving and retired women officers sound

a cautionary note against the celebrations, until these moves actually result in more women coming into operational streams and new streams being opened for women. Level playing field

Short Service Commission tenures in the

four years, after which officers can be eligible for Permanent Commission. In March, the Supreme Court upheld this eligibility for women Short Service Commission officers "A level playing field ensures that women have the opportunity to overcome their his-

tories of discrimination with the surest of responses based on their competence, ability and performance," Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice Ajay Rastogi observed. Women officers have expressed the hope that these developments would result in

women being posted at commanding positions on ships, and someday lead to women being deployed in the most challenging roles including in submarines. "The place of women in the armed forces

today is a result of daily battles fought by numerous women officers on various fronts of personal and professional life... and also legal battles. Don't these battles make women fit for military battles and operational roles?" said a woman officer...

How home, auto, study loans are being recast, and who can apply

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI.SEPTEMBER 22

BANKS LED by State Bank of India are offering

a moratorium of two years to retail investors who have taken home, education, auto or personal loans under the loan restructuring policy approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). However, interest will be charged during the two-year period, and there will be an additional interest of 0.35% per annum.

While SBI was the first off the block with its recast plan for Covid-19-hit retail borrowers, other public sector banks are gearing up to offer similar products in the coming days. Private sector HDFC Bank has stipulated a minimum outstanding balance of Rs 25,000 to consider credit card or loan outstanding for restructuring under the scheme approved by RBI. HDFC has indicated it may levy a fee if the borrower chooses to restructure the loan.

What are the reliefs available?

The relaxations under the framework. subject to compliance with bank norms, in-

clude moratorium up to a maximum of 24 months, rescheduling of instalments, and extension of tenure by a period equivalent to the moratorium granted subject to a maximum of 2 years, SBI says.

During the moratorium period, borrowers don't have to pay EMIs. Interest will be charged during the moratorium period. The moratorium sanctioned under the framework will be in addition to the moratorium granted by the bank earlier. If the borrowers have surplus cash during the moratorium, they can pay EMIs during the moratorium. This will help in reducing the interest amount.The borrower is not eligible for additional loan facilities under the framework.

Will there be any change in EMI and pricing of the loan after the recast?

The tenure of the loan will be extended by the period of the moratorium and the EMI payable after the moratorium will be recalculated and advised to the customers.

tional interest of 0.35% over and above their

current pricing for the remaining tenure of

Borrowers will be required to pay addi-

the loan, SBI says. This is to offset the partial cost of additional provisions required to be made by the bank.

Who is eligible for loan restructuring? A retail borrower will be considered af-

fected by the pandemic if any of these conditions are fulfilled: ■Her/his salary or income in August 2020 has got reduced when compared to February

■ Reduction or suspension in salary during the lockdown period and job loss or closure of business;

Closures during lockdown or reduced activity of units or shops or business establishments in the case of self-employed, professionals and businessmen are also considered.

the eligibility conditions are:

To be eligible under the recast framework,

■The retail loan should be a "standard ac-

under this framework; ■ It should have been "standard", not in default for more than 30 days as on March 1,

count" as on the date of application for relief

"The customers can check their eligibility for the restructuring of their loans through this portal (www.sbi.co.in) sitting at their home/office or from anywhere as per their convenience and comfort," said CS Setty, Managing Director (Retail & Digital Banking), SBI. "The main criteria is whether the borrower is impacted by Covid pandemic."

Which are the loans covered under this

Retail loans including housing and other related loans, education loans, auto loans (other than loans for commercial use) and personal loans are eligible for restructuring.

The maximum age up to which the tenure of the loan can be extended, SBI says, is product-specific. For example, in the case of a home loan, the tenure can be extended up to a maximum of 24 months or until the primary borrower attains 77 years of age, whichever is earlier. In any case, the tenure of the loan can be extended only up to maximum 24 months under this framework.

The last date to apply for relief under this framework is December 24, 2020.

What are the documents required? According to SBI, copies of the following

documents need to be uploaded (if applying online) or submitted along with the application form at the home branch:

■ Salary slips for the month of February 2020 and the current/latest salary slip;

■ A declaration of estimated salary/income immediately after the end of the desired moratorium period (max. 24 months); ■Letter of discharge from job (in the case

of job loss); ■ Account statements of the account where salary is credited in the case of salaried

employees or, ■ Statement of operating account in the case of businessmen/self-employed/professionals for the period February 2020 until 15 days prior to submission of application and declaration by self-employed professionals/ businessmen declaring that their business is affected by Covid-19.

Is a borrower eligible for restructuring of multiple loan accounts?

Yes, SBI says. If one of the borrower's loan

New Delhi

accounts at SBI is irregular for more than 30 days as on March 1, 2020, other loan accounts that were standard and met the eligibility criteria would be eligible for relief under this framework.

However, eligibility for a new loan will depend on the prescribed eligibility norms for the respective loan scheme of the bank as applicable from time to time.

How does retail recast compare with corporate loan recast okayed by the RBI?

The retail loan restructuring is liberal compared to the corporate loan recast plan recommended by the K V Kamath Committee. The RBI has broadly accepted the committee's recommendation to take into account five specific financial ratios and sector-specific thresholds for each ratio in respect of 26 sectors while finalising the resolution plans.

That process is complicated as signing of Inter-Creditor Agreement (ICA) is a mandatory requirement for all lending institutions in all cases involving multiple lending institutions.



EU Council President

EUROPE

EU postpones summit after Michel goes into quarantine

THE CORONAVIRUS panforced the European Union to postpone a scheduled summit for a week after EU Council President Charles Michel went into quarantine because a close collaborator was diagnosed with Covid-19. Spokesman Barend Leyts said Tuesday that Michel "today learned that a security officer, with whom he was in close contact early last week, tested positive for Covid". Leyts said that the European Council chief is "respecting Belgian rules" and "he has gone into quarantine as of today". The EU had been preparing to stage its second live summit in a little over two months.

PAKISTAN

Pak honours outgoing Chinese envoy with award

PAKISTAN ON Tuesday conferred the country second-highest civilian award. Hilal-e-Pakistan, on outgoing Chinese ambassador Yao Jing for his services in improving bilateral relations. President Arif Alvi conferred the award at a special ceremony held at Aiwan-e-Sadr, according to a statement by the office of the president. The President said China was a close friend, which has always supported Pakistan on all issues of national interest, and emphasised the

Execution planned for killer who said he was driven by

need for further strength-

ening defence cooperation.

witchcraft A FORMER US soldier who said an obsession with witchcraft led him to slav a Georgia nurse in a bid to lift a spell he believed she put on him is the first of two more inmates the federal government is preparing to put to death this week. William Emmett LeCroy, 50, on Tuesday would be the sixth federal inmate executed by lethal injection this year at the US prison in Terre Haute, Indiana. Critics say President Donald Trump's resumption of federal executions this year after a 17year hiatus is a cynical bid to help him claim the mantel of law-and-order candidate leading up to Election Day.

TOPOFTHE China sharply expands mass labour programme in Tibet, mirroring Xinjiang

Tibetan rural labourers pushed into military-style training centres to turn them into factory workers

CATE CADELL

BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 22

CHINA IS pushing growing numbers of Tibetan rural labourers off the land and into recently built military-style training centres where they are turned into factory workers, mirroring a programme in the western Xinjiang region that rights groups have branded coercive labour.

Beijing has set quotas for the mass transfer of rural labourers within Tibet and to other parts of China, according to over a hundred state media reports, policy documents from government bureaus $in Tibet \, and \, procurement \, requests \,$ released between 2016-2020 and reviewed by Reuters. The quota effort marks a rapid expansion of an initiative designed to provide loyal workers for Chinese industry.

A notice posted to the website of Tibet's regional government website last month said over half a million people were trained as part of the project in the first seven months of 2020 around 15% of the region's population. Of this total, almost 50,000 have been transferred into jobs within Tibet, and several thousand have been sent to other parts of China. Many end up in low paid work, including

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 22

PAKISTAN ARMY chief General

Qamar Javed Bajwa and ISI head

Lt Gen Faiz Hameed held a secret

meeting with key Opposition

leaders just days before a multi-

party conference and asked

them to refrain from dragging

the military's name into their po-

litical differences with Prime

Minister Imran Khan, Dawn

newspaper reported on Tuesdav.

Hameed held the meeting on Sept

16. and around 15 politicians, in-

cluding Leader of the Opposition

in the National Assembly Shahbaz

Sharif and Pakistan Peoples Party

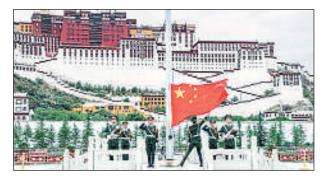
chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari,

Dawn reported that Bajwa and

Pak Army, ISI secretly

met Opp leaders ahead of

multi-party event: report



The Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet. Beijing has set quotas for the mass transfer of rural labourers within Tibet and to other parts of China, according to reports and policy documents. Reuters

textile manufacturing, construction and agriculture.

"This is now, in my opinion, the strongest, most clear and targeted attack on traditional Tibetan livelihoods that we have seen almost since the Cultural Revolution" of 1966 to 1976, said Adrian Zenz, a Tibet and Xinjiang researcher, who compiled the findings about the programme. These are detailed in a report released this week by the Jamestown Foundation, a USbased institute that focuses on policy issues of strategic importance. "It's a coercive lifestyle change from nomadism and farming to wage labour."

Reuters corroborated Zenz's

According to the ground

Political observers linked the

rules set for the session, the

meeting was not to be publicly

timing of the meeting and its dis-

closure with the Opposition's

multi-party conference held here

on Sunday in which former PM

Nawaz Sharif strongly criticised

the Army, saying there was "a state

leaders, in comparison to Sharif's

remarks, was relatively subtle.

Sharif is currently in London for

Rashid said the meeting was to

discuss changes in the constitu-

tional status of Gilgit-Baltistan. PTI

medical treatment

Criticism by other Opposition

Railways Minister Sheikh

above the state in the country".

disclosed, the report said.

findings and found additional policy documents, procurement filings and state media reports that describe the programme.

China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

strongly denied the involvement

of forced labour, and said China is a country with rule of law and that workers are voluntary and properly compensated. "What these people with ulterior motives are calling 'forced labor' simply does not exist. We hope the international commu-

nity will distinguish right from wrong, respect facts, and not be fooled by lies," it said. China seized control of Tibet

after Chinese troops entered the region in 1950, in what Beijing calls a "peaceful liberation". Tibet has since become one of the In a statement to Reuters, most restricted and sensitive ar-

Labour and

ideology

CHINA HAS, for years, trans-

ferred surplus rural labour

boost the economy. But in

Tibet and Xinjiang, the fear

is that the focus on ideologi-

points to a coercive move to

lifestyle of ethnic minorities.

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tary-style management

alter the culture and

into industry as a way to

eas in the country. The Tibetan programme is expanding as international pressure is growing over similar projects in Xinjiang, some of which have been linked to mass detention centres. AUN report has estimated that around one million people in Xinjiang, mostly ethnic Uighurs, were detained in camps and subjected to ideological education. China has said the camps were vocational and education centres. REUTERS

Xi critic handed 18-year jail term

NYC cop accused

A NEW York police officer was charged with acting as an illegal agent of China, after the Tibetanorigin man was accused of spying on supporters of the Tibetan independence movement in the US for the Chinese government. Baimadajie Angwang, 33, was arrested Monday. He was also charged with committing wire fraud, making false statements and obstructing an official pro-

called an especially harsh senabout government efforts to bat-

CHINA SENTENCED a high-profile critic of President Xi Jinping to 18 years in prison for graft, a court said on Tuesday, in what some tence amid an ongoing clampdown on dissent. Ren Zhiqiang, 69, the ex-chairman of Huayuan, a state-owned real estate group, was detained in March after referring to Xi as "a clown stripped naked who insisted on continuing being emperor" after a speech the Chinese President made

of spying for China

tle the coronavirus. REUTERS

disputes. Trump, facing a November

> lowing people to leave China in the early stages of the outbreak to infect the world while shutting down domestic travel.

AT UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Trump calls for action on China over virus, Xi urges cooperation

MICHELLE NICHOLS & STEVE HOLLAND SEPTEMBER 22

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump used the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday to attack China's handling of the coronavirus pandemic, saying the world body "must hold China accountable" for its actions related to the outbreak.

By contrast, China's President Xi Jinping struck a conciliatory tone in his pre-recorded virtual address to the General Assembly, calling for enhanced cooperation over the pandemic and stressing that China had no intention of fighting "either a Cold War or a hot one" with any other country.

The leaders of the world's two largest economies laid out their competing visions as relations have plunged to their worst level in decades against the backdrop of the pandemic, with coronavirus tensions aggravating trade and technology

re-election battle with the US dealing with the world's highest number of deaths and infections from the coronavirus, focused his speech on attacking China.

Trump accused Beijing of al-



Trump and Xi were played at the UN on Tuesday

"We must hold accountable the nation which unleashed this plague onto the world, China," he said in remarks taped on Monday at the White House and delivered remotely to the General Assembly due to the pandemic. In introducing Xi's remarks,

China's UN ambassador Zhang Jun said Beijing "resolutely rejects the baseless accusations against China". In what appeared to be an im-

plicit rebuke to Trump, Xi in his address called for a global response to the virus and giving a leading role to the WHO, which the US President has announced plans to leave, "Facing the virus, we should enhance solidarity and get through this together," he said. We should follow the guidance of science, give full play to the leading role of the World Health Organisation and launch a joint international response to beat this pandemic. Any attempt of politicising the issue, or stigmatisation, must be rejected." REUTERS

Trump SC push gains steam as Romney backs vote on nominee

ASSOCIATED PRESS WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 22

SENATE REPUBLICANS have swiftly fallen in line behind US President Donald Trump's push to fill the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Supreme Court seat as one of the last holdouts, Senator Mitt Romney, said Tuesday he supports a vote despite Democrats' objections it's

Trump, who will announce his nominee Saturday, is all but certain to have the votes to confirm his choice. "I guess we have all the votes we're going to need," Trump told WJBX FOX 2 in Detroit on Tuesday, "I think it's going to happen."

too close to the Nov 3 election.

Conservatives are pushing for a vote before Election Day. Republicans hold a slim 53-47 majority in the Senate, and a simple majority is needed for confirmation. But with early voting for president already underway in several states, all sides are girding for a wrenching Senate battle

Romney backed up his decision by saying it's not "written in the stars" that the court should have a liberal bent, and Trump's pick will tip the nation's high court to become more conservative.

It's "appropriate," he told reporters at the Capitol, "for a nation." which is, if you will, center right, to have a court which reflects a set of right points of view.'

No court nominee in the history of the United States has been considered so close to a presidential election

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runner. A devout Catholic mother of seven. she is a favourite of considered a strong

BARBARA LAGOA

opponent of abortion.

Lagoa, 52, is a Cuban American judge from Florida. Her potential nomination is being touted as a way for Trump to shore up flagging support in the key battleground state.

IOAN LARSEN

Larsen, 51, has excited conservatives by promoting an originalist interpretation of legal texts and vowing not to 'legislate from the bench'.

ALLISON RUSHING Rushing, 38, got into the

4th US Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond just 18 months ago. If elevated to the Supreme Court, she would be the youngest iustice confirmed since the early 1800s.

NZ's Ardern seen cruising to win as election nears

PRAVEEN MENON

WELLINGTON, SEPTEMBER 22

PRIME MINISTER Jacinda Ardern is on course for a historic election win next month, an opinion poll showed on Tuesday, as New Zealanders cheered her success in containing the novel coronavirus.

The 1News-Colmar Brunton poll showed support for Ardern's Labour Party was at 48%, down 5 percentage points from the last poll in July, but still enough to give it a majority in parliament.

The government imposed a second coronavirus lockdown in the biggest city Auckland in mid-



Ardern

would get 62 of the 120 parliament seats and would be able to govern alone, which would be a first since the country adopted a German-style mixed member proportional system in 1994.

Ardern became the country's youngest leader in more than 150 years in 2017 after the kingmaker nationalist New Zealand First Party agreed to form a government with her Labour Party. **REUTERS**



The results mean Labour

Russia to share vaccine's legal risks

Moscow, Brasilia: Russia is so **BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris** confident in its Covid-19 vaccine that it will shoulder some of the legal liability should anything go cluding tougher curfews and curbs wrong, rather than requiring buyers to take on the full risk, the head of the state fund

US Mourns As Covid Toll Hits 200,000

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi stands among 20,000 American flags representing the 200,000

lives lost in the US due to Covid-19, at the National Mall in Washington. The US has recorded the

'Work from home': Boris sets out

new curbs set to last six months

most deaths from the virus in the world, with the toll going up to over 200,000 Tuesday. Reuters

bankrolling the project said. The decision leaves the vaccine's state-backed developers open to potentially costly compensation claims should there

ple that a stitch in time saves nine," he told MPs.

The latest set of measures call on all office workers to work from home, where they can do so. From Thursday, all pubs, bars and restaurants must operate at table service only, except for takeaways, and tomarket share. **REUTERS** gether with all hospitality venues

be any unexpected side-effects.

It is something many vaccine-

makers have sought to avoid,

by asking for full indemnity –

complete protection from lia-

bility claims — from nations

they sell to. With the global

vaccine race hotting up, back-

ers of Russia's 'Sputnik-V' shot

see liability as a key battle-

ground as they aim to capture

they must close from 10 pm.

The requirement to wear $masks-already\ mandatory\ in$ many enclosed public areas – will be extended to include staff in retail, taxi users, and customers in indoor hospitality settings. PTI

AFRICA'S CDC HELPED STEER THE CONTINENT'S 54 COUNTRIES TO FORM A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 22

Johnson on Tuesday laid out a new

set of coronavirus restrictions, in-

on gatherings and a message for

people to work from home, as the

UK heads towards a second lock-

down which could last six months.

Commons, Johnson said the UK

had reached a "perilous point" as

the rate of infections is rising at

an accelerating pace across the

country. He, however, stressed

that the latest set of measures,

which widen the legal require-

ments for face coverings and set

out earlier closing times for pubs,

bars and restaurants, will help

avoid a full national lockdown.

"We're acting on the princi-

Addressing the House of

As many rich nations struggle, Africa's coronavirus response gets praise

CARA ANNA

JOHANNESBURG, SEPT 22

AT A lecture to peers this month, John Nkengasong showed images that once dogged Africa, with a magazine cover declaring it "The Hopeless Continent." Then he quoted Ghana's first president. Kwame Nkrumah: "It is clear that we must find an African solution to our problems, and that this can

only be found in African unity." The coronavirus pandemic has fractured global relationships. But as director of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Nkengasong has helped to steer Africa's 54 countries into an alliance praised as responding better than some richer countries, including the United States.

A former US CDC official, he modeled Africa's version after his ex-employer. Nkengasong is pained to see the US agency struggle. In an interview with The Associated Press, he didn't name US President Donald Trump but cited "factors we all know."

While the US nears 200,000 Covid-19 deaths and the world approaches 1 million, Africa's surge has been leveling off. Its 1.4 million confirmed cases are far from the horrors predicted. Antibody testing is expected to show many more infections, but most cases are asymptomatic. Just over 34,000 deaths are confirmed on the continent of 1.3 billion people.

stead of leading the world.

Foundation honors Tuesday with its Global Goalkeeper Award as a "relentless proponent of global collaboration," is the continent's most visible narrator. The Cameroon-born virologist insists that Africa can stand up to Covid-

"Africa is doing a lot of things

right the rest of the world isn't," said Gayle Smith, a former administrator with the USAgency for International Development. She's watched in astonishment as Washington looks inward in-Nkengasong, whom the Gates

19 if given a fighting chance. Early modeling assumed "a



Nurses who care for coronavirus patients take part in a Zumba dance-fitness class outside a hospital in Nairobi, Kenya. AP

large number of Africans would just die," Nkengasong said. The Africa CDC decided not to issue

projections. "When I looked at the data and the assumptions, I wasn't convinced," he said.

Experts point to Africa's youthful population as a factor in why Covid-19 hasn't taken a larger toll, along with swift lockdowns and the later arrival of the virus.

As Africa's top public health official, leading an agency launched only three years ago, he plunged into the race for medical supplies and now a vaccine. At first, it was a shock.

"The collapse of global cooperation and a failure of international solidarity have shoved Africa out of the diagnostics market," Nkengasong wrote in the journal *Nature* in April.

Supplies slowly improved, and African countries have conducted 13 million tests, enough to cover 1% of the continent's population. Nkengasong urges African countries not to wait for help and rejects the image of the conti-

nent holding a begging bowl. The money is there, he said. Acting on that idea, Africa's public and private sectors created an online purchasing platform to focus their negotiating power, launched by the African

Union to buy directly from manufacturers. Governments can browse and buy rapid testing kits, N95 masks and ventilators, some now manufactured in Africa in another campaign endorsed by heads of state.

Impressed, Caribbean countries have signed on.

"It's the only part of the world I'm aware of that actually built a supply chain," said Smith, the former USAID chief. When the pandemic began, just two African countries could test for the coronavirus. Now all can. Nkengasong was struck by how much information "doesn't get translated" to member states, so the Africa CDC holds online training on everything from safely handling bodies to genomic surveillance.

"Ilook at Africa and Ilook at the US, and I'm more optimistic about Africa" said Sema Sgaier, director of the Surgo Foundation, which produced a Covid-19 vulnerability index for each region. AP

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 $Note: Gold, silver\, rates\, at\, Delhi\, spot\, market; gold\, per\, 10\,g, silver\, per\, 1\,kg; Brent\, crude\, as\, of\, 1930\, IST\, and the contraction of the contraction of$



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STANDARD CHARTERED BANK, NEW YORK

Delhi, Dubai: US bank red-flags garment export firms under DRI, ED scanner

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN

RFNFFICIARIES OF an estimated suspected to have moved their funds unhindered between

Indian Express. In its Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) filed in 2017 with US watchdog for money laundering Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Standard Chartered Bank, New York, flagged 717 transactions worth \$105.05 million between Dubai-based Al Khat Al Fizi Trading LLC and six companies engaged in export of garments. Five are allegedly controlled by Delhi-based textile businessman Sahdev Gupta and the sixth is linked to Surat-based alleged

Fatta came under the scanner of the Directorate of Revenue (DRI) Enforcement Directorate (ED) respectively in 2014, in two separate unlinked cases.

against Fatta is also being monitored by the Supreme Court-Team (SIT) investigating black money stashed abroad.

Standard Chartered's SAR has now reported transactions that link the alleged money laundering activities of Gupta with Fatta. The six firms flagged by the bank include five linked to Gupta and one to Fatta. Gupta's firms include: DSM International Garments Pvt Ltd; GD Mangalam Exim Pvt Ltd; Konark Exim Pvt Ltd: Sidh Designers Pvt Ltd and Yogmava Traders Pvt Ltd. The sixth one is Al Almas FZE, linked to Fatta. These firms, according to the Registrar of Companies (RoC). are engaged in export of textiles

Mangalam received 116 payvorth \$20.02 mill taling \$19,26 million; Konark got 75 payments totaling \$14.11 miland Al Almas received five pay-

Baroda in UAE and the US.

Calling these transactions suspicious, the bank flagged how the main entity. Al Khat, received and/or remitted "unusual" multiple payments and how several payments were made the same day, consecutive days, or close in time to the same

Konark seemed to have "acted

"The main entity presumably purchased (goods) more than \$77 million, which is more than 70% of the total transaction value, worth of garments from these entities alone. The amounts and volume of transactions with these entities far exceeds the number and value of the transactions with the other counterparties, and does not appear commensurate with the purchase of garments," said

While these "suspicious" transactions took place between January 2013 to September 2014, the bank reported these transactions to FinCEN only in 2017, as a part of their "lookback project" on anti-money laundering compliance. The lookback process kicked in after a 2012 inspection by the New York Department of Financial Services found holes in the software and processes. In fact, \$947 million in fines to American agencies and £102 million to the UK's Financial



TOP DRUG REGULATOR RELEASES GUIDELINES

Covid vaccine should better clinical results by at least 50% for approval

PRABHARAGHAVAN

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE CENTRAL Drugs Standard

The regulator, which released a new set of guidelines for Covid-19 vaccines Monday, emphasised that the statistical range of efficacy (the ability to produce the desired outcome) in the human trials can-

The guidelines are aimed at offering more clarity to vaccine firms that have been in the dark about India's requirements where Covid-19 vaccines are concerned.

months after the World Health

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

A DUBAI-BASED real estate devel-

opment firm owned by the arres-

ted promoters of Dewan Housing

Finance Limited (DHFL), Kapil

Wadhawan and Dheeraj Wadha-

wan, gifted four properties to late

gangster Igbal Mirchi's son Asif

Iqbal Memon in 2015, an Enforce-

ment Directorate (ED) investiga-

tion has found. Sources told The

Indian Express that in 2015, Dhee-

raj and East Coast LLC (DEC) trans-

ferred four commercial properties

of area totalling over 2,900 sq ft in

Marsa, Dubai, to Memon without

commercial properties at Dubai's

Business Bay financial district to

Memon for 4.5 million Emirati

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HDFCBANK has stipulated a min-

imum outstanding balance of Rs

25,000 to consider the credit card

or loan outstanding for restructur-

ing under the scheme approved

by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

The company also sold 10

any monetary consideration.

What this means?

THE REGULATOR is trying to ensure the candidate approved for mass vaccination shows an improvement of at least 50 per cent over the status quo. This means the number of people who develop symptoms, and are diagnosed by a doctor with Covid, should reduce by at least 50 per cent upon vaccination, as opposed to those who aren't vaccinated.

Organization (WHO) and the US Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) released their own guidelines for Covid vaccine approvals and draw from both documents, according to experts.

"To ensure that a widely deployed Covid-19 vaccine is effective, the primary efficacy endpoint point estimate for a placebo-con-

Wadhawans' firm gave four properties

trolled efficacy trial should be at least 50 per cent, and the statistical success criterion should be that the lower bound of the appropriately alpha-adjusted confidence interval around the primary efficacy endpoint point estimate is (greater than) 30 per cent," stated CDSCO.

"What this essentially translates to is that the trial size has to be sufficient so that if the investigators get exactly 50 per cent efficacy, we should have confidence that it will not be less than 30 per cent,' said vaccine scientist and Christian Medical College, Vellore, professor Dr Gagandeep Kang.

"In a clinical trial, they are recruiting a certain number of patients to represent a larger population. CDSCO is saying that the basis of the primary objective should be to show an improvement in clinical symptoms," said Dr Davinder Gill, former CEO of Hilleman Laboratories. "Considering the efficacy parameter, this means that the number of vaccinated participants that have been diagnosed by a doctor to have Covid-19 after vaccination should be at least 50 per cent less than

225 crore land deal between

Mirchi and Sunblink Real Estate

Pvt Ltd, a company associated

with DHFL. According to the ED,

the land deal was negotiated on

audit conducted by KPMG on be-

half of the lenders of DHFL found

a diversion of over Rs 19,000 crore

of bank loans to DHFL's related en-

tities, DHFL which owes Rs 83,873

crore to banks, mutual funds and

investors, became the first NBFC

to be referred to the bankruptcy

court for resolution by the Reserve

Bank of India (RBI) in November

2019. The RBI superseded the

board of DHFL and appointed a

three-member advisory body to

advise the RBI-appointed admin-

www.indianexpress.com

Full report on

That same month, a forensic

behalf of Dheeraj Wadhawan.

those in the placebo group. This number cannot be less than 30 per cent," he said.

According to him, objectives like "carriage" of the virus, or the reduction of transmission of the virus itself, cannot be the sole reason for receiving a licence from CDSCO to market the vaccine in the country. "SARS-CoV-2 infection (whether or not symptomatic) should be evaluated as a secondary or exploratory endpoint, if not evaluated as a primary endpoint," stated the draft.

"Essentially, if the primary endpoint is virologically confirmed disease – which means you must be sick and test positive for the virus to count as a case — as a secondary endpoint, you could test positive but may not be sick," said Dr Kang. The "first" goal for a Covid-19 vaccine in India would be the "reduction of mortality" in the vulnerable population, Dr VK Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, who chairs the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19. Full report on

www.indianexpress.com

Minimum holding in liquid assets for debt schemes, stress testing in Sebi plans

FIVE MONTHS after Franklin Templeton shut down six credit risk schemes due to huge redemption pressure, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Tuesday said it is planning to make it mandatory for debt mutual fund schemes to invest a certain percentage of liquid assets in debt in order to improve risk management system. The regulator is also considering a proposal to set up a stress testing methodology

Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi said this is aimed at improving liquidity in debt schemes. Overnight funds are invested in liquid assets and there is provision to hold liquid to invest 20 per cent in liquid assets. "However, there's no such stipulation for other debt

"MFs are not bank est of unitholders," Tyagi said.

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for open-end debt schemes.

schemes," he said.

not attempt to behave like one, and they must protect the inter-

BRIEFLY —

New PMC Bank administrator

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank on Tuesday names AK Dixit as the new administrator of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank with effect from September 23.

Banon 12 DHFL promoters

New Delhi: Sebi on Tuesday restrained twelve promoters of Dewan Housing Finance Ltd (DHFL) from accessing securities market for violating market norms.

₹1 cr fine each on three CRAs

New Delhi: Sebi Tuesday raised the penalty from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 1 crore each on three CRAs (credit rating agencies), i.e. Icra, CARE and India Ratings, over lapses on their parts while assigning credit rating to non-convertible debentures of IL&FS. PTI

th Floor, New LIC Building, Thikkana Road E-AUCTION OF IRON ORE

Vizianagaram, AP. For more details and registration, please visit www.mstcecommerce.com www.mstcindia.co.in. Contact : emai slddharthk@mstcindia.co.in siddharthk@mstcindia.co.in, Mob arunkumar@mstcindia.co.in, Mob 9867566097/9830924222. Corrigenda. addenda/amendments/time extensions clarifications, if any, to the e-auction will be hosted on MSTC's website only. Bidders should regularly visit above websites to keep themselves updated.

LIC not to fully exit UTI Mutual Fund, has 'no problem' with Axis Bank stake pickup in Max Life

GEORGE MATHEW

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

LIFE INSURANCE Corporation of India (LIC) will bring down its stake in UTI Mutual Fund but won't exit completely from UTI Mutual Fund, which is set to launch an initial public offering (IPO). "We will bring down our stake in the UTI within permissible regulatory limits," said Mukesh Gupta, Managing Director, LIC.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has fined State Bank of India (SBI), LIC and Bank of Baroda (BoB) Rs 10 lakh each for failing to reduce their stakes in UTI Asset management Company. These institutions, which hold 18.5 per cent stake each, will have to reduce their stake to below 10 per cent by December, failing which the regulator would freeze their excess voting rights.

According to Sebi regulations, institutions which own their mutual funds can't hold more than 10 per cent stake in other mutual funds. SBI, LIC and BoB have their own mutual funds. LIC owns LIC Mutual Fund with assets under management (AUM) of Rs 15,000 crore. UTI's AUM was Rs 1,33,631 crore as of June 2020.

SBI, LIC and BoB are planning to offload over 8 per cent stake each, while TRowe Price and Punjab National Bank (PNB) will sell 3 per cent each. As PNB had sold its entire stake in its mutual fund joint venture to Principal Financial Group, the bank can hold over 10 per cent in UTI Mutual Fund.

Gupta also said LIC has no problem if Axis Bank, where LIC has a significant stake, picks up stake in Max Life Insurance.

"We have a successful bancassurance partnership with Axis Bank and we are happy with that. We will continue with our stake with the Axis Bank as long as it within regulatory norms" he said.

Axis Bank, originally known as UTI Bank, was promoted by the erstwhile Unit Trust of India, LIC and four PSU insurers in 1993. UTI Mutual Fund was created in February 2003 following the split of Unit Trust of India after its flagship US-64 scheme collapsed.

All NAV-based schemes were transferred to UTI Mutual Fund while large equity holdings along with other assets including real estate and 25 assured-return schemes went to SUUTI (Special Undertaking of UTI), LIC cut its stake in Axis Bank below 10 per cent in the last fiscal. LIC has significant holdings in most public and private sector banks.

Axis Bank last month said it reduced the size of the stake it planned to buy in Max Life Insurance to 17 per cent from 29 per cent. The bank had originally planned to raise its stake in the insurer to 30 per cent. LIC also owns majority stake

in IDBI Bank. IDBI Bank is a major bancassurance partner of LIC and contributed nearly 49 per cent of LIC's total bancassurance business last financial year (FY20). In the current financial year so far, notwithstanding the unprecedented challenges posed by the outbreak of pandemic, the bank has been able to generate a growth in premium of more than 80 per cent on a year-on-year basis.

Goyal: India not in a position to accept concept of DFFT

New Delhi: India is not in a position to accept the concept of Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT) as it is neither well understood nor is comprehensive enough in the legislation of many countries, Commerce and Industry Minister Pivush Goval said on Tuesday.

Speaking at the virtual meeting of the G-20 Trade and Investment Ministers, he said that in view of the huge digital divide among countries, there is a need for policy space for developing countries which still have to finalise laws around digital trade

countries. India is still in the phase of preparing a framework for its data protection and e-commerce laws, he added. PTI

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

Rs 16,000-crore hawala network linked to many companies in India and one in Dubai are 2009 and 2014, according to records investigated by The

hawala operator Afroz Fatta.

In India, both Gupta and

A money laundering probe appointed-Special Investigation

According to the SAR, GD ments totaling \$24.04 million; Yogmaya received 88 payments Designers got 93 payments tolion: DSM International received 43 payments of \$8.39 million

ments of \$2.49 million. Some of these transactions were facilitated through Bank of

counterparties. The bank said that Yogmaya,

DSM, GD Mangalam, SIDH and in concert with one another."

Standard Chartered Bank. bank's anti-money laundering the bank has had to cough up Conduct Authority.

In its SAR, Standard Chartered Bank revealed that Gupta's DSM International was already the subject of two SARs filed by the bank as early as

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PART THREE

2009. When asked about these transactions, Gupta told The Indian Express in an email: "The companies/Business Concerns are engaged in export of readymade garments for many years...The export...in 2013-14, as mentioned in your email have been investigated by DRI (HQ), New Delhi and showcause notices have been issued and are pending adjudication, hence subjudice. All the allegations regarding doubtfulness of transactions are not correct, All the transactions are through proper banking channel in compliance of RBI guidelines. As a law-abiding person, I am always ready to co-operate.

Denying wrongdoing, Afroz Fatta told *The Indian Express*: "The case against me was a politically motivated one...The investigating officer in my case was subsequently booked, investigated and also arrested on corruption charges, by the CBI. The matter is sub-judice and I don't want to go into details, save the fact that I am unaware of the details that you mentioned and also my purported involvement.'

Gupta has been accused by the DRI of fraudulent and inflated exports of over Rs 8000 crore to several companies in Dubai and Hong Kong in 2013-14. The agency alleged that firms controlled by Gupta claimed a duty drawback of Rs 300 crore against these fraudulent exports from the government and re-

ceived part of it. Following the DRI probe in 15 the Central Ru Investigation (CBI) booked a graft case and arrested two Customs officials and Gupta for aiding him in the alleged fraudulent exports case. But in 2017, a lower court in Delhi acquitted Gupta and the officers for bribery. The DRI case has

reached the adjudication stage. Despite a clean chit from the lower court, in June 2019, the two Customs officials, accused in the bribery case, were dismissed by the government and the CBI has filed disproportionate assets cases against both. Fatta surfaced on the investigating agencies' radar in 2014 when ED uncovered alleged hawala transactions worth Rs 8000 crore after the Surat branch of ICICI Bank filed a complaint alleging that a diamond firm, RA Distributors, had cheated the bank to the tune of Rs 104.60 crore by submitting 17 bills of entry with fake stamps and had forged signatures of Customs of-

ficials to send the money abroad. Subsequently, the ED found that nine companies with bank accounts with the same branch of ICICI Bank remitted funds against forged bills of entry to three companies in UAE and 15 companies in Hong Kong.

These Indian firms got funds from a web of around 2700 companies allegedly controlled by Fatta and his aide. These companies only existed on paper and Fatta and his aide have allegedly earned hefty commis-

The agency arrested Fatta and four others in connection with the case in 2015. Later that year, the ED joint director heading the Fatta case was booked by the CBI on charges of bribery after a controversial internal probe by the ED. Fatta is currently out on bail. The trial in the ED case is yet to begin.

The ED has so far attached assets worth Rs 34.29 crore of Fatta and the other accused in the case. It has also filed five complaints prosecution (chargesheets) in the case before a special court in Ahmedabad.

Control Organisation (CDSCO), India's top drug regulator, will only approve Covid-19 vaccines that meet parameters, such as their ability to show they can improve clinical outcomes by at least 50 per cent during human testing. This means that Covid vaccines approved in India must be able to reduce the frequency of those inoculated being clinically diagnosed with the disease by 50 per cent or higher, according to experts.

not be lower than 30 per cent.

The guidelines come several

in Dubai to Mirchi's son for free: ED dirham (AED), i.e. about Rs 9 crore. a discount of over 57 per cent on the prevailing market price. The ED has found the market price of these properties was AED 10.6

> million (over Rs 21 crore) The ED has provisionally attached all these 14 properties, along with Hotel Midwest in Dubai, owned by Memon, his brother Junaid, and their mother Hazra Igbal, in connection with the money laundering case against Iqbal Mirchi. As per the ED, these properties are together valued at about Rs 203 crore. The total value of all attachments in the case so far is

> now Rs 776 crore, says the ED. The Wadhawans came under the ED's scanner in October 2019, when an investigation into the alleged money laundering activities of Igbal Mirchi, a close aide of

Dawood Ibrahim, discovered a Rs

LOAN RESTRUCTURING FOR RETAIL BORROWERS HDFC Bank sets ₹25K as minimum outstanding cial impact on the customer will

istrator of the company.

loss of income or cash flows," the bank said. According to the bank, the re-

The bank has indicated that it may levy a fee if the borrower be reviewed by the bank basis the chooses to restructure the loan. documents/information provided which does show the drop in cash "The customer has to be impacted financially by the Covid-19 panflow due to the Covid-19 impact. "The bank will assess the viability demic in the form of reduction/ of the customer to pay the restructured EMIs basis the documents provided, before granting the reduction of income and its finanstructuring," it said.

the gender bias in the Murugappa

Group and its inability appreci-

ate degree, 24 years work experi-

ence in fortune 500 multinational

companies, and numerous

patents and publications to her

name, cannot be inducted to the

board, even three years after her

father's death, despite being rep-

resentative of the same share-

holding whilst a 23-year old male

heir with a master's degree and

no job-experience can be in-

ducted to the board soon after his

father's passing", Arunachalam

"The guestion remains as to why a female heir with a doctor-

ate contributions by women.

Valli fails to win Murugappa holding co board seat, to take legal recourse

Murugappan HUF, said she

would not shy away from taking

SAJANCKUMAR CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 22

WITH AN overwhelming 91.36 per cent of the shareholders of the Murugappa Group voting against

a board seat for Valli Arunachalam in the holding company, Ambadi Investments Ltd (AIL), the daughter of the former executive chairman MV Murugappan has said she will "pursue justice and take all steps for the same". Post Murugappan's death in 2017, Arunachalam, her sister and their mother hold an 8.15 per cent stake in AIL.

Arunachalam, karta of MV

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE TELECOM Regulatory Autho-

rity of India (Trai) on Tuesday sug-

gested the setting up of a multi-

stakeholder body (MSB) to ensure

that internet service providers in

the country adhere to the princi-

which would contain representa-

tives and stakeholders from all

telecom and internet service

The MSB should be a forum

ples of net neutrality

Monitoring net neutrality: Trai

suggests multi-stakeholder

body to assist Telecom Dept

the matter to court. "For more than a year now. I have been ask-

ing for a board seat, pending the settlement, to make sure our

searchers from the academic and

technical community, as well as

An MSB such constituted, shall

assist the Department of Telecom-

munications (DoT) in monitoring,

and proposing technical stan-

dards and methodologies for the

best practices to be adopted for

sentatives and stakeholders shall

of complaints on net neutrality,

Trai said in its recommendations.

The said committee of repre-

traffic management practices.

the government, Trai suggested.

rights are preserved as a promoter and major shareholder. Finally, they agreed to allow my board nomination, but they did not appoint me in the interim, and asked me to wait for the next AGM, which was more than 9 months away. Now, yet again they have made clear their intent of continuing the oppressive and vexatious conduct against us," she wrote in e-mailed response. Arunachalam lashed out at

wrote. **FE** Unregistered telemarketers: HC seeks Trai decision on show-causes

SOFIAHSAN NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE DELHI High Court on Tuesday censured the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) for failing to act against the unregistered telemarketers, who send unsolicited commercial communications to the customers on their phones.

The court asked Trai to decide, also assist the DoT in enforcement in accordance with the law, within of the best practices and handling eight weeks, the show-cause notices issued to those entities found violating the regulations.

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5, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have

changed my name to Veena

Manohar R/o Flat no-79, Plot

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I, Suman D/o Mahabir Singh,W/o

Inderjeet, H.No. 823/1, Village-

changed my name to Suman

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I, Sachi Kumari C/o Sabyasachi

Terraces Select PTS 8/802, Golf

Course Extension Road, Sector

Haryana-122001 Have Changed

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I. SONAKSHI MEHTA.W/O

ASHWIN DUA R/O-E-587

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I. Rishi Rai R/o 37 Vinobapur

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I, SHALINI W/o SUNIL KUMAR R/o

PARK, NANGLOI, DELHI-110041

SHALINI JANGID for all purpose.

I, Rinsu S/o Subhash R/o 2730/1

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my name to Rinsu Kumar

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Delhi, Delhi-110044 have

I, Parveen Kumar Gupta S/o

O.P.Gupta R/o-105,Second-

Floor Pocket-12 Sector-22

Rohini Delhi-110086, changed

my name to Parveen Kumar

I, Neetu,w/o Vijay Gujral R/o-D-97,Third Floor,Amar Colony,

110024, have changed my name

to Neetu Gujral permanently.

Lajpat Nagar-IV,New Delhi

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I, Preety D/o Raj Kumar Verma,

Ext., Badarpur, Jaitpur, South

changed my name to Preety

R/o I-374, Gali No-16, Hari Nagar

Nath Seth

PURPOSE.

Verma.

Sector-13,Rohini Delhi-110085

D-41, GALI NO-7, SHIVRAM

have changed my name

Mazumdar.

Kailash Chand Sharma R/o Flat

Vasundhara Ghaziabad-201012

Majra, Dubaldhan, Jhajjar

(Haryana)-124202, have

No.4037, Aakash Ganga

Appartment, Sector-4B

Saurav Dobhal Forever.

Sector-13, Rohini, North West

I. Vanaia Kumari W/o Murli

Name to Vanaja Murli

Gulmohar-Garden.sec-

SINGH to AGASTYA

Rani.

SINGH, permanently.

50,GURGAON,HARYANA-

2831113, have changed my

purposes.

LUTHRA.

name of my father has been

wrongly-written as Santosh

Giri,R/o-E-2/29,Chanakya-

Place, Jeevan-Park, West

Kumar in my OBC

Certificate.No.

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Deepti Pingolia in my minor

daughter's Gargi School-

Deepti.

Raghar Pura, Karol-Bagh,

It's for general information that I, Manoj Kumar s/o Gauri Shankar, R/o A-30, Madipur Colony, New Delhi-110063 declare the name of mine is written wrongly as Manoj in Xth & XIIth class certificate of my son Siddharth. My actual name is Manoj Kumar, which may be amended accordingly.

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0040549375-1

LViiav Laxmi Sharma W/o-Rakesh Kumar R/o:T-77, Quarter.No.1/2, Military Camp, Anand Parbat. New Delhi-110005, have changed my name to JAYA, for all purposes.

I,Trilochan Singh S/O Bhagwan Singh R/O A-1/184, Sector-16,Rohini Delhi-110089,have changed my name to Tarlochan Singh. 0040549382-4

I,Shiv Shankar S/O S.Narayan R/O-H.No.249, Shiva-Khand Vishwakarma-Nagar, Delhi-110095, have changed my minor son's name from S. Karan to ${\it Karan\, Shetty,} for\, all\, future$ purposes. 0040549369-5

I,Seema Kumari,D/o-Mewa Lal R/o-W-53/354,Sonia Gandhi Camp, Naraina Ind. Area Phase 1.New-Delhi-110028.have changed my name to Seema.

0040549356-5

I,Sanju Kadel,D/o Somraj R/o-40-A. D.D.A.-Flat.Boulvard-Road, Tis-Hazari, Civil-Lines, Delhi-110054, declare that name of my mother has been wrongly-written as Kalpana Kadel in my 10th and 12th class marksheet and certificate The actual-name of my mother is Kalpana, which may be amended accordingly. 0040549382-9

I,SANGITA ARORA W/O NAVLESH ARORA R/O 37 C&D,PKT-1.NR.MAX HOSPITAL. SHALIMAR BAGH, DELHI-110088.CHANGED MY NAMETO SANGEETA ARORA. 0040549369-1

I,Prem Nath,S/o Shri.Rambali

Panday,R/o-P-17,Sector-4,DIZ-Area.Gole-Market.New-Delhi-I, Vishwajeet Singh father of 110001, have changed my name, from PREM NATH to PREM NATH 0040549386-4 I.Neetu Sharma.W/o Neerai

Sharma R/o-H.No.-53, Village-Gijhore, Sector-53, Noida G.B.Nagar, U.P.-201301, have changed, my name from Neetu Sharma to Ranu Sharma for, all 0040549382-3

I,Narinder Kumar,S/o Om Prakash,R/o-5506,Gali.No.73, Raghar Pura, Karol-Bagh New.Delhi-110005,inform that my name wrongly-mentioned Narinder Kumar Pingolia in my minor daughter's Gargi Schoolrecord but my correct-name is Narinder Kumar.

0040549341-8 I,Upendra S/o Satish Gulati R/o-

34 Harcharan-Bagh Andheria more Mehrauli New-Delhi-110074, Have changed my name to Upendra Gulati, for all 0040549356-2 purposes. I.NAVEEN KUMAR SRIVASTAVA

S/O RADHEY SHYAM R/O 20/G-18.BLOCK-A2.WEST SANT-NAGAR, BURARI, DELHI-110084.CHANGED MY NAME TO NAVEEN SRIVASTAVA.

I,Manoj Kumar,S/o-Harveer Singh R/o-I-35, Govindpuram, Ghaziabad, declare that-in my Daughter Kajal Choudhary's Documents, My name has-beer wrongly,mentioned as Manoj Choudhary., My Correct name $is\,Manoj\,Kumar.$

0040549386-6

I,MANVENDER SINGH MALIK S/O SURESH MALIK R/O C-24 G.VIJETA VIHAR.SECTOR 13.ROHINI.DELHI-110085.CHANGED MY NAMETO MAANVENDER SINGH MALIK. 0040549369-3

I,Lalta prasad,s/o om parkash R/o kh.no.1176 villagekushak.no-2,laldora village kadipur delhi-36, Wrongly spelt lalit in my child school-record but my correct-name is lalta prasad. 0040549369-6 I,Jitender Yadav,S/o Dalip Singh

Yadav R/o-108,Hadda Mohalla,Surehra-Village, Najafgarh,Delhi-110043,have changed the name of my minor son Khawab Yadav aged about 15-years and he shall hereafter be known as Yashraj Singh Yadav.

I.Inderieet.S/o Hans Raj,H.No.823/1, Village Majra, Dubaldhan, Jhajjar, (Harvana)-124202.have changed my Minor Son's Name Purushotam Kadyan to Purushotam Kadian.

I,HIMANSHI RANI,D/O SUNDAR LAL,R/O. 16/236E,TANK ROAD, ANAND PURI KHAN, KAROLBAGH, NEW DELHI-110005, Have Changed My Name To HIMANSHI.

I,Dinesh Sharma,S/o Sh. Surender Kumar R/o-Jangra Bazar near-Vishwkarma Mandir, Sector-20, Dhundahera, Gurugram, Hr., have changed my name, from Durgesh Kumar to Dinesh Sharma,for all 0040549341-5 purposes.

I, Sunil Kumar, S/o Shiv Nath Rai R/o-543 Ground-floor Surya-Nagar Phase-II Sec-91 Faridabad Haryana, change my name to Sunil Kumar Rai, permanently.

0040549341-2

I, Neelam Kapur W/o Neelam Kapoor R/o Plot No-144 1ST Floor R/P Partap Nagar Hari Nagar New Delhi-110064 changed my name to Neelam 0070714988-1 Kapoor

I, sheela w/o Ashok Kumar R/o-B-253, type-3, nanakpura South moti bagh Delhi-110021, changed my name to sheela Ved. 0040549356-1 I, Maneesh Bhardwaj S/o

Sh.Sunder Dass Bhardwaj Permanent Address-H.No 3G/169, NIT-Faridabad-121001 present Address-Flat.No-A1-52 Spaza Privy, Sector-72 Near-Fazilpur-Gurgugram-122001 have Changed my minor daughter Name Khushi Bhardwaj to khushee Bhardwaj, for all purposes

0040549372-2

I, KM SHASHI KALA SINGH,W/o Dinesh Kumar,R/o Room.No.06, Attri Niwas, 402-B/5, Munirka-Village, New Delhi-110067, have changed my name to SHASHI KALA SINGH.

0040549356-3

I. Jyoti Kandal Puri W/o Maj Vishwani Puri R/o A-220, Sector-31, Noida 201303 inform that I have change my name from Jyoti Puri to Jyoti Kandal Puri for all future purposes.

0040549334-1

I. Jatin Kumar Chopra S/o.Sh.Man Mohan Krishan R/o-H.No.39, Vikas Puri, Nilothi-Ext. New Delhi-110041.inform that my name Jatin Kumar Chopra to Jatin Chopra for all future purposes 0040549372-1

I. Harmeet Kaur W/o Sardar Daljit Singh R/o H.No. 263, Sant Nagar, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110062 have changed my name from Rajinder Kaur to Harmeet Kaur for all future purposes 0040549344-1

L Harish Raturi S/o Janardhan Prasad Raturi R/o F69, Delta-1. Rampur Jagir, Gautam budh Nagar, UP-201306. have changed my name to Harish Bhardwaj 0070714948-1

I, Guru Dutt Sharma & Jyoti Sharma R/o B-8 Sector-12 Noida Dist-Gautambudh Nagar have changed my doughter's in school record father's name from Ajay Sharma to Guru Dutt Sharma parmanetly in future. Now it will be Soni Sharma D/o Shri Guru Dutt Shrama.

I, Dipak Wisht S/o Wachan Singh r/o L-124, J.J. Colony, Raghubir Nagar, Tagore Garden, New Delhi-110027 have changed my name from Dipak Wisht to 0070714913-1 Deepak Bisht.

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I, Dinesh Chander Kapur S/o Ram Parkash Kapur R/o Plot No-144 1ST Floor R/P Partap Nagar Hari Nagar New Delhi-110064 changed my name to Dinesh Chander Kapoor

I. Bikau Sah S/o Bhola Sah R/o

Turkaulia, Turkaulia, Sitamarhi, Bihar-843322, have changed my name to Abhay Priydarshi

I, Bigini B Nair D/o Babunath R/o Vettickal, Kanchiyar, Kakkatukada, Ayyappancoil, Kanchiyar, Idukki, Kerala-685511, have changed my name to Anjali B Nair 0070714947-1

I, Baburam S/o Bhanvaruram R/o Tehsil Bawari, Soyla, have changed my minor daughter's name from Balki aged 16 years to Divya forever

0070714936-1

I, Ashish Kumar, R/o C-189, Kendriya Vihar, Sec-51, Noida, have changed the name of my Minor daughter from Vritti to Vritti Kumar, for all future purposes.

I, Ashish Kumar S/o Suraj Parkash R/o C-34, Guru Ram Dass Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-92 and Ashish Buttan $both\,are\,same\,person\,thats$ myself and my date of birth is

I, Anupreet Kaur W/o Lakhwinder Singh Kaul, R/o.195, Sector 94, Mohali, Puniab-160071 inform that Anupreet as my name and Kaur as my surname, but it has been stated as Anupreet Kaul in passport, to which i plea to correct my surname from Kaul to Kaur, as that is my actual surname in all documents.

I, Anilkumar Sumankant Pathak S/o Sumankant Pathak R/o22/1123, Sion Navratna CHS, MHB Colony, Sardar Nagar No-1, Sion Koliwada, Mumbai, Maharashtra-400022, have changed my name to Anil Sumankant Pathak

I, Akhilesh Kumar Chaudhary S/o Raja Ram Chaudhary r/o E-32/1. Gali no-4. Nr 40ft Road. Veer Bazar, Phase-5, Om Vihar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 have changed my name from Akhilesh Kumar Chaudhary to Akhilesh Chaudhary.

0070714914-1

I, Abdul Sami S/o Shri Abdul Salam Saifi R/o H.No. A-21, Gali No.-2, Bhagirathi Vihar, Ph-II, Mustafabad, Delhi-94 state that Abdul Sami and Abdul Sami Saifi both are the same 0040549343-1 person.

I, Jaldhir Singh S/o-Harkishan R/o-476, Sec-6, Dharuhera Rewari (Haryana)-123110, have changed my name to Jaldhir Malik,for all purposes.

I,Pooja Bajaj W/O Naveen Bajaj R/O 178, Bharat Nagar, Delhi-110052.have changed my minor

daughter name from Kamakshi Bajaj to Myra Bajaj. 0040549382-5 I Shiv Shankar S/O S. Narayan R/O-H.No.249, Shiva-Khand Vishwakarma-Nagar Delhi-110095, have changed my minor son's name, from S. Rohan to Rohan Shetty,for all future 0040549369-4 purposes.

IRAMESH KUMAR DHYANI S/O LATE SH.JAGDISH PRASAD R/O -3/71, NCERT CAMPUS, SHRI ARVINDO MARG, NEW DELHI -110016 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME RAMESH KUMAR TO RAMESH KUMAR DHYANI.BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE DERSON FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

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ILAKHWINDER SINGH S/O HARBANS SINGH, R/O 41-PARMARTH APTS, D-BLOCK, VIKASPURI, NEW DELHI 110018. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO LAKHWINDER S. AHLUWALIA. 0040549345-

| Kailash Chasnd S/o-Late Sh.Gurudayal Mal R/o-H.No.2120-A. Nai-Basti, Narela-Mandi, Bawana-Road, Narela, Delhi-110040 have changed my name to Kailash Chand. 0040549356-6 permanently.

I Chand Kiran Verma S/O, Sukh Dev Singh R/o C-139 Street No 12 Mata Wali Gali Johripur Gokalpuri Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Chand Kiran for all purposes.

0040549336-

I Ajay Kumar Agarwal S/O, Murli Dhar Agarwal R/o C-1271, Ground Floor Ansal Esencia Sector -67, Gurgaon-122001 Haryana have changed my name to Ajay Agarwal for all 0040549337-1 purposes.

I Anuj Goel S/O Satish Chandra Goyal R/O Flat no.441,Varun Apartments Sector-62, Noida, have changed my name to 0040549341-4 Parakh Goel.

I Vaghela Urvashi Amrutkumar.W/O Anil Sondagar.R/O-C-1006, J.J. Colony, Hastsal Road, Uttam Nagar, New-Delhi-110059, Have Changed my Name to Urvashi Sondagar.

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SITUATION VACANT

OTHERS REQD.Female office assistant

and tele caller for manual work,12th+BA pass, Salary 10k to 15k+ insensitive,Office near Dwarka Mor. Send CV at radhikasaxena63@gmail.com Cell.8130199594.

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LOST & FOUND

I,Kaushalya Devi,D/o Sh.Bodh Raj,R/o-4/150,Shivaji-Nagar, Gurugram, Haryana -122001, have lost my Originalproperty-documents i.e,1-Builder Buyer Agreement.,2-Allotment Letter.Plot.No.A-120.Green Wood-City Gurugram. Finderplease Contact.9810916828. 0040549379-9

I. SAMA Kanika verma. D/O Steve kanika verma R/o.h.no-76,poorvi marg vasant vihar.N.D-57, have lost my original-certificate class-10th(2017) Rollno-9176727

Class-12th(2019) Rollno-8234538 CBSE Delhi. 0040549369-10

Singh Arora,R/o WZ-8A.FF.Street No-18.Krishna Park-Extn Delhi-110018,Lost My Original 12th Class School-Certificate Roll.No-

9127571,CBSE Year-2015 0040549356-8

LOST & FOUND Atibal Parsad R/o E-288B, Gal Atibal Parsad R/o E-288B, Gall Delhi have lost all documents of my Plot No. 194/3, Area Measuring 50 sq.yds, out of Khasra no. 15/5/1 & 15/5/2, Situated at Village Razapur Khurd Colony Sainik Vihar Mohan Garden, New Delhi 110059, Complaint at Delhi Police vide LR No. 1090922/2019. Whosoever deal with the said property. I shall not ith the said property, I shall no e responsible for the same

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D.EL.ED & D.P.S.E. courses for
ession 2020-22. The candidates car ollect their application form from the fice between 9:30 am to 4:00pm. Application may be submitted in the college from 5th September, 2020 to 19th September, 2020. Admission process will be as per SCERT guidelines. List will be displayed on 23rd September, 2020 on wawn brother language. ww.brmtcollege.com and colleg-oticeboard. Contact: 8851893977

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that my client Shri Ashok Kumar Bhasin S/o. Late Sh. Hamam Dass R/o. HNo. 6, Street No.1, Vivekanand Marg, Bengali Colony, Sant Nagar, Burari. Delin ±10084, has severed relations/connections with his son Ankush Bhasin and his wife Babita for all purposes. They are further disentitled/disowned to claim any right/share in the movable and immovable properties owned by my client. Any person dealing with them in mmovable properties owned by my client. Any person dealing with them in any manner shall be solely doing so a s own risk and costs. My client shal of be responsible for discharging any

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"General public at large is hereby informed that my clients My clients-Ms. Prameshwar Dov Wilo Lt. Ram Kumar, her sons-Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Mr. Jashir Kumar, her married daughter-Mse Umila Devi and their respective families All also Rio H. No6.4. Pena Udyan, Narola Delhi-110040 have severed all their respective relations from daughter/diste Ms. Rakhti Dlo Lt. Ram Kumar, her se called husband-Mr. Vikas Dahiya and her children, All Rio Villäge Sisana, Töh-Kharkhoda, Distt. Sonepat (HR) for want or control and their extortive conducts and also have also disowned them from them roveable and immovable properties. Am person dealing with aforesaid- Ms. Rakhi her so called husband-Mr. Vikas Dahiya and her children, All movable properties. Am person dealing with aforesaid- Ms. Rakhi her so called husband-Mr. Vikas Dahiya and her children shall be doing so at his/her won risk and the same shall not be binding won risk and the same shall not be binding own risk and the same shall not be bindir on my aforesaid clients in any manne

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same.

The general public is hereby informed that if anyone is having any right/title/interest in the aforesaid DDA Flat No. 39-H, PocketL, Sheikh Sarai, Phase-II, New Delhi-110017, he may lie objections along with documentary proof within 10 days of publication of this notice to me at the address herein under mentioned. Failing which I shall presume that no adverse claims or objections concerning the aforesaid Flat exist of if they do exist they stand waived hereinafter. So please do note.

Sd-

(Soham P. Verma) Advocat EN. D/126/88 Ch. No. 66, G. Floor, Distt. Cou Saket, New Delhi-17 M.No.: 9871140140

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it known to all that my clients Sh. Netr., S/o Sh. Sobha Ram and Smt. Gudo o Sh. Netra Pal both R/o: House No. 250 Colony No. 3, Nangloi, Delhi -11004 we severed all their relationship with the nave severed all their relationship with the son **Sh. Vikas @ Vicky** and his wife **Mi Bharti D/o Sh. Munna Lal**, from toda onwards i.e., 20/09/2020. My clients Disow nwards i.e., 20/09/2020. My clients bisov debarred them from their entire moveal and immovable properties and shall have amily/social as well as financial relationsh ith them for all indents and purposes as the cts are prejudicial, harmful and adverse be reputation and interest of my clients.

body dealing with them shall be doing si rely at his/her own risk and consequences: - ABHISHEK KR. KAUSHIK (Advocate CH. NO. 903, 9TH FLOOR, LAWYER'S CHAMBER BLOCK, ROHINI COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE t is for general information that Anchal Singhal alias Aancha Gupta, Ex- wife of Sh. Lov Singhal, D/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta R/O C-17, Rang Mahal Apartment, Opposite Pundrik Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, declar that I got divorce from my husbar vide court decree dated 12.03.201 in H.M.A. No. 581/2019. Further emarried with Sh. Deepak Sharm on dated 26.04.2019 henceforth

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future for all purpose.

My client Sh. Dinesh Mandal S/o Lat 6h. Jivachh Mandal R/o Plot No: 14t 8lock-E, Gali No: 5, Nirmal Viha lajafgarh, New Delhi-110048 ha evered all relationship from his so amely Sh. Pradeep Mandal and his with namely Sh. Pradeep Mandal and his wife Sangeate Mandal and also debarred them from all his moveable and monovable properties for all time to come and my client has nothing to do with them in future. My client, shall not be responsible for their acts such as criminal activities if they does in future with anyone and if they are involved in inancial transactions with any persu-hen their son namely Sh. Pradeep Mandal and his wife namely Smt. Sangeeta Mandal will be sofely responsible for the same from now nowards."

ANUUJ AGGARWALL (Advocate Off:- E-16/391, 1st Floor, Sector-t Rohini, Delhi-11008

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is hereby notified to the public at larg at the my clients Sh. Naipal Singh, Son ari Kewal, and Smt. RajKumari, W/o Sh Shri Kewal, and Smt. Rajkumari, WiO Shri Naipal Sirgh, Both Rich. H. No. D-1430, Jahangipuri, Dehi-110033, also at H.No. 1, Block-B, Gali No. 5/13, Guru Narak Dev Colony, Bhalsawa Dairy, Dehi-110042, has disown their Son and daughter in law anamely Sh. Preshant Kumar, Sro Shri Naipal Singh and Smt. Poonam Pal, Wio Shri Prashant Kumar, Footh Rio, H. No. D-1430, Jahangirjuri, Dehi-110038, from their life and properties (both moveable and immoveable) at Dehi and outside Dehi and severe all their relations with them due to their intolerable and misbehaving nature. unert intolerable and misbehaving nature My clients or any one from their family will not be responsible for any act, deed and things whatever done by them with any body from today.

DARSHAN PALIWAL (ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public at large for and on behalf of my clients namely Sh. Lal Chand S/o Late Sh. Prabhati Lal & Tara Rani W/o Sh. Lal Chand R/o 4005, Street No. 3, Bagichi Ram Chander, Paharganj, New Delhinis Son Sh. Rahul Kumar & Daughter in-Law Neha Goley, and have disowned them from all their movabl and immovable properties. My client will not be responsible for any of their acts and deeds. Any person whosoever deal with them in any manner shall be doing so at his / her own risk and responsibility.

Jitender Singh, Advocate Mob.: 9873141990 Saket District Courts, New Delhi-110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my client Ma Ramesh Chhabra and Sarita Chhabi both R/o D-55, sector-30, Noida, U. who are the owners of property bearing no. 128-A, Pocket-C, Siddhartha Extension, New Delhi-1100014 on the basis of conveyance deed registere by DDA vide document/registration no.10249 in Book no.1, Vol. No. 407 on pages 39 to 40 on dated 13.06.2011 in favour of Mr. Ramesh Chhabra and Smt. Sarita Chhabra who later on gif the said property to their real sor namely Ashish Chabra. On 11.09.2019 at 10.30 hrs the origina

documents i.e. original possession letter, original allotment letter, NOC of letter, original allotment letter, NOC of electricity and water in respect of property bearing no. 128-A, Pocket-C, Siddhartha Extension, New Delhi-1100014 were lost/misplaced from the possession of my above named clients and in this regard my client had already lodged an NCR vide LR No. 5775142020 on dated 16.09.2020 if anybodyl person would found the same then contact either to my above named clients or to the undersigned.

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It is hereby, informed to the Gene Public that, I Anil Chowdhry S Late Sh P.B Chowdhry, R/o S 168 3rd Fl Gk2, ND 110048, have los the Original Provisional Allotmen Letter No. JGNK10011006 Jan 18 Associates Limited in respect of Uni bearing No Kl00011006 in Wish Town Klassic project, situated a Jaypee Greens Noida. Any one finding the said documents is requested to kindly return the same to me or to the Company.

and his wife Smt. Soniya Verma Rio RZC 52, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi do hereby inform public at large that my clients have disowned, debarred, separated and severed all type of relationship and also from the rights in movable and immovable properties owned by them with their son namely Phyush Verma who is also residing in the said premises and he shall have no claim of any kind whatsoever over the properties both movable and immovable of my clients and as such my clients shall not be responsible for any Conduct/Act, misdeeds of said son in any manner. If any person or persons etc. deals or dealt with him in any manner then my clients shall not be responsible for all the said arets

Keshav Kumar Verm. (Advocate)

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742/45, Shambhu Nagar, Tri Nagar Delhi-3t

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"Under the instruction of our clients
1) Sh. Paramiji Singh Sio Sh. Attar Singh
2) Smt. Jasbir Kaur Wio Shri Paramiji
Singh, Ihereby inform the general public
that their son Sh. Gaganjot Singh
Chowdhry and his wife Smt. Heena Kaur
Arora, are neither residing with them nor
they are in our clients control. The
behavior of Gaganjot Singh Chowdhy Heena Kaur
Heena Kaur Arora is not good lowards

d liable in that regard."

SURINDER SINGH POPLI (Advocate)

Off.-cum-Resi: C-184, Vikas Puri,
New Delhi-110018

of any nature whatsoever and discontinued all their personal relations and in this respect a public notice was duly published earlier due to their indifferent acts and deeds, as they usually misbehave, mishandle, hurf comments uses filthy and abusive languages, passe defamatory and derogatory statements inflicting atrocities physical as well a mental, unsocial, unwarranted an unjustified behavior and attitude upo our Clients, Our Clients have no relatio nanner. Anyone dealing with them, shall e doing at his/her/their own sk/costs/consequences and our Clients and their other family members shall not e responsible for their acts, deeds and

Jealings w.m., manner whatsoever.

Dinkar Kumar (Advocate)

Off. at 2/4-B, Ground Floor, Block-A,

Jangpura, New Delhi-110014

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COURT NOTICE

Addl. District Judge-05 (Central) Room No. 307, 3rd Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi PC No. 45/2019

Mamta Madan & Ors. V/s. State & Ors

eceased if he/she desire appear in th ourt of the said 29-09-2020 & see th roceeding of before the grant of lette f Administration. ven under my hand and the seal s court, this 19-09-2020.

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ne same.
VINAY KUMAR (Advocate), 4/178, T.F., Subhash Nagar, Delhi-27

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h. Ajit Pal Singh Both R/o 2-G, Vikas Viha Sh. Ajii Pal Singh Boh R/o 2-G, Vikas Vihar, Chander Vihar, Manak Dorbar, Nilothi Extn. Nangloi Delhi-110041 have disowned/debarred their Son Paramjeet © Sachin as he is not in under control of my clients. My clients severe all their relation with him and disowned him from their movable and immovable properties. Anybody transacting/dealing with him in any manner whatsoever in respect of anything would be doing that in his/her own tisk. My clients shall not be resonabile. n risk. My clients shall not be responsib r the same in any manner whatsoever A.R. NASIR (ADVOCATE), 105, Ghaffar Manzil New Delhi-11025

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My Clients Smt. Asha W/o Late Sh. Komal Singh R/o RZH-207 Nihal Vihar, Nangloi Nilothi, West Delhi 110041 has disowned/debarred her son Yogender Sagar and her doughter In-low Smt. Jyolf Sagar as they are not in under control of my clientess. My clientess severe all her relations with them and disowned them from her all movoble and Immovable properties. Anybody transaction/denline with them in any manger transacting/dealing with them in any manne hatsoever in respect of anything hall not be responsible for any

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PUBLIC NOTICE MY CLIENT KAMLESH W/O LATE
RAJPAL R/O HOUSE NO. 7/178.
BLOCK NO 7. TRILOK PURI.
DELHI-110091 HEREBY SEVERE ALL
RELATIONS & DEBAR HER SOX
ANDEEP & HIS WIFE ANTIA SROW
ALL MOVABLE-IMMOVABLE
PROPERTY (S) DUE TO THEIR
MISCONDUCT, MY CLIENT SHALL
MOY BE DESPONSIBLE E-RET THEIR

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Sd/ANIL VYAS
Advocate
Chamber No. 97,
Patiala House Courts,
New Delhi-110001 Mob. No. 8800610300

PUBLIC NOTICE Know all men, by this public notice that my clients; Satish Chander Kaushik and his wife Smt. Santosh Kaushik both R/o. 573/37, Omkar Nagar-C, Tri Nagar, Delhi -110035 hereby declaring that they are voluntarily and deliberately hereby withdrawing the disownment of their grandchildren Radhika Kaushik and Devansh Kaushik both children of Kulbhushan Kaushik and Smt. Asha Kaushik My clients are now satisfied with cordial conduct and behaviour of them. Now they are legally and biolocically

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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY **MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT**

RAVINDER KUMAR (ADVOCATE) Ch. No. L-10, Near Tehsil Building, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054 Mob.: 92124412477

TENDER NOTICE NIT No. SRDME-WCR-KOTA-07-2020-21 Date 18.09.2020 Sr.DME (Freight) Kota acting for &

on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. SRDME-WCR-KOTA-07-2020-21 due on 19.10.2020 at 15:00 hrs Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received will be ignored. Tender No.: SRDME-WCR-KOTA-07-2020-21, Name of work: Annual Maintenance Contract for Periodical inspection, maintenance, overhauling, painting, repairing, verification and stamping of weighing machines at various places in Rajasthan state over Kota Division for 4 years. Aprox. cost of the work: 1753174.32/-, Earnest 25100 00 Last Time of submission of tender: 15:00 Hrs. on Date 19.10.2020. The tender can be viewed at web site https://www.ireps.gov.in. The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be register on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on E-Tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in E-Tendering.

Sr. DME (Freight) West Central Railway, Kota Division रेल यात्रा के दौरान शिकायत हेतु 138 पर एवं सुरक्षा हेतु 182 पर सम्पर्क करें

PUBLIC NOTICE DN THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MY CLIENT SMT. LAJWANTI W/o Late bit. Lakhpat R/o 3618/12, Raigar Pura, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, his is to Inform all that she has sispossessed her son MR. BHARAT BHUSHAN, his wife MRS. MANSI orom all her movable and immovable Properties due to their rude behavior, bad accompany and bad intention of demanding more from her. It is further hat my clients shall not be responsible fany deal is done with MR. BHARAT

Sd/-R.P. GUPTA Advocate Office: 4/7, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi

सार्वजनिक सचना . पर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है वि त्त्रप्तालारण का त्युचता क्रिया जाता उन्हर्भ क्रांता उन्हर्भ में मुबक्कित हो अवयाल पुत्र श्री जाकि निवस्ति मकान न. 116, खसरा न. 578, हरिजन बसती सुल्तानपुर मानरा दिल्ली-110086 ने अपने पुत्र अतिल कुमार, तथा पुत्रवधू कविता रानी को उनके दुर्व्यवहार के कारण अपनी समस्त चल-अवल संपत्ति से अवस्थान कर दिले हैं। बेदखल कर सारे संबंध विच्छेद कर दिये हैं इनसे भविष्य में कोई भी व्यक्ति किसी भ प्रकार का कोई भी लेन-देन करता है त

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PARKASH CHAND (Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it Known that My Client MOHD ANWAR S/O MOHD MUMTAZUDDIN R/o 1378, Chatta Rajan Farash Khana, do hereby Disown/Debar his Son namel MOHD FAIZAN and from all hi novable & immovable properties evere his relations from them nev are no more in there control. any body dealing with them, shall b ing at his/her own risk cost a

PARKASH CHAND (Advocate) Enrl.No.D-9065/2019.

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e-tender Notice e-tender Notice No. 33 of 2020-21 (Open)- Engg/DDU On line (through e-tendering) for the

following work is invited by DRM/Engg/ DDU for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings. Tender No. 06-DDU-XEN-BR-20-21 (i) Name of work with its location

Metalizing of floor member (area) of existing girder of Br. No. 345UP, 357A, 372UP, 372DN, 383UP, 383DN, 391Up etc. in GC section of MGS Division. (ii) Approx. cost of the work: ₹ 22308203.22 (iii) Earnest Money : ₹ 261600.00 (iv) Date & time for submission of etender: 09.10.2020, up-to 12.00 hrs. (v) Website particulars of e-tendering:

www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager East Central Railway, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhaya PR/662/DDU/ENGG/T/20-21/32

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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. ECR-CAO-CON-NORTH-ETN-31-20-21 E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE

LINDER MENTIONED WORK

Particulars : S.N. 1. : Name of work Fabrication of glued insulated joint 60 Kg/52Kg(In situ) for doubling project Sagauli-VKNR under jurisdiction of Dy.CE/Con/BTH & NKE. 2. Approx cost of the work: Rs. 4,57,97,160/- 3 Earnest money: Rs. 3,97,000/- 4. Date and time for closing of tender: 09.10.2020 at 14:30hrs. 5. Website where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc

The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information i available on website i.e. http://www ireps.gov.in. and also can see in the office of CAO/Con/ECR,MHX, Patna Note: Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in

response to this E-tender. CAO/Con/North E.C.Rly, MHX, Patna PR/0663/CON/ENGG/T/20-21/36

<u>Indira gandhi institute of medical sciences</u> Notice Inviting Tender

E-tendering mode only on website- www.eproc.bihar.gov.ir

E-Tender Notice No.: 10/2020-2021/Bio-Medical Equipment/IGIMS/Store

Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna invites e-bids from eligible and qualified manufacturers or their authorized distributors / agents for supply, installation and commissioning of different bio-medical equipments for the State Cancer Institute

Director, IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Patna -14 P.O.-B.V. College, Patna 800014. 2. Date of issue of E-Tender notice 23/09/2020.

12.00 hours through above website

From 01/10/2020 to 07/11/2020 up to

document only on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in. 4. Last Date of pre bid Clarifications

1. Name & address of advertiser

Period for download of tender

of community spread of ongoing COVID - 19 epidemics, physically pre-bid meeting will not be held. In case the bidders requires any clarification regarding the tender documents and proposed technical specifications, they are requested to contact our office (e- mail: storeofficer@igims.org) onorbefore 07/10/2020. Last date & Time for submission / 07 / 11 / 2020 up to 17.00 Hours

Last date, time and place for 09 / 11 / 2020 up to 16.00 Hours, at Director submission of hard copy of the Technical bid along with EMD & IGIMS,- Patna-800014, P/O-.B.V.College, Patna Tender Document Fee at Director's office, I.G.I.M.S., Patna by Speed

Date, Time and Place of opening of Techno Commercial bid only on a. Group A & B on 10/11/2020 at 15.00 hours b. Group C. D & E on 11/11/2020 at 15.00 hours c. Group F, G & H on 12/11/2020 at 15.00 hours d. Group I, J, K & Lon 16/11/2020 at 15.00 hours Date, Time and Place of opening Date & Time will be communicated later on subsequent to acceptance of techno commercial bid at www.eproc.bihar.gov.in

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Director, IGIMS, Patn

New Delhi

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Be it known to all that, our Clients Sl Ramesh Chand Gupta S/o Late Kanhaiy Lal Gupta and Smt. Raj Rani Gupta W Lal Gupta and Smi. Raj Rani Gupta W/o
Sh. Ramesh Chand Gupta both R/o A8/134, Kaikaji Extn. Kalkaji, South, New
Delhi-110019, due to unavoidable
circumstances have severed and
discontinued all their relations and
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further discomed and debarred their
younger son namely Mr. Amit Gupta, his
wife Mrs. Payal Gupta as well as their
children all residing at A-134, 1st Floor,
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$Ankita\,in\,RD\,2\,of$ French Open qualifiers

India's Ankita Raina progressed to the second round of the French Open qualifiers with a hard-fought win over Jovana Jovic on Tuesday but Ramkumar Ramanathan's bid to qualify for his maiden Grand Slam singles main draw fell flat. In a marathon two-hour 47 minute contest, Ankita prevailed 6-44-66-4 against the Serbian. The 27-yearold Indian won 106 points to 100 of her rival. It was first meeting between the two players since 2014 when Ankita had lost to Jovic in Anning on clay courts. Ankita will next take on Japan's Kurumi Nara, seeded 22nd. Ankita has not gone beyond the second round at the Grand Slam qualifiers and needs to win two more matches to make it to the main draw. In the men's singles, Ramkumar bowed out after a straight set defeat against French wild card Tristan Lamasine.

Men's hockey analytical coach quits

The Indian men's hockey team was dealt another big blow ahead of Tokyo Olympics when analytical coach Chris Ciriello quit from his position due to health issues, days after David John tendered his resignation from High Performance Director's post, The decorated drag-flicker from Australia, who has an Olympic bronze besides World Cup gold and multiple other medals to his credit, put in his papers over the weekend from his home in Victoria. Ciriello, 34, went back to Australia in June in the middle of thepandemic when the national players were given a month's break.

Fans upset over prize money difference

Organisers of the Italian Open and the tennis Tours came under fire on social media after it emerged that Rome men's champion Novak Djokovic was paid 10 euros (\$11.74) more than women's winner Simona Halep. Djokovic, who beat Argentine Diego Schwartzman for the crown, received 205,200 euros for his triumph while Halep won 10 euros less for sealing the WTA Premier 5 title after Karolina Pliskova retired from the final with injury while trailing 6-0 2-1. But even as tennis' biggest events - the Grand Slams - have pushed for parity in prize money for winners, some fans online vented their ire that while Halep's prize came close to that of Djokovic, it frustratingly fell short. **REUTERS**

Did Suarez cheat again? Lost & found: The ball Dhoni hit for that iconic six located

Prosecutors say Uruguayan's language exam for Italian citizenship was rigged

REUTERS

ROME, SEPTEMBER 22

ITALIAN PROSECUTORS said on Tuesday they had evidence that the language exam taken by Barcelona's Uruguay striker Luis Suarez to obtain Italian citizenship ahead of a possible move to Juventus was rigged.

Suarez, whose wife is of Italian descent, passed the exam last Thursday at the University for Foreigners in Perugia.

It cleared the way for a fast-track citizenship approval which would mean Juventus could sign him without exceeding its permitted quota of non-EU players, but suspicions were quickly raised in the media that he was given preferential treatment.

Perugia chief prosecutor Raffaele Cantone said his investigations showed the questions had been agreed with Suarez ahead of the exam and it had already been decided what mark to give him, despite his scarce knowledge of Italian.

University denies allegations

The university denied any wrongdoing, saying in a statement it had acted with "correctness and transparency" and was confident this would emerge at the end of the probe. Police searched the university on Tuesday looking for further evidence, Cantone said in a statement, while Italian newspaper la Repubblica reported that five university employees had been put under investigation, including the rector.

Suarez himself is not cited among those under investigation. La Repubblica published alleged conversations tapped by police during their probe, in which a tutor preparing Suarez for the exam told a colleague "he can't speak a word," and described him as an absolute beginner in Italian.

Suarez, 33, obtained the intermediate B1 qualification required for citizenship in just 15 minutes, his examiner said after the test, and was only required to do the oral part of the exam. Other citizenship applicants taking the B1 exam on the same day in Rome, had to also complete a written paper lasting two-and-a-half hours.

No stranger to controversy

Suarez's mooted transfer to Juve now looks unlikely, as the Serie A champions have moved to sign striker Alvaro Morata from Atletico Madrid, while the Uruguayan international seems set to take Morata's place at Atletico. Suarez has had a controversial career including being banned for four months for biting Italy defender Georgio Chiellini at the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazil.

He also bit an opponent while playing for his former clubs Ajax Amsterdam in 2010 and Liverpool in 2013, which were punished with seven and 10-match bans respectively.



Luis Suarez leaves the University for Foreigners after taking an Italian citizenship test in Perugia, Italy on September 17. Reuters

WHICH SERIE A RULE WAS SUAREZ TRYING TO CIRCUMVENT?

EXPLAINED

What is Serie A's non-EU rule?

It is a rule that puts a cap on the number of foreign players an Italian top division club can sign each season. The rule, which was enforced by the Italian federation at the start of this century, allows clubs to sign just two non-European Union players every summer.

What does the term 'non-EU' mean?

It refers to a player whose country of citizenship is outside of the European Union. At present, countries in the EU include: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta,

Why is the rule enforced?

Primarily, to help the national team. When the cap was first introduced - in the 2003-04 season — the idea was to give the national team coach more options and promote homegrown players. After their disastrous 2010 World Cup campaign, the Italian football federation got even stricter and reduced the number to just one non-EU player per club. That, however, was met with fierce opposition from the clubs and the league later reverted to the two non-EU

Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania,

Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

Is Italy the only country with this

No. In Spain's La Liga, for instance, each club is allowed to sign five non-EU players each season and are allowed to name just three in a matchday squad. Spain, too, has adopted this rule to nurture homegrown talent.

Can players from outside the EU claim citizenship in one of

the countries in the union? Yes, and that has been one way the clubs have tried to circumvent the rules. In Spain and Italy, players can claim citizenship of a nation where their ancestors are from. For

example, when Brazil international Philippe Coutinho moved to Barcelona from Liverpool, he was able to get Portuguese citizenship because of his wife's ancestry.

In Luis Suarez's case, what were the

Juventus already brought in Brazilian international Arthur Melo and United States midfielder Weston McKennie this season. That complicated things as far as Suarez's transfer was concerned and it could have been possible this summer only if Suarez could acquire dual nationality. However, the Uruguayan -- whose wife is of Italian descent -- was eligible for an Italian passport but he had to pass an Italian language exam.

DEVENDRA PANDEY

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 22

FORMER INDIA captain Sunil Gavaskar has come forward to help the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) locate the ball which disappeared into the stands on the historic night India won its second ICC World Cup in 2011. The governing body was planning to immortalise the moment, and also honour Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who hit the match-winning six, by naming the seat where the ball would have landed after him.

While the search was underway, Gavaskar informed the MCA that the spectator who caught the ball happens to be an acquaintance of Gavaskar's friend.

The search for the exact spot and the match-ball started last month when the 39-year-old announced his retirement from international cricket.

MCA Apex Council member Ajinkya Naik had written a letter to the governing body with the idea of honouring Dhoni with a permanent seat in the spot where the ball would have landed in the Wankhede Stadium.

"As an act of gratitude and tribute to his immense contribution to Indian cricket, the MCA can devote a permanent seat on his name at the pavilion where his famous World Cup-winning six had landed," read Naik's letter, which had been accessed by The Indian Express.

"We can paint and decorate the seat in a unique way to celebrate Dhoni's association with Wankhede Stadium... We can have a plaque on that seat with some spe-

cial text to honour that moment." That spot has now been identified as seat number 210 in the MCA Pavilion, L Block. And the person in possession of the match ball has also been identified.

"Gavaskar informed Ajinkya that his friend knows the person who was at that spot, and even has the ball with him," an MCA member said. It is expected that the MCA may request

Gavaskar to help getting in touch with the spectator - who has placed the ball in a display-case which also has the laminated match ticket. The news has come at an opportune

ernment to open the Wankhede Stadium and allow tours of the venue for visitors. The prospect of a particular seat, and not an entire stand, being named after a player is a novelty in India, but is not an

moment for the MCA, who had recently ac-

cepted a request by the Maharashtra gov-

alien concept abroad. Simon O'Donnell's 122-metre six in a First Class match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in 1993 has been commemorated with the seat where the ball landed being painted yellow. Similarly, in 2018, at the

Etihad Stadium in Melbourne, Big Bash



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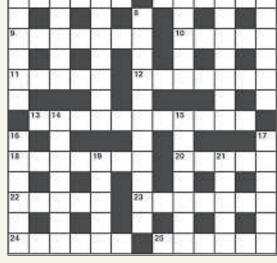
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League franchise Melbourne Renegade honoured their former player Brad Hodge by painting a third-tier seat red, where Hodge's 96-metre six landed in what was his last match as a player.

And in Auckland, New Zealand, a plaque was placed on a seat where Grant Elliot hit a six that secured the country's first appearance in the final of a World Cup, back Dhoni, whose title-winning shot off Sri

Lankan pacer Nuwan Kulasekara's bowling, will now join that elite list.

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ACROSS

- Finest sort of haunt
- 4 Successful angler or rugby man(6)
- 9 Oriental church in newly developed see
- 10 In fact a singular bit of information (5) 11 The state of the Sphinx and the
- Pyramids (5) 12 Listeners burning to get within hearing distance (7)
- 13 It's nice to be in such a successful firm
- 18 Do you need an exercise book to do so? (4,3)
- 20 Man of many parts perhaps (5) 22 Leading chess player (5) 23 In Canada but returning to Iran
- on October 1st (7) 24 Knock out some facts about an
- aircraft(6)25 Reformed gambler (6)

DOWN

- New ethics people find irritating(6)
- Being loud and offhand?
- Kind of labour we get fed up about(7) A class given instruction
- Thicken stew for culinary
- purposes (7) Concerning a spot a long way
- off(6)She loved Paris not only in the spring(5,2,4)
- 14 Needle without an eye? (7) 15 A priest making money in 11
- Across (7) 16 New desk we shifted
- Rigid habit of medieval ages 19 Pickwick's speedy
- imprisonment (5) 21 Game pie has nothing in it

Solutions Crossword 4230: Across: 1 Mustang, 5 Sacks, 8 Bird of ill omen, 9 Loony, 10 Tensile, 11 Fisher, 12 Crisis, 15 Realist, 17 Going, 19 Mathematician, 20 Nerve, 21 Theseus, Down: 1 Mabel, 2 Serious matter, 3 Anodyne, 4 Guilty, 5 Salon, 6 Commit suicide, 7 Singers, 11 Foreman, 13 Ragtime, 14 Strait, 16 Irene, 18 Genus

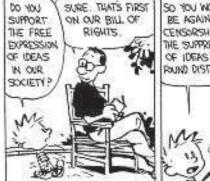
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JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to $\,$ the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. The only winner in the War of 1812 was____(11)

DVAIO atwchk **EVOKER** SUGYT

> Answer: The only winner in the War of 1812 was **Tchaikovsky** SOLUTION: AVOID, GUSTY/GUTSY, THWACK, REVOKE

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every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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DAY TODAY

take care in all

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) From now on you should begin to

matters concerning long-distance travel and the rights in all areas, leave no stone unturned and check even the smallest details. And remember one thing particularly — you also

to others. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) No doubt you are

have responsibilities

recovering from yesterday's emotional ups and

downs. There will be a shift of emphasis towards monetary desires and concerns, but please don't imagine that partners' hopes have been met by recent agreements. There might still be some way to go before they're satisfied.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) A new dimension opens in your chart today, one which

will encourage partners to act very strangely indeed, Look closely, however and you may begin to see that it's your perceptions which are changing, rather than their actions. Perhaps it's time to

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Mars, ruling your energy levels, is still

set to sustain you, but it cannot take care of every eventuality. This is why you must now turn your attention to the most routine, mundane tasks, for it's here that you are likely to overlook essential details.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Even though you should be considering longerterm issues and

broadening your horizons, the pressure to achieve something now, in the immediate future, is still very strong. If your desires haven't been granted, return to first principles, and make a fresh start.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Don't let others push you into hasty



New Delhi

decisions. You still have much to gain from being patient. However, you're entering a new phase at home which will make you wonder just how much patience is required. The answer is simple: an infinite amount.

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Your daily cycle indicates optimism and adventure, but a new fortnightly pattern which begins today confusion. The advice is simple: pace yourself and never make a move until you

are certain of the outcome.

should do whatever you're

Also, if partners think you

told, try putting your point of view — and see how they react. SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)



involvements and return to the past, that is entirely your decision. Just pay a little attention to what partners think. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Just when you thought that

everything was clear, conditions change. Mercury is now

behaving strangely. This is one way of saying that, for the next two weeks, you'll have the distinct feeling that for every two steps forward, you'll be taking three backwards. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

a very fine moment for a spot of creative self-expression.

This is undoubtedly

Whether it is fun and pleasure to which you turn, or the rather more serious matter of making your fortune, this is definitely a time to come to know yourself better.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) Get in touch with old friends. That is the simple message



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) You may be slightly confused about where you should be living, but then

things that they enjoy.

this is a recurrent dilemma. You may also be perplexed by a recent twist in your professional affairs, so give yourself all the time you need to figure out the best response.

ON THE TUBE

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

Kolkata Knight Riders vs Mumbai Indians, 7.30pm, Star Sports Network

Samson stars in highlights reel

Rajasthan's No.3 stands out for his 74 off 32 against CSK on a night in which a record-equalling 33 sixes were hit

VISHAL MENON SEPTEMBER 22

THE CHENNAI Super Kings knew they were up against it, chasing 217 for their second successive win in the Indian Premier League (IPL). Midway through their innings, the cause seemed lost, but they kept fighting till the end. Even after losing five wickets in seven overs, Faf du Plessis' clean hitting gave them a semblance of hope. But eventually, Rajasthan Royals prevailed by 16 runs in a match that witnessed as many as 33 sixes.

The game was well and truly gone with 79 required off four overs. When an improbable 38 were needed from the last six deliveries, MS Dhoni tried to prevent too much damage to the CSK net run rate by clobbering three consecutive sixes off Tom Curran.

For the Royals, the platform for the win was laid by the breath-taking strokeplay of Sanju Samson, who scored a 32-ball 74.

During the lockdown, Samson, like most cricketers, was scared about losing his batting skills. He knew that he couldn't stay away from having a hit at the nets for very long. So, the 25-year-old devised a unique strategy to get himself back into the groove.

"I have not been able to bat for so many days. And I can't stay away from something that I love so much for so long. So, I set up a small area on my brother's terrace, fully covered with nets, where I played with tennis balls and hit my shots. Sometimes, I worked on things which I wanted to work on," he had told The Indian Express.

The long break seems to have worked in Samson's favour. In his first competitive fixture in over six months, the wicket-keeperbatsman hardly displayed signs of rust or lack of match practice. His big hitting put even the usually calm Dhoni under stress.

Samson began with a nonchalant hoick off Sam Curran over the square-leg fence for a six. However, he was at his devastating best against the spinners.

A couple of shots stood out: he clattered Ravindra Jadeja over the long-on fence and in the subsequent over, a sublime inside-out shot off Chawla over extra cover brought up



Sanju Samson hit nine sixes at the Sharjah Stadium to help Rajasthan post 216 for 7. Chennai fell short by 16 runs despite Faf du Plessis's 72 off 37. BCCI/IPL

his quickest half-century in the IPL, off just 19 deliveries.

Samson reaped the rewards of looking to play straight. Another facet of his batsmanship was that he never came down the track to spinners. Like most modern players, he preferred to stay in the crease and unfurl that lovely swing of the bat. Chennai's spinners were guilty of pitching the ball up and in the slot to Samson, which allowed him to just stand and deliver. In hindsight, both Jadeja and Chawla would have been better served with a much shorter length.

Skipper drops anchor

Samson's belligerence allowed Rajasthan Royals captain Steve Smith to come into his own. The Australian has not had it easy in recent times. He was concussed before the recent ODI series in England, and after two days of rest in Dubai, was put through the paces in training, following which he was deemed fit for this match.

Opening for the first time ever in a T20 match, Smith took his time to settle in. But watching the carnage from the non-striker's end took the pressure off him. Smith was happy to play second fiddle to Samson. He brought up his half-century off 35 deliveries, after getting a reprieve from Sam Curran.

When he departed for a 47-ball 69, Smith looked absolutely knackered. A clutch of wickets following Samson's exit meant the Royals lost their way a bit, before an entertaining cameo from Jofra Archer, whose unbeaten 8-ball-27 included four sixes in the last over bowled by Lungi Ngidi.

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such a force in the IPL is their spinners. Match after match, season after season, they have worked in tandem to spin a web around opposition batsmen. But in their second game this season, they were put to the sword by a rampant Samson.

ladeja and Piyush Chawla conceded 95 runs in their eight overs. Neither managed to extract turn or bounce from the slow Sharjah track and to compound matters, their predictable lengths made it more conducive for strokeplay.

In contrast, Royals' spinners — Shreyas Gopal and Rahul Tewatia — lacked the pedigree and experience of their CSK counterparts. But they learned from the mistakes made by Jadeja and Chawla.

They varied their pace cleverly and mixed the lengths to keep the batsmen guessing. First up, Tewatia foxed Watson with a slider and followed it up with a slow, loopy delivery that had Sam Curran stumped. He was on a hat-trick when he had Ruturaj Gaikwad dismissed in the same fashion with a flattish

Gopal also sneaked in with Murali Vijay's wicket to leave Chennai gasping. From 56/0 in 6.3 overs, Dhoni's team slumped to 77/4 and then 114/5 at the end of the 14th over. The two unheralded Rajasthan Royals spinners finished with figures of 8-0-75-4.<

BRIEF SCORES: Rajasthan Royals 216 for 7 (Sanju Samson 74, Steve Smith 69; Sam Curran 3/33) bt Chennai Super Kings 200/6 (Faf du Plessis 72, Shane Watson 33; Rahul Tewatia 3/37) by 16 runs.

ROLLER COASTER EMOTIONAL

Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game.

Frustration: Jadeja

THE USUALLY wily Ravindra Jadeja was Wile E. Coyote, and his bunny Steve Smith turned into the Roadrunner. Jadeja could have dismissed Smith for the seventh time in T20s in the ninth over, only his appeal was turned down twice. After being denied by the umpire, Jadeja – convinced that he had trapped the Aussie in front of the wicket — asked his captain to review the decision. Dhoni didn't want to. The ball would have crashed into the leg stump, replays showed.

Jadeja was determined to get his man, even while prowling at point. He charged in after a Smith dab, scooped up the ball, got in the throwing position, but with nobody backing up, threw up his hands in frustration. Next ball, he went for it anyway. With Smith out of the crease at the non-striker end, Jadeja chanced his rocket arm and con-



ceded an overthrow, earning an earful from bowler Lungi Ngidi. The coup de grace came soon afterwards. In his final over, Jadeja induced a rare mis-hit from Smith towards the long-off boundary, where Sam Curran bun-

gled the easy catch over the ropes. **GAURAV BHATT**

Confusion: Jaiswal

ATHWACK to mid-wicket the previous delivery from Deepak Chahar made it seem like Yashasvi Jaiswal was set for a memorable debut. Whether it was the confidence of the previous hit, or just the sight of a similar ball -Jaiswal went for another big one immediately after in the third over of Royals innings. What happened next was a top edge, a glance to see the trajectory of the ball, a sudden thought that he ought to take a run -- or atleast cross the non-striker, and then a gradual realisation that this would be a rather forgettable opening to his life in the Indian Premier League. Confusion reigned supreme in that brief moment of poor judgement and the 18-year old spent what would seem like a long walk back to the Sharjah Cricket Stadium pavilion thinking of what had just happened. A couple of overs later, Sanju Samson was assaulting all the empty seats in the stadium while the camera continued to pan to Jaiswal, who would clap at his teammate's violent manhandling of Piyush Chawla's bowling, and then occasionally the wry shake of his head at what SHASHANK NAIR might have been.

Celebration: Tewatia

Upon dismissing Shane Watson with a slider, Rajasthan Royals leggie Rahul Tewatia slipped away from the on-rushing teammates, stood still and plonked both index fingers into the ears. He followed up each of his three wickets with the same celebration. What's called a fingers-in-the-ear celebration is derived from football. It might not be quite as iconic as the cradle rocking of the Brazil trident in the 1994 World Cup, or eccentric as Paul Gascoigne on his revolving dentist chair, but it's catching up fast. Barcelona forward Phllippe Coutinho could be credited for its swelling popularity. He once explained: "We should never listen to people who will de-motivate us because their speeches only deviate us from the real focus we should take." It could be true for Tewatia, whose IPL career has not quite taken off, despite the hype around his debut in 2014, incidentally in Rajasthan's stripes. Ever since, he has turned up for Kings XI Punjab and Delhi Daredevils before returning to the Royals, making only 21 appearances in this span.





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