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### HATHRAS DALIT VICTIM DIES: PROTESTS IN DELHI. UP 'My daughter said she wanted to come home... She was conscious again, I thought she would survive'

### **JIGNASA SINHA** HATHRAS, SEPTEMBER 29

AROUND 7 am, the 28-yearold's phone rang. It was a call the family had been dreading for days. "It was my father, he said she was dead... Just like that, my sister is gone. We were up all night, praying for her recovery," he said, crying.

On Tuesday morning, the 19year-old Dalit woman who had been assaulted and allegedly gangraped by four upper-caste men in Hathras district. Uttar Pradesh



Police take away the father and brother of the 19-year-old Hathras victim from Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi, after persuading them to end a dharna on Tuesday. Tashi Tobgyal

on September 14, died at Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital. Fighting for her life for the past 15 days, with her tongue cut by the assaulters and her spinal cord and neck severely injured, leaving her paralysed in all four limbs, she had been moved from an Aligarh hospital to Delhi the day before.

A senior doctor at Safdarjung Hospital said she had been brought in on Monday at 3.39 pm. At 5.30 am Tuesday, she suffered a cardiac arrest. "She was declared dead at 6.15 am."

The accused — Sandeep, 20, his uncle Ravi, 35, and their friends

Ramu, 26, and Luv Kush, 23 - have been booked on charges of murder, gangrape and under the SC/ST Act. ADG. Law and Order (UP Police). Prashant Kumar said that in 2015, a case of assault had been filed by the victim's family against Ravi, but due to "witness hostility", he had got bail.

An initial medical report of the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

**UP WORST IN CRIMES** AGAINST WOMEN, SCs: NCRB PAGE 8

The priority, the sources said,

information technology and fi-

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### Just 6.6% exposed to Covid till Aug: New sero-survey

### **KAUNAIN SHERIFFM** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

AN ESTIMATED one in 15 individuals aged 10 years and above were exposed to the novel coronavirus infection by August, indicating that a large part of the population is still susceptible to the virus, according to the second nationwide sero-survey.

will be vetting documents and Releasing the findings on agreements of companies in the Tuesday, ICMR Director General Balram Bhargava said 6.6 per cent of the 29,082 people (aged nance sector. The scope of the 10 years and above) surveyed probe will, however, be exfrom August 17 to September 22 panded in time to cover other showed evidence of past exposure to Covid-19. The prevalence "With the emphasis on

was higher for adults (aged 18 years and above) at 7.1 per cent. This is a significant increase

from the 0.73 per cent prevalence found in the first sero-sur-



EXPLAINED ing eased, the sero-survey shows states with densely populated urban

clusters remain the most vulnerable. With winter arriving, precautionary behaviour remains the most essential tool to protect the 90 per cent susceptible population.

vey, conducted between May 11 and June 4, among adults in 70 districts. The second survey was conducted in the same districts, but children (above 10 years) **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

### BUSINESS AS USUAL **By UNNY** NO AMNESTY Gardhi

**ED** freezes its accounts, Amnesty shuts its **India offices** 

### SHUBHAJIT ROY & JOHNSON TA NEW DELHI, BENGALURU SEPTEMBER 29

NGO AMNESTY International on Tuesday announced that it was shutting its offices in India and letting go of its staff, nearly 150 members, in Bengaluru and Delhi following the freezing of its accounts by the bank Enforcement Directorate.

"The complete freezing of HARIKISHAN SHARMA& Amnesty International India's **LALMANI VERMA** bank accounts by the

## LAC CRISIS: HOPES OF EARLY RESOLUTION RECEDE Hardening stance, China rejects Ladakh UT, raises 1959 claim line

Untenable, says India, Beijing not interested in clarifying LAC: China opposes border infra-construction by India

PUSHING ITS old claim line in Ladakh and hardening its position on the situation there, Beijing Tuesday said it does not recognise the Union Territory of Ladakh and is opposed to the construction of Indian infrastructure there. New Delhi reacted sharply,

saying it has "never accepted the so-called unilaterally defined



Work on a highway in Ladakh. Reuters

1959 Line of Actual Control", and that it is "untenable". This exchange between the

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two sides comes a week after their military commanders met at the Moldo border point facing Chushul following the Moscow agreement between the Foreign Ministers to dial down tensions along the LAC.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin, responding to a question on Indian road-building along the border, said China "does not recognize the so-called Union Territory of Ladakh" by

### Babri order today, in the dock are Advani, Joshi, Bharti

**MANISH SAHU** 

### pvt JVs invite Govt scrutiny the know of the development **AASHISH ARYAN** told The Indian Express.

Chinese investment pacts,

**& SUNNY VERMA** 

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29 IN A move that is likely to mount more pressure on Chinese trade and investment in India. the

government is planning to scrutinise old and new private sector joint ventures and investment agreements to check for alleged violation of tax laws and other laws, multiple sources in

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### SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

came to know on 10 September 2020, brings all the work being done by the organization to a grinding halt," Amnesty International India said in a statement. The offices will shut by Wednesday Amnesty called the freezing

of accounts "akin to freezing dissent" and said the action was "the latest in the incessant witch-hunt of human rights organizations", leaving them unable to carry on with campaign and research work in India. Executive Director of Amnesty International India Avinash Kumar said over email that they

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**BY BHUPENDER YADAV** TARGETING THE Opposition for **PAGE 13** protesting against the new farm

'not with farmers,

youth or soldiers'

laws, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said "these people are neither with the farmer, nor with the youth, nor with the soldiers". Saving that they were "opposing just for the sake of oppos-

ing", Modi said "people who oppose and protest are becoming increasingly irrelevant for the country and society". Speaking at the inauguration

of six projects related to the

Namami Gange mission in Uttarakhand, via video conference, Modi said: "They are opposing the independence of the farmer. These people are now insulting farmers by setting on fire

the goods and equipment that farmers worship." Youth Congress workers from Punjab set a tractor on fire near India Gate on Monday

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UCKNUW, SEPTEMBER 25

ALMOST 28 years after the demolition of the Babri Masjid, a Special CBI Court will Wednesday pronounce its judgment in the conspiracy case. While the court has directed all the 32 accused, including BJP leaders L K Advani, Uma Bharti and Murli Manohar Joshi, to be present in court. there was no clarity on Tuesday on how many will come.

While Advani, Joshi and coaccused Nritya Gopal Das are above 80 years of age and may cite health conditions, Bharti and another accused, Satish Pardhan, are in hospital. Bharti is being treated for the coronavirus and Pradhan for a gangrene condition. Former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Kalyan Singh, who is among the accused, was discharged from hospital on Monday after undergoing treatment for Covid-19. The youngest accused, Pawan Kumar Pandey

is in his 50s, a lawyer said. "We have no idea who will not attend court proceedings tomorrow. No defence lawyer has filed exemption applications for a client," defence lawyer K K Mishra said.

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### Commissioning

of **GRSE Built Fast Patrol Vessel** (ICGS Kanaklata Barua) bvShri Jiwesh Nandan, IAS Additional Secretary, MoD

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### 299 vs 97 min per day: NSS confirms household, unpaid work falls on women

PM at the inauguration of the Namami Gange projects. ANI

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### **ZEESHAN SHAIKH** MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 29

A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND 'Time Use Survey' conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has shown that only 38.2 per cent of the population participates in "employment and other



related activities", spending 429 minutes (7 hours and 9 minutes) on an average each day. There is, however, a wide gender disparity, with only 18.4 per

cent women participating in employment activities compared with 57.3 per cent men; also,

while men spend on an average 459 minutes (7 hours and 39 minutes), women spend only 333 minutes (5 hours and 33 minutes). The NSS report, 'Time Use in

India 2019', whose findings were released Tuesday, has been con-

ducted for the first time in the country. The primary objective of the survey was to measure participation of men and women in paid and unpaid activities as well as measure the time dispositions on different activities.

The survey was conducted between January 2019 and December 2019. As many as 1.39 lakh households across the country comprising 4.47 lakh persons over the age of six were enumerated.

It shows women participation

in unpaid domestic services for household members - cooking, cleaning, household management - is as high as 81.2 per cent each day compared with 26.1 per cent for men. Women spend 299 minutes (almost 5 hours), thrice as much as men (97 minutes or 1 hour 37 minutes).

There is also a stark difference in the time spent by men and women in care-giving activities to a dependent child or an adult. While only 14 per cent of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 



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### Hathras case

woman confirmed strangulation and assault. Kumar said a medical report by doctors at Aligarh hospital had found evidence regarding rape "inconclusive", and had sent samples to a forensic laboratory for "further clarity".

Protesters gathered at the Safdarjung Hospital as the news of the death spread. Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad met the woman's father. while the Congress held protests in Delhi and Lucknow. The family only left with the body in the evening, after protesting with officials to meet their demands. The police cordoned off roads leading to the family's village

Waiting for the body of the teenager, the youngest of her five children, at their Hathras home, the woman's mother cried that she hadn't been able to be with her in her last moments. "I met her last a few days ago... She said she wanted to come back home, missed her nephews and nieces... Since she had regained consciousness, I thought she would survive."

The teenager's parents and two brothers work as farm labourers, while her two sisters are married and live in other villages. "I want them to be publicly hanged... What have they done to my daughter, my family?" cried the mother.

The family had a nearly twodecade-old dispute with Sandeep's relatives. Of the 600odd families in the village, nearly half are Thakur. Brahmins make up another 100, with 15-odd families Dalit, as per officials.

The 19-year-old was born the same year as Sandeep's grandfather was booked under the SC/ST Act and served three months in prison for allegedly

the mother, who is hard of hearing. She found her lying covered in blood just 100 metres away.

Hathras DM Praveen Kumar, said, "On September 14, we registered a case of attempt to murder and under the SC/ST Act. Later, the woman told the police about the rape. We will take the case to a fast-track court." WITH ENS, DELHI

### Amnesty

would approach the Karnataka High Court.

The European Union became the first international body to raise the issue through diplomatic channels. In an email responding to The Indian Express, the EU spokesperson for Foreign Affairs and Security policy in Brussels, Nabila Massrali, said, "Not prejudging the outcome of any investigation or judicial proceedings, the European Union highly values the work of

Amnesty International and hopes that the matter will be resolved allowing Amnesty to continue its activities in India." She said they had "raised the issue with our Indian interlocutors in New Delhi and in Brussels

expressing our concerns" and hoped the issues will be solved. "The EU is committed to the protection and empowerment of civic actors. The Union Home Ministry

(MHA) said Amnesty's claims of a "witch hunt" were "far from the truth". The Ministry said Amnesty had been given permission under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) only once, in 2000, and since had been denied the same, including by the UPA government. It accused Amnesty UK of circumventing the regulations by remitting large amounts of money to four entities registered

## China rejects Ladakh UT

tion was also reflected in a state-

by Premier Zhou Enlai to Prime

letter dated November 7, 1959.

Mandarin, the Chinese Foreign

Ministry said, "Firstly, China-

India border LAC is very clear.

that is the LAC on November 7,

1959. China announced it in the

1950s, and the international

community including India are

External Affairs responded to

the Chinese Foreign Ministry

statement on China's position

the so-called unilaterally de-

fined 1959 Line of Actual Control

(LAC). This position has been

consistent and well known, in-

cluding to the Chinese side,"

MEA spokesperson Anurag

their various bilateral agree-

ments including the 1993

Agreement on Maintenance of

(CBMs) in the military field,

Protocol

Furthermore, he said, under

In New Delhi, the Ministry of

"India has never accepted

also clear about it."

on the LAC.

Srivastava said.

In the statement in

India, and "opposes infrastructure construction in disputed border areas for military control purposes". According to the recent

consensus reached between China and India, neither side should take any actions in border areas that would complicate the situation, so as not to affect the efforts of both sides to ease the situation," Wang said, according to China state-run tabloid Global Times.

The spokesperson's statement that Beijing "does not recognise the Union Territory of Ladakh" is an escalation in its rhetoric, as compared to its comment last year following the abrogation of Article 370 and the decision to bifurcate the state of Jammu and Kashmir into the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh. At that time, China had objected to the formation of Ladakh as Union Territory, saying this "undermined its territorial sovereignty". Beijing had also expressed "serious concern" about the current situation in the region and had said "relevant sides need to exercise restraint and act prudently".

Peace and Tranquility along the LAC, 1996 Agreement on But Beijing's comments now Confidence Building Measures are contrary to the spirit of the conversation between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and 2005 Implementation of CBMs, 2005 Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on September 10. Meeting in Agreement on Parameters and Guiding Moscow, the two sides adopted a five-point approach to resolve Principles for settlement of the the crisis and agreed that their India-China Boundary Question, troops "should continue their dialogue, quickly disengage, committed to clarification and maintain proper distance and confirmation of the LAC to reach ease tensions". a common understanding of the

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overseas (were) in violation of

FDI guidelines." the ED had said.

sent "investigative letters to

more than 30 small regular

being harassed by the ED after

the "10-hour-long" October

2018 raid. "Most of the informa-

tion and documents that were

demanded during the search

were already available in the

public domain or filed with the

Amnesty first complained of

donors", Amnesty said

"The Rs 26 crore was re-

Indians

norms, another official said.

"In fact, the two sides had ment to The Hindustan Times in engaged in an exercise to clarify Beijing, in which it said that it and confirm the LAC up to 2003, abides by the LAC as proposed but this process could not proceed further as the Chinese side did not show a willingness to Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in a pursue it," Srivastava said, put-

> ting the onus on Beijing. "Therefore, the insistence now of the Chinese side that there is only one LAC is contrary to the solemn commitments made by China in these agreements," he said. "As we have previously

made clear, the Indian side has always respected and abided by the LAC. As the Defence Minister stated in Parliament recently, it is the Chinese side which, by its attempts to transgress the LAC in various parts of the Western Sector, has tried to unilaterally alter the status quo." In the last few months, the

Chinese side, he said, has repeatedly affirmed that the current situation in the border areas should be resolved in accordance with the agreements signed between the two coun-

tries. Referring to the September 10 meeting in Moscow between the Foreign Ministers, Srivastava said the Chinese side reiterated its commitment to abide by all the existing agreements.

"We therefore expect that the Chinese side will sincerely Political and faithfully abide by all agreements and understandings in their entirety and refrain from "both India and China have advancing an untenable unilateral interpretation of the LAC," he said.

The Indian response, sharp tone and tenor, after the sixth

round of Corps Commanderlevel talks, which was also attended by a senior Indian diplomat, signals that the two sides have hardened their positions diplomatically as well.

At the talks, the two sides had agreed not to engage in "escalatory behaviour" along the LAC. While there was no agreement on "disengagement" at the friction points, the two sides came to an understanding on not escalating the situation given that troops of the two armies continue to be within fir-

ing range of each other. "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," a joint press release stated after the meeting.

Sources said that 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 could then take place between the commanders and the diplomats.

But Beijing's latest remarks reflect a hardening of stance. Hopes of an early resolution of the Ladakh crisis are fast receding, and it appears that the two armies will have to keep their troops deployed in the region

through the winter months.

On June 17, two days after

the 4G network projects.

The tender was formally

cancelled later. A revised ten-

der which specifically bars

Chinese companies from par-

ticipating in the tender has not

been issued vet. Other than

that, Chinese companies have

also been barred from partici-

pating in any highway tenders,

and their investment in micro,

small and medium enterprises

citing the "emergent nature of

threats", banned 59 Chinese

mobile applications. In

September, another 118 apps

and games, which included the

popular game PUBG, were

Koregaon case, where activists

have been held. Recently,

Amnesty released reports on

Kashmir one year after special

status was revoked, and on the

February Delhi riots.

Babri order

In June, the government,

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banned in India

Ladakh.

other accused, VHP vice-president Champat Rai, are the head and chief secretary of the Shri Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust set up to build the Ram temple at the disputed site in

The other accused include ways of looking at the data. "We Unnao MP Sakshi Maharaj, can say that our seroprevalence Faizabad MP Lallu Singh, Gonda is comparable to the sero-sur-MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, vevs across the world: Switzerland (8 per cent), the UK Vinay Katiyar, and Sadhvi (7 per cent), Belgium (5 per cent), or the US (9.3 per cent)."

chargesheet against 49 people in the case, of whom 17 died during trial.

In 2001, a trial court had dropped proceedings against 21 of the accused. The verdict was upheld by the High Court. However, on April 19, 2017, the Supreme Court had ordered restoration of the conspiracy charges and ordered daily hearing in the case, with trial to be concluded in two years.

The charges of conspiracy are in addition to the existing charges against the accused of promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, for which they are also facing trial.

cused had conspired and instigated kar sevaks to demolish the mosque. The accused have pleaded innocence saying they Congress government at the

Last year, the Supreme Court had allotted the disputed site in Ayodhya for construction of a Ram temple, while calling the demolition of the mosque a violation of the law. An alternative five-acre site was marked in the city for building a mosque.

Last month, the Special CBI Court had recorded statements of Pradhan, Advani and Joshi under Section 313 of the CrPC. Under the section, a judge questions the accused on the basis of evidence and gives an opportunity to explain the allegations.

Ayodhya

Ritambhara. The CBI had filed a

would not be scrapped, Modi said: "The country has freed its farmers from restrictions. Now, the farmer can sell his produce to anyone, anywhere.' kaise kuchh log sirf virodh ke liye virodh kar rahe hain (The country is watching how some peo-

ple are opposing just for the sake of opposing)," he said. "These people are spreading confusion among farmers about MSP. The MSP will remain and the freedom of farmers to sell their produce anywhere will also remain. Some

The CBI argued that the acpeople are unable to accept this freedom. One of their means of generating black money has ended." were implicated by the then also criticised the government on other issues including the Centre as political vendetta. Jan Dhan scheme, GST, one

rank-one pension, surgical strikes, Rafale acquisition, Statue of Unity and Ram temple. "Yeh log na kisan ke saath hain, na naujawan ke saath, aur na hee jawan ke saath (these people are neither with the farmer. nor with the vouth. nor with the soldiers)," he said.

"It has become their habit to oppose everything that is happening for the country." he said. "With time, these people are becoming irrelevant... A party, whose four generations ruled the country, wants to fulfill its selfish interests by riding on the shoulders of others." Modi also inaugurated the

"In winter, respiratory viruses spread faster. In the next

five months, maintaining social

distance and wearing a mask

becomes even more impor-

PM targets Opp

Reiterating that the MSP

"Aaj desh dekh raha hai ki

He said the Opposition had

Bhargava said there are two

tant," he said.

thrashing the victim's grandfather. The mother claims that the teenager grew up aware of their "status", never mingling with the upper castes.

Of the five siblings, only the two brothers attended school. The mother said the three girls went to school for only a year or two. "The school is far away... It was unsafe," she said.

The teenager kept to herself, and was the closest to her sisterin-law. "Everyone went to the fields to work, and the two of us stayed home. She was fond of making mehndi, drawing rangolis," said the sister-in-law, a mother of three.

Villagers recall a shy teenager who was mostly seen going to collect fodder for their animals with her mother – like on the day she was assaulted

Locals said with Sandeep's family owning a fair amount of land, he hung around not doing much. The family's home was locked on Tuesday. "Sandeep creates trouble but no one really says anything... He drinks, harasses women. Everyone is scared of the family," said a villager, on condition of anonymity.

In her statement to the police, the woman had said Sandeep had been harassing her for six-seven months. Her sisterin-law said, "We had noticed a change. She seemed scared, hesitant to go out of the house, even to where our cows are kept... But she didn't say why.'

A brother said in recent days she had stopped going to the local market as well, though she loved buying bangles and hair accessories. He added that they were aware they couldn't aspire for things the upper castes could. "Maybe she was scared of these men. She couldn't lead a normal life like the other girls, couldn't go to markets and restaurants."

On September 14 morning, the teenager and her mother had gone to a field nearby to cut grass for their cows, when the 19-vear-old went missing. The four accused allegedly dragged her into the fields, unnoticed by

in India, by classifying it as FDI. "Amnesty is free to continue humanitarian work in India, as is being done by many other organisations. However, India, by settled law, does not allow inter-

ference in domestic political debates by entities funded by foreign donations," the MHA said. In a statement, Amnesty's

Kumar said, "The harassment by government agencies including the Enforcement Directorate is a result of our unequivocal calls for transparency... more recently for accountability of the Delhi police and the Government of India regarding the grave human rights violations in the Delhi riots and Jammu & Kashmir. For a movement that has done nothing but raise its voices against injustice, this latest attack is akin to freezing dissent."

Amnesty said they came to know on September 10 that all their accounts were frozen by the ED as part of a probe into a 2018 case. "We assessed all scenarios where we could survive but there was none," an Amnesty staff member said.

Some of Amnesty's 150 staff members will continue as volunteers in order to ensure continuity of its programmes.

The government case against Amnesty India broadly rests on two investigations, one alleging discrepancies under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, and another case that was registered by the CBI alleging violations under the FCRA.

In October 2018, Amnesty properties in Bengaluru had been searched by the ED after the Amnesty International India Foundation Trust was accused of creating a commercial arm called Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd (AIIPL) allegedly to receive foreign funding in violation of the FCRA rules.

According to the ED case. Amnesty International India had "received foreign funds through a commercial route to the extent of Rs 36 crore". Out of this, Rs 10 crore had been received as longterm loan and placed in fixed deposits while an Indian entity,

### alignment of the LAC'

### Chinese investment pacts, pvt JVs invite Govt scrutiny

on

ments in Indian companies as greater scrutiny of investments from some of our neighbouring well as their participation in countries. As we have already tenders for public procureenunciated, any opportunistic ment.

In April, the government takeover in the financial sector cannot be allowed and the inamended the foreign direct investors should not hesitate in vestment rules mandating subjecting themselves to prior approval for investment by entities in countries that scrutiny under the rules and regulations," a senior governshare land borders with India

... an entity of a country, In the information technolwhich shares a land border with India or where the benefiogy space, the call to bring under scrutiny companies with cial owner of an investment Chinese investments arose afinto India is situated in or is a ter intelligence reports sugcitizen of any such country, can gested that some of these firms invest only under the may be violating tax laws as Government route," the well as local data storage Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade "There is no harm in going (DPIIT) had then said.

over these agreements with a The move came days after China's central bank, People's fine comb once again just to ensure there have been no viola-Bank of China, raised its sharetions. If any discrepancies are holding in HDFC to over one per found, we will take a call on the cent.

The government said that future course of action," the ofprior approval was compulsory The government has been for foreign investments from all countries sharing borders with cautious on Chinese invest-

Amnesty relevant government authori-International Trust, had estabties," it said.

lished an overdraft facility for Rs Subsequently, in 2019, the 14.25 crore with the 10 crore as CBI had filed a case against AIIPL, the Indians for Amnesty International Trust, Amnesty International India Foundation counts of AIIPL as consultancy Trust, Amnesty International South Asia Foundation. The ED tances received by AIIPL from had also issued a show cause notice to Amnesty alleging violations of the foreign exchange law Following the ED probe, the to the tune of Rs 51 crore. Income Tax department had

Denying the allegations, Kumar said, "All financial transactions between AIIPL and Amnesty International Limited UK or any other entity are made in full compliance with the Companies Act and other applicable laws... AIIPL has received payments for contractual services rendered to its clients. On the other hand, the operations of Indians for Amnesty

India to prevent "opportunistic takeovers" of domestic firms following the pandemic.

20 Indian Army personnel Later in July, the governwere killed in clashes with ment amended the General Chinese troops in Galwan Financial Rules, 2017 as well, Valley, the Department of and imposed restrictions on Telecommunications barred public procurement from bidstate-run BSNL and MTNL from using Chinese equipment for ders of countries which share a land border with India.

Citing national security and defence, the amended rules said that bidders from countries which share a land border with India will be eligible to participate in Indian bids only if they are registered with the registration committee constituted by the DPIIT. The companies from these

countries are now also required to take mandatory political and security clearance from the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs. The latest move to scruti-

nise old and new agreement papers is the economic fallout of a tense border standoff between India and China in

use of the Public Safety Act in International Trust are funded solely by money raised within Jammu and Kashmir, later that India... (from mainly) individual year it had testified at the US supporters (around 11,000 in number)." "Amnesty has not been con-

on trial in court," former Amnesty executive director Aakar Patel said on social media. The BJP attacked Amnesty

ing after it, noting that the NGO's credentials had come under a

other country where its office was shut was in Russia in 2016.

While in June 2019, Amnesty had been denied permission to hold a press conference in Srinagar to release a report over

### Sero-survey were included.

Significantly, the second survey shows that children are also vulnerable to the infection. "All age groups above 10 years were found to have been exposed to the infection. Earlier, we were under the impression that it does not affect below 18 years," said Bhargava.

"Prevention fatigue has to be avoided and we have to stick to the 5T strategy: test, track, trace, treat and use of technology. Non-pharmacological interventions like physical distancing and use of face masks continue to remain essential. In light of the upcoming festivities, winter season and mass gathering. containment strategies must be

implemented," Bhargava said. The survey, which was conducted in the backdrop of restrictions being eased and resumption of economic activity, reveals that the risk gradient is highest in urban slums. The prevalence in urban slums stood at an estimated 15.6 per cent, as compared to 8.6 per cent in non-slum urban areas, and 4.4 per cent in rural areas.

With testing being ramped up in the last two months, the survey found 26-32 infections per reported case by August, as compared to 81-131 in the first round in May.

> "But remember, we can never, in an epidemiological sense. identify every asymptomatic individual. That is why sero-survey is an additional tool for contract tracing," said Dr V K Paul, Member, NITI Aayog.

Dr Paul said the data has to - INPUTS BY ESHA ROY, be analysed from two perspec-**DIPANKAR GHOSE** tives. "First, the (containment) measures adopted have kept the prevalence at lower levels, The police have been put on despite the un-lockdown; secalert to prevent any law and orond, it reveals that more than 90 per cent of the population is Nritya Gopal Das and ansusceptible to the virus," he said.

Ganga Avalokan Museum at Haridwar, released a book on the Ganga, and the new logo for the Jal Jeevan Mission. He unveiled guidelines for village panchavats and water committees under the Jal Jeevan Mission, and announced a 100-day campaign to be launched on October 2 to ensure drinking water connection to every school and anganwadi.

### Household work

men participate in unpaid care giving services for household members spending on average 76 minutes a day (1 hour and 16 minutes), the share of women is double at 27.6 per cent. Women also spend more than two hours (2 hours 14 minutes) in such care-giving.

The survey also shows that Indians do not like to be unpaid volunteers or trainees or to take part in community or organisation-based unpaid volunteering. Only 2.4 per cent of the respondents said they volunteer for such work. The time spent on volunteering is around 101 minutes a day.

However, participation in socialising and communication through chatting, conversing, community participation by taking part in gatherings and religious participation, is very high with almost 91.3 per cent of the respondents taking part in these activities each day, spending on an average around 143 minutes each day.

Participation in culture, leisure, mass-media and sports practices through reading, watching television is also high with 86.9 per cent of the participants spending an average 165 minutes every day.

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New Delhi



Congressional hearing on the human rights situation in South Asia, with a special focus on the victed. It has not even been put abrogation of Article 370. In November 2019, Amnesty had released a report on the role of foreigners' tribunals in Assam. It has also taken up the Bhima

for accusing government of go-

cloud under the UPA as well. Operating in 80 countries, Amnesty has had run-ins with the governments of Turkey and Nigeria as well, but the only

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### **48 DEATHS ON TUESDAY, HIGHEST SINCE JULY 8** Court denies bail Sero survey suggests to journalist held 33% have antibodies in espionage case

### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

CLOSE TO 33% of those tested in the city as part of the September sero survey had developed Covid-19 antibodies, The Indian Express has learnt. The findings of the third survey will be presented to the Delhi High Court Wednesday. The presence of antibodies

indicates the individual has been exposed to the virus in the past. In the last sero survey, this figure was 29.1%. "The results show that only about a third of the population has been exposed to the virus so far and that precautions such as social distancing and wearing masks must be observed keenly to limit the spread of infection," said a senior Delhi government official.

On Tuesday, meanwhile, 48 people succumbed to the disease. This is the highest toll since July 8. Over the past 10 days, the case fatality ratio has been 1.12% up from 0.94% (10 day average) till a few days ago.

The sudden increase in deaths has health department officials worried, as for the past several weeks, they have been asked to focus on deaths instead of the overall Covid count. "After observing the behaviour of the virus for two months, we realised we cannot completely stop people from getting infected and we will have to learn to live with Covid. The focus then shifted to managing the number of deaths and we saw immediate results. Over the

past week, however, as the num-

The findings will be presented to Delhi HC today. Archive

ber of reported cases has gone up due to increased tests, case fatality ratio has also increased. This is a matter of concern and we are holding meetings to see what we can do to decrease this rate," said a senior government official.

The city's overall fatality ratio is 1.93% at present, with 5,320 out of 2,76,325 people who have tested positive succumbing to the virus since March. On Tuesday, 3,227 people tested positive out of over 59,100 samples picked. As the number of tests conducted in Delhi has increased over the past month, the number of daily cases has also increased. Over the past week, positivity rate has been in the 6%-7% range. The overall positivity rate since March, mean-

while, stands at 9.15%. 38% of those admitted to hospital require oxygen: Data

As per data provided by the Delhi government, an average of

around 38% of those admitted to hospitals require administration of oxygen. An analysis done on September 22 shows that of 7,242 patients admitted to hospitals across the city, 2,793 (38.5%) were on oxygen support. The percentage of patients requiring ventila-

tor support was 3.83%. Officials said that at present, oxygen is available on most beds set aside for Covid patients. "As we continued to learn about the pandemic, we realised early oxvgen support in people whose oxygen saturation levels are dipping is helpful. This also helped reduce the death rate," a senior government official said.

A majority of those who tested positive have recovered at home. Data between May 5 and September 23 shows that only 2% of those under home isolation had to be shifted to hospitals after their condition deteriorated. There are close to 18,000 active Covid patients under home isolation at present.

### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

A DELHI court Tuesday dismissed the bail plea of journalist Rajeev Sharma, who has been accused of espionage under the Official Secrets Act in a case registered by Delhi Police's Special Cell. The court also dismissed his plea to allow him to make public the contents of the FIR.

"An independent press is stated to be the fourth pillar of democracy. A journalist is an important brick in the said pillar of democracy. The foundation of democracy cannot be shaken if all pillars of the democracy including the press work towards stability and growth. However, if a journalist...decides to act with the intention to destabilise and negatively impact the sustainability and survival of democracy, that would be a darkest day in the Free Press movement," said the court, while declining the bail plea.

In his Chief order, Metropolitan Magistrate Pawan Singh Raiawat said Sharma may attempt to hamper the investigation if he is released on bail at this stage."I have perused the case file which includes not only the disclosure statement of the accused persons but also other material which were recovered at his instance coupled with the preliminary electronic evidence collected by the investigating agency, points towards involvement of accused in commission of offence under Sections 3/4 and 5 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923,' the court said in the order



Sharma, represented by senior advocate Adish Aggarwala, had argued while seeking bail that he is a senior journalist, aged about 61 years, and is suffering from various ailments like acute sinus problems and is at high risk of contracting coronavirus. However, the court said the ailments are not such they would endanger to his life if denied bail. The court also noted that jail administration has made arrangements for keeping new entrants in isolation wards or cells to prevent spread of Covid-19. As per the case details, Sharma is accused of having links with foreign intelligence officers and getting funds from "foreign handlers" for allegedly conveying sensitive information pertaining to national security and foreign relations. He

was arrested on September 14. A Chinese and a Nepalese national were arrested later. The court also said the "likelihood of any attempt of tampering evidence or influencing witnesses cannot be ruled out" if Sharma is released on bail, adding, "...the involvement of foreign agencies at whose behest accused Sharma was passing out the sensitive information is yet to be investigated. If released, he may indulge in thwarting the course of investigation."

### **Ruckus in North MCD House** over salary delay to docs, staff

#### **ABHINAV RAJPUT** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

DOCTORS AT North MCD's Hindu Rao Hospital staged a pen-down strike for two-three hours on Tuesday morning against the salary delay, an issue that also rocked the civic body's House meeting later in the day.

They have also launched an online campaign, posting pictures with the text - 'Doctors on Covid duty, Unpaid Day 106, Hindu Rao Hospital Delhi' --- on their social media since Monday, with the change in days being updated regularly. Dr Sagar Deep, generalsecretary of the hospital's Resident Doctors' Association, said doctors will be holding twohour protests every day till their salaries are paid. "Those risking their lives are not being paid despite regular protests. We were last paid in June," he said.

**SANJIV SINHA** 

his family and

colleagues at

The Express Group



The doctors had launched an

online campaign on Monday

Meanwhile, North Delhi

Mayor Jai Prakash said he "sus-

pended" around 20 of the 30 AAP

councillors for three house meet-

proceedings on Tuesday.

cussing salaries of employees, but they were creating commotion and demanding details of corruption allegations concerning a health officer, and details of money due to the North MCD by different agencies. They created a ruckus with the sole intention of not allowing any discussion," Prakash said. North MCD's opposition leader Vikas Goel said AAP leaders were not given time to speak and raise the issue of "corruption by a medical health officer". "We also asked them to specify the agencies that owe money to the MCD, which they did not answer. They are only interested in blaming the Delhi government for everything," he said.

"The agenda was fixed for dis-

ings for allegedly "misbehaving Doctors and nurses in other and creating ruckus" during its North MCD-run hospitals have also been holding protests.



### Woman who lured scientist into 'honey trap' heads gang of 5

### **EXPRESS NEWS** SERVICE NOIDA, SEPTEMBER 29

A WOMAN, arrested for allegedly luring a Defence Research and Development Organisation(DRDO)scientist into what police are calling a





### <sup>44</sup>Our goal is to diversify across sectors and geographies while enhancing our healthy profit margins and comfortable liquidity position, which will contribute to our operational performance.

is the highest ever as against ₹ 4,680 crore in the pr<mark>evious</mark> financial year. Our turnover for the year stood at ₹ 5202 crore as against ₹ 4,415 crore in FY2019, marking an increase of 18%. Around 95.60% of our total income has been recorded from our operational activities. Out of the total income, 8.75% (₹ 476 crore) has been achieved through international projects

On a consolidated basis, we have recorded total income of ₹ 5,540 crore during the FY2020 as against ₹ 4,990 crore in the previous financial year, and achieved a consolidated Net Profit of ₹ 485 crore for the said fiscal as against ₹ 450 crore in the previous financial year.

For FY2020, the Board has recommended a final dividend of ₹ 2.06/- per equity share on the face value of ₹ 2/- each amounting to ₹96.87 crore, out of the profit for the financial year. With this, the



'honey trap' case, has targeted rich and influential individuals in the past too, officers in Noida said Tuesday. The woman, Sunita Gurjar (45), is the alleged mastermind of a gang involving four others, all men. The arrests were made on Monday after a scientist in Noida was lured and kidnapped, and Rs 10 lakh was demanded as ransom from his family to release him.

"Based on their questioning, the gang has been active for the past four-five months. The woman would identify and target individuals via a website. She would talk to the target and arrange a meeting. Once the person turned up, the accused would kidnap him and ask for ransom," said Ranvijay Singh, ADCP, Gautam Budh Nagar.

According to police, more than five people appear to have been targeted so far, but did not file a complaint owing to "embarrassment". Sunita hails from Agahpur

in Noida, where she was also known as Babli. In photos uploaded online, she can be seen standing next to BIP leaders. In one poster, she is seen thanking the party for appointing her as the 'Mandal Adhyaksh' of the BJP's district women's wing.

"Sunita never held any post and was possibly a part of the women's wing. She has not been active for the last two-three years. We have a large registration base and anyone can join the party. The party was never aware of any of her other activities. She talked about social work mostly," said Dimple Anand, general secretary and former in-charge of the Noida Mahila Morcha. Dimple features in some photographs with Sunita

Police said Sunita is also a distant relative of Manyeer Gurjar, winner of the 2018 edition of Bigg Boss. This connection had helped her get phovia a website. She would talk to the target and arrange a meeting, and once the person turned up, the accused would kidnap him and ask for ransom

with some

Sunita, along with co-accused Deepak and Rakesh, made a fake website offering massage services in Noida. She would contact the person who approached a number given on the website. In initial conversations, she would evaluate if the person is wealthy, police said, adding she had rented a property in Sector 41

as an Oyo Hotel where the men would be brought. Oyo did not respond to a query sent by The Indian Express.

The DRDO scientist left his

in Sector 49 police station.

Based on surveillance, the accused's vehicle was spotted close to the hotel. Police then intercepted the vehicle, a Honda City, and Deepak was arrested, while two others managed to escape. The hotel room was raided and the sci-

tographs Bollywood celebrities, police said.

residence on Saturday evening after telling his wife he needed to purchase some items. According to police, when he went to meet Sunita, he was assaulted and held hostage in a vehicle before being taken to the hotel room.

The first ransom call was made to his wife on Saturday. Over the next few hours, the family tried to arrange the money. When the family could not arrange the ransom, they informed police and a case of kidnapping was filed

entist was rescued, while Sunita and Rakesh were arrested.

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR CHAUDHARY Chairman & Managing Director in 44th Annual General Meeting

### Dear Shareholders,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all, on behalf of the

Board of Directors, to the 44th Annual General Meeting of your Company. I am proud to say that IRCON is on a steady Growth path, and continues to perform above the industry average in India. Since 1985, we have actively worked towards becoming a diversified infrastructure player, both in terms of sectoral and geographical coverage. We have progressively diversified into providing an entire gamut of construction activities and infrastructure services. We are a strong footed, that has achieved significant milestones in

executing challenging projects across the world. So far, we have delivered over 128 projects in 25 countries across the globe and over 390 projects in India. As per the 2020 edition of the USA's Engineering New Record (ENR), IRCON is the only Indian PSU to make it to the list of top 250 international contractors

#### **OUR OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

During FY2020, the Railway sector contributed 80.98% to our total revenue. Our primary focus and strengths have consistently remained deeply rooted in the railway sector. However, we are also concentrating on building our highways business, and this year its share in the total revenue has increased to approximately 18.32% as compared to 12.56% of the last year's share and share of electrical, building and other works in total revenue is approx. 0.70%.

IRCON's order book, as on March 31, 2020 stood at ₹ 30,713 crore with ₹ 26,064 crore

#### value of work of Railways ₹ **30,713** crore sector both on competitive

and on nomination basis. In the domestic market, we have completed several projects in areas of Railway tracking, Highways, Bridges and Flyovers, Electricals, Signalling and Telecom, tunnels, and lining and railway electrification amongst others. We continue to actively participate in new projects in foreign countries, including our ongoing project in Bangladesh, Algeria, Sri Lanka, Nepal & Myanmar. By continuing to diversify our business and geographical focus, we strive to secure a broader range of projects to maximise business

During FY2020, we have won an International Railway contract worth approximately ₹ 637.22 crore under LOC Scheme of EXIM Bank from Sri Lanka Railways under the Ministry of Transport & Civil Aviation, Government of Sri Lanka. The contract is to upgrade the Northern Railway line of 128 Km and associated work from Maho-Omanthai in Sri Lanka. Our team is also making concerted efforts to secure project contracts in Thailand, Turkey, Ghana, Mozambique, Rwanda, UAE, Malaysia, Oman, and Guinea. In addition to this, we are gradually moving from individual projects to collaborated projects in partnership by forming joint ventures with local companies. We believe that this strategy will enable us to generate revenue and profits on a sustained basis.

I am glad to announce that recently, we have secured two works from the Ministry of Railways, Government of India on competitive bidding among PSUs. One, is the Railway Electrification Works of 2251 Route Kilo Meter (RKM) on various routes worth approx. Rs 1900 Crore; and the other is the works of 9 Road Over Bridges valuing more than ₹ 400 Crore.

### **OUR PERFORMANCE IN FY2020**

total dividend for FY2020 would be aggregated to ₹ 223.38 crore (approx.) (i.e.237.50% on the paid-up equity share capital of ₹94.05 crore), which includes Interim Dividend of ₹ 126.50 crore. The total dividend works out to 45.60% of the post-tax profits and 5.37% of net worth as on March 31, 2020.

Furthermore, I would like to mention that the Statutory Auditors have not given any qualification or remarks in the Auditors' Report (except for few suggestions), and the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (C&AG) have also not issued any comments for the FY2020

#### SUBSIDIARY AND JOINT VENTURE COMPANIES

As on March 31, 2020, IRCON has five wholly-owned subsidiary companies, out of which four are Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) created for execution of projects of NHAI. IRCON also has 50% shareholding in two joint venture (JV) companies and 26% shareholding in five JV companies incorporated mainly for coal connectivity projects in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Odisha. The details of all subsidiaries and joint venture companies are provided in the Directors' Report.

### RECOGNITIONS

The rating of the Company under the Memorandum of Understanding for the year 2018-19 signed with the Ministry of Railways has been 'Excellent' as was in the year 2017-18. The Company expects to achieve 'Excellent' rating for the year 2019-20 also.

I am confident that with the sustained efforts of IRCONIANS we will achieve the enhanced performance targets. Apart from these recognitions, your Company's has been conferred various awards during the FY2020, which have been detailed in the Directors' Report

#### **RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE**

FY2020 witnessed the onset of COVID-19, an unprecedented global pandemic that is posing severe challenge to the world's strongest economies. The human tragedy has costed many lives and has brought about massive headwinds for several businesses across the globe. As a response to the pandemic, we have taken necessary measures towards minimising the negative impact of the challenges on our business. Though the long-term directional priorities of our organisation remain firm, in light of COVID-19 and its expected impact on the operating environment, our key priorities include closely monitoring the supply chain, conserving cash and controlling fixed costs. However, we will continue to explore and invest in significant growth areas.

Furthermore, as a As a response to the pandemic company that deeply we have taken necessary measures towards minimisir considers its impact on society, we have taken the negative impact of the various initiatives towards llenges on our business financial.

medical and community support in the fight against the pandemic. We have extended financial support of ₹ 20.50 crores towards the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in emergency Situation Fund (PM CARES Fund). Apart from this, we continue to make significant efforts towards the development and upliftment of the underprivileged sections of society. We do this through our CSR activities that are directed towards improving the quality of life of the underprivileged population of India.

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

enabling

The Company is implementing the tenets of Corporate Governance in letter and spirit. Your company accords highest importance to transparency, accountability, and equity in all facets of its operations. Your Company is adhering to the provisions contained in the SEBI (Listing Obligation and During FY2020, we recorded a total income of ₹ 5,442 crore which Disclosure Requirement) Regulations 2015, Companies Act 2013, tunnels, metro rails in India and abroad. IRCON has also

and DPE Corporate Governance Guidelines 2010 and other applicable regulatory requirements. A certificate on Compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance under the SEBI Regulation and DPE Guidelines on Corporate Governance forms part of the Directors' Report.

#### TOWARDS A PEOPLE-CENTRIC ORGANISATION

We recognise our employees as our most valued assets. Therefore, we take consistent strides towards their development and well-being. We are committed to creating and maintaining an ideal work culture for an engaged and capable workforce. We have strong values, pioneering practices, and collaborative work culture through joint consultation amongst the management. We believe in regularly expanding our workforce with new talented people who can drive innovation and development in our organisation. The total strength of our human resources as of March 31, 2020 stood at 1369. The total number of newly employed personnel is 64.

Additionally, we emphasise the development and career progression of our employees. Our people management team regularly organises training programs that are directed towards improvement and productivity. Through all these efforts, we aim to make IRCON an organisation that is people-centric and people-driven.

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

With emphasis on transparency and as a step towards a paperless office, e-office system from National Informatics Centre (NIC), i.e. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India has been implemented for online movement and approvals of files and note sheets and has replaced the physical file system. In order to improve upon efficiency and bringing transparency in the procurement process in the organisation, the e-procurement platform has been moved to GePNIC, which is developed by NIC. The Company is currently in the process of implementation of SAP S/4 HANA covering end-to-end business processes of the organisation

#### **FUTURE OUTLOOK**

Going forward, we aim to continue and sustain our market leadership position by leveraging our strengths and opportunities. We are confident that with the support of our experienced management team and skilled workforce, we can successfully deliver high-quality projects across Indian and foreign markets We endeavour to continue our strategy of diversifying across industry segments and increase orders from foreign countries. Our Date: 29.09.2020 goal is to further enhance our healthy profit margins and Place: New Delhi comfortable liquidity position, which will also contribute to enhancing our operational performance. Furthermore, we intend to maintain a robust ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) culture and adopt global best practices in all our processes and systems. IRCON has entered into an MOU with National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL) to collaborate for equity participation in existing and future projects of IRCON. Also, an MOU has been signed with NIIFL and AYANA Renewable Power Private Limited (AYANA) to explore and collaborate on opportunities in the solar energy sector. The Company has also signed MOU with Larsen and Toubro Limited

(L&T) to collaborate and jointly execute mutually beneficial

business opportunities in sectors such as ports, harbours, bridges

collaborated with BEML Limited for undertaking railway projects including supplying and maintaining the rolling stock manufactured by BEML in countries where BEML and IRCON have business interest and presence.

The Ministry of Railways has decided to invite PSU companies for significant railway projects which offers further opportunities to embark on high- quality government projects. Further, the Company is exploring additional infrastructure development opportunities in sync with the priority projects of the Government such as Smart City Mission and Metro Rail. It is also pursuince opportunities in the highway projects in Indian states, connecting habitations with rural roads through Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), re-development of railway stations. Additionally, the Company has been entering into various strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore new business opportunities.

On the International front, IRCON is aggressively pursuing infrastructure projects in countries such as Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The Company will also be participating in the African countries for railway and highway projects. IRCON has also signed an MoU with RZD International, which is a state-owned Russian Railways Company to explore opportunities for joint development of railways and other infrastructure projects in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. In order to pursue potential opportunities in railway, highway and building projects in Malaysia, the MOU had been signed with M/s Apex Communication Berhad, Malaysia.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Finally, I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to all Board Members, our stakeholders for their constant support and trust in IRCON. Also, I am humbled by the efforts of several frontline warriors such as doctors, healthcare workers, municipal officials army, and police, amongst other people in the essential services. am also thankful for the whole-hearted support received from the Government of India, other Ministries and Departments of Government of India, Financial Institutions, Banks, Comptroller & Auditor General of India (C&AG), Statutory Auditors, Cost Auditors and Secretarial Auditors. I, also sincerely place my appreciation for the good work done by all the employees at all levels of the Company for their commitment and hard work that has helped in delivering another successful year for the Company.

Thank you !!

Sd/-S. K. Chaudhary Chairman and Managing Director

(This does not purport to be a record of proceeding of 44th Annual General Meeting)



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said Dahiya revealed that after

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to Rohtak where he killed his fa-

ther-in-law. He then drove to the

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dowry and mental harassment

charges. A criminal case was reg-

istered against him in this regard,

which is under trial in the civil

in-law had accused Dahiya of

demanding dowry and mentally harassing Rajesh. The couple

have two children, an eight-

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Dahiya had been pressuring

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### BRIEFLY -

### Sisodia tests negative, discharged

New Delhi: Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who was suffering from Covid-19 and dengue, was discharged from hospital on Tuesday. The 48-year-old was shifted to Max hospital in Saket on Thursday evening, considering his "falling" blood platelet count and low oxygen level. He was administered plasma therapy, hours after being admitted to the hospital. The AAP leader had tested positive for Covid-19 on September 14 and was in home isolation.

### Family mulagats to be resumed at prisons

New Delhi: Six months after the three Delhi prisons halted family mulaqats in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, the meetings are set to resume October 1 onwards with a slew of changes. As per an order issued by Mukesh Prasad, the newly-appointed Additional Inspector

General of Delhi Prisons, "family mulaqat will be permitted between 7.30 am to 11.30 am all day except Saturdays, Sundays and gazetted holidays."

### HC notice to DU on salary of teachers

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday issued a notice to the Delhi government, University of Delhi and four of its affiliated colleges on a petition filed by the teachers working there for release of their salaries, which has allegedly not been paid since May. The division bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Subramonium Prasad asked the colleges to file a status report in the case within two weeks and

## PANEL TO SUBMIT REPORT SOON **Revised coronavirus strategy places** emphasis on capital's rural pockets

### **ASTHA SAXENA** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

A REVISED Covid strategy for Delhi, prepared by an expert committee headed by NITI Aayog member Dr V K Paul, will focus on containing the virus in rural areas. According to sources, in a meeting with the Delhi government on Monday, experts discussed certain areas which need to be in focus as part of the revised containment plan.

"There is a small rural area belt in Delhi where the spread of the disease has been observed. The rural community also has to be protected to ensure there is no further spread. However, with a rise in cases, it was expected that the disease will spread to these areas as well," said a member of the



A health worker takes a swab sample for Covid-19 test on Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

committee, who did not wish to be named In the first week of June, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)

had formed an expert committee to devise a strategy for containment of Covid-19 in the capital. The document was prepared by a team of experts – AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria, NITI Aayog member Dr VK Paul, ICMR chief Dr Balram Bhargava and Dr Sujeet Kumar Singh from NCDC - and it suggested capping testing charges and treatment cost for Covid patients.

This is the second time that the experts have stepped in to suggest preventive measures. The committee is likely to submit its report in a day or two.

"The pandemic, as a whole, is a dynamic process. As the situation changes, you need to refine the containment plan. There must be a periodic review, which was held on Monday with top officials. We reviewed all dimensions of pandemic control to see how people are behaving, hospital preparedness, and how containment strategies should move forward with the required changes," said



### **DEADLY CONSEQUENCE**

Delhi District Administration deploys staffers dressed as Yamraj and Chitragupt to encourage people to use masks, at India Gate on Tuesday. Abhinav Saha

## Punjab Youth Cong chief held for setting tractor on fire at Rajpath

#### another official who was part of the review meeting. According to senior district officials, an increase in cases in

rural areas may be due to the focus on the special surveillance group which includes rickshaw/auto, taxi drivers, domestic helps, daily wage workers (plumbers, electricians, carpenters and mechanics) and daily suppliers of food, essential items, groceries, etc. The group was included in the revised SOPs issued by the Delhi government in the first week of July.

"We have been focusing on aggressive testing for the special surveillance group. Those who test positive are immediately isolated and family members are traced for containment. This has led to an increase in cases in rural areas," said an official from the state health department.

Bilkis: If govt willing to listen, won't protest again

### **ASHNA BUTANI** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

EVEN BEFORE 82-year-old Bilkis took to the streets to protest against CAA/NRC last December, the spirit of resistance was alive within her - for as long as she can remember, she has advocated equality among the men and women of her family. "We have rights, and if we are not granted it, we must ask for it," she told The Indian Express.

On Tuesday, Bilkis, listed among the 100 most influential people of 2020 by Time magazine, was felicitated for her recognition by women's groups at the Press Club. "My only other wish is that the government listens to our demands regarding CAA and NRC. If they are willing to listen, we will not protest again, even after Covid," she said. Bilkis was born and grew up

in a small village in Uttar Pradesh, where she lived most of her life. It was only nine years

## Cop on shooting spree arrested, was considering suicide

### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 29

A DAY after he allegedly killed his father-in-law in Rohtak and shot at his friend in Outer Delhi's Alipur Sunday night, sub-inspector Sandeep Dahiya (36) was arrested from Rohini. Initial investigation revealed that he was caught when he came out from Prachin Mahakali Mandir in Rohini Sector 3 and was going to kill himself.

posted a message with the subject 'Dying declaration' "Sandeep Dahiya was arrested from Sector 3, Rohini, around 11 am on Tuesday by joint teams of special staff, cyber cell and Lahori Gate police station," said DCP(North) Anto Alphonse.

According to police, Dahiya was in a relationship with the woman he allegedly shot at on Sunday evening. Police said the two were in his car and got into an argument, following which he allegedly shot at her and dumped her on the highway near Alipur.

On Monday morning, he killed his father-in-law in Haryana's Rohtak. "Around 7-7.30 am. Dahiya reached Bhainsi village and parked his car near his estranged wife's home. He found his father-in-law, Ranveer Singh (65), cleaning the area outside. The bullet hit Ranveer's forehead and he died on the spot. Dahiya sped away. An alert was flashed in

Rohtak and adjoining districts to nab Dahiya," inspector Rajinder Bhoora, SHO of Lakhanmajra police station, had said.

Several teams from the North district were looking for him and found that he posted a message, with the subject, 'Dying declaration', in his batchmate group at 6.19 am

"In his message, he explained the reason for shooting the woman, who he claimed was possessive and not letting him talk to his women colleagues. He also claimed that his father-inlaw was responsible for his divorce. He asked his friends to take his body from the Singhu border." said a senior police officer. Police said the teams then

traced his location to Singhu border but didn't find him there. "At 9.18 am, it was found that his

4 central agencies,

listed the case for hearing on November 4.

### MLA Raghav Chadha's laptop stolen

New Delhi: AAP MLA Raghav Chadha has written to the Delhi Police Commissioner after two men allegedly broke the rear window of his car and stole his laptop in Naraina Vihar. The incident took place on Monday night. Police said a case of theft has been registered. "The spot was examined. CCTV footage from nearby areas is being checked and sincere efforts are being made to trace the culprits and recover the laptop," said Deepak Purohit, Deputy Commissioner of Police (West). ENS

### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

A DAY after a group of men, including several members of the Youth Congress' Puniab unit. set a tractor on fire at Delhi's Rajpath in a bid to protest against the farm bills, Delhi Police has arrested the unit's president Brinder Singh Dhillon, along with three more members of the Punjab Youth Congress.

DCP (New Delhi) Dr Eish Singhal said, "On Monday, we arrested six men, and on Tuesday, we arrested four more - Dhillon. All India Youth Congress (AIYC) national general secretary Harish Panwar, AIYC's national general secretary Abraham Rov Mani and AIYC secretary Bunty Shelke. Interrogation is on." The FIR in the matter has filed at Tilak Marg police station.

Late Tuesday afternoon, the Punjab Youth Congress, however, posted on their Facebook

Six members of Youth Congress Punjab were arrested earlier for setting the tractor ablaze at India Gate on Monday. Express

page that the four men "surrendered at the Tilak Marg police station".

As per the police, around 7.15 am-7.30 am on Monday, 15-20 people gathered at Rajpath which is a breach of security and set a tractor on fire. Police claimed the men entered Delhi after PSOs (personal security of-



ficers) posted with Dhillon escorted them in a gypsy. DCP Singhal said, "We have

written a letter to Punjab Police seeking departmental action against these policemen." A response from the Punjab Police is awaited, said a Delhi Police officer. A PCR call regarding the incident was made on Monday at

7.42 am and two fire tenders were rushed to the spot. The flames were doused and the tractor was removed from the site. Police had filed an FIR and arrested six members of the Youth Congress.

The incident was a security breach as Mansingh Road and the surrounding areas in New Delhi fall in the high security zone, where Section 144 is in place throughout the year. On Monday, members of the

Punjab unit of the Youth Congress took to social media to post photos and videos of the tractor being unloaded from a truck and being set afire.

The Indian Youth Congress had tweeted, "Our country thrives on the blood and sweat of our farmers. From fighting the British to feeding the entire nation, our farmers are the nation's backbone. On #BhagatSingh's birth anniversary Youth Congress set ablaze a tractor in protest against the govt's anti-

farmer Bills.'

ago, she said, that she shifted to MCDs owe Jal Board Delhi. Grandmother of 11 girls and eight boys, she said, "I had never done something like this before. But when I saw children being beaten up in Jamia, I could not sit home and do nothing about it."

We are asking for our rights so that future generations do not suffer," she said



Bilkis at Press Club on Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

DELHI IAL Board (DIB) vice-chairman Raghav Chadha Tuesday said four Central government agencies and the three MCDs in the city have pending dues worth Rs 6,811 crore that they owe to the DJB for water supply and sewerage services. The Central agencies include Indian Railways, which owes Rs 3,283 crore, the Central Public Works Department, owing Rs 189 crore, Delhi Development Authority Rs 128 crore and the Delhi Police Rs 614 crore, he said.

The North MCD owes Rs 2,466 crore, South MCD Rs 80 crore and East MCD Rs 49 crore.

Speaking at the Delhi Secretariat, Chadha said, "... the pandemic and all other factors have now put the DJB in a precarious situation. If the dues are not cleared within the stipulated time, the board shall be constrained and left with no other option but to initiate coercive action until full and final payment is recovered."

Chadha said bills of some agencies have been pending since 2013 and many opportunities have been given to them in the past for payment, with notices lso being sent.

Earlier this month, the DJB issued "last opportunity" show cause notices to the seven agencies and departments.

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### Rs 6,811 cr: Chadha the recovery.' Chadha added, "In the notices

sent to these departments, some departments have written to us and sought clarification. We are confident that they will definitely fulfill their financial obligations.' North MCD standing commit-

tee chairman Chhail Bihari Goswami said the corporation does not owe any outstanding bills to the DJB. "They are lying because they want to hide their own faults. They haven't paid their liabilities to the corporation in the first place," he said.

South MCD mayor Anamika Mithilesh alleged Chadha has made a false statement: "The Delhi government has rajaswa (revenue dues) worth Rs 1.100 crore to the MCD that they haven't paid." East MCD mayor Nirmal Jain said, "There are no such bills pending from our side.'

Northern Railways chief PRO Deepak Kumar said. "Railwav is regularly paying monthly water bills to DJB for water supply. However, Railway has reservations with regard to significant number of water bills. as some connections do not exist on site, and large number of connections are unmetered. Railway has made references to DJB for the same."

He said, "However, water bills of each connection need to be reconciled jointly by DJB and Railway officials, along with site survey. The payment of the reconciled amount thus arrived will be made.'

An official from CPWD additional director general, Delhi region, S C Bhardwaj's office said their financial department has recently cleared some outstanding dues. Bhardwaj could not be reached for a comment.

Spokespersons of the DDA and the Delhi Police did not respond to queries.

### AUD to continue with 100% fee DDA's housing scheme to have waiver for all SC/ST students option of choosing type of flat

### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

IN A U-turn from its earlier decision, Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) has now officially declared that it will continue its policy of giving 100% fee waiver to all SC/ST/PWD students seeking admissions to its courses for another year. However, apprehensions with regard to its reservation policy have been raised by AUD Students' Council.

The Indian Express had reported on September 6 that AUD decided to grant a 100% fee waiver only to those students whose gross family income was less than Rs 3 lakh per annum, citing state and central government rules.

### AUD to do away with fee waiver for all SC/ST students

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However, AUDSC said there are still many issues with the reservation policy, and held a held a daylong protest on campus Monday.

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'Till last year, an SC/ST student

was eligible for reservation in 85% NCT seat if they passed their last qualifying exam in Delhi or if they were Delhi residents. This year, the latter criterion has been removed. **ABHINAV RAJPUT** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

> THE DELHI Development Authority (DDA) has introduced a new clause in its upcoming housing scheme, to be launched in December, under which one can choose the kind of flat they want in a society. However, applicants will have to pay extra money for it.

The proposal to introduced 'preferential location charges', which will be between 1.5% and 3% of the total cost of the flat, was passed in a meeting of the DDA's highest decision making authority Tuesday.

"If one wants green facing,

ground floor, corner location, facing green area or facing main road, one will have to pay be-This time, the DDA has come tween 1.5% and 3% of the total out with only new flats, and in cost," said DDA commissioner areas that have Metro connec-(housing)Raiiv Gandhi, However, tivity and other amenities, in an

no preferential location charges for floor will be levied for allotment of ground floor to persons with disability, Gandhi said. On offer in the scheme are 843 flats – 215 Higher Income Group (HIG) flats near Jasola Vihar-Shaheen Bagh Metro sta-

tion, 352 Middle Income Group (MIG) flats in Dwarka Sector 19-B, and 276 Economically Weaker Section (EWS) flats in Dwarka's Manglapuri. A senior official said a percentage of flats which are in good locations such as

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examoutside, they would be considered in the 15% non-NCT reservation... They would need a caste certificate from outside Delhi, which they won't have as they are

Delhi residents," said AUDSC treasurer Shubhojeet Dey. AUD Public Relations Office did not respond to calls and texts

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## **Standing by people**

The Uttarakhand state government has already put in place many measures that are benefitting people

N THE Covid-19 pandemic when the health sector in the whole world is facing a challenge and youths are losing jobs as the industries are struggling for a revival from the crisis, Uttarakhand chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat in the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi took significant initiatives that kept the people in hillstate safe, averted community transmission of the virus and created job opportunities for the migrants who returned to the hills during the lockdown.

### Health

Along with increase in testing of suspected Covid-19 cases, health department in Uttarakhand stressed upon the surveillance and contact tracing of the positive cases and preventing spread of the infection by notifying containment zones in all the districts. To ensure that people in the containment zones stay inside their homes, local administration supplied the basic amenities and food materials at their door steps both during and after the lockdown

But the most effective tool in coping up with the epidemic was strengthening of health infrastructure across the state that had started in 2017, days after Rawat sworn as chief minister. After Covid outbreak earlier this year, dedicated Covid hospitals and covid care centres were set up and equipped with 30,500 isolation beds, 481 ICU beds, 1,846 oxygen support beds and 543 ventilators. ICUs are set up in all the districts at present. In March, when the Corona pandemic hit India, there was no facility for testing Covid-19 samples in Uttarakhand. But at present, five government and several private laboratories are testing thousands of samples every day. New medical colleges are being established in Rudrapur, Haridwar and Pithoragarh. The government increased the doctors to more than double in the hills in the past three years and this played a key role in ensuring availability of medical staff for treatment of both Covid and non-Covid patients.

### **Employment**

While the Opposition parties are targeting



governments in the BJP ruled states on the issue of growing unemployment, Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat gave a befitting reply to them by maintaining thrust on creating job opportunities in three years. The government claims that more than seven lakh youths were given jobs under various departments in the past three-and-a-half years. Maximum 5.8 lakh jobs were provided through self entrepreneurship, private investment and construction projects. Uttarakhand Subordinate Service Selection Commission in three years conducted 59 examinations and completed selections to 6,000 posts. Recruitment process to fill 7,200 posts is underway.

### Transparency

CM Rawat enjoys the credit for bringing transparency in the functioning of the government departments ---- from field offices to Sec-retariat. People have started believing that that Rawat has removed "mafia-tantra" (nexus between the corrupt and criminal) from the Secretariat. Introduction of new initiatives such as e-filing, e-office, e-cabinet, CM dash board, CM helpline 1905, right to service, and a transparent system for transfers, has removed red-tapism in every government office.

### Conservation of habitation in hills Facing the blot of having 'ghost villages', Uttarakhand first time got an integrated approach towards reverse migration in the current regime to bring back the youth who left

the hills and moved to other states for livelihood in the past one decade. To retain "Pahad ka paani aur pahad ki jawaani" in the hills, Rawat government constituted a migration commission to suggest measures for rehabilitation in hilly areas and make people "atma nirbhar" (self-dependent).

Tourism Closure of tourism during the lockdown has affected the economy and livelihood of local people. Impact on tourism due to restrictions on movement was obvious. But the state government earlier this month eased the restrictions to attract tourism and the people from adjoining states have started rushing to places across the state.

### **Protecting the interest of industries**

Single window system has been set up so that industrialists conveniently get clearances to start operations and employ skilled youths. Industries manufacturing goods essential for protection from Covid-19 had been exempted from closure during lockdown.

### Wildlife protection and safety of people

Gifted with natural forests and various species of wildlife, the state government is working on to mitigate man-animal conflict and save human life, their crops and population of wildlife species as well. The state government is also working to protect crops from wildlife.

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### WAIT AND WATCH

SEAT-SHARING in the NDA is yet to be finalised in Bihar, and BJP leaders are tight-lipped about the LJP, which has been demanding 30-plus seats. A section of BJP leaders feels that if LJP contests alone, the party should claim more seats in its arrangement with the JD(U). While the BJP wants to contest the same number of seats as JD(U), the latter wants the upper hand, even if by one seat. The JD(U), led by CM Nitish Kumar, fears that contesting an equal number of seats would embolden the BJP after elections. While the two parties struggle to reach an agreement, the LJP impatiently awaits a response to its demand.

### TRAVEL PLANS

AS PROTESTS against the farm laws continue in Punjab and Haryana, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is planning to travel to the two states to sharpen the attack against the Central government. While a section of the Congress wants him to launch a padayatra, Covid protocol may come in the way of that. Top leaders from Haryana are meeting in Delhi Wednesday to chalk out the agitation plan. The Punjab Congress, too, is finalising its protest plan Wednesday. Once that is done, Rahul will travel to both states by road. Leaders said Rahul could travel to mandis and interact with farmers and join the party's protest at some places.

### WARM WELCOME

DANISH PM Mette Frederiksen (42) got married in July, after her wedding was postponed and rescheduled due to a busy first year in office that included the pandemic. PM Narendra Modi, who held a virtual bilateral summit meeting on Monday, congratulated her at the beginning of the meeting on her marriage to filmmaker and photographer Bo Tengberg (55) and said that he looked forward to welcoming her with her family to India.

### CASE COUNT

RAIL BHAWAN, which has recorded the maximum number of Covid-19 cases in its employees among all Central government offices, on Tuesday saw some more staffers testing positive at the premises. Officials are miffed that at this time, construction/maintenance activities are continuing in the building, with little regard to social distancing. More than 120 officials working in the building have tested positive so far.

### EC announces bypolls to 56 Assembly seats, one LS constituency



The fourth edition of the India-Japan Maritime bilateral exercise JIMEX, between the Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), completed three days of exercise, on Monday. Ships undertook anti-air and anti-submarine warfare exercises, tracking and tactical manoeuvres in the North Arabian Sea. ANI

## **Jaishankar to attend Quad** FM meet in Japan on Oct 6

### Opposed to formation of exclusive clique harming third party interests: China

### SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

AS EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar heads to Japan next week, he will participate in the foreign ministers' meeting of the Ouadrilateral grouping on October 6 - the first such meeting amid the tension between India and China over the border stand-off.

Jaishankar will also hold separate bilateral meetings with US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo, Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi and Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne.

The Ministry of External Affairs on Tuesday announced the visit of Jaishankar – this will be one of the few in-person meetings at a time when most meetings have been in virtual

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December last year as the CAA

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Jaishankar said, "Sincere ef-

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mode during the pandemic. Jaishankar will be in Tokyo on October 6-7 for bilateral consultations with the Japanese foreign minister. "The two minis-



Separate bilateral meetings will be held with US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo, Japan Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi and Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne; Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin

ters are expected to discuss bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest," the MEA statement said.

"During the visit, the External Affairs Minister will also participate in the Second India-Australia-Japan-USA Ministerial Meeting on 6 October, 2020, in which the Foreign Ministers of the respective countries will participate," the statement added.

This is the second Quad foreign ministers' meeting – the first such meeting took place in New York in September last year on the margins of the UN General Assembly. Last week,

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tual mode. "The Foreign Ministers shall discuss the post-Covid-19 international order and the need for a coordinated response to the various challenges emerging from the pandemic. They will also discuss regional issues and collectively affirm the importance of maintaining a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific." the MEA statement said, with a clear signal to Beijing's aggressive stance in South China Sea.

Meanwhile, in Beijing, China on Tuesday criticised the forthcoming meeting of the foreign ministers of India, Australia, Japan and the US – Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad - in Tokyo, saying it is opposed to the formation of "exclusive clique" harming third party's interests.

Asked for his reaction to the Quad meeting, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin told a media briefing that "peace, development and global cooperation is the overriding trend of today's world".

"Multilateral and plurilateral cooperation should all be open, inclusive and transparent. No one should seek an exclusive clique," he said. "Efforts should be made to enhance regional countries' mutual understanding and trust, instead of targeting a third party or harming third party's interests," he added.

"We hope the relevant country will proceed from the interests of regional countries and do more things conducive to regional peace, stability and development instead of the contrary," Wang said.

## Kushwaha ties up with BSP, JPS; alliance to contest all seats

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DECISION

WITH ITS other options exhausted, the Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP) on Tuesday announced a tie-up with Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)

and Janvadi Party Socialist (JPS). The new alliance said it would contest all 243 Assembly seats.

RLSP president and former

Union minister Upendra Kushwaha is also hopeful of bringing in Vikasshil Insaan Party (VIP) of Mukesh Sahni, who has been making last-ditch efforts to remain in the Grand Alliance.

Kushwaha, who walked out of the Grand Alliance last week, had reportedly contacted both JD(U) and BJP but failed to strike a deal because the NDA is already cramped. Former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi's party, Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), had also returned to the NDA about

a month ago. At a joint press conference with BSP convenor Ramji Gautam, BSP's Bihar unit head Bharat Prasad Bind and JPS's Sanjay Singh Chouhan, Kushwaha said: "We will contest all 243 seats. Our common goal is to uproot the Nitish Kumar government. We have always been talking about a better education system in Bihar."

Attacking both the NDA and Grand Alliance, Kushwaha said the people of Bihar have been "betrayed" by both alliances over 30 years when it came to governance. "Nitish failed to build a single model hospital or school in Bihar, Lalu Prasad (RID) and Nitish Kumar are two sides of the same coin... I tried to impress upon them that Grand Alliance should change

its leader. Lalu could not ensure

EVEN AS Upendra Kushwaha announced a new alliance. he would know that this is the toughest phase of his political career. He had won Ujiyarpur Lok Sabha seat in 2014, but failed to impress in the 2015 Assembly polls as his party won only two seats. The RLSP had crossed over to the Grand Alliance before 2019 Lok Sabha polls and contested five Lok Sabha seats, but without success.

**Crucial poll** 

for Kushwaha

that his son (Tejashwi Yadav) could clear his Class 10 examinations," said Kushwaha.

One of the alliance partners. the BSP, has influence in Gopalganj, Rohtas and Kaimur districts, bordering UP. The party won six seats in the February 2005 Assembly polls and four seats in October 2005 polls. It fielded candidates in 228 seats in

2015 polls and got just over 2 per cent votes and no seats. The JPS led by Sanjay Singh Chouhan — an OBC — has influence in Ghosi area of UP. The party was in alliance with the BJP in 2012 and 2017 Assembly polls and 2014 Lok Sabha polls, and its cadre

Nagar and Kaimur in Bihar. Meanwhile, chances of a broader third front look bleak now, with Asaduddin Owasi's AIMIM and former MP Pappu Yadav's Jan Adhikar Party having separate alliances with smaller parties.

has been active in Bagaha, Valmiki



RLSP chief Upendra Kushwaha with BSP convenor Ramji

Gautam and JPS leader Sanjay Singh Chauhan in Patna. PTI



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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) on Tuesday declared bypolls to one Lok Sabha seat and 56 Assembly seats, even as it withheld the announcement for seven other Assembly seats on account of "difficulties" expressed by chief secretaries and chief electoral officers of Assam, Kerala, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.

According to the EC, 54 Assembly seats – 28 in Madhya Pradesh, eight in Gujarat, seven in UP, two each in Odisha, Nagaland, Karnataka and Iharkhand, and one each in Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Haryana – will go to polls on November 3.

On November 7, polling will be held for two Assembly seats in Manipur and 1 Lok Sabha seat in Bihar will vote on November 7.

The largest chunk of seats going up for polls are from Madhya Pradesh where 28 seats fell vacant after rebel Congress MLAs

LIZ MATHEW

chairman.

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

had switched over to the BJP in March. This had led to the fall of the Kamal Nath-led government in the state.

will be counted on November 10, alongside the counting of votes for the general Assembly elections in Bihar.

Before announcing the sched-

panel said in the release.

cies each in the Assemblies of Assam, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, one seat is vacant in the West Bengal legislature.

The term of the Legislative

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 29 The votes for all the bypolls

INDIA ON Tuesday said that joint efforts to combat human trafficking are the need of the hour, as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met Bangladesh

ule, the poll panel issued a separate statement on Tuesday to say that it has decided not to hold "at this stage" Assembly bypolls in seven seats across Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Assam and West Bengal.

The decision has been taken based on inputs received from the chief secretaries and poll officials in these states, the poll

While there are two vacanlike joint patrolling and exchange of real time information. I strongly feel that joint efforts to combat human trafficking are the need of the hour. Our border guarding force has been particularly sensi-

Assemblies of the four states would end on different dates between May and June next year.

CLENNAL AFFAIR Foreign Minister A K Abdul

> External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during a virtual meeting with Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr A K Abdul Momen, in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

sions on border management and security in the recently concluded 50th Director General Level Talks between the BSF and Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) in Dhaka.

"Both sides agreed that the loss of civilian lives at the border is a matter of concern...," the joint statement said.

The Bangladesh side high-A joint statement said that both ministers noted the discuslighted that the nation is deeply

concerned at the rise in killings of Bangladeshi nationals by Indian border forces, a statement from Bangladesh Foreign Ministry said. "It also said that the importance of educating the border

population about the sanctity of the international border was stressed upon...," the joint statement said **FULL REPORT ON** 

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M Venkaiah Naidu

Vice-President tests positive, asymptomatic

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

VICE-PRESIDENT M Venkaiah Naidu tested positive for Covid-19 in a routine test on Tuesday morning. He is asymptomatic and has been advised home quarantine. His wife Usha Naidu has tested negative and is in selfisolation, the official Twitter handle of the Vice-President stated

"The Vice President of India who underwent a routine COVID-19 test today morning has been tested positive. He is however, asymptomatic and in good health. He has been advised home quarantine. His wife Smt. Usha Naidu has been tested negative and is in self-isolation,' the official Twitter handle stated.

Several Union ministers have tested positive in the last few months.

The monsoon session of Parliament was cut short by eight days due to the increasing number of Covid cases. While it was scheduled to conclude on October 1, both the Houses were adjourned sine die on September 23.

The Vice-President is the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

As of Tuesday, India has 9.47 lakh active cases, while 51 lakh have been discharged. A total of 96,318 people have died due to coronavirus so far.

Chirag carries on hard bargain with **BJP** as cadres press for going it alone

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, SEPTEMBER 29

WHILE MANY party leaders and cadres are pressing for the LJP to contest the Bihar Assembly elections on its own, the party is seen as engaging in a final round of bargaining over seats with the BJP. The party is now likely to take a decision on whether to stay with the BJP-led NDA, despite party chief Chirag Paswan's severe crit-

Nitish Kumar, on Wednesday.

smaller partner that two MLC po-

sitions from the party will be con-

Several LJP leaders insist on

contesting 143 Assembly seats

alone. Party MP from Vaishali

constituency, Veena Devi, said,

"Although we will support any

decision our party president

(Chirag) takes, our workers want

Ansari told The Indian Express,

"We have our list of 143 candi-

dates ready. We have left it to our

national president, Chirag

Paswan, to take a final call." He

Party spokesperson Ashraf

us to contest on 143 seats."

sidered at a later stage.

said senior LJP leaders did discuss BJP's offer, and "it is now time for a final call"

The LJP is likely to delay its delikely to undergo a surgical proin New Delhi to pray for his fa-

Although the scene of action is Patna, most LJP leaders are camped in the national capital to wait for the party's final decision. Chirag had last week said he was unable to leave Delhi given his father's illness.

A source in the BJP said the party has offered the LJP a "respectable number of seats". A senior BJP leader said, "Chirag has perhaps gone too far in his criticism of the Chief Minister. We are still trying to keep the NDA intact. It is now up to Chirag to take a call."

ecutives and take up the issue of internet restrictions in Jammu and Although there was specula-Kashmir had drawn the ire of BJP members in the committee. Some ruling party MPs had also sought the removal of Tharoor as panel

On Tuesday, when Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla reconstituted the

department-related parliamentary panels, Tharoor was re-nominated as the head of the IT panel. Former Union minister and

THE PARLIAMENTARY panel on SAD leader Harsimrat Kaur Badal - who exited the Union Cabinet Information Technology will continue to be headed by Congress and whose party quit the NDA leader Shashi Tharoor, whose deover the new farm laws – was cisions to summon Facebook exmade a member of the external affairs committee.

tion about major changes in the parliamentary panels, both Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu and Birla largely retained the composition of the committees. Newly elected Rajya Sabha MPs were also nominated to the



### Shashi Tharoor, Harsimrat Kaur Badal

re-constituted committees.

The BJP retained chairmanship of key panels except Home affairs, which will continue to be headed by Congress leader Anand Sharma. While BJP general secretary Bhupender Yadav was reap-

pointed chairman of the committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, Congress's Jairam Ramesh will head the panel on Science and Technology and Environment, and Forests and Climate Change. Newly elected Rajya Sabha MP

MP

tiality rules.

Jyotiraditya Scindia was included

in the committee on Human

Dubey, a member of the IT panel,

had sought the removal of

Tharoor as chairman of the com-

mittee, citing the "flawed mode

and terrible disdain towards the

In August, BJP MP Nishikant

Resource Development.

Thiruvananthapuram

tutions", referring to Tharoor's comments about the panel's decision to summon Facebook. However, the Speaker had given Tharoor consent for the move.

With the ruling BJP and opposition Congress engaging in a war of words over procedures of parliamentary standing committee meetings, Birla had written to all panel heads asking them not to take up subjudice matters in committee meetings "as per conventions" and avoid matters related to national security in the discus-







New Delhi

Chirag had met BJP national president J P Nadda on Tuesday.

Chirag

Paswan

icism of Chief Minister and chief cision until Wednesday as party patriarch Ram Vilas Paswan is of fellow NDA partner JD(U) The saffron party has reportcedure. On Tuesday, Chirag had edly made a final offer of 27 seats visited Prachin Hanuman temple to the LJP, and has also told its

ther's well-being.

## **EXPRESS NETWORK**

b. Dividends declared by the Company in respect of the said three financial years

verage ratio for last three year (cash profit after tax plus interest pa



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during a virtual interaction with farmers on the new agricultural laws on Tuesday. PTI

### SAYS LEGISLATION MUST BE OPPOSED New laws like a stab in farmers' hearts: Rahul

### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

ARGUING THAT the farm laws are yet another attack on the people like demonetisation and the GST, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said the laws will have to be opposed as they are like a "stab in the farmers' hearts'

"These three laws...there is no difference between them and note ban. There is no difference between them and the GST. The only difference is that this is stabbing your hearts with a knife. Teen baar aapke pair main kulhadi maari... ab aapke dil main chura maar diya hain," Rahul said in a video put out by him on social media platforms which shows him interacting with some farmers.

He said the laws will have to be opposed for the farmers and for the future of the country. "They did not build this country... they had sided with the British. So they don't understand... and what you said is profound... the voice of farmers is there in the youth, in the Army, in the police... the voice of farmers has a lot of strength. It is with the help of this voice that India attained Independence and once again India will become independent through the farmers' voice," he said.

Rahul also said the new farm laws will foster an East India company-like culture and added that this time, a "West India company" has come in. Some Congress leaders said

the farm laws agitation was the ideal platform for Rahul to launch a fierce campaign on the government, adding that in the past, he had raised issues like land acquisition in Uttar Pradesh's Bhatta Parsaul and Odisha's Niyamgiri.

Speaking to Rahul, Dhirender Kumar, a farmer from Champaran in Bihar, said farmers are being exploited in the name of these laws and they will be forced to commit suicide due to hunger. He said the 2006 Bill abolishing the APMC Act in Bihar should be implemented in the state once again. Ashok Bootra from Yavatmal in Maharashtra feared that no one would buy the farm produce at minimum support price (MSP). A farmer from Jhajjar said the farmers would not get anything in any case and they were just being "harassed". A farmer from Washim in Maharashtra told the Congress leader that if Mahatma Gandhi was alive, he would have opposed these laws.

### Tomar: Bihar creating jobs through agricultural policies

### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** PATNA, SEPTEMBER 29

THE BIHAR government has been able to create job opportunities through its agriculture policies and the Narendra Modi government has been constantly trying to improve the situation in the farm sector. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said on Tuesday.

The Union minister was adressing farmers in the state through a virtual meet, which was also attended by Bihar's agriculture minister Prem Kumar in Patna. He reiterated that the MSP would continue as usual. "PM Modi had assured farm-

ers of looking for ways to double

their income soon after taking

over the reins of the NDA gov-

ernment. He has given Rs 10,000

Narendra Singh Tomar monetary help to small farmers, who account for 86 per cent of

General Conditions

the total population (of farmers). Our government has given Rs 1 lakh crore Atmanirbhar package for development of agriculture," Tomar said. The minister said that Bihar

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SI. No.		RTICULARS	INFORMATION			
1.	GENERAL INFORMA					
a.	Name, address, webs the Company:	ite and other contact details of	Reliance Retail Limited, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Court Mumbai - 400002. www.relianceretail.co			
b.	Date of incorporation of	of the Company:	29-06-1999			
c.		n by the Company and its details of branches or units,	Reliance Retail Limited serves customers across the country for their needs Grocery, Consumer Electronics and Fashion & Lifestyle, through a wide network convenience stores, supermarkets, hybermarkets, hybelosale cash & carry store specially stores and digital commerce platforms. The Company has 11,369 ret stores spread across all major cities and towns in India as on June 30, 2020. Business carried on by the Subsidiaries of the Company: Reliance Clothing India Private Limited: Retailing of foot wear products und 'Payless Shoes' brand. Reliance-Grand Optical Private Limited: Presently no business carried-on. Reliance-Petro Marketing Limited: Selling and distribution of petroleum and relat			
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d.	Brief particulars of the	management of the Company:	The Company is managed by the Whole managers, subject to the superintende of Directors.			
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Shr	i Pankaj Pawar	302, Archana Saurabh CHS, F Navi Mumbai - 400709	lot No. 20, Sector-7, Kopar Khairne,	00085077	Service	
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Shr	i Ranjit V. Pandit	Darbhanga Mansion, Flat No. Opp.BMC Commissioner Bung	1, 12 Carmichael Road, jalow, Pedder Road, Mumbai - 400026	00782296	Management Consultar	
Shr	i K. Sudarshan	1102, Sabari Ashville, Plot No. Ghatla Village, Chembur, Murr	P-1, CTS No. 452A, N.M. Patil Marg, bai - 400071	01029826	Management Consultar	
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Ms.			′atika, Akurli Road, Opp. E.S.I.S Hospital, I01	03341926	Service	
g.	<ul><li>i) Statutory dues: I</li><li>ii) Debentures and</li></ul>	iding the amount involved, durati Nil interest thereon: Nil	on of default and present status, in repaym	ent of-		
		ink or financial institution and inte	rest thereon: Nil			
2.		HE DEPOSIT SCHEME				
a) b) c) d)	Type of deposits i.e., Details of deposit and i) Amount which th ii) Aggregate of dep	olution in the general meeting a whether Secured or Unsecured punts: e Company can raise by way of posits actually held on the last d	uthorizing the invitation of such deposits deposits as per the Act and the rules ma ay of the immediately preceding financial fi fisue of the Circular or advertisement (	year	Rs. 134.75 crore	
		its proposed to be raised	si issue of the circular of advertisement (	Rs. 149.69 crore Upto Rs. 500 crore		
	v) Amount of depos	its repayable within the next two	elve months		Rs. 72.26 crore	
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e)	Particulars		Terms ase scheme: The customer has to pay 6 m rm of discount of 20% of one month install		ents and receive benefits	
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Scheme closure date for Scheme of 6 months shall be the end of 6 months from scheme opening date

Scheme closure date for Scheme of 11 months shall be the end of 13 months from scheme opening date

Scheme closure date for Scheme of 18 months shall be the end of 20 months from scheme opening date. Scheme closure date for Scheme of 24 months shall be the end of 26 months from scheme opening date.

Customer has to pay monthly installments within due dates. For payments made by customer through cheque or ECS, the payment instrument must be realized before the due date.

In case of 2 consecutive instances of instruments returned on account of insufficient funds etc, then the Company shall not deposit the balance instruments.

Customer under any of the schemes is eligible to avail any on-going common scheme/ product promotions/

Discrepancies, if any, found by the customer in the payment receipts should be brought to the notice of the Company for rectification within 7 days from the date of issuance of receipt.

gifts etc., depending upon festival season or other events, along with discount earned under the scheme Customer may nominate any person to whom his deposited amounts shall vest in the event of his death.

llery purchase scheme, return is offered in the form of disc

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Particulars	As at 31-03-2020	As at 31-03-2019	As at 31-03-201
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	7,185.34	6,067.50	3,100.61
Capital Work-in-Progress	6,068.34	2,533.09	2,007.78
Intangible Assets	981.80	1,091.03	58.34
Intangible Assets under Development	2,752.74	1,788.99	2,138.58
Financial Assets			
Investments	578.24	573.24	534.41
Loans	2,436.10	1,122.14	462.47
Deferred Tax Assets (net)	-	-	620.38
Other Non-Current Assets	222.91	145.29	209.39
Total Non-Current Assets	20,225.47	13,321.28	9,131.96
Current Assets			
Inventories	9,348.16	11,291.83	10,465.28
Financial Assets			
Investments		3,002.89	-
Trade Receivables	2,489.10	4,330.17	2,215.72
Cash and Cash Equivalents	334.50	329.69	156.12
Other Financial Assets	1,508.67	381.30	267.21
Other Current Assets	1,660.01	1,720.39	1,848.12
Total Current Assets Total Assets	15,340.44	21,056.27	14,952.45
	35,565.91	34,377.55	24,084.41
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Equity Share Capital	4,990.40	4,989.54	4,989.54
Other Equity	13,124.78	7,597.87	4,076.92
Total Equity	18,115.18	12,587.41	9,066.46
Liabilities			
Non-Current Liabilities			
Financial Liabilities	-	-	-
Deferred tax Liabilities (Net)	908.20	22.85	-
Provisions	38.10	26.68	21.46
Total Non-Current Liabilities	946.30	49.53	21.46
Current Liabilities			
Financial Liabilities			
Borrowings	4,665.74	12,800.56	3,447.80
Trade Payables due to:			
Micro and Small Enterprise	33.97	13.03	24.77
Other than Micro and Small Enterprise	5,642.87	4,109.07	8,207.10
Other Financial Liabilities	5,109.43	4,142.12	2,811.94
Other Current Liabilities	1,049.33	673.84	503.45
Provisions	3.09	1.99	1.43
Total Current Liabilities	16,504.43	21,740.61	14,996.49
Total Liabilities	17,450.73	21,790.14	15,017.95
Total Equity and Liabilities	35,565.91	34,377.55	24,084.41

19.91

Audited Cash Flow Statement for years were regrouped wherever

A. CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Profit/loss before tax as per Statement of Profit and Loss Adjusted for: Ad	
Adjusted for:	
(Profit)/ loss on sale/ discard of Property, Plant and	
Equipment (net) 44.04 28.97 8.24	
Provision for doubtful debts/ bad debts written off	
Depreciation and amortisation expense 1,108.85 601.69 434.22	
Effect of exchange rate change 8.20 34.75 94.88	
Net Gain on of Financial Assets         (66.53)         (23.26)         (12.16)	
Dividend income - (4.79) -	
Interest income (193.82) (82.54) (25.84)	
Finance costs 867.03 611.70 100.96	
Operating profit before working capital changes 9,191.19 5,985.30 2,474.98	
Adjusted for:	
Trade and other receivables         785.73         (2,053.94)         (2,861.97)	
Inventories 1,943.67 (826.55) (5,368.60)	
Trade and other payables         5,640.68         (439.99)         6,713.32	
Cash generated from operations         17,561.27         2,664.82         957.73	
Taxes Paid (Net)         (1,087.35)         (950.31)         (459.61)	
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities         16,473.92         1,714.51         498.12	
B. CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment and	
Intangible Assets (7,185.24) (4,783.88) (4,862.64)	
Proceeds from disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	
and Intangible Assets 492.13 49.38 31.49	
Investment in Subsidiaries/Joint Ventures (2.50) (2.50) (2.50)	
Purchase of Other Investments (55,931.01) (16,795.04) (5,781.30)	
Proceeds from Sale of Financial Assets         59,000.43         16,781.97         6,087.83	
Share application money paid - (2.50) -	
Net Cash Flow From Other Financial Assets         (1,313.96)         (659.67)         (409.08)	
Interest income 179.90 37.30 23.66	
Dividend income - 4.79 -	
Net Cash Flow used in Investing Activities         (4,760.25)         (5,370.15)         (4,912.54)	
C. CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Proceeds from issue of Preference Share 0.02 381.20 1.000.00	
Proceeds from issue of Equity Share 0.86 -	
Repayment of borrowings - Non Current - (0.22) (1.11)	
Borrowings - Current (Net) (8,134.82) 9,352.76 3,420.32	
Interest Paid (854.81) (609.20) (100.98)	
Movement in deposits (2,720.11) (2,292.44)	
Net Cash Flow from / (Used in) Financing Activities 11,708.86 6,832.10 4,318.23	

was the first state to have opened the market to farmers, referring to the state government's decision to repeal the APMC Act in 2006. "Now that new agriculture laws have been passed, farmers of the country will be able to sell their produce in the open market without paying any tax and at their own

rate," Tomar said.

**LAVALIN GRAFT CASE** 

### Top court to hear **CBI** appeal against Pinarayi's discharge

### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE SUPREME Court will on Wednesday hear the CBI's appeal challenging the Kerala High Court's 2017 order upholding Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's discharge in the multi-crore SNC-Lavalin graft case.

The plea, along with petitions by some of the other accused challenging the HC direction asking them to face trial, has been listed before a bench headed by Justice UULalit.

Petitions arising out of the SNC-Lavalin case, filed in 2017, were initially listed before a bench headed by the then Chief Justice. Later, the CBI also filed an appeal and all matters came to be listed before a bench headed by Justice N V Ramana.

On August 31 this year, they were listed before a bench headed by Justice Lalit, which however sent it back to the Justice Ramana bench.

On November 5, 2013, a designated CBI court in Thiruvananthapuram had discharged Vijayan and six other accused in the case. The CBI then approached the HC, which upheld the discharge of Vijayan and

Vijayan two others.

However, the HC set aside the discharge of three other accused and directed that the case against them be revived in the trial court.

The case relates to the award of contracts for renovation and modernisation of three hydroelectric projects in Kerala between 1995 and 1997, when Vijayan was the state electricity minister. The MoU between the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) and the Canadian company was signed on August 10, 1995.

Subsequently, an audit by the Principal Accountant General of Audit in Kerala pegged losses to the exchequer due to the deal at over Rs 350 crore.

The CBI had alleged that Vijayan as electricity minister showed undue haste and interest in the execution of the supply contracts in February 1997. It claimed that KSEB executed the contract in haste at the instance of the minister, when SNC Lavalin offered grants for the construction of a

cancer care hospital in Kannur.

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				b)	After 12 months - 75%	
				c)	After 13 months - 85%	
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		a) After 18 months -	- 175%	a)	After 24 months - 300%	
		b) After 19 months -		b)	After 25 months - 330%	
		c) After 20 months -		c)	After 26 months - 350%	
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<li>f) Proposed time schedule mentionir opening of the Scheme and the tin</li>			The Fixed Deposit Scheme (Jewellery Purchase Schemes) are in operation with effect from 26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2015 and this circular/ advertisement issued shall be valid till			
			30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021 or the date of the Company's Annual General Meeting to I			
	which the circular or advertisement is valid:		held in 2021, whichever is earlier.			
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g)	Reasons or objects of ra	iising the deposits:			has been operating jewellery purchase schemes as par	
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			these sch	emes are treat	ted as deposits.	
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	-		CARERS	itings Limited (	CARE)	
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	iv) Date on which rating was obtained Short particulars of the charge created or to be created for securing such deposits, if any.		September 13, 2019 and April 16, 2020. A fresh rating shall be obtained before the expiry of validity of this rating.			
i)			e Unsecure	ed and therefor	re not applicable	
j)	Any financial or other material interest of the directors, promoters or key managerial personnel in					
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	such deposits and the eff as it is different from the in	fect of such interest in so fa nterests of other persons	Ir			
3.	DETAILS OF ANY OUTST					
1	Amount Outstanding				Rs. 149.69 crore	
a.		ollected from customers un osits.)	der jewellery	purchase sche		
b.	Date of acceptance				Various dates	
c.	Total amount accepted				Rs. 135.16 crore (During the F.Y. 2019) with different maturity date)	
d.	Data of inter*					
u.	Rate of interest				No return as interest is offered since it	

which are treated as deposits.)	
Date of acceptance	Various dates
Total amount accepted	Rs. 135.16 crore (During the F.Y. 2019-20 with different maturity date)
Rate of interest	No return as interest is offered since it is jewellery purchase scheme. But discount is offered on purchase of jewellery as per the terms and conditions of the scheme(s).
Total number of depositors (outstanding as on July 27, 2020)	83,371
Default, if any, in repayment of deposits and payment of interest thereon, if any, including number of depositors, amount and duration of default involved.	Nil
Any waiver by the depositors, of interest accrued on deposits	Nil

- FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY
- Profits of the Company, before and after making provision for tax, for the three financial years immediately preceding the date of issue of

		(Rs. Crore
Financial year	Profit before tax	Profit after tax
2019-20	7,423.42	5,539.79
2018-19	4,818.78	3,138.26
2017-18	1,874.68	1,243.14

	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equ	4.81	3,176.46	(96.19)	
	Opening Balance of Cash and Cash Equivalen	329.69	156.12	252.31	
	Closing Balance of Cash and Cash Equivalent	334.50	3,332.58	156.12	
	Cash and Cash Equivalents:				
	Cash and Cash Equivalents as above	334.50	3,332.58	156.12	
	Less:				
	Investment in Liquid Mutual Funds		-	(3,002.89)	-
L	Cash and Cash Equivalents		334.50	329.69	156.12
Γ	e. Any change in accounting policies during the last three years and their effect on the				

profits and the reserves of the Company Standards (Ind AS) notified under the Companies (India Standards) Rules, 2015 read with Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013

5. DECLARATION BY THE DIRECTORS

- The Board of Directors of the Company hereby declare that
- a. The Company has not defaulted in the repayment of deposits accepted either before or after the com interest thereon; nent of the Act or pa
- interest thereon;
   b. They have satisfied themselves fully with respect to the affairs and prospects of the Company and that they are of the opinion that having regard to the estimated future financial position of the Company, the Company will be able to meet its liabilities as and when they become due and that the Company will not become insolvent within a period of one year from the date of issue the circular or advertisement;
   c. The Company has compliance with the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder;
   d. The compliance with the Act and the rules does not imply that repayment of deposits is guaranteed by the Central Government;

- e. The deposits accepted by the Company before the commencement of the Act have been repaid;
- f. In case of any adverse change in credit rating, depositors will be given a chance to withdraw deposits without any penalty;

1. In case of any adverse change in credit rating, depositors will be given a chance to withdraw deposits without any penalty;
g. The deposits shall be used only for the purposes indicated in the Circular or circular in the form of advertisement;
h. The deposits accepted by the Company (other than the secured deposits, if any, aggregate amount of which to be indicated) are unsecured and rank *pari passu* with other unsecured liabilities of the Company.
This Circular is issued on the authority and in the name of the Board of Directors of the Company, the text thereof has been approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on July 28, 2020 and a copy thereof signed by a majority of the Directors of the Company, has been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

V. Subramaniam	Pankaj Pawar	Sanjay Jog				
Ranjit V. Pandit	K. Sudarshan	Geeta Fulwadaya				
Prof. Dipak C. Jain						

#### Certificate of the Statutory Audito

The Board of Directors

Reliance Retail Limited

3rd Floor. Court House, Lokmanya Tilak Marg Dhobi Talao, Mumbai – 400 002

Ref: Certificate annexed to Form DPT-1 pursuant to Rule 4 of the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014, as amended

This certificate is issued in accordance with the terms of our engagement with Reliance Retail Limited ("the Company") having its registered
office at 3rd Floor, Court House, Lokmanya Tilak Marg, Dhobi Talao, Mumbai –400002. The Company has requested us to issue the certificate in
terms of Rule 4 of the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014, as amended ("the Rules"). Accordingly, the accompanying certificate is
prepared pursuant to the said provisions of the Rules.

#### ement's Responsibility

The Management is responsible for adherence with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with the relevant rules relating to the acceptance of deposits by the Company and particularly with respect to ensuring that there are no defaults in repayment of deposits and payment of interest on such deposits accepted either before or after the commencement of the Act. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the compliance of Rule 4 of the Rules.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

- Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 4 of the Rules, our responsibility is to certify that the Company has not committed default in the repayment of deposits or in payment of interest on such deposits accepted either before or after the commencement of the Act. Further it is our respon-certify that in case a Company had committed default in the repayment of deposits accepted either before or after the commencement or in payment of interest on such deposits the Company had made good the default and a period of five years has lapsed since the date of good the default as the case may be. oonsibility to int of the Act
- 4. The above assurance is based on our verification of unmodified Audit Reports issued by the erstwhile auditors of the Company from the financial years 2015-16 & 2016-17 which stated the compliance with the Act and related Rules, as applicable, with respect to acceptance of deposits. The said provisions of the Act and related Rules, as a splicable, as a splicable, with the company that it had not defaulted in the repayment of deposits accepted whether before or after the commencement of the Act or payment of interest on such deposits.
- With respect to the financial year ended March 31, 2018, March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2020 we have examined the books of account and other relevant records and documents maintained by the Company, the information and explanations provided to us by the management and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2018, March 31, 2019, March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, we have is used unmodified opinion vide our report dated April 25, 2018, April 16, 2019 and April 28, 2020 erspectively. Our audit of these financial statements was conducted in accordance with the Standards on Auditing specified under Section 143(10) of the Act. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.
- Auditing specified under Ethics issued by the ICAI.
- We have complied with the relevant applicable requirements of the Standard on Quality Control (SQC) 1, Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements.

#### Opinion

Based on our examination as above and according to the information, explanations and representations provided to us by the management of the Company, we hereby certify that the Company has not committed default in the repayment of deposits or in payment of interest on such deposits accepted either before or after the commencement of the Act.

#### Restriction on Use

Place : Mumbai Date : 28.07.2020

The certificate has been issued at the request of the Company solely for the purpose of submission of our certificate along with Form DPT-1 pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules, as amended and should not be used by any other person or for any other purpose. Accordingly, we do not accept or assume any liability or any duty of care for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this certificate is shown or into whose hands it may come without our prior consent in writing.

For DTS & Associates LLP Chartered Acc Firm Registration No.142412W/W100595

Saurabh Pamecha

Partner Membership No.: 126551 UDIN: 20126551AAAAFT4564





### THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

# **8** EXPRESS NETWORK



The building was being renovated.

### **GUJARAT** Vadodara: Three dead in building collapse

Vadodara: Three people were killed and one was injured when a three-storey building in Vadodara collapsed in the early hours of Tuesday. According to local residents, the building was originally at least three decades old and undergoing a renovation. The three deceased were construction workers who were living in the building to execute renovation and restructuring work. Vadodara Chief Fire Officer Parth Brahmabhatt said, "The four persons were trapped under a slab and the operation (to rescue them) went on for almost three hours... All were shifted to hospital and only one survived. ENS

### MAHARASHTRA Aspiring actor dies by suicide in Mumbai

Mumbai: A26-year-old aspiring television actor allegedly died by suicide at his rented flat on Sunday. According to police, Akshat Utkarsh, from Muzaffarpur in Bihar, was stressed due to lack of work and had borrowed money from his friends and family. No suicide note was recovered, police said. Utkarsh, who had shifted to Mumbai two years ago, was staying as a paying guest in a flat with owner Sneha Chauhan. Police said Chauhan, in her statement, said the actor was stressed due to lack of



Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad protests outside Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi. Tashi Tobgyal

### HATHRAS WOMAN'S DEATH

## Just want justice, says father; Oppn targets UP govt

ANANYA TIWARI & **ASAD REHMAN** NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 29

THE OPPOSITION on Tuesday targeted the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh over the death of the 19-year-old Dalit woman, who was allegedly gangraped by

four upper-caste men in Hathras. In Delhi, Bhim Army leader Chandrashekhar Azad and his supporters held a protest outside Safdarjung Hospital, where the woman died. As protesters raised slogans

against the Uttar Pradesh government, the woman's father told The Indian Express: "We just want justice. that is all.'

The family, and protesters, demanded death penalty for the culprits, and an assurance from the state government that it would ensure justice. Although the postmortem was over by afternoon, the family refused to leave. "No representative of the central or

state government has met us. We will not leave till one of them meets us and promises us justice. We want justice, we want death penalty for the culprits," said a relative. After hours of protests and negotiations with officials, the

family finally left for Hathras in the evening.

While the family waited, several Dalit leaders joined the protest. "We demand death penalty for the culprits. The girl should have been taken to AIIMS, like we had demanded earlier. This government does not want the Dalit community to rise," said Azad. "We will not back down till our Dalit daughter gets justice and the culprits are hanged," said Raj

Kumar Diwan from the Akhil Bharativa Valmiki Sabha. Several Congress and AAP leaders also reached the hospital.

"The family should be given Rs 50 lakh compensation and a government job," said Congress leader P L Punia.

The Congress also held protests in UP. A candlelight march was

held outside the party office in Lucknow. "The girl who faced animal like behaviour in Hathras succumbed. For two weeks, she fought with death in hospitals. The state has been shaken by rape incidents in Hathras, Shahjahanpur and Gorakhpur, one after the other... The law and order situation in the state is terrible... no sign of safety for women in the state. The killers must get the most severe punishment. Yogi Adityanath, you are answerable for the safety of women in the state," tweeted party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

"A brutal murder of a daughter after her rape. The body was taken away without informing the family members. It has become a hobby of this government to murder democracy," tweeted state Congress chief Ajay Kumar Lallu.

"This tenure of the BJP is difficult for the daughters and sisters of the state," Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said in a statement. He said some SP leaders were stopped by the police

when they went to meet the woman's family members. "The news of the Dalit victim's

death after gangrape is very tragic. The government should ensure all help to the family, and should also ensure that the case is heard in a fast-track court," tweeted BSP chief Mavawati.

At a press conference in Lucknow, AAP leader in charge of Uttar Pradesh and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh alleged: The BJP government is standing with the accused instead of the girls of the state". He also targeted Mayawati. "I was seeing Mayawati ji's statement. It seemed like a BJP mouthpiece. You are a Dalit leader and a four-time CM and you can't raise your voice even after such an incident. This is sad." he said.

'The death of the Hathras victim is a matter of shame for society... It is very sad that so many women are being raped and we are unable to provide them security. The culprits should be hanged as soon as possible," tweeted Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

### NCRB data: 7% rise in crimes against women UP tops crimes against women, SCs

### **DIPANKAR GHOSE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

CRIMES AGAINST women increased 7.3 per cent from 2018 to 2019, and crimes against Scheduled Castes also went up 7.3 per cent in the same period, according to the annual National Crime Record Bureau's "Crime in India" 2019 report released on Tuesday.

In terms of absolute numbers, Uttar Pradesh reported the highest number of cases in both these categories. But Assam reported the highest rate of crimes against women (per lakh population), while Rajasthan had the highest rate of crimes against Scheduled Castes

"A total of 4,05,861 cases of crime against women were registered during 2019, showing an increase of 7.3% over 2018 (3,78,236 cases). Majority of cases under crime against women under IPC were registered under 'cruelty by husband or his relatives' (30.9%), followed by 'assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty' (21.8%), 'kidnapping & abduction of women'(17.9%) and 'rape' (7.9%). The crime rate registered per lakh women population is 62.4 in 2019 in comparison with 58.8 in 2018," says the NCRB report.

UP reported the highest number of crimes against women (59,853), accounting for 14.7 per cent of such cases across the country. It was followed by Rajasthan (41,550 cases; 10.2 per cent) and Maharashtra(37,144 cases; 9.2 per cent). Assam reported the highest rate of crime against women at 177.8 (per lakh population), followed by Rajasthan (110.4) and Haryana (108.5).

Rajasthan reported the highest number of rapes with 5,997 cases, followed by UP(3,065) and Madhya Pradesh (2,485). In terms of rate of rape cases, Rajasthan was the highest at 15.9 (per lakh

in Shopian encounter killing by Army sent to 7-day custody

TWO CIVILIANS who were being

questioned for their role in the

July 18 Amshipora encounter in

Shopian have been remanded in

seven-day police custody by Chief

Of the two, whose names

Judicial Magistrate, Shopian.

Two questioned

#### **NAVEED IQBAL** SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 29

population), followed by Kerala (11.1) and Haryana (10.9).

UP also had the highest number of crimes against girl children under the POCSO Act with 7,444 cases, followed by Maharashtra (6,402) and MP(6,053). The highest rate of these crimes were in Sikkim (27.1 per lakh population),

MP(15.1), and Haryana (14.6). UP had the highest number of dowry cases (2,410), at a rate of 2.2 (per lakh population), followed by Bihar (1,120). According to the report, 150 acid attacks were reported in 2019, of which 42 took place in UP and 36 in West Bengal.

The report, which runs into three volumes and is over 1,500 pages, says a total of 45,935 cases were registered as crime against Scheduled Castes (SCs), "showing an increase of 7.3% over 2018 42,793 cases)".

"Crime rate registered showed an increase from 21.2 (per lakh population) in 2018 to 22.8 in 2019. Crime head-wise cases revealed that simple hurt with 28.9% (13,273 cases) formed the largest chunk of cases of crimes/ atrocities against Scheduled Castes during 2019. It was followed by cases under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act with 9.0% (4,129 cases), and cases under rape with 7.6% (3,486 cases)," says the report.

UP reported the most cases against Scheduled Castes – 11,829 cases, accounting for 25.8 per cent of the cases across the country. It was followed by Rajasthan (6,794 cases; 14.8 per cent) and Bihar (6,544; 14.2 per cent). However, the rate of such cases was highest in Rajasthan at 55.6 (per lakh population), followed by MP (46.7) and Bihar (39.5) Rajasthan also had the high-

est number of rapes against Dalit women (554), followed by UP (537) and MP (510). The rate of rape against Dalit women was highest in Kerala at 4.6 (per lakh population), followed by MP (4.5) and Rajasthan (4.5).

have not been officially released by J&K Police, one comes from Shopian district and the other from Pulwama. Sources told The Indian Express that the two had worked as "informers" for the Army and are suspects in the killing of three civilians in the Amshipora

encounter. A third suspect, who had been detained for questioning, has not been arrested so far. Three people had given their final deposition before the Army Court of Inquiry on Saturday. Sources said the three were "the last contacts of the three deceased" and are being questioned

for their role in the incident. On September 18, the Army had confirmed that identities of the three killed at Amshipora matched those of three missing labourers from Rajouri: Abrar Ahmed (25), Imtiyaz Ahmed (20), and Mohammed Ibrar (16).

On September 25, Inspector General (Kashmir Zone) Vijay Kumar had said that DNA samples of the three deceased labourers matched those of the families from Rajouri.

The police had earlier said that 'militant links" of the three labourers are under investigation. However, sources said claims made by the "Army sources" will be verified when they are officially handed over to the police.

Families of the victims had contested the security force's version that the three killed in the Amshipora encounter were "terrorists" after seeing their pictures on social media.

Since the confirmation of DNA match, they have demanded that the bodies of the three cousins be returned to them.

#### TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE RECOVERED: 51,01,397 CASES: 211 6,145,291 DEATHS: 96.318 DAYS SINCE Pandemic

## SC to J&K admn: Can Mehbooba's detention be extended beyond a year

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### **TAMIL NADU** Woman kills husband, tries to claim accident

Coimbatore: A woman was arrested here on Tuesday on charges of killing her husband with a knife, police said. Franklin Britto was brought to hospital with injuries to the neck and abdomen and doctors declared him brought dead. On inquiry, Carolyn told police that her husband sustained the injuries accidentally when she suddenly turned while cutting vegetables. However, she cracked during sustained interrogation and confessed that she had stabbed her husband during an argument, police said. PTI

### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

the proposal of the government. THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday and how long do you propose to asked the Jammu and Kashmir extend it (Mehbooba's deten-(J&K) administration if former tion)," the Bench told Mehta. Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti's The SG said he would address

detention under the Public Safety the Bench on these aspects. Act (PSA) can be extended be-Saving Mehbooba's detention was on the ground of maintainyond a year and, if so, "how long do you propose to extend it". ing public order, he sought to "How long has the detention highlight some of her statebeen for and on what grounds? ments made at the time of abrogation of Article 370.

In an affidavit filed on Monday,

the Srinagar DM said detailed con-

sideration of the material on the

basis of which Mehbooba was de-

tained showed her "past conduct...in glorifying militants,

brazenly inciting religion to divide

people", "demoralising security

forces" and "proclivity to indulge

in such behaviour in future which

would be highly prejudicial to

The "petitioner herself ad-

The FTII students' body said

that Kapur's appointment

comes at an important moment.

'There has been a constant at-

tack on public educational insti-

tutions in the country with con-

tinuous fees hikes and curbing of

student voices of dissent and

representation. We hope Shekar

Kapur, a noted filmmaker, will

carry forward the vision of the

institution and take it forward.

We strongly urge him to take

note of the ongoing fee hike is-

sues and curbing of students'

field of art and culture.

maintenance of public order...'

Can the detention be extended beyond one year?" Justice SKKaul asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta who appeared for J&K. The two-Judge Bench, which

included Justice Hrishikesh Rov. was hearing a a plea filed by Mehbooba's daughter, Iltija Mufti, challenging the detention. The Bench asked the J&K ad-

ministration to respond to Iltija's plea, and fixed the matter for hearing on October 15 to enable the Centre to file its affidavit and Iltija



Mehbooba Mufti

mits that some of the speeches of the detenu glorified militants or were divisive in nature, thus the rational nexus with disturbance to public order is amply borne out by the petitioner's own ad-

mission," said the affidavit. Referring to the charge that he did not apply his mind to whether such speech had caused breach of public peace in the past, the DM said this defeats the purpose of preventive legislation which is to "pre-empt any

**REAL ESTATE FRAUD CASE** 

Court rejects anticipatory

bail plea of Vikram Gokhale

prejudice to maintenance of public order".

"The grounds of detention and the dossier clearly indicate there exists a live and proximate link in the events that occurred in the past, the activities of the detenu and the possibility of such activities being prejudicial to maintenance of public order," said the affidavit.

"It is trite law that the past conduct or antecedent history of a person can appropriately be taken into account in making a detention order," it said. "It is usually from prior events showing tendencies or inclinations of a person (that) a decision can be taken by the detaining authority regarding the likelihood of the said person, in the future, acting in a manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order," it said. The affidavit said

Mehbooba's "acts... squarely fell within the realm of public order, as it was calculated to disturb

public peace and tranquillity". "It is needless to emphasise that the incitement of the public at large, pertains to public order," it said.

The affidavit said Mehbooba had not availed the remedy available under PSA - to make a representation to the government. The "order of detention along with grounds of detention. dossier and documents in English language, on the basis whereof detention order was passed, were supplied to the detenu in order to enable her to make an effective representation as stipulated in law," it said. Subsequently, these were referred to the advisory board, "but the detenu... despite being aware of the same and being made aware of the same, purposefully failed to make a representation before the said advisory board", it said



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KEYSTATES Towatch	TOTAL CASES	SURGEIN 24Hours	7-DAY AVG Growth*	Doubling Time**	
Maharashtra	13,51,153	11,921	1.42%	50.80	
Andhra	6,81,161	5,487	1.08%	66.57	
Tamil Nadu	5,86,397	5,589	0.99%	72.76	
Uttar Pradesh	3,90,875	3,790	1.23%	58.68	
Delhi	2,73,098	1,984	1.31%	54.82	
CASE FATALITY RATIO	POSITI	VITY RATE	alculated over 7-day growti		
7 DAYS EARLIER: <b>1.60</b> NOW: <b>1.57</b>	7 DAYS EARLIER: 8.52 NOW: 8.41		DETECTED TODAY 70,589 RECOVERED TODAY 84,877		
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Data as on September 28, released by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR and states. Often daily numbers include data from previous days. As such, trends based on daily numbers are indicative, not defin

### Filmmaker Shekhar Kapur named FTII governing council chairman

#### **ATIKH RASHID** PUNE, SEPTEMBER 29

FILMMAKER SHEKHAR Kapur has been appointed chairman of the governing council of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).

"Ministry of Information and Broadcasting today announced Shekhar Kapur as the new President of FTII Society and Chairman of FTII Governing Council. His tenure will be till March 3, 2023," said a communique from Pune-based FTII.

Kapur, known for films like Masoom (1983), Mr India (1987), Elizabeth (1998) and Bandit Oueen (1994), will replace television producer B P Singh. Singh's tenure had ended in March 2020 but he



Shekar Kapur

was given an extension owing to the coronavirus situation. Singh was appointed FTII

chairman in December 2018 after his predecessor, actor Anupam Kher, abruptly resigned from the post citing international shooting assignments.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** PUNE, SEPTEMBER 29

A COURT in Pune has rejected the anticipatory bail application of veteran theatre and film actor Vikram Gokhale in connection with a case of alleged cheating and fraud over a 25-year-old land development project at Mulshi. The court, however, granted him protection from arrest till October 17 so that he can approach the Bombay High Court.

voices in the Academic Council," In March, a criminal offence said Aadith V Sathvin, who was registered against Gokhale heads the FTII students' body. (79) and two others. Javant FTII Society has 24 members Mhalgi and his wife Sujata. The comprising 12 ex-officio memcase pertains to a Project Girivan bers and 12 persons from the by a company named Sujata Farms, floated by Mhalgi and Sujata. Gokhale was the chairman

of the company, but he has maintained that he resigned from the position in January.

Public Prosecutor Pushkar Sapre said that after the court rejected Gokhale's plea for an anticipatory bail, the defence lawyers sought time to approach the High Court against the order. On Monday, the court granted Gokhale protection from arrest till October 17 to approach the High Court. The copies of these orders could be accessed on Tuesday.

The complainants in the case have alleged that they were cheated because the land plots they were given actual possession of are different, and in many cases smaller, than the ones purchased by them via sale deeds. Gokhale could not be

reached for comment.

### NGT concerned as 6 states want 6k sqkm to be taken off Western Ghats eco zone

**SHIVNARAYAN** RAJPUROHIT

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29 THE NATIONAL Green Tribunal (NGT) has expressed concern after six states asked the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change to whittle down Tribunal chairman Adarsh Kumar Goel said in an order passed on Tuesday.

The Western Ghats cover six states - Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The K Kasturirangan Committee had in 2012 earmarked around 60.000 sg km as ESZ. In 2014, the then MoEF isthe size of eco-sensitive zone sued a draft notification declar-(ESZ) under the ecologically fraging 56,825 sq km in the Western ile Western Ghats by 6,386.65 sq Ghats as ESZ.

> Since then, it has issued three more draft notifications and has yet to take a final call on the classification.

Of the six states that have suggested reduction in ESZ, Maharashtra has sought the highest exemption at 2,570.88 sq km, followed by Kerala (1,337.24 sq ation for the last about eight km), Karnataka (1,571 sq km), years," an NGT bench headed by Goa (754 sq km), Gujarat (129 sq

km) and Tamil Nadu (24.53 sq km). Maharashtra has also suggested a separate area spread over 1,740 sq km to be included in ESZ.

The notification has been hanging fire for more than a decade, as many states and the Centre believe that once areas under the Ghats are classified as ESZ, development activities will be off-limits.

"That there is a concern of the States about prohibition of certain activities having implications on medical care, health care and education," MoEFCC said in an affidavit to NGT.

The ministry said some states are concerned that two committee reports on delineation of the Western Ghats were based on the 2001 census.

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and more exclusion by those who claim the need for 'development' while need for 'environment protection' does not allow acceptance of such demands. This aspect needs to be finalised and has been pending consider-

"There is demand for more



### **ADVERTORIAL**

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## The untold story of the Indian Medtech boom

KANRAY WAS founded in 2007 by 5 ex GE engineers in an incubation centre in Mysore and started commercial production in 2012. By then it had put compliance, safety, regulatory, quality systems, CE, UL, FDA certifications and audits in place making Skanray stand apart as a unique start up.

2013 onwards was the era of organic growth and acquisitions with L & T Medical systems, Pricol, CEI Italy, Skanray Europe, Cardia Netherlands, Skanray USA and starting activities at Brazil, Mexico and China for local manufacturing and sale of Skanray designed products. Today Skanray stands as a leader in the Indian Med tech space with 100,000 machines in installed base across 80 countries, 50 + products, 80 trademarks, IP and proprietary designs, 700+ professionals, 6 facilities worldwide and an Advanced Electronics test facility getting ready at Mysore in partnership with GOI, GOK and the private sector.

By 2020 there was significant core technology, supply chain, global regulatory, manufacturing capability established inhouse by the company. Apart from Skanray there have been companies like Clarity Medicals, Phoenix, RMS technologies, Shalya, Alan, Nice Neotech, Divya labs and few others who had core technology with them. Skanray is leading the Indian R & D / Core technology driven Medtech sector.

India has larger med tech companies, but predominantly trading Chinese products, refurbished machines or selling products that are not compliant with international safety standards. India is still lacking in enforceable safety and performance regulations. The Large MNCs have brought in advanced technology and Compliance to India but rarely develop core technology or products from concept to end of life in India. There are another breed of "Make in India" Champions who import full modules and components from China and other countries and sell them directly or package them in Indian Sheet metal enclosures to show them as made in india. Many of these have mastered the art of managing Govt tenders and have a good portion of their revenues coming from Govt sales. Putting everything together, Indian Med tech manufacturing is less than 10% of the 4 Billion US Dollars medtech buv.

Here is the story of Covid ventilators: Skanray has been manufacturing and exporting Advanced ICU ventilators since 2014. The GOI and the state governments have been buying ventilators from China in large quantities while Skanray sold in the premium Private sector or exported to developed countries. The popular European and the US brands too sold to the Government but in much smaller quanti-Come Covid and the only choice before the Govt was to scout for Domestic manufacturers and Skanray / Max ventilators of AB industries were the only ICU ventilator manufacturers with long domain experience. The rest of the ventilator story is there in overdose and variety in public domain. Many start-ups, JV, Cheap imports, second hand machines, scams, accolades, theories and metaphysics emerged during this period. Our Nethas congratulated each other for creating products for Covid in a short time. The truth was that we always existed and exported while the successive Governments slept over this critical health sector and imported for reasons best known to all of us dealing with the Govt. On the 18th of March, 2020 we got a call from Niti-Ayog, Health and defence ministries requesting for 100,000 ventilators for the national calamity. The underlying story here is that the states and centre couldn't import from China or elsewhere during Covid since these countries had domestic shortages and compulsions of their own. China chose to cater to the European and American markets first since they could realise almost double the price that they could get in India. China had started dismantling Covid hospitals in April and had lots of sparingly used machines ready to export. Not many know that imports from China has grown significantly since march 2020 in medtech while we all have been screaming "Atma Nirbhar" and "Make in India" from our rooftops. Most indian manufacturers believe that cheap imports may replace the domestic buy once life is back to normal. This rush for Make in india may last just as long as the covid virus that came from China followed by their products that helped combat the virus. For us it was a cruel comedy to watch all kinds of hype peddled in the name of Atma Nirbhar Bharat. Even in a national calamity, many state governments indulged in large scale chinese imports, corruption and scandals in covid treatment and the indian banks never lent anyone on time. It was the CDC that is owned by the



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Mangalore, AC Tech Karaikudi,a PG degree from NIT K and trained at Kirloskar institute of Advanced Management studies and GE Healthcare. Mr Alva has exposure to Industry and society in about 20 countries around the world and has been in the forefront of anti-Corruption Campaign, Social harmony and Ahimsa apart from his association with Industry and education sectors. base in China. Indian Med tech market and healthcare penetration has been dismal while China grew a hundred times. Companies that brought in R & D / Manufacturing lost money and interest to invest due to poor domestic demand, corruption in tenders and high attrition in trained R & D staff. China provided a strong supplier base with the Government supporting them to gain domestic market and exports. Of course China used this to build its own local skills, its own Atma Nirbhar China and inhouse technology disregarding international IP laws.

Currently the healthcare delivery penetration in India is less than 20% in its huge 1.4 Billion population. Increasing the healthcare delivery and insurance cover to 40% of the population will spurn a 500% growth in healthcare delivery, Medtech, pharma, consumables, health tourism, telemedicine, homecare and help India become a Global healthcare hub. The Govt should should keep off in pricing matters of education, healthcare and farm sector unless it provides a sustainable market and stability. Growth and competition will regulate the price anyway more effectively than Govt in the long run. The govt has no role in pricing for a 100% privately funded sector that is alive inspite of the government and not because of the Govt or its policies.

It was European / Scandinavian technologies that China scaled in the mobile market to make cheap cell phones and services to the entire world. India has a unique opportunity to do the same in Healthcare. With its versatile and strong tech base, with its strong democracy, with its value systems, respect for IP, 80% lower cost in core research budgets, 70% cheaper in engineering, V & V, testing , SW development costs, 50% higher productivity in labour costs, Healthcare is above 500 Billion US\$ forex earner for India if the Govt and industry works with speed, oneness and seriousness.

Med tech in specific has nothing in common with pharma, healthcare delivery business, consumables and services even though they are all bracketed as healthcare and brought under the pharma regulators.

China which is usually compared with India has more than 16,000 Medtech companies and 300 of them sized above Rs. 1000 Cr, while India with a similar population, potential in technology and manufacturing capabilities, lower cost of R&D and manufacturing has very few companies in Med tech core technology. This is excluding the few multibillion dollar MNCs operating in India. Thanks to the hostile ecosystem, corruption, opaque tendering processes, weak quality vendor base and the pathetic

UK Govt that came forward quickly with an offer for working capital, not the Indian banks nor the state or central Govts.

We have payments as old as 3 years from the Andhra, Telangana and Chhattisgarh Govts that never comes with any amount of follow up or legal notices. Funny part is that these same Govts are asking us to set up facilities in their state promising crores in Grants. Our Legal system will take decades to deliver justice. This is the story of hundreds of companies working with the Govts. Unless this is fixed, we will never have an Atma Nirbhar Bharath with self-respect and dignity.

The only silver lining was the speed at which the PMO, BEL, DRDO, the Ministry of External affairs, Commerce, health and defence worked round the clock to help us deliver the 30,000 units the GOI placed for the Skanray CV 200 advanced ICU ventilators on BEL. It was a clean GOI to GOI transaction with no scope for middlemen or graft.

It would be misguiding the public if we didn't bring out the positive changes we see with the GOI in the last few years .

The central govt and a significant chunk of the bureaucracy has changed for good. We find the GOI spending long hours on key policy matters and long term plans for the nation that may not bring rich electoral dividends . Compared to the past where we had very little talk on long term policies and lots of debates on sops, freebies, subsidies, minority, majority, backward, forward issues linked strongly to the electoral politics of the country.

Corruption in the central Government has reduced significantly while most state Govts cutting across party lines continued



to be as corrupt and bureaucratic as ever. The decisions and execution may not be always right, they may not have delivered the results expected, but at least there is a sincere effort towards transparency, towards transforming the nation. It's time to capitalise this leadership and good intentions of the Centre.

Here are some concrete steps to build a robust and self-reliant med-tech industry. Atma Nirbhar in Med tech is local R& D and innovation with a min of 70% value add manufacturing in India. Assembly or labelling of Chinese/ imported kits is not Make in India.

**2**A 10 year undisturbed R & D, Manufacturing, Global compliance plan is the foundation of Atma Nirbhar Bharat. We just can't have "make in India" products that can't be sold in US, Europe, Japan and the rest of the world. A Successful Atma Nirbhar should also get us significant exports.

Backward integration and quality supply chain is the core of creating a manufac-

turing eco system. We are far away from what the world expects from an alternative to Chinese capabilities as a global supplier. Our Democracy and English speaking population is nice for poetry, not enough for companies to move away from China and set base in India, but we can surely get there. There is an urgent need for predictability in Government policies. Political parties need to look at long term collaborative work so that the successive governments won't overturn earlier policy decisions. There is a need to relook at the political system and policies to reassure Global companies and investors that there is continuity of policy and time bound approvals. Its time to stop talking and start executing.

4 Law of reciprocity should be applied by the Indian Government to countries that impose high tariff on Indian goods and use the regulatory route to delay or block the entry of indian products. We have some countries that have 67% tariffs on Indian products while the Indian government buys large volumes from these same countries levying 5% import duties. There are free trade agreements that the GOI signed several years ago with countries that never let Indian goods in their shore . Blocking imports or levying high import duties will be detrimental to Indian manufacturing sector since cheap, unsafe, substandard products will be sold in the indian market in the name of Make in India and Atma Nirbhar. Its a balanced step that the MEA, Commerce ministry and Finance ministry has to take looking at all aspects of business, trade and neighborly relations.

**5** Development of Indian industry is not just providing land. Most of what state Govts do is focus on acquiring fertile agricultural land and sell to the industry at subsidised rates. This has led to land hoarding by industrialists and real estate sharks largely controlled by politicians. Disallow change of use of industrial land pan India and bring in strong laws to reacquire industrial land not fully utilised in 3 years. Millions of sq kms of land will be freed in days. Its worthwhile to go back and check the story of the SEZ, ESDM , tech parks, clusters that came up since 2000 and see what happened to all these schemes. The truth will be out. For a Med Tech / core manufacturing sector, land is the last thing to worry. Skilled engineers, quick and reliable IMPEX policies and clearances, Friendly and consistence tax laws, matured, honest, researched IT, GST laws sans activism and harassment are more important than just land and sops

**6** Fab facility for semiconductors is something that India lacks to become truly Atma Nirbhar in Electronics and Med tech which has forex impact higher than that of petroleum imports. India had a semiconductor complex in Chandigarh that got destroyed in fire and we never have been able to get semiconductor Fab in India even after decades of meetings and discussions. It's time we look at this on top priority. BEL had a semiconductor transistor and IC manufacturing unit which is now decommissioned.

**7**Vibrant Domestic market and healthcare/ Medtech market is the basis for new investments and growth. The MNC's came to India at the same time they set indian banking sector.

Atma Nirbhar is not just "make in India". There is no country in the world that is self-reliant in technology, raw materials and market. So is India.

If China sheds its expansionist policies and foster a long term relationship based on equality and territorial integrity, India, China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and other neighbours can form a Asian union with a common currency, shared economy and an open border. We can together be self-reliant to a large extent and keep healthy balance of trade with US, Europe, Japan and rest of the world. It's just that we have to keep religion and beliefs private, stop expansionist attitude in territory or religion, stop cross border terrorism and shun violence in all forms. If Europe that fought bloody wars just few decades ago can dissolve the borders and become one large economy, why can't we create an Asian Union?? Commerce, Finance and Foreign affairs ministries need to be tied up closely for the long term good of the nation. Foreign affairs is the enabler of atma Nirbhar. **9**If this can't happen in reasonable time, India, Israel, Japan, US, UK, Italy, the Middle East and few others can create a larger economic alliance of barter and sharing to cooperate in Food, Healthcare and knowledge sectors that are core to well being. Covid has shown us that if the borders are shut permanently in this Global economy, the entire human race will be affected and destroyed eventually. We are at risk with Skewed Globalisation and blind nationalism.

**10**There is this new thinking that to develop consensus within the nation.

Can we do away with GDP and Consumerism based economy? Can we look at a sustainable minimalistic society to focus on just food self sufficiency, health and happiness and rural empowerment with a common spiritual awakening than religious fundamentalism? The time has come to reset and Restart. Else nature will reset us for sure.

"Views expressed are that of the writer, and publication does not constitute endorsement thereof"

## **10** EXPRESS NETWORK

had found that since 2014 there

has been, on average, an ammu-

nition-related accident "every 5.5

[five-and-a-half] days or once a

week". It mentioned that acci-

dents occur "primarily due to

faulty ammunition, defective ar-

mament and faulty drills by the

crew operating the equipment or

due to deficiencies in storage con-

Isolated accident take place in

modern armies across the world,

and Indian Army is "faced with a

serious issue of regular accidents

primarily due to defective ammu-

lem areas besides accidents. These

include defects in ammunition

and replacement of defective

components; slow development

and production of ammunition

required by the Army; lack of fol-

low-up action by OFB on surprise

checks ordered by the Army; poor

packaging; and a high rate of re-

turn for rectification.

It had identified some prob-

nition", the assessment stated.

ditions".

### HC allows ED, CBI pleas for early hearing on appeals in 2G scam cases

#### **SOFI AHSAN** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE DELHI High Court on Tuesday allowed applications filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the CBI for expedited and early hearing in cases challenging acquittals of those accused in the 2G spectrum case.

The court ordered that the petitions seeking leave to appeal be listed for hearing on October 5 for a hearing on day-to-day basis.

Former Union Telecom minister A Raia. DMK MP Kanimozhi and others were acquitted in a case of money laundering and corruption in the 2G spectrum case 2017.

With courts closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the petitions against acquittals in the alleged 2G scam have not come up for hearing since March. The ED and CBI had recently approached the HC for an early hearing in the case, as Justice Brijesh Sethi, who has part-heard one of the appeals in the matter since October 2019, is set to retire on November 30.

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Most people or parties who were previously accused in the case have opposed the prayer for expeditious hearing in the matter. In case the arguments remain inconclusive before the bench. the court was told, they would have to be heard afresh by another bench. The central agencies also argued that the cases have "great public importance involv-

ing issues of integrity amongst the government functioning, which has placed Union of India in a vulnerable position not only in India but globally". In Tuesday's order, Justice

Sethi said that he court is of the opinion that all attempts should be made to hear the matter as

early as possible. "Though this court has limited time, yet no one should carry an impression that he will not get a fair opportunity of hearing. This court assures that everyone will be given an effective hearing. However, it goes without saying that irrelevant and repetitive arguments need to be avoided," the order stated.

Observing that interests of justice demand that part-heard matters, as far as possible, should not be left inconclusive, the court said the lawyers should assist in such matters to avoid the need for fresh hearing by a new bench, as that would cause "unnecessary loss to the public exchequer and wastage of the judicial time".

Rejecting the argument against hearing of the cases through video-conferencing, the court said, "...this court has been conducting hearing through video conference since 24th April, 2020, and cases which are voluminous in nature have also been decided. This ground should not, therefore, be an excuse for this court or for the learned counsels for not proceeding with the arguments..."

### **ARMY'S OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATION REPORT TO DEFENCE MINISTRY**

## **Rs 960 cr lost since 2014 due** to faulty OFB ammo: Army

### **KRISHN KAUSHIK** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

AN OFFICIAL recommendation report of Indian Army, which has been under discussion with the Defence Ministry for over a year, has pointed out that losses to the exchequer due to poor quality production of defence equipment by ordnance factories since 2014 - estimated at approximately Rs 960 crore - could have been used to buy 100 155-mm medium artillery guns such as the Howitzer.

In latest its report, updated till July, the Army has recommended corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), which aligns with the government's plan to corporatise the 41 ordnance factories, 13 development centres and nine institutes of learning under the Board.

The government has appointed an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM), headed by

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, to "oversee and guide the entire process, including transition support and redeployment plan of employees while safeguarding their wages and retirement benefits". The EGoM, set up on September 11, will also decide whether OFB should be converted into a single or multiple govern-

ment-owned corporate entities. Several employees' unions have opposed the move and have threatened a nationwide strike starting October 12.

Of Rs 960 crore mentioned by the Army report, it said Rs 658.58 crore worth of ammunition was disposed of within their shelf life between April 2014 and April 2019, and Rs 303.23 crore worth of mines were disposed of within their shelf life since May 2016.

The report stated: "Lack of accountability and poor quality of production results in frequent accidents. This results in injuries and death of soldiers. On average one

accident takes places per week." The report stated that 27 lives of soldiers and civilians have been lost and 159 people injured in "casualties due to OFB-manufactured ammunition and armament." since 2014.

The report mentioned that 403 such accidents occurred between 2014 and 2019. The maximum number of mishaps - 267 are related to the infantry. There have been 87 artillery-related accidents. 44 in the armoured corps, and 15 in air defence, the report stated.

This is not the first time the Army has raised questions on supplies under OFB. Earlier this year, an internal assessment had mentioned that as OFB factories are the "main source of supply of arms and ammunition" to the Army, "any drop in quality of OFB products has a major bearing on war waging potential of the country" Similar to the Army's recent

recommendation, the assessment

Apex court dismisses Chhattisgarh

petition to examine more witnesses

reference were given to the com-

mission but nothing was done.

### Odisha proposes up to 30 pc fee waiver for pvt school students

#### **AISHWARYA MOHANTY BHUBANESWAR, SEPT 29**

WITH THE issue of private educational institutes levying fees amid the pandemic pending in court, Odisha's Department of School and Mass Education has submitted a report to the High Court proposing fee waiver slabs up to 30 per cent.

"An MoU has been signed for the fee waiver by 14 members who have agreed for the waiver of fees at a flat rate. The waiver will only be applicable after the High Court's decision," a senior official from the department said.

A waiver of 7.5 per cent has been proposed for a fee slab of Rs 6,000-12,000, 12 per cent for Rs 12,001-24,000, 15 per cent for Rs 24,001-48,000, 20 per cent for Rs 48,001-72,000, 25 per cent for Rs 72,001-1,00,000 and 26 per cent for charges above Rs 1,00,000.

For residential schools, a 30 per cent waiver has been proposed on hostel fees.

### Stubble burning: Centre to meet pollution control boards of 5 states New Delhi: Union Minister for

Environment, Forests and Climate

Change Prakash Javadekar on

Tuesday said his ministry on

October 1 will hold a virtual meet-

been examined, submitted.

However, the court pointed out that the commision had asked those who wanted to be examined as witnesses to file their affidavits. "But no one filed. How can they be examined now?"

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Chhattisgarh Congress chief Nand Kumar Patel, former leader of opposition in the state Mahendra Karma, and former Union minister Vidyacharan Shukla were among those killed in the attack in Bastar district on

May 25, 2013. On May 28, 2013, the then Raman Singh led BJP government in the state had set up a special judicial enquiry commission headed and it was to submit the

ing with the environment ministers, secretaries and State Pollution Control Boards of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to review their preparedness to handle air pollution in the coming months – in view of stubble burning in the states. "This is a very important meeting and we are taking all possible measures beforehand... We have held many meetings with

these states already... In the meeting on October 1, we will review the work that has been done over the past few years to mitigate air pollution, including by CPCB and

### FOR MISSING SEARCH



N.I.T. No. 3351/PWD/2020

General public is hereby informed that one female namely Urmila, W/o Sanjay Gupta, R/o H No. 9/118, Dakshinpuri, New Delhi, Age: Approx 46 years, Height: 5'3". Complexion: Wheatish. Face: Round, Built: Fat, wearing Red colour Kurta and Cream colour Saree, has been missing from the

area of P.S. Ambedkar Nagar. In this regard a DD No. 113A, dated 08.07.2020 has been registered at P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi.

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

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E-TENDER NOTICE

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#### कार्यालय प्रधानाचार्य, स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, फिरोजाबाद दिनांक-२९ सितम्बर, २०२० . संख्या-एफजेडडी/2020/2386

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**JHEERAM GHATI ATTACK CASE** 

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the state government's request to examine more witnesses and had closed the proceedings.

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der of the Chhattisgarh High Court rejecting its petition for directions to examine expert witnesses. the commission had not agreed to Appearing for the state government, Senior Advocate A M Singhvi said that after a new government came to power in the "The Commission said in state in 2018, additional terms of

#### They also call for a review of all existing educational, social security, health schemes, welfare measures, vocational training and self-employment schemes to include transgender persons

.State governments are also required to take steps to prohibit discrimination of transgender persons in any government or private organisation, or private and public educational institution under their purview, "and ensure equitable access to social and public spaces, including

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The Centre has further mandated that transgender-sensitive infrastructure such as separate wards in hospitals and washrooms be constructed within two years of the Rules being notified.

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## To Mosul and back, Kerala ISIS man's extraordinary brush with terror

#### SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM SEPTEMBER 29

AWARDING LIFE imprisonment to the ISIS terrorist Subahani Haja Moideen on Monday, an NIA court in Kochi said: "How easily he deceived the Consul General in Turkey, his dexterity to keep the journey of no return (as he believed then) a secret from all his kin and his foresightedness to use a mobile phone of a particular brand presumably for all his vital communications demonstrate that normal methods of reformation will be ineffective for him."

Moideen, 35, of Thodupuzha in Idukki, was a member of ISIS's Omar al-Hindi module, which wanted to carry out terrorist attacks in South India and establish an ISIS unit in Kerala. Six others in the module, which was busted in 2016, were convicted last year: many are absconding.

stemmed from the unusual jour-



**RANAUT PALI HILL OFFICE DEMOLITION** 

to have relatives there by marriage. According to the NIA, Moideen left from Chennai in April 2015 and reached Mosul, Iraq via



Subahani Haja Moideen at the NIA court in Kochi Monday

ney of the young man from a Tamil trading family that came to Kerala decades ago, to a religious fanatic fascinated with ISIS who felt deeply attached to Iraq, and hoped of physical training, Moideen was asked to do a kicking exercise, in which he was supposed to land on his left foot after completing a kick with his right foot. However, ac-

Istanbul with the intention of joining the ISIS's war in Syria and Iraq. He was given 25 days' "reli-

crossed the border into Turkey. At the Consulate in Istanbul, he lied that he was a tourist who had lost his documents, and that he was with a Sufi group. In September 2015, he returned to India, gious training" and 21 days' slipping past security agencies. "weapon training", which was Back in the country. Moideen mainly about dismantling and ascontacted an ISIS sympathiser, sembling automatic rifles. As part whom he had met on social me-

dia. He also procured two fake SIM cards and, according to the NIA, "tried to collect 50 kg each of chlorate, phosphorus, sulphur and aluminium powder, (explosives) which could destruct an area up to 5 km radius"

Before leaving for Istanbul,

and collapsed on the rough cem-Moideen had established contacts ent floor. His trainers subsequently in the ISIS in Iraq. The NIA has judged him unfit for active warfound he chatted with one Saber fare, and put him on guard duty. Abdulla, with whom he discussed One day, while he was on Daesh and Dawlatul Islam, alterguard duty, a shell killed two native names for ISIS. In May 2014, fighters, for which Moideen he discussed the most advanced blamed himself. He asked for long-range sniper rifle and, in a permission to return home, whichat with someone with the disch was denied – and Moideen play name "Wa alikm alsalam", was thrown into jail. He was finasought advice on reaching Iraq. lly left in a street, from where he

NIA has seized jackets and sweaters that he used in Iraq from his house in Thodupuzha. At Thodupuzha, which Moid-

een left after higher secondary school and where he returned years later as an amateur software professional, a youth who knows his family, said: "We started noticing changes in Moideen around 2013-14. From denim, he started to wear a black turban and a long beard, and go on frequent pilgrimages.'

The NIA judge observed that "the act of the convict is a blot on the cultural conscience of this state" and "a blow to its pride as one of the most progressive soci-

**RHEA BAIL PLEA** NCB raises drug crimes, says

case should be lesson for others

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE BOMBAY High Court reserved its orders Tuesday on bail pleas by actor Rhea Chakraborty, her brother Showik and three others in a drug case lodged following the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput after Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) submitted that the the case should be "a lesson" for others.

A single-judge bench of Justice Sarang V Kotwal conducted a daylong hearing on the bail pleas Tuesday. On September 11, a special court rejected bail pleas of Rhea, Sushant's domestic help Samuel Miranda and cook Dipesh Sawant, Showik, and alleged drug peddler Abdel Basit Parihar, fol-

owing which they moved HC. During the hearing in HC, Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh, appearing for NCB, told the court that it will have to keep in mind the backdrop under which the NDPS Act was formulated. "This is sort of a crime, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, which is worse than murder or culpable homicide. Murder affects one person or a family. However, this (drug

### MP: Video of him beating wife viral, IPS officer suspended for domestic violence

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#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 29**

SENIOR IPS officer Purushottam Sharma, who was serving as a Special DG in Madhya Pradesh, was suspended on Tuesday evening for moral turpitude and domestic violence. Issuing the order, the state home department stated that action has been taken as Sharma's response to the explanation sought over some videos of him beating his wife was unsatisfactory.

The suspension comes a day after two videos of Sharma went

viral. In one, he was seen beating his wife following a heated argument. In another, Sharma's wife is seen questioning him over his presence in a flat with a woman.

After the videos went viral, Sharma, who was holding the charge of Special DG (Prosecution), was relieved of his duties and attached to the home department. Later, the department sought an explanation from him.

Meanwhile, Sharma's daughter Dewanshi Gautam has written to Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, supporting her father

to stop "degrading his image In the letter. Dewanshi has stated that her mother has been suffering from a chronic psychiatric disorder. She has written that her mother is part of the "0.1 percent" of women in the country who "use legal provisions to ha rass respectable men".

Dewanshi has alleged that her mother has been constantly harassing her father while he tried his best to maintain the dignity of the family.

She has urged the DGP to take action to stop these videos from "degrading her father's image". and urging the state government

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### Show grace, you are a parliamentarian: HC to Raut

### **OMKAR GOKHALE** MUMBAI. SEPTEMBER 29

THE BOMBAY High Court Tuesday said that while it did not agree with actor Kangana Ranaut's tweets against the state government and Mumbai Police, Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut should have shown "grace" and restraint while responding to her.

The observations were made by a division bench of Justices S Kathawalla and R I Chagla after it examined Raut's affidavit in which he admitted that the expletive he used in an interview to a TV channel was directed at Ranaut.

On Monday, Raut's lawyer Pradeep Thorat had said that as his client had not taken Ranaut's name, it could not be construed that he verbally abused the actor.

The bench was hearing Ranaut's plea against the demolition

### **PLEA BY RAKUL PREET**

Can't say won't do anything because it is sensitive probe: Delhi HC to I&B

Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut

ations at her Pali Hill office by the BMC earlier this month.

clip of Raut speaking to a reporter.

"I deny that I have threatened the petitioner on September 5



cording to his confession, he failed

to land properly, felt an "electric

shock-like pain" in his left knee,

of alleged unauthorised alter-

On Monday, when the court asked her to substantiate claims that Raut abused her verbally, her advocate Birendra Saraf played a

In his affidavit Tuesday, Raut said Ranaut did not approach the court with clean hands and hence, was not entitled to any relief. He sought that the plea be dismissed.

news video in a derogatory and ab-Court rejects Kannada actors' bail

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

**BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 29** 

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"You (Raut) are a leader, a parliausive manner as alleged. I say that mentarian. You should have been in the said interview I have only recautious while making stateferred to the petitioner as 'dishonments. Even we don't agree with est' because the petitioner had what the petitioner (Ranaut) has made a statement saying Mumbai said. Is this the way to address it?" is like 'Pak occupied Kashmir "We are all Maharashtrians (PoK)'. I say that I had responded and we are all proud to be Maharashtrians. But that doesn't mean because the petitioner had inwe go and break her house. You

sulted Mumbai and Maharashtra." When the court referred to the "kanoon kya hai?" remark made by Raut while speaking to the reporter, his counsel said that it was out of "provocation" and was made after the petitioner (Ranaut) said Maharashtra is not safe.

pleas, cites collective drug seizure

was only a small quantity.

in her possession and that any ala friend Rahul Thoshe (35) and otleged amount of drugs consumed hers who allegedly attended parties where drugs were available. The NDPS court, however,

The bail plea of Thoshe and anticipatory bail pleas of two other

With Thorat not appearing for

the hearing, his associate submit-

ted, "He (Raut) is not concerned

with this demolition matter. He

should have been more responsi-

ble, but he had no intention to dis-

respect the law. There was no

have to show grace... Is this an ex-

ample you set for others by asking

'kanoon kya hai'?" the judge said.

from all parties in the case

the court posted the matter for

next week.

Seeking written submissions

To this, Justice Kathawalla said,

threatening message.

eties in the nation".

#### SOFIAHSAN NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 29

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday said the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting cannot say it "will not do anything" on complaints against TV channels when an investigation is sensitive in nature.

The observation followed the Centre's submission regarding an application by actor Rakul Preet Singh. The actor has sought the court's intervention against "fake reporting" by the media about her role in the drugs case being investigated by the Narcotics Control Bureau against actor Rhea Chakraborty and others.

Justice Navin Chawla ordered the ministry and News Broadcasters Association to inform the court about the steps taken in pursuance of its earlier order to expeditiously take a decision on complaints filed by the actor against various news channels.

Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma earlier submitted that any order in the matter will have a "cascading effect" on the investigation in the drugs case. The court was also told that Singh was issued a summons by the NCB but she is not an accused.

"...it is a sensitive matter. We have to take a balanced view of the entire thing. Today any order this way or that way is bound to have some cascading effect on ongoing investigation which is at crucial stage," said Sharma.

However, the court said, "You have a power under Cable Television [Networks (Regulation)] Act. The petitioner has come to you saving that here are three reports. which are totally derogatory to women and they are totally false. Now right or wrong... may be the allegation is totally wrong as far as the petitioner is concerned but you will investigate into it. You cannot say I will not do anything because it is a sensitive information or sensitive investigation.'

Rakul Preet's counsel, Aman Hingorani, submitted on the actor's behalf, "I don't do drugs ... My reputation is in tatters."

Crime Branch in Bengaluru not finding drugs in the possession of two Kannada actors accused of being part of a drug scandal in Karnataka, a special court for NDPS Act cases has cited the collective seizure of drugs from other accused to reject the bail pleas of the actors.

The bail pleas of Ragini Dwivedi (30) and Sanjjanaa Galrani (30), actors who are accused with 14 others of being part of a racket involved in use of drugs at parties in Bengaluru, were rejected by the court, which cited collective seizures as well as alleged non-cooperation by the actors in providing data from their phones to the police.

Dwivedi's advocate contended that no drugs were found

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persons have committed the offences under the above crime, the quantity seized from all the accused together is to be considered". The court cited the seizure of 12 grams of cocaine, 55 grams of ganja, 11.5 grams of ecstasy tablets and 10 grams of MDMA from all the arrested.

Rejecting Dwivedi's bail plea, the court also cited police findings of call records linking her to an alleged Senegalese national arrested for drug peddling in Bengaluru.

For Galrani too, the court cited the collective seizure of drugs from all the accused to reject the bail plea. Galrani has been accused of deleting a WhatsApp group where she was a participant with

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ruled that "when all the accused accused – film producers Vinay Kumar and Shivaprakash - were also rejected.

The CCB is investigating alleged drug use in parties in Bengaluru on the basis of information gleaned from a 2018 seizure of 1.5 kg of cocaine from three alleged drug peddlers including two Africans, and a recent NCB bust of a racket to supply psychedelic drugs for parties in Bengaluru allegedly involving two youths from Kerala and a 24-year-old woman.

cases) affects the entire society." ASG Singh said, "All persons arrested till now are connected

cate. This is not a case related to Sushant Singh Rajput death. He may have been one of the consumers but the entire transaction and deal is not restricted to him."

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are doing this, others are going to follow. Then what is the future of this country?...this should be a les-

### **GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL** CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EXCISE L-BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI No.F.10(56)/96-97/IMFL/EX/PF/1522-1539 Dated: 16.9.2020 ORDER

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6	Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom Day	24.11.2020	Tuesday
7	Guru Nanak's Birthday	30.11.2020	Monday

In addition to above, all L-16, L-17, L-19, L-20, L-21, L-22, -28, L-29, P-10 and P-13 licensees shall observe dry day on 02.10.2020 (Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday).

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21:40	21:50			Hubballi Junction	22:20	22.25		
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03:05	03:10			Miraj Junction	16.25	16.30		
08:25	08:40			Pune Junction	10:25	10:40		
15:10	15:15	14:25	14:30	Manmad Junction	03:40	03:45	03:00	03:05
17:45	17:50	17:10	17:15	<b>Bhusaval Junction</b>	01:05	01:10	01:05	01:10
01:00	01:10			Bhopal Junction	19:20	19:30		
06:00	06:10			Jhansi Junction	14:55	15:05		
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<b>Ratlam Junction</b>	00.42	00.45	00.52	00.55			
Vadodara Junction	03.48	03.56	03.58	04.06			
Surat	05.28	05.33	05.35	05.40			
Mumbai Central	08.40	-	08.40	-			
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WORDLY WISE HERE IS MY PRINCIPLE: TAXES SHALL BE LEVIED ACCORDING TO ABILITY TO PAY. THAT IS THE ONLY AMERICAN PRINCIPLE. — FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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## A COSTLY PAUSE

Delay in appointing external members to the monetary policy committee was avoidable, creates needless uncertainty

N AN UNUSUAL move, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday postponed the bi-monthly meeting of the monetary policy committee (MPC), which was scheduled to be held from September 29 to October 1. While the central bank did not cite any specific reason for doing so, the postponement is presumably due to the fact the government is vet to announce the three external members of the six-member MPC. The four-year term of the last three external members - Chetan Ghate, Ravindra Dholakia and Pami Dua – had ended recently. Considering that the timeline for the departure of the external members was known well in advance, the delay in appointing the new members to the committee is inexplicable. The ensuing uncertainty was best avoided.

It has been argued that with headline retail inflation continuing to be elevated, the delay in appointing the new members to the MPC is unlikely to matter as the new members are likely to maintain status quo on rates. But that would be a myopic argument. Firstly, the new members will need time to not only arrive at an informed view on the stance of monetary policy at this critical juncture, but also to be familiarised with the procedures and working of the committee. Secondly, the MPC statement serves as an important document on two counts: One, for providing greater clarity over the state of the economy, and two, for providing forward guidance. Considering that since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the central bank, while providing some directional guidance, has repeatedly refused to provide any firm estimate of either inflation or growth, this would have been an opportune moment for the RBI/MPC to present its own estimates, and lay out the trajectory going forward.

The RBI had previously sought an extension for the three external members until March due to the ongoing pandemic. This would have given the government ample time to select their successors. Inexplicably, again, this request was not accepted. While reportedly, the search committee for selecting the external members, headed by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, has recommended a list of candidates, the process of selection appears to have been held up by bureaucratic hurdles. This delay should have been anticipated and avoided. Possible issues of conflict of interest could also have been addressed in time. It is unfortunate that such delays in appointments to key positions are becoming increasingly common. In the past, for example, there have been delays in the appointment of deputy governors of the RBI. There are costs, such instances inject more uncertainty in an already insecure environment. More so, when arguments for modifying the inflation targeting regime are gaining ground.

### **OPEN THE DOOR**

Scientific institutions have not re-designed systems to accommodate talented women. Policy must address this gap

NEW GOVERNMENT policy that proposes to rank Indian institutes of science on the proportion of the women they employ must be heartily welcomed. Such an equity rating will measure the institutes on childcare facilities, but also the concrete opportunities they provide their women colleagues to become leaders. In doing so, the Department of Science and Technology signals a larger realisation that equality and gender parity cannot come without institutions actively seeking to create the conditions for it. The odds have been stacked against the Indian woman scientist for a long while now. If she has managed to hold on to her interest in the face of endemic and widespread bias about girls in STEM and make it to college, her talent has inevitably run into more walls. In 2005, a government task force found that while the number of women entering university to study science has gone up by 30 per cent from the 1950s, they drop off just as they are about to enter teaching or pursue doctoral research. The reasons are not unknown – given the choice between nurturing a family and a career in research, women may end up choosing, or being compelled to choose, the "mommy track". But it is also true that scientific institutions - like many other institutions - have not given much thought to re-designing their systems to accommodate talented women. The IITs, especially, are striking offenders, with a dismal record in employing women at the faculty level, though other institutions do not fare much better. The pandemic has led to fears that the doubling of women's labour at home, due to lack of childcare and the prolonged shutdown of schools, will force them out of jobs or professions, resulting in a setback by close to a decade. Academia is not an exception to this rule. But it has also underlined what feminist scholarship has argued for long - that productivity and merit of (male) professionals is shored up by the devalued domestic labour performed by women. It is not inevitable that academic excellence has to go hand in hand with systemic lack of equity. One way out is to adopt a policy redesign that puts the needs of women at the centre of the institutional agenda, and work around it, rather than force them to square their lives around the institute's demands. Scientific institutions must recognise that not everyone flourishes on the "level-playing field" - and then find ways to correct this bias. The new policy is a right, and overdue, first step.



### SAD exit from NDA may not hurt BJP much – but it opens up competition, shakes up political game

### Suhas Palshikar

THE DECISION OF the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) to part company with its long-term ally need not be surprising except on the question of timing. Coalition theorists would describe the post-2014 NDA as a surplus majority coalition - the BJP has had the numbers in Lok Sabha on its own and all allies have been superfluous. It was sustained because the allies could get a share in power at the Centre and make the most of the alliance in their states. Most of the NDA allies have been unable to win majorities on their own in their states and that forced them to remain with the BJP. But by nature, smaller partners are redundant in surplus coalitions.

Over the years, particularly after 2014, the relatively stronger allies of the BJP have walked out of the NDA (occasionally walking back in too). The Shiv Sena was the first to try to walk out, though it quickly backtracked after the state elections. The JD(U)'s departure produced more drama since it led to a new power equation in Bihar. Both the Shiv Sena and  $JD(\hat{U})$  were unable at that time to settle for an alternative arrangement. But the indications were clear that the changed context would lead to a re-think by both sides.

Actions of parties are often viewed from the prism of cynicism because parties act in self-interest. It is easy therefore to berate the SAD for its sudden pro-farmer turn. The choices of the JD(U) and Shiv Sena lacked even that fig leaf of policy differences. But instead of evaluating such decisions through a so-called moral compass, we could check two things: One, does the action make sense in the context of coalition politics? Two, does a self-serving decision indirectly produce anything beyond self-interest?

The first concerns the difference between national and state parties in their approach to coalition politics. The BJP always had a clear ambition to not only replace the Congress from power at the Centre but also as the central force in politics. Early in the 1990s, the BJP realised that it was far away from being an all-India party. It set about creating an all-India footprint by seeking to gain power at the national level. This strategy brought Since 2013-14, the BJP began to lose interest in allies who now became an unnecessary burden. But it still continued to humour state parties through the NDA for a variety of reasons. This strategy could effectively block the Congress in some states at least. Besides, in states like Tamil Nadu the BJP continues to be a weak force and needs state-level parties to get an entry. Third, it needs allies in many states to form governments there — as in the case of Haryana, and Jharkhand. Similarly, in Bihar, Maharashtra or Punjab, the party can come to power only by sharing power with a state-level player. But its willingness to share national power in exchange has been sharply declining post-2014.

about the NDA, where anti-Congress forces could be persuaded to pool resources. For the many state parties that had emerged by then, such non-Congress alliances offered an opportunity to extend their influence beyond the state.

Split and effect

Historically, the BJP has had limited presence in many states - Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal or even Bihar. The NDA served two purposes. It ensured an electoral front that could help the BJP become a critical player nationally and form the government in Delhi. Secondly, it allowed the BJP to obtain a foothold in states where it did not have a presence. If one looks at the growth of the BJP in Karnataka, Maharashtra or Bihar, between 1996 and 2004, this latter purpose was admirably served at the cost of state parties. Therefore, it was for the state parties to take a call on how long to go with the BJP. The fragmentation of the NDA was thus inevitable. The advent of Modi only hastened that process both because of the personalised authority that now marked the BIP and because of Modi's ability to situate the party so handsomely in the power grid.

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the JD(U), no state party with a sizable presence would now remain with the BJP.

Once state parties quit the coalition, they begin to discover what is wrong with the BIP. One may blame them for realising it too late, but their discoveries are usually accurate. In this sense, the self-serving decisions of state parties to part ways with the BJP serve a larger purpose.

Just like the strident anti-BJP stance taken by the Shiv Sena after its fallout with that party, the SAD has now appealed to all non-BJP parties to join hands on the farmers' issue. This would put pressure on fence-sitters like the YSR Congress and TRS. Should that happen, the BJP would be slowly moving towards grand isolation.

Will that hurt the BJP or will it bask in the glory of that isolation? Modi's (and more so, Shah's and Adityanath's) BIP is probably waiting to enjoy that glorious isolation – because in that would also be a recognition that it is the only holder of real power. More than that, it would allow the BJP to more openly march towards where it has been itching to move in the past year or so - an ideological position that openly defies the Constitution and a political practice that rejects all democratic norms. The isolation would also enable others to identify clearly what the BJP stands for.

Except, perhaps, in Haryana, the current noise created by the SAD may not hurt the BJP much but it still opens up the field of competition. More than that, it brings in the fresh air of robust contestation in a political environment stuffed with the smoke of arrogance born out of electoral successes.

They may well fail in bringing about change, but in the last instance, in their cynical pursuit of self-interest, parties like the Shiv Sena or Akali Dal have, unbeknown to themselves, saved themselves from continuing the sin against the Constitution and democracy.

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## A DEEPENING NEXUS

As China-Pakistan ties become wider, India must prepare for implications

### POOR TRUMP

### Revelations about his tax returns hit US President where it hurts most - his braggadocio

N 2016 AND 2017, the year self-proclaimed billionaire Donald Trump won the US presidential election and his first year in office, he filed \$750 in income tax returns. In 2017, he or his businesses paid \$1,45,400 in taxes in India. Under normal circumstances, or at least before 2016, the real worry for a US president would be about the repercussions of possible charges of being a tax evader. In the Trump era, though, it's all about image.

The New York Times report on Trump's taxes over two decades has suggested that he has, like many of the rich, used every loophole in the law to pay less than most working-class families do to the government. But, more importantly, it suggests that Trump is a terrible businessman and his much-touted Art of the Deal has all the honesty of a drunken boast in a bar full of strangers. For Trump, who has carefully cultivated and campaigned on a reputation of being a ruthless, successful businessman - arguing even that his personal wealth means that he is free from lobbyists' influence - the NYT revelations are more than just a political blow in an election year. They hit at the heart of Trumpism - his braggadocio. What if the man with golden furniture and his name on buildings is broke?

For some in India, there is some petty satisfaction to be had in all this, a small sense of schadenfreude. In his political speeches, Trump insisted that it was by great cunning and even trickery that India had set the terms of trade with the US. And that Trump was the president who would make sure that the money owed to the US did not flow overseas. Turns out, he's been paying us all along.

### SHALINI CHAWLA

WITH THE Financial Action Task Force (FATF) meeting in sight, Pakistan is gearing up to gather support from China to avoid the blacklisting. Reports suggest that Islamabad is likely to persuade the US to support it as it feels it can leverage its much-lauded role as a successful negotiator in the US-Taliban agreement signed on February 29. While Pakistan will have support from Turkey and Malaysia, Beijing is expected to push hard in Pakistan's favour at the meeting. Pakistan has been on the FATF grey list since June 2018 and even though Islamabad is getting its progress report ready, there is little evidence to suggest that its faith in the use of terrorism as a state policy against India will change.

Pakistan's growing alliance with China has been a major factor that has alleviated international pressure on it, altering its strategic calculus. Beijing's all-out support to Pakistan provided room to shrink Islamabad's reliance on the West (especially the US). Importantly, Pakistan's military build-up has continued with Chinese defence imports despite its economic slowdown and mounting debt.

China's assistance to Pakistan over the last six decades has expanded from a purely military relationship to economic and diplomatic levels. Beijing's weapon supply not only added to Pakistan's defence capability but also strengthened its will to carry out a proxy war through terrorism in India, without the fear of being defeated in retaliatory Indian aggression.

China's lavish military assistance to Pakistan has been on four critical fronts:

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SKIPPERS

The intelligence-sharing cooperation between the two countries has deepened and reports suggest posting of Pakistan's ISI officers (from this March) to China's **Central Military** Commission's Joint Staff Department. The alliance expanded into an economic partnership with the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, which Pakistan sees as a game-changer. Beijing's diplomatic support to Pakistan has grown significantly after the revocation of Article 370 and China has repeatedly raised the Kashmir issue at the UN Security Council.

Export of Chinese conventional military equipment; support in Pakistan's nuclear build-up; assistance to Pakistan's indigenous defence industry and intelligence sharing. The supply of Chinese conventional weapons started in the 1960s and 1970s with F-7s and MiG-19 fighters. In the 1980s, the Pakistan Army inventory had significant Chinese equipment including the T-59 MBTs, T-60 and T-63 Light Tanks, and Type 531 APCs. By the early 1980s, China had provided Pakistan about 65 per cent of its aircraft and more than 70 per cent of its tanks.

Pakistan started its naval acquisitions from China in the 1980s with a long-term objective of striking a deal for technology transfer for indigenous production in the future. In the last two decades, the focus of Pakistan's defence procurement has been on the buildup of its air force and the maritime strike capabilities of its navy. In these, technology transfer from China has been a key feature. The Aircraft Manufacturing Factory (AMF), under the Pakistan Aeronautical Complex (PAC) at Kamra, started production of the Karakoram-8 jet trainer in collaboration with the China National Aero-Technology Import and Export Corporation (CATIC). JF-17 is codeveloped by Pakistan and China and reports suggest the PAC has been producing 58 per cent of the JF-17's airframe, and China's Chengdu Aircraft Industry Corporation 42 per cent of it. In 2006, the Pakistan Navy ordered four F-22P-type frigates from China and it was agreed that the fourth F-22P will be manufactured in Pakistan at a Karachi

shipyard. PNS ASLAT is the first indigenously built frigate of the navy and the production was done in collaboration with the China Shipbuilding and Trading Company.

On the nuclear front, Pakistan received help with the reactor, weapon design as well as nuclear material (in the 1970s and 1980s). China continued missile technology assistance to Pakistan and the technology of the Chinese M-11 was used by Pakistan to develop missiles, including Hatf-3/Hatf-4 (based on M-11) and Hatf-6 (based on Chinese M-18).

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It looks like China wants its alliance with Pakistan to serve as an exemplar to smaller nations in South Asia and the Middle East to fulfil its boundless strategic and economic ambition. The Sino-Pak nexus is expected to grow further in the coming years and India needs to be strategically prepared to deal with the implications of the alliance.

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### IRAQ READY TO TALK

Iraq dispatched its Foreign Minister Saadoum Hammadeh to the United Nations to attend

guards on Iraqi oil storage facilities at Faw.

the UN General Assembly session and defend the Iraqi stand in the war with Iraq. It also informed the UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim that it accepted the Security Council's call last night for an end to fighting with Iran. Iraq has, however, not specified if its response was tide to conditions. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said he was prepared to hold direct negotiations with Tehran to settle the dispute.

#### PITCHING FOR DELHI IRAN'S ROVING AMBASSADOR Shams

Ardakhani, who is touring several countries to put forth Iran's point of view, flew into Delhi and met Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. He said that as leader of the Non-Aligned Movement India has a role in protecting the territorial integrity of Iran, which, he alleged, has been violated by Iraq. He said Iran did not accept the offer of mediation by Pakistan President Zia-ul-Haq because no ground rules were laid.

### **ON STRIKE**

Central government employees are observing a "one-day pay strike" on September 30 to demand bonus for all such employees. Their other demands include parity of pay with public sector employees, a hike in DA and an increase in house rent and city compensatory allowances.



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## Good students, bad students

Binary which equates 'good' with 'apolitical' is misconceived. Universities are training grounds for citizenship and leadership, where students learn to engage with concerns that go beyond the personal



SHYAM MENON

IT WAS DEEPLY distressing to read ('Universities discuss how to get students to behave', IE, September 9) the kind of expressions reportedly made during a recent webinar by some university administrators about students -- "criminals, rowdy elements" ... "new youth less exposed to scolding and beating"... "(must) ensure that they are marginalised, segregated and kept out of the campus at any cost". It was appalling to find teachers who are charged with the responsibility of students' welfare reportedly talking about students in such deeply adversarial and disparaging terms. These are expressions one normally associates less with universities and more with penal institutions. They represent cluelessness about the idea of the university and a lack of imagination of how teachers must engage with student communities while serving as university administrators.

Most teachers who have had stints as university administrators will tell you how delicate and challenging the job of engaging with student communities is. Whatever the challenge, one cardinal rule that all good academic administrators keep in mind is that at the end of it their relation with students is determined by their primary role as teachers. I have served five years presiding over the team of proctors at the University of Delhi. There were several major student agitations at that time. We were even gheraoed by students a few times.

But, those challenging occasions also brought to the surface the deeper human dimensions of our relationship with students. Our team of proctors always tried to keep engaging with students in a dialogic process, some of which were difficult conversations, but every time we were able to reconnect with our basic bonding with students. We tried to go beyond the conventional disciplinary role attached to the office of proctor and established institutional structures for ongoing communication with students and for proactively addressing their concerns and problems.

When the Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) was being established with the imagination that it would be a self-governing collegial community of scholars, students were visualised as an integral part of that community. Students participated actively in some aspects of the administration. For instance. all public-dealing during the annual admission cycle as well as counselling prospective students was managed almost entirely by the students themselves. The Student Cell staffed by students themselves addressed their ongoing concerns. Prior to instituting the Student Council at AUD, the students elected a constituent assembly to draft their own constitution. They conduct their own elections. Students at the university level are already adults and citizens with voting rights. They are major stakeholders in a university - theirs is the most critical investment in higher education since they invest some of their most



formative years in that process. They have the highest stake in the performance of a university because their own future hinges on it. So, it is terribly incorrect to infantilise students and treat them as mere beneficiaries parasitising on the largesse of governments. They are, in fact, partners in the shaping and functioning of a university.

India is an incredibly unequal society. Higher education is a highly selective enterprise with restricted participation in the guise of meritocracy, thus perpetuating and exacerbating inequality. But university students often transcend self-absorption driven by personal aspirations, realising that their entitlements have come at the cost of someone else's deprivations and marginalisation. They become concerned about the larger social and political issues like poverty, social exclusion and injustice, and begin to try and give voice to the voiceless. This is something to be celebrated and not frowned upon.

Similarly, if the youth are keen to give expression to concerns about possible futures - scenarios like irreversible geo-climatic changes, technological disruptions, nuclear war and so on – in which theirs is the highest stake, that should reassure us, because we will then know that the future will see the emergence of a wiser and saner leadership in all sectors. There will be a new kind of politics focusing on issues of the future, where the leadership is going to be increasingly younger. The youth has a greater propensity to think creatively about longterm concerns that will need questioning the very assumptions of the prevalent order, since they do not have a vested interest in the perpetuation of the status quo. If this means being political, then that is the politics that every concerned citizen should be into. The irony is that when students get too self-absorbed and focused on their own personal aspirations, it is usually

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### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Inequality is a US national emergency. It ought to be addressed by increased taxes on the wealthy" - THE GUARDIAN

# Opposing for the sake of opposing

BIP was open to a debate and division on farm bills, Opposition flouted rules. Giving it a clean chit sets bad precedent for parliamentary democracy



### Bhupender Yadav

OF LATE, SOME have interpreted the freedom of expression guaranteed under Article 19 of the Constitution not as a freedom to speak and express but as a licence to hold parliamentary democracy hostage by tearing down the rulebook - literally so. They have found supporters in intellectual circles, who have blamed the government - by extension the BJP - and created a smokescreen to conceal what really transpired on September 20 in Parliament to mislead farmers and other citizens of the country.

In his column, 'Railroading the bill' (IE, September 22) Pratap Bhanu Mehta raises three questions while referring to the passage of farm bills in the Rajya Sabha on September 20. Curiously, he doesn't mention who came to the well of the House, who sabotaged the Deputy Chairman's mike, who heckled him and who tore the rulebook.

I want to set the record straight because I was in the House that day. The first question raised by Mehta pertains to the Question Hour. He says it was "unnecessarily" suspended. The Question Hour was suspended because the Monsoon Session was curtailed due to the pandemic. However, the "right to question" wasn't suspended. Only oral questions were not allowed - the members were allowed to submit written questions. The government answered 1,567 unstarred questions in 10 sittings of the House. Besides, 92 Zero Hour submissions and 66 Special Mentions on matters of urgent public importance were made. State assemblies, including in Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan and West Bengal, have also suspended the Question Hour due to the pan-

demic. Mehta makes no mention of them. Mehta's second point is about the Bills not being referred to committees. The Opposition often makes a hue and cry over the matter. But they keep opposing and obstructing Bills in the House even after the Select Committee has made recommendations. Even as the amendment to refer the Bill to the Select Committee was moved, Deputy Chairman Harivansh was surrounded by hostile members, who snatched papers from him.

Punjab, Maharashtra, Odisha and Tamil Nadu already have contract farming. A committee formed by the UPA government in 2010 had recommended that APMC and corporate licence monopolies in the agri sector should not be allowed. It's evident that the Opposition opposed the Bills for the sake of opposing. The third point Mehta refers to is the "division" of votes. But for a division to be allowed, the House has to be in order. Mehta curiously missed this point. Was it the BJP legislators who disrupted order? No. Parliament had a long peaceful debate that day. The BJP gave up its own time to accommodate others who wanted to speak on the Bills – 33 members from all parties spoke. The last to speak was

Congress MP Ahmed Patel. As soon as he finished speaking, members of his party and other opposition parties rushed into the Well and crippled the proceedings.

The Opposition did not have the numbers to block these legislation. This is what prompted it to execute a pre-planned strategy to stall the passage of the Bills by all means. The BJP was open to a debate and division for two reasons. One, the government had the numbers. Two, that is what the procedure lays down.

Rule 235 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, Rajya Sabha says that a member, among other things, "shall keep to his usual seat while addressing the Council". It also says "a Member desiring to make any observation on any matter before the Council shall speak from his place, shall rise when he speaks and shall address the Chairman". Division is not possible when the House is not in order so as to avoid confusion in taking the votes. That's also why Rule 235 (vii) and Rule 237 require members to be in their seats. Besides, Rule 259 requires the Chairman to preserve order in the Council and he has all the powers to do so.

Shamelessly, the Opposition shot videos of its own hooliganism and released it again in violation of rules. The protesters put the safety of the Chair and other members at risk by flouting COVID-19 protocols. They even risked the safety of the marshals by refusing to come down from the chairs and tables they had climbed

Neither the eight MPs identified as violators nor their parties, expressed regret, forcing their suspension from the House. The protesters then took the drama to the Parliament lawns. When the Deputy Chairman, in a spirit of statesmanship, brought tea and snacks for them the next morning, they refused to accept it. Instead, they brazenly justified their behaviour.

Some have given the situation a strange spin and are blaming the government for passing the Farm Bill, and subsequent pieces of legislation, in the Opposition's absence. Is it the government's job to bring Opposition MPs to the House? Did it ever deny a debate?

Parliamentary democracy requires a responsible government and an equally responsible Opposition. Will the Congress and its intellectual supporters tell the nation, how many Bills were passed during the UPA/Congress regime?

The Congress and their intellectual supporters, in a bid to justify the unruly behaviour of the Opposition, have been unsuccessfully trying to shift the blame on to the Chair. In fact, the productivity of the House was 100.47 per cent – 25 Bills were passed and six Bills introduced. The normal of high productivity witnessed during the last three sessions has continued. As a result, the overall productivity of the last four sessions is a praiseworthy 96.13 per cent – the best for four consecutive sessions during the last five years. In a sharp contrast to the 28 per cent time spent on Bills since 1952, 57 per cent of the functional time of the House was spent on Bills.

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inherent element of role-play - there is some

posturing involved in confrontations between

students and university administrations. Such

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However, there is a need to go beyond this par-

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The university is a training ground for cit-

lent power structures and relations.

It is, therefore, time to discard some of our outdated conceptions about engagement with students. Otherwise, our universities are likely to get frozen in time and regress into mediocrity.

The writer is professor, Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi and former vice chancellor, Ambedkar University Delhi

The clean chit handed to the Opposition by the likes of Mehta sets a bad precedent for democracy. If the parties and people behind the ruckus are not called out, we run the risk of seeing such ugly scenes again.

The writer is National General Secretary, BJP and Rajya Sabha member



## A people's force

Policing during the pandemic has underscored need for soft skills

### P N RAI

AMONG ALL THE corona warriors, the most visible, yet most underappreciated, are the humble policemen. Despite limited resources and a risk to life, India's police agencies have risen to the challenge. Without them, achieving the primary objective of the lockdown - restricting the outbreak would have been impossible.

As the lockdown began on the midnight of March 24, people confined themselves to their homes, commercial activities came to a halt and transport was grounded, traditional police functions were replaced by new ones. In place of the routine duties of law-and-order maintenance, crime control, and traffic management, the police had to make sure that the lockdown was effective. As the situation evolved, many new responsibilities were added. As the pandemic is expected to continue for a few more months, newer dimensions of policing will emerge.

The National Policy on Disaster Management (NPDM) 2009 describes the police as the "first and key responders" in a disaster. A pandemic was not "a notified disaster" before COVID-19. When the lockdown amongst the most stringent in the world - began, the police neither had any standard operating procedure (SOP) nor guidelines. That, however, did not deter policemen and policewomen from risking their lives to ensure safety for the rest. They have manned barricade points day and night to prevent unauthorised movement, advised those violating movement restrictions, sometimes used force to stop them, and drawn "Lakshman rekhas" in

marketplaces. They have gone beyond the call of duty - supplying vegetables and groceries to people in containment zones and arranging food and transport for migrant labour on the move. They have protected healthcare workers and ensured the seamless movement of transport and logistics for essential commodities. Police stations and checkpoints have become sites for public health campaigns. Posters, banners, and street plays have been used to communicate the importance of social distancing and hand-washing - officers have even demonstrated proper hand-washing techniques at traffic stops. These duties will continue for a while and will become more challenging as the country opens up.

More importantly, the police force has been working under life-threatening conditions, since many of them do not have access to personal protection equipment (PPE). They risk catching the infection, taking it home and exposing their family. Hundreds of them have, in fact, been infected and many have died as well. When many of them had to be quarantined, the strength of the force was depleted, forcing the department to draw personnel from non-combat units or other sources. Manpower shortage became acute as the tasks expanded, especially in states like Bihar.

As days went by, the numbers of those arriving in states from outside, and then quarantined, rose to staggering heights, creating a nightmare for the administration. The police escorted migrant labourers from railway stations in cities to quarantine centres. The magnitude of the task can be gauged by the

numbers. In Bihar, for instance, there were 12,909 guarantine centres in which 22 lakh people had registered and over 6 lakh had taken shelter as of May 28.

On top of these challenges, the police faced attacks from angry people for acting against lockdown violations and taking suspected patients to testing centres. As the administration was severely strained, there was often no clarity on matters like movement passes, which led to conflicts with people.

These examples of social service are not meant to celebrate the police, but to bring to light a core aspect of its work. Juxtaposing the two functions - law-and-order maintenance and social service - broadens our understanding of police behaviour and performance, especially in exceptional situations. India's response to COVID-19 has highlighted the other police function, social service. This is in tune with the recommendation of the National Police Commission of 1980: "The police should duly recognise, and be trained and equipped to perform the service-oriented role in providing relief to people in distress situations".

The pandemic has taught several valuable lessons. The police needs to better appreciate its role as the first responder in emergencies and consciously adopt disaster management including disaster risk reduction activities - as one of its primary functions. Police reform committees too have spoken about this role. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and SDRFs in some states do have an essential role. But these agencies have their limitations. Therefore, building the ground-level capacity

of the police – and sister agencies like fire safety authorities - is critical to their functioning as the first responder.

Police training focuses disproportionately on public order with a heavy emphasis on "hard" skills – weapon use, crime control, combat skills and crowd-control drills. Policing during the pandemic has underscored the need for soft skills – for example, dealing with people through effective communication and coordination. Police training should include a component on medical emergencies. The police need to prepare SOPs for public health crises.

In villages, with the large-scale return of migrants, the police force got stretched to the maximum, and people took upon themselves the role of policing - and they did well as they saw themselves as part of the solution. This model should be promoted for normal times as well. Community policing practices are used in mitigating communal tensions, in dealing with left-wing extremism and urban policing. But these are often localised adhoc initiatives. It's time to integrate community policing into the police's organisational ethos. Training academies should devote more time to this subject.

Community policing will be much needed in the coming months, when conflicts at family or village level and petty crimes are likely to come up as social aftershocks of COVID-19. Involving an alert community in the task will help the force.

The writer is former DGP, Bihar

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### DEPENDENT DEFENCE

This refers to the report, 'Govt's new defence acquisition policy drops offsets in 3 types of contracts,'(IE, September 29). The purpose of the offset clause in defence contracts with foreign entities is to ensure that India is not dependent on foreign countries for critical technology forever. The obvious reason for the failure to bring in critical technology in the past is the failure of the government to push for the sovereign commitment given by the foreign entity. Dropping the offset provision is tantamount to being dependent in the field of defence forever. The government must reconsider its decision. Gangadhar Karalay, Nagpur

### UNWANTED BREAK-UP

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'End of a pact'(IE, September 29). Maybe the political compulsions of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) are more responsible than the BJP's arrogance for the end of the partnership between them. The peasantry is the lifeline of SAD's politics. It cannot afford to ditch it over issues as sensitive as agricultural ones. The BJP leadership should have exhausted all options before letting this pact go to the pan. Unlike the present BJP leadership, its predecessors seemed to be well aware of the inevitability of the necessity of having a cordial relationship with the SAD.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur



### STAND TOGETHER

'THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Cong CMs look at bypassing farm laws, its MP goes to SC' (IE, September 20). First, the Congress organised the farmers against the farm laws. Now, it asks its CMs to bypass them and its MP has gone to the apex court. It is not judicious to organise demonstrations when thousands of people have died because of COVID-19. Political parties should come together to fight against Corona and save people from unnatural deaths. Farmers' demonstrations are not justified in the current circumstances

A L Agarwal, Delhi



New Delhi

## CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

#### I, Sukhwinder Singh S/o Dharam Classifieds Chand R/o Shergarh. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146001, have changed my name to Suriit Bhatia. I, Sarabjeet Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o.H.No.182A, Chand-PERSONAL Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have I.MD SOWKOTTULLA SK.S/O I. RITA ROBINSON D/O changed my name to Sarabjit ROBINSON LAL, H.NO.425, TAJIM SK R/O.H.NO.140 Singh. SUNLIGHT-COLONY NO-2, NEAR-GALI.NO.8,B-BLOCK,SHIV I, Santosh W/o Devender Kumar SHALIMAR-CINEMA ASHRAM-KUNI.SANT-Verma R/o-H.No.-30D, PKT-J &-JANGPURA SO N.DELHI-NAGAR, BURARI, DELHi-K. Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110014.Changed my name to 110084, My Correct-Name is MD 110095, have changed my name RITA, permanently. SOWKOTTULLA SK.That My to Smt. Santosh Verma 0040549873-2 Daughter Incorrect-Name permanently. 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I,GUDDI SAHU,W/o Gyan chand I, Neha Walia D/o Kuldeep Singh Delhi-110027, Have Changed My sahu,R/o.U-1/54,Budh-Walia W/o Lokesh Khanna R/o-Name To Swati, For Future. vihar.phase-1.Delhi-86.inform F-69, Kamla Nagar, Delhi-0040549949-5 that name of my and my 110007, have changed my name husband has been wrongly-I ANSH ARORA S/o ASHOK to Pooja Khanna. KUMAR R/o-C-208 YAMUNA mentioned as Guddi and Gvan chand my minor son satvam SPORTS COMPLEX SURAJMAL I. MOHAN CHAND.S/0.SHIV DATT sahu in his school-record and VIHAR DELHI-110092.HAVE JOSHI, R/o-WZ-42-43,Bal CHANGED MY NAME TO TRIGUN other documents. The correct name is Guddi sahu and Gyan Udvan-Road K.L.Nursing-0040549957-1 chand sahu.which may be Home, Uttam-Nagar, Extn. 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Lakshmi Kanthan, R/o I,Akram Sahil S/O minor daughter Divleen C-1106, Prateek Laurel, Sec-120, Shahabuddeen R/O Flat No.6, Kaur(Aged-15Years)School-Noida, U.P., have changed my Barsha PG, Sarhaul, Sector-Record. The actual name of name from Lakshmi Kanthan 18.Gurgaon-122004.have mine is Devender Pal Singh. Venkatesh to Lakshmi changed my name to Sahil 0040549957-6 Venkatesh for all future 0040549949-7 Khan. purposes. I,hitherto known as CLARA I. Vikas Chander Dhawan. S/o TOPPO alias CLARA LAKRA,D/o I, Jolly Sam,W/o Sh.Sam K Madan Lal R/o-B-61 2nd-Floor Abraham, R/o RZ-Late Sh.JOHN TOPPO.W/o Front-Side, Anoop-Nagar, 2061.Gali.No.27.2nd-FRANCIS XAVIER LAKRA, Jeewan-Park Uttam-Nagar Floor, Aradhanaemployed as Assistant Sub New Delhi-110059, have Apartment, Tughlaka Inspector in the Delhi changed my name to Vikas Bad-Extn.New Delhi-Police, Residing at, RZF Chander Madan. 110019, have changed my name 767/29,Raj-Nagar Part-II,Palam 0040549923-2 from Jollymol George to Jolly Colony, New Delhi-110077, have Sam, for all future purposes. I, VEENA DEVI,W/0 MAHESH changed my name and shall hereafter be known as CLARA SINGH, R/o-C-2, 2ND-Floor, F-0040549957-5 311/4, KH.No.476/477, Jawahar I, Kanhiya Ahuja S/o Daulat Ram Park, khanpur, N. Delhi-110062. I,Shirajuddin Saifi,S/o-Shabbir Ahuja R/o NP-140 B Pitampura have changed my name to Saifi.R/o-H-855-Delhi-110034, changed my BEENA, permanently. 856,Shakurpur,Delhiname to Kanhiaya Ahuja for all 0040549940-3 110034, inform that in my minor Purpose. son's Jishan Saifi school L Sneha Patwari W/o Bharat I, Jitendra Kumar, S/o Surendra records mine and my wife Bhushan Patwari R/o,H.No.WZ-Kumar R/O-G-12/48-A, Sangam name was written as 177, Third-Floor, Khampur, West Bihar, New Delhi-110062, have Shirajuddin and Shamim, changed my daughter's name Patel-Nagar, New-Delhiwhereas mine and my-wife 110008, have changed my name from Dipanshi to Deepika correct-name is Shiraiuddin to Shashi Patwari. permanently. Saifi and Shamim Saifi.

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Malhotra, R/o Flat No.YS-21, Shiva Enclave, A-4, Paschin

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0040549949-3 I, JITENDER KUMAR S/O DALJIT SINGH R/O WARD NO.2, PANA BAITHAN, VILLAGE BERI, JHAJJAR-124201.HARYANA.CHANGED MY To Simran 124201.HARYANA.CHANGE NAMETO JITENDER SINGH.

ISANJAY KUMAR R/0-38C. Sainik Enclave, Vipin Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 inform that in school record of 0070715603-1 my minor daughter namely VANSHIKA SHARMA, the name of my wife has been mentioned as PINKY SHARMA where as her Correct name is HEMLATA SHARMA. 0040549915-1 0040549923-4 MOHAMMAD PARVEJ, S/O MOHAMMAD SUFIYAN KHAN R/O H.NO.105, BIW-COLONY NTPC-BADARPUR, NEW DELHI-44, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHAMMAD PARVEJ KHAN, 0040549925-2 permanently. 0040549923-3 I Geeta Upreti W/o Girish

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Chandra Sharma R/o II-B/335, GF. Vaishali. Ghaziabad have changed my name to Geeta Sharma 0050169761-1 Bijay Kumar Agrawal alias

Vijav Agrawal S/o Late Sh. Din Dayal Agrawal R/o C-604, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, North West Delhi, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Bijay Kumar Agarwal for all 0040549908-1 purposes. I Christina Anthony W/O, Sunil

Anand R/o A-5/b-290 Shanti Kuni Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Christina Anand

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I, Bandna Devi D/o Sh. Karam Chand R/o Tehsil Shri Naina Devi ji Mayoth (342), Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh-174310. have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vandna Shree Thakur. 0070715590-

Ashu w/o Atul Sharma R/O B3A/69A janakpuri New Delhi have changed my name Ashu to Ashu Sharma 0040549888-1

I. Aadi Gupta, son of Sonika resident of, Jacranda 502, Shipra Srishti Apartments, Ahinsa khand 1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Advit Gupta for all 0040549996-1 purposes.

### LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main Secondary Examination of Year 2019 and Roll No.9208066 12th issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Candidate Name: Rahul Raj, Flat No.58, Kanchanchanga Apartment, plot no.90, IP Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092 M-8178989965 0040549897-2

It is notified for the information that my Original Property Documents of WZ A 44 Gulab Bagh, Nawada, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi has been actually lost on Date:15-09-2020 Time:08:30pm. Owner Name Suresh kumar Verma and Neerai Verma If found please call-9999090567 0040549897-1 Iprivank shrivastava R/0 H.no 998, dr mukherjee nagar Delhi 110009 have lost my M.TECH (ASM, IIT KHARAGHPUR) degree certificate year(2010-12) roll no 10AG66R07 on 11 aug 2020 near batra cinema dr

mukherjee nagar..FIR NO 0040549934-1 482534/2020 I, Jitander Kumar Gupta, S/O. Om Parkash Gupta owner of C-401, Munirka-CGHS, Sec-9, Dwarka.New Delhi-110075, have lost my original Share certificate.no.155 of

PUBLIC NOTICE t known to public at large that t Mujeeb Ahmed S/o Haneef F VZ-936A, Basai Darapur, Masjid W W2-936A, Basai Darapur, Masjid Wali Jalii, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015, above said property has been urchased by the mother of my client namely Smt. Sarvari (now deceased) rom Sh. Khursheed Ahmed S/o Abdud arim, R/o W2-932, Basai Darapur, Aasjid Wali Gali, Ramesh Nagar, New Jelhi-110015, and after her death my slient is co-owners and in possession of wordt No. W7 2626, Dense Iparanur, elient is co-owner's and in possession or ropenty No. W2-3936, Bassi Darapu Vasjid Wali Gali, Ramesh Nagar, Neu Jehl-110015. If anybody misused th address of the above noted propert after its purchased, he/she/they shall b able or responsible for the same, m client shall not be liable or answerabl n any manner whatsoever.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas my clients, Mr. Rohtas S/o Sh Ratan Singh & Mrs. Babli wife of Rohtas R/o H.No. WP-550, Wazirpur Village, Ashol

Vihar, Delhi-52, hereby declare that the have disowned, dis-inherited & debarre their son Mr. Mohit S/o Mr. Rohtas Kuma R/o WP-550, Wazirpur Village, Asho Vihar, Delhi-52 from their all moveable

Vihar, Delhi-52 from their all moveable, immovable & other properties w.e.f. from today & if any body deals with them, shall do so at his/her/their own risk cost & respon-sibility, my clients & their family members shall not be responsible in any manner. My Clients shall not responsible if any person shall any type of deal with their son Mr. Mohit Sio Mr. Rohtas Kumar R/o H No. WP-550, Wazingur Village, Ashok Vihar, Delhi - 110052 Satya Kumar (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public at large is informed tha our clients Naeem S/o Jamiluddir

our clients Naeem Sio Jamiluddin and his wife Nargis Begum Richt No-5664, Basti Harphool Singh Delhi, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-11006 have disowned and debarred their Daughter in law and his Son Musa R/o Kasabpur, Sadar Bazar, Delhi110006 from their all moveable also severed all their social relations tom them due to heir disobedient attitude and misconduct & cruel behaviour and both of them out of control of our clients. If anybody deals with them in any respect, he/she himself/herself shall be responsible for the same and our clients and their other familient

nembers shall not be responsible fo he same in any manner whatsoever

B. KHAN ADVOCATE Enrl. D-1620/99

Chamber No. 169, Civil Wing Fis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

is hereby informed to public at lar nat my clientess Smt. Purnima Sharr

Imat my clientess Smt. Purnima Sharms Wio Sh. Krisham Kari Sharma Rio 139 A.G.C.R. Enclave, East Delhi-110092 is purchasing a property bearing No. 140, A.G.C.R. Enclave, East Delhi-110092 from Sunstar Infrabuild Pvt. Ltd. II anyone has any objection/claim regarding above said property, please contact within 7 days. Contact No. 9873251100.

Ch. No. : D-512, D-Block 5th Floor, Karkardooma Courts Delhi Mob. No. 971142481

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is for the information of general publ ient Smt. Pinki Verma W/o Sh. Nirmal a R/o GH-8, Flat No.536, Paschim

ew Delhi-11003, has discoved and deb r son ANKIT VERMA AND DAUGHTER-IN-ARGAM MALHOTRA from all her movable movable properties with immediate effect vered all her relations and connections am, because they are out of control of my of d misbehave with her.

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Registrar, Sub-Distt. No. 1, Kashmere Gate Delhi in respect of above said property, & have lodged an FIR/NCR Vide LR No 582748/2020 Date 18/09/2020, with Polic Station Crime Branch, Delhi, if anybody find the said document, Please inform me at th

a said address and contact me the no. 8810613190.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Client Mr. Omkar Nath Pandita, e Radha Krishna Pandita, R/o A-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Se it know to all that my clients Shri Vina Guaran and Smt. Prabha Sehgal Bot sealaints of Tai No. 41, Akash Kui kapantments, Sector-9, Rohni, Delh-11008: to hereby debar and disown their so both and the sean and sean their so signal Do Sm. Anil Kumar Gupta, from the ill movable and mimovable property, as the were not obedient towards my clients and tigputes my clients at severally occasions, a hey on their own have also severed with a elidon with my clients. on their own have also served on their own have also served vorwards they cease to be the legal heirs ny clients for all purposes whatsoever. bydody deals with them shall be at his/her jir own risks and responsibility, for whic ir clients shall not be responsible at ar

Meena Chaudhary Sharm Advocate Enrl. No. D567/8 Chamber No. 456, First Floo Western Wing, Tis Haza Delhi-11005

PUBLIC NOTICE MY CLIENT SH. GOVIN BIND S/O BHAGMAL,

COEIND SCD BHAGMAL, PCO WZ-1503, BHCOPS NIGH GAL, NANGAL PAR'A NEW BHCOPS NIGH GAL, NANGAL PAR'A NEW DELH-110046 WHO IS THE ABSOLITE OWNEPL OF THE ABOUT SALE DISOWNEPD DEBABRED HIS SON AJAY TANWAR, DAUGHTERS RAMA DEVI, HEMLATA, UNYASHI AND MEENAKSHI FROM ALL MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AND HE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAY ACTS AND DEEDS DONE ON THEIR BEHALF. HE HAS SEVERED ALL RELATIONS FROM THEM IF ANY PERSON KEEPS RELATIONS WITH THEM THEY ARE REPONSIBLE FOR THEMSELVES. Sd<sup>4</sup>.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Notice is hreby given to public at large that my clients SMT. V. MANIMEGALAI W/O SH. P VELLAIVA SWAMY R/O 569, LIG FLATS, HASTSAL, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI 110059 have severed all their relations from heir son V. RAVI KUMAR S/O SH. P VELLAIVA SWAMV hij sequel heire and high cancelate WAMY, his legal heirs and his associates, disowned and debarred all of them from all their movable and immovable properties with mmediate effect because of harassment, orture, cruelty, atrocities committed by them ainst my client. y person dealing with them shall be doing s their own risk, cost and consequences. N lients shall not be responsible in any manne A.K. Verma (Advocate) 3.19, S.R. II, D.C, Janakpuri, N.Delhi-110058

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all concerned that m clients **Chaklesh Kumar Sharma** and h wife Surekha Sharma R/o- H.No. 11 Village-Simrouli, Post-Babugarh, Distric Hapur, U.P-245201, have severed a relations with their Daughter Chitra Sharma disinherited/disowned and debarred her from all their properties novable and immovable and my client would not be responsible for the ac

deed and things done by her. Naresh Kumar Kaushik (Advocate Ch. No. 139, District Court, Hapur

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is for the information of general public that my clients (1) Sh. Atul Chandra Tanti Sro Late D.C. Tanti and (2) Smt. Jayanti Tanti Wio Sh. Atul Chandra Tanti both R/O WZ-886/1-A, U.G.F. Raj Nagar, Part-I, Gali No. 6, Palam Colony New Delhi-their son Bikas Tanti from all their movable & immovable properties with immediate effect and severed all their relations and connections with their son because he is out of control of my clients. Anybody dealing with him shal do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities there to and my clients and their family shall be in no my clients and their family shall be in no way responsible for any act, deeds and M.K. JHA (Advocate)

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PUBLIC NOTICE It is hereby informed to the public that our clients Sh. Komal Krishan Sharma and his wife Smt. Promila Sharma both residents of F-234. Third Floor, New Rajinder Nagar. New Delhi-110060, have disinherited their son Mr. Rajeev Sharma, his wife Mrs. Preeti Sharma and their daughter Baby Aarohi Sharma all residents of F-234. Third Floor, New Rajinder Nagar, New Dell Mrs. Preeti Sharma

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I,Samsad Ali,S/o Manjur Ahemad.R/o-RZ 549/405,Gali.No-15E,Shiv Puri.West Sagar Pur.New Delhi-110046, have changed my name to Shamshad Ali.

#### 0040549940-7

I,Ravinder Kumar,S/o Late.Hori Lal,R/o 1/4006,Street.No.6,Ram Nagar-Ext.SD Delhi-110032, have changed my minor son's name Rizu Shankwar to Revansh Shankwar.for all future, purposes.

#### 0040549939-7

I,Rajni Kant S/o Late Hem Singh R/o C-615-A. 3rd Floor.Gali No 3,Ganesh Nagar-2, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, have changed the name of my minor son from Aryan Dev Kadam to Rudra Dev Sirohi aged about 14 years for all future purposes.

#### 0040549940-6

I,Nidhi Garg D/o-Ghanshyam Bihari Garg R/o-A-1/11, Varun-Appartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name aftermarriage to Nidhi Bansal W/o-Arvind Kumar Bansal, permanently

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l, Vishakha Pandey D/o Vasudev Pandey W/o Gaurav Gamot R/o Ramwadi, Paloda Banswara, Rajasthan pin: 327605 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vishakha Gamot.

#### 0070715625-1

I,MD TASADDUK ANSARI S/o Shamsuddin Ansari r/o LIG-375 ,Hastsal,N.D-59,declare that mine name is wrongly written as Tasaddugue Ansari in my minor son Manzar Imam aged 15yr school records. The actual name of mine is MD TASADDUK ANSARI respectively which may be amended accordingly.

#### 0070715633-1

l, Sharma Virat Dubey, S/o Pradeep Dubey R/o.Plot-No:-670A,Flat.No.C-3,Shakti Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad(UP), Pincode-201014, inform that my amended name will be Sharma Virat Dubey, for all purposes.

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I, Shweta Duggal D/o Ashwini	0040549939-3
Kumar Duggal D/O A-12/A, Sector-27 Kailash Hospital, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shweta Rohan Duggal. 0070715634-1	I, JASWINDER KAUR W/O MANPREET SINGH JAGGI R/O- WZ F-21B,SANT- GARH,TILAK NAGAR, DELHI- 110018.CHANGED MY NAMETO JASWINDER KAUR JAGGI. 0040549949-6
I, Shish Ram Alaria R/o A-4o-c,	
Dda Flats, Guru Gobind Singh Kunj, Tagore Garden Extn., New Delhi-110027 have changed my minor daughter's name from Nysa Alaria to Nysa for all purposes. 0040549935-1	I, Dinesh Paswan R/o- 112-A, Zamrudpur, G.KI, New Delhi- 110048, have changed my minor son's name from Rahul Kumar to Rahul Kumar Paswan, for all purposes.
I, Amit Mahajan S/o Sh. Yash Dev	0040549896-1
Mahajan, R/o B-492, New Friends Colony, New Delhi- 110065 have changed my name to Ameeth Mahajan for all future purposes.	I, Akash Deep S/o Ved Prakash Vinayak R/o-E-44, Upper Ground-Floor, Prashant-Vihar Delhi-110085, changed my name to Akash Deep Vinayak
0040549921-1	0040549923-7
I, Sachin S/o Vijay Pal, Add-32, Nimri Chowk, Bakoli, Delhi 110036, changed my name to Sachin Chauhan. 0040549939-1	I, Devender kumar, S/O Raghuvar dayal, Address-G- 112 Sangam-Vihar, Deoli, South Delhi-110062.In my son Varun Bhardwaj's CBSE 10th- certificate,father's-name is
I. Akanshi Uppal, D/o Ajay Uppal	Devender Sharma while my
R/o-108 Top-Floor Sandesh Vihar Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my name to Akankshi	correct-name is Devender Kumar. 0040549923-10
Uppal. 0040549923-8	I, DILEEP SANHOTRA S/O SUSHIL KUMAR R/O WZ-659 F/138, RISHI
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changed my name to Surveen Kaur Hira for all purposes.	I, Deepak, S/O Upendra Roy, R/O 123C GG1 Vikas Puri New Delhi-
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Shivani Kaul W/o Atul Kaul R/o	to Deepak Rai. 0070715592-1
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0040549922-1	110029, changed my name to
Sachin Jain@Sacheen Jain S/o	BANDANA DEVI BORKATAKY, permanently. 0040549923-6
Adish Kumar Jain R/o-P- 51,Street No.3,Shankar Nagar Extension,Krishna	I, Ashanand Chhabra C/o Nathu Ram R/o L-1004, 10th Floor, Raj
Nagar,Delhi-110051,have changed my name to Sachin	Nagar Extension,VVIP Addresses, Ghaziabad, Uttar
Jain. 0040549957-3	Pradesh-201001 Have Changed my Name to Asha Nand.
l Bhoomika Singh W/o Mohd Nauman Khan R/o H.No 956,	0070715636-1
Gali No.8, RK Marg, Chauhan	I. Ashi Jain Alias Shruti Jain D/o
Banger, Delhi -53 have changed my name to Bhoomika Khan. I	Manoj Jain R/o 9, Bagh Farzana,
have also changed my religion	Agra, Civil Line, Agra, UP- 282002, have changed my name
from Hindu to Islam	to Shruti Jain. 0070715605-1
0040549938-1	I, Anit Kumar S/o Om Prakash
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	client will not responsible in any manner and my client has snapped their relations with them in all manner for all purposes.	
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PUBLIC NOTICE	
My Clients Shri Dinesh Kumar Giamalani & his Wife	
Smt. Shanta Giamalani Both	
R/o House No.26, Pocket-I-8,	
Sector-16. Rohini. Delhi-	
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shall be doing at his/her own	
risk & responsibility. My client	
shall not be responsible for	
pros & cons arise therefrom.	
Gaurav Dhameja (Advocate)	
RU-5, Pitampura, Delhi-34	
PUBLIC NOTICE	
"General public at large is hereby informed	
that my clients-Sh. Satyapal S/o Lt. Prakash Chand, his wife-Ms. Geeta Devi	
and his sons-Sh. Rahul, Sh. Shivam Khobba and his married daughter-Ms.	
Sangeeta, All also R/o H. No. RD-67,	
Sangeeta, All also R/o H. No. RD-67, Church Road, Ravi Dass Nagar, Narela, Delhi- 110040 have severed all their	
respective relations from daughter/sister	
Ms. Manisha D/o Sh. Satyapal,	
Church Road, Ravi Dass Nagar, Narela,	
Delhi- 110040 due to her willful disobedience, misbehave and extortive	
disobedience, misbehave and extortive conducts and also have disowned her from	
their movable and immovable properties.	
Any person dealing with aforesaid- Ms. Manisha shall be doing so at his/her own	
risk and the same shall not be binding on	
my aforesaid clients in any manner, whatsoever.	
Sd/- ANAND BHARDWAJ (ADVOCATE)	
(ENRL, NO, D-312-R/96)"	
CH. No. 51, CIVIL WING, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI- 110054	
PUBLIC NOTICE	
Be it known to the public at large that my client Abdul Kalam S/o	
Late Mohd, Siddig R/o IX/2882,	
Malka Manzil, Bulbuli Khana, Turkman Gate, Delhi 110006 is	
Turkman Gate, Delhi 110006 is	
owner of the property bearing No. X/746 & 746 A (old)/ 1115 -1116	
(new) Moballa Bagab Ganimeer	
(new), Mohalla Raqab, Ganjmeer Khan, Behind Delite Cinema, Asaf	
Ali Road, Delhi by virtue of Hiba	
made by his father Mohammad	
Siddiq S/o Mohd. Ibrahim on	
20.05.2004 and a declaration to this was executed on 30.07.2004.	
Said Mohd. Siddig was owner of	
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Mrs. Preet Sharma has be continuously harassing, abusing a threatening our clients. Our clients their family have severed all th relations with Mr. Rajeev Sharma, his w Mrs. Preeti Sharma and their daugh Baby Aarohi Sharma and their daugh Baby Aarohi Sharma and as such th have no right or claim in any manner in the movables of c and their family. Any pers g with them shall be doing so risk. Our clients shall not i sible in any manner for the ac ons of the aforesaid persons. 1. Important Dates for Tenders D.R. JAIN LAW FIF CH.NO. 195, W. Wir Hazari Courts, Delhi-PUBLIC NOTICE

AND SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF BIO MEDICAL WASTE E-tenders are invited in two part system (Technical & Price bid) through a Tendering process only, from competent & eligible agencies for providing Cleaning, Sweeping, Sanitation of MEDICAL COLLEGE. premises at MEDINI RAI MEDICAL COLLEGE for a minimum period of one year or extendable upto three years if mutually agreed by both the parties.

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D.R. JAIN LAW FIRM CH.NO. 195, W. Wing,	S1.	Details	Timelines/other Particulars
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54	No.		
	a.	Bidding Document Fee	Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) in
PUBLIC NOTICE		(Non-Refundable)	the form of crossed demand draft issued
This notice has been given by my client		()	by any Nationalize Bank in favour of "
Maya Sharma D/o Salig Ram R/o B-17/00, Sector-1, Amarpali, Rohini, Delhi- 110085,			
who have misplaced some of her original			Principal, MEDINI RAI Medical
Property document- "Agreement to sell Maya Sharma" & "Agreement to sell			College, PALAMU payable at
Maya Sharma" & "Agreement to sell Pankaj Kumar" of D-217, Avantika Sector-			PALAMU. It will be Non- Refundable.
I, Rohini, Delhi-110085. My client hereby			The Bidders who are registered with
inform General Public through this Public			
Notice that she is the sole owner of above given property. If anybody has any claim of			NSIC or MSEs will be given preference
ownership rights/claim/interest/objection			and as per Govt. Rules will be exempted
on this property he/she can raise his/her			from submitting Tender Fee. But they
objection within 15 days at above said address/Phone no. 9868205996 and after			have to submit a valid NSIC or MSEs
that period it shall be presumed that my			
client has clear ownership/title of property			certificate (Verified by Competent
and no other person have any Legal Rights			Authority) from Industry
in this property. Sd/- PANKAJ KUMAR (Advocate)			Officer/Concerned Authority regarding
Enrl. No. D-1233/2010			
			current working certificate in the NSIC
			or MSEs forms.
PUBLIC NOTICE			NOTE:-Issue date of demand draft
"MY CLIENT SHRIMATI GITA, WIFE OF			must be after the tender publication
LATE SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RESIDENT			-
OF HOUSE No. 2085, GROUND FLOOR BASTI PEEPAL WALI, SADAR		<b>D1</b> 10	day.
BAZAR, DELHI-10006 DOES HEREBY	b.	Bid Security/Earnest	Rs. 3,00,000/- (Three Lacs) of the in the
DISOWN AND DISINHERIT HER SON		Money Deposit (EMD)	form of crossed demand draft/ pledged
SHRI NEERAJ AND DAUGHTER-IN-			FDR/ Bank Guarantee in favour of
LAW SHRIMATI POONAM @ KANIKA AS WELL AS HER GRAND CHILDREN			"Principal, MEDINI RAI Medical
Ms. SHIVANYA AND MASTER			
ABHIMANYU FROM ALL HER			College, PALAMU payable at
PROPERTIES MOVABLE AND			PALAMU". The Bidders who are
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DEALING WITH THEM SHALL BE			given preference and as per Govt. Rules
DOING SO AT THEIR OWN RISK."			
Sd/- DEVRAJ SINGH (Advocate)			will be exempted from submitting
Ch.No. 121, W. Wing,			Earnest Money But they have to submit
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54			a Valid NSIC or MSE,s certificate
			(Verified by Competent Authority) from
PUBLIC NOTICE			
			Industry Officer/Concerned Authority
It is informed to the Public at large that my client Ms. Bhagwandai Bisht W/o			regarding current working certificate in
Sh. Umed Singh Bisht, R/o 1061-BG I-			the NSIC or MSEs forms.
Block, Phase-6, Aya Nagar, South			
Delhi, New Delhi- 110047, hereby			NOTE:-Issue date of demand draft
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RAWAT from her all properties			
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## Ayodhya conspiracy: waiting for verdict

A Lucknow court will pronounce its judgment on the Babri Masjid demolition case on Wednesday. A look at how the trial has progressed over the years

#### **MANISH SAHU** LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 29

A SPECIAL CBI court in Lucknow has fixed Wednesday, September 30 for pronouncement of its judgment in the Babri Masjid demolition case.

While the Supreme Court has delivered the final judgment in the Ayodhya title suit, Wednesday's judgment will be the first in the nearly 28-year-old demolition case. Once pronounced, it can be challenged in higher courts. Of the 49 accused, 32 are alive today.

### The cases filed

After the demolition of the Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992, two separate cases were filed at Ram Janmabhoomi police station in Faizabad.

The first was filed at 5.15 pm by the then SHO, Privamvada Nath Shukla, against unknown kar sevaks. This was under IPC sections 395 (dacoity), 397 (robbery or dacoity, with attempt to cause death or grievous hurt), 332 (voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from duty), 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others), 338 (causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others), 295 (injuring or defiling place of worship with intent to insult the religion of any class), 297 (trespassing on burial places, etc) and 153-A(promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony). Police also invoked Section 7 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

The second FIR was filed 10 minutes later by sub-inspector Ganga Prasad Tiwari, in-charge of Ramjanmabhoomi police outpost, against eight persons including senior BJP leaders - L K Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Ashok Singhal (now deceased), Giriraj Kishore (deceased), Vishnu Hari Dalmia (deceased), Vinay Katiyar, Uma Bharti and Sadhvi Ritambhara. This was under IPC sections 153-A, 153-B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration) and 505 (statements conducing to public mischief).

Between December 6 and 21, police registered 47 more FIRs, mostly relating to assault on and looting of media persons during the demolition.

### The CBI probe

The state government initially assigned the case against unidentified kar sevaks to the Crime Branch's Criminal Investigation Department (CB-CID). On December 12, 1992, the state sent a recommendation to the Centre for transfer of



### SAKSHI MAHARAJ (UNNAO) LALLU SINGH (FAIZABAD) BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH (KAISERGANJ) ALL 3 LIKELY TO APPEAR AGE PROFILE 52 Pawan Kumar Pandey is youngest, all the other accused are over 60. 80+ Besides Advani, Joshi, Nritya Gopal and Kalyan Singh, others over 80 are Satish Pradhan, Dharmendra Singh Gujjar and R N Srivastava

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### **EVIDENCE CHECKLIST**

351 prosecution witnesses 314 pieces of material evidence, including newspapers and cassettes and 270 exhibits that included FIRs and notifications issued by the government

tification, transferring the place of sitting of the court from Lalitpur to Rae Bareli.

In August 1993, the state government sent a recommendation for a CBI probe into the other 48 FIRs. The CBI was handed over all these cases.

In September, the state government, in consultation with the High Court, issued another notification constituting a special court in Lucknow for the cases relating to demolition.

Meanwhile, the CBI moved an application in the Rae Bareli court, seeking - and getting - CBI permission for further investigation in the case against Advani and others.

### The CBI case in court

On October 5, 1993, the CBI filed a chargesheet against 40 persons in the Lucknow court. On October 8, the state government issued a notification that the case against Advani and others would also be heard in Lucknow. In January, 1994, the Rae Bareli court transferred records on the demolition case to the Lucknow court. In 1996, the CBI filed a supplementary chargesheet against nine more persons. In September 1997, the Lucknow court took cognisance of the CBI chargesheet and ordered charges be framed against accused. Summonses were issued. In its chargesheet, the CBI claimed it had evidence that the demolition was the fallout of a larger conspiracy. Charges under section 120-B IPC were added.

tition in the High Court challenging the summonses issued by the Lucknow court. They also challenged the trial of the case against Advani and others in the Lucknow court. Their ground was that the state government had issued the notification on the transfer of the case without consulting the High Court. The CBI requested the government to issue a fresh notification after consultation with the High Court; the government did not.

On February 12, 2001, the High Court passed an order finding no illegality in a joint single chargesheet for all the FIRs on the ground that all the offences were committed in the course of the same transaction to accomplish the conspiracy, and that the evidence for all offences is almost the same. The court upheld the framing of charges in all 48 cases, except the one against Advani and others. "The High Court observed that the notification dated October 8, 1993, by which the trial of the case in which Advani and others were accused was transferred to Lucknow, was legally not sound," said defence counsel Abhishek Ranjan.

Nritya Gopal Das, Kalyan Singh, Balasaheb Thackeray and Champat Rai until rectification of the government notification. The court held that these 21 accused were covered in the case in which Advani and others were accused.

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In the Lucknow court, the trial was on against 28 persons now. In June 2001, the CBI moved the High Court against the Lucknow court order dropping proceedings against 21 persons.

In 2003, the CBI moved the Rae Bareli court requesting that it start proceedings of the case against Advani and others. It requested that documents of this case be summoned from Lucknow, and also moved an application in Lucknow court requesting that it send these documents to Rae Bareli. The Lucknow court ordered these be sent.

On September 19, 2003, the Rae Bareli court scharged Advani and summoned the other seven accused. These seven then moved the High Court against the summons. The CBI too moved a petition over Advani being discharged.

likely to appear against the accused then facing trial in Rae Bareli. The court also ordered restoration of charges that had been dropped against 13 accused, and

clubbing of the trial against Advani and others (two of them had passed away by then) with the case being tried in Lucknow. The court directed that there shall be no transfer of the judge conducting the trial until the entire trial concludes, and the trial be conducted day to day.

In May 2017, the Lucknow court ordered framing of charges against Advani, Joshi, Katiyar and Bharti. Fresh charges were made out against the 13 against whom proceedings were dropped.

### This year, so far

The recording of prosecution witness statements was completed in March this year. The court then began recording statements of the accused under Section 313 CrPC. The statements of Satish Pradhan. Advani. Joshi and Ram Chandra Khatri were recorded through videoconference as they could not appear in court because of various reasons. The recording of statements was completed in July this year.

the investigation to the CBI, which lodged an FIR and began its investigation the following day.

The other case, in which Advani and others were named, was investigated by local police and thereafter the CB-CID. On December 16, the state government in consultation with the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court issued a notification setting up a special court of a judicial magistrate in Lalitpur for this case. After getting sanction, the CB-CID filed a chargesheet against Advani and the seven others in this court on February 27, 1993.

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The High Court said the mistake in issuing the notification on October 8, 1993 was curable and this could be done through another notification.

### The case against Advani

On May 4, 2001, based on the High Court order, the Lucknow trial court dropped proceedings on the case against Advani and others. It also dropped proceedings against 13 other accused including Mahant Avaidya Nath, Ram Vilas Vedanti, Mahant

In July 2005, the High Court set aside the Rae Bareli court order and directed all the accused to appear. On July 28, it framed charges against Advani and the seven others.

In August 2010, the Lucknow court framed charges against the remaining accused.

In 2011, the CBI moved a Special Leave Petition after the High Court had upheld the May 4,2001 trial corder order dropping proceedings against 21. On April 19, 2017, the Supreme Court ordered adding of criminal conspiracy charges

The defence did not produce any witnesses. The prosecution submitted written argu-

ments on August 21, and the defence did so on August 31. On September 16, the court said the judgment would be pronounced on September 30. An earlier deadline for judgment expired on August 31 before the Supreme Court extended it.



Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Sept 29 updated at 11 pm on Sept 29

### Source: Johns Hopkins University,

## What delay in RBI panel meet means

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#### **GEORGE MATHEW & SUNNY VERMA** MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

ON OCTOBER 1, the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) was supposed to announce the country's key interest rates and the monetary policy for the next two months. This will have to wait as the government is yet to appoint three new members at a time when the pandemic is raging, GDP growth is floundering and borrowers are bracing for a mega loan restructuring process.

#### Why did the RBI postpone the MPC meeting?

The bi-monthly meeting was scheduled for September 29 to October 1. The RBI postponed it as it failed to nominate its three members to the six-member panel. The tenure of the three members appointed by the government in 2016 expired after the previous policy on August 6. MPC is the statutory committee that fixes the key policy interest rate and monetary policy stance of the country as well as the inflation target.

### How are MPC members selected?

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das is the head of the MPC, while the Deputy Governor in charge of the Monetary Policy Department (Michael Patra) and the Executive Director looking after the monetary policy are mem-

bers from the RBI side. The three government nominees are selected by a committee formed by the government for a four-year term. The three members whose tenure ended in August are: Dr Chetan Ghate, Professor, Indian Statistical Institute; Dr Pami Dua, Director, Delhi School of Economics; and Dr Ravindra H Dholakia, former Professor, IIM Ahmedabad.

As per the RBI Act, the quorum for an MPC meeting is four, and in effect the committee cannot meet until at least one external member is present, in addition to the three RBI representatives. If there's a tie on any proposal, the RBI Governor holds the casting vote.

#### What did the MPC do in the last four vears?

The bi-monthly MPC meeting discusses the domestic and international scenario before finalising the repo and reverse repo rates. If there is no consensus on the rate or policy, there will be voting process. MPC members differed on a couple of occasions on the quantum of repo rate changes but eventually went by the majority decision. Although the MPC slashed the key policy rate - repo rate – by 250 basis points to four per cent, the rate cut transmission has been rather slow with banks taking their time to pass on the benefits.

What does the delay in announcing the new monetary policy mean?

Interest rates play a crucial role in the economy. Any delay in changing the rates will impact the economy as MPC sets the reporate (the rate at which RBI lends funds to banks) and reverse reporate (the rate at which the RBI borrows funds from banks). The pandemic is still evolving and credit offtake has been sluggish. "The economy is facing a serious challenge and the RBI has been leading from the front with quick responses through rate cuts, injecting liquidity through open market operations and long-term repo operations and a variety of innovative tools to manage and ensure financial stability. In this hour of economic emergency, the MPC has to be in place to formulate policy. This delay could have been avoided," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

### Why was MPC created?

Prior to October 2016, the RBI Governor used to decide on policy rate. Even though he was assisted by a team of officials from the central bank, the ultimate decision rested with the Governor. India joined a growing band of countries that, beginning in 1990, adopted flexible inflation targeting as their framework for monetary policy.

In 2016, the government had provided statutory backing to the MPC by notifying amendments to the RBI Act, 1934. The inflation target and tolerance band around it, and accountability with respect to failure to

achieve the target, were notified by the government during May-August 2016. It was for the first time that an explicit inflation target was given to the RBI, along with failure level.

Rate-setting decisions were now made through voting in the MPC rather than the Governor alone taking a call on these matters. The RBI now releases both MPC resolutions and minutes of the minutes (with a lag) - providing a detailed review of the analysis and individual assessment of the members that went into framing of the policy.

### Has it been effective in framing the monetary policy?

The first MPC meeting was held on October 4, 2016 when Urjit Patel was the RBI Governor. The MPC has since then slashed the reporate by 250 basis points to 4% in the last four years with 115 bps reduction in the last nine months. With retail inflation picking up in recent months, the MPC in its last policy review in August kept the repo rate unchanged at 4% while deciding to continue with the accommodative stance. The current inflation target is 4% - within a band of 2-6% which the RBI is expected to maintain. The retail inflation level is now above the target of 6% with the August reading at 6.69%, and it has been above the medium-term target of 4% for nearly a year now. The amended RBI Act defines failure as average inflation breaching the tolerance band for three consecutive quarters, not instantly.

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### MEANWHILE JAPAN AIRLINES VOWS TO USE INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

Japan Airlines said it would retire the phrase "ladies and gentlemen" from in-flight announcements made in English, a symbolic step towards inclusivity in a country where activists have long fought to change entrenched gender traditions. Greetings and announcements at the airport and in the cabin would use gender-neutral language such as "all passengers" or "everyone", the airline said.



## **WORLD** World crosses 'agonising milestone' of one million coronavirus deaths Death rate has increased in recent weeks as Covid-19 infections surge in several countries

Meesha Shafi

PAKISTAN Singer Meesha Shafi booked for 'smear campaign' against Ali Zafar

A PAKISTANI law enforcement agency has booked singer Meesha Shafi and eight others for allegedly staging a smear campaign against fellow singer-actor Ali Zafar, who has worked in Indian films, with a sexual harassment complaint. The Investigation Federal Agency's (FIA), cyber-crime division, Lahore, registered an FIR against Shafi and others under sections of the penal code dealing with public transmission of false information to harm the reputation or privacy of a person. In April 2018, Shafi accused Zafar of sexual harassment. In Nov 2018, Zafar filed a complaint with FIA, alleging many social media accounts were posting defamatory material against him. PTI

### **SRI LANKA** Cattle slaughter banned in Lanka

THE SRI Lankan government has approved a proposal to ban cattle slaughter in the island nation. However, it decided to import beef for the benefit of those who consume it. The Cabinet on Monday approved the proposal to ban cattle slaughter in the country, a Cabinet spokesman said Tuesday, adding that legalising the decision would be done in due course. "As a country with an economy based on agriculture, the contribution of the cattle resource to develop the livelihood of the rural people of Sri Lanka is immense," the ibinet noted. ar proving the proposal. PTI



Workers prepare new graves at a burial area provided by the government for victims of Covid-19, at Pondok Ranggon cemetery complex in Jakarta, Indonesia. Reuters

It's a mind-numbing figure. Yet we must never lose sight of each and every individual life. They were fathers and mothers, wives and husbands, brothers and sisters, friends and colleagues."

### ANTONIO GUTERRES U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL

More than 5,400 people are dying around the world every 24 watch a 90-minute soccer match, hours, according to Reuters cal-340 people die on average. culations based on September

"So many people have lost so many people and haven't had the chance to say goodbye. Many people who died died alone ... It's a terribly difficult and lonely death," World Health Organisation spokeswoman Margaret Harris

told a UN briefing in Geneva. Experts remain concerned that the official figures for deaths and cases globally significantly under-represent the real tally because of inadequate testing and recording and the possibility of concealment by some countries.

The response to the pandemic has pitted proponents of health measures like lockdowns against those intent on sustaining politically sensitive economic growth, with approaches differing from country to country.

The US, Brazil and India, which together account for nearly 45% of all Covid-19 deaths globally, have all lifted social distancing measures in recently. REUTERS

### 9 in 10 recovered patients have side-effects: study side-effect with 26.2% reading, fol-

lowed by difficulty in concentra-

tion which had 24.6%, Kwon said.

psychological or mental side-ef-

fects and loss of taste or smell.

Kyungpook National University

School of Medicine in Daegu,

sought comments from 5,762 re-

covered patients in South Korea

and 16.7% of them participated in

the survey. While the research

was done online for now, Kim will

soon publish the study with de-

tailed analysis, he said. REUTERS

similar concerns. "Everything he

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no background in infectious dis-

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portance of masks and also ad-

vocated a strategy based on

"herd immunity". REUTERS

Atlas, a neuroradiologist with

quoted as saying by NBC.

Other after-effects included

Kim Shin-woo, professor at

Seoul: Nine in ten coronavirus patients reported experiencing sideeffects such as fatigue, psychological after-effects and loss of smell and taste after they recovered from the disease, according to a preliminary study by South Korea.

In an online survey of 965 recovered Covid-19 patients, 879 people or 91.1% responded they were suffering at least one sideeffect from the disease, the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA) official Kwon Iun-wook told a briefing. Fatigue was the most common

### Fauci: New adviser giving Trump bad advice on virus

Washington: Two senior US public health experts have raised concerns that White House adviser Scott Atlas is providing misleading or incorrect information on the coronavirus pandemic to President Donald Trump, according to media reports on Monday. The top US infectious dis-

eases expert, Anthony Fauci, told CNN Monday he was concerned that information given by Atlas – a late addition to the White House coronavirus task force was "really taken either out of



Kuwait Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah

Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Sabah dies at 91 REUTERS

KUWAIT, SEPTEMBER 29



The stage is set for 2020's first presidential debate, on the campus of the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. Reuters

### Hours before debate with Trump, Biden releases tax returns

JOHN WHITESIDES SEPTEMBER 29

HOURS BEFORE his first debate with US President Donald Trump, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden on Tuesday released his 2019 tax returns and his campaign called on Trump, who has come under fire for not releasing his returns, to do the same.

Biden, due to share the stage with Trump on Tuesday evening in Cleveland, took the step two days after the New York Times reported that Trump had paid just \$750 in federal income taxes in 2016 and 2017 - and none in 10 of the previous 15 years. Trump had long sought to keep his personal financial records secret.

Biden's taxes showed that he and his wife Jill paid more than \$346,000 in federal taxes and other payments for 2019 on an income of nearly \$985,000 before seeking a refund of nearly \$47,000 they said they had overpaid the government.

The 2019 tax returns for Biden's running mate, Senator Kamala Harris, also were released.

"This is a historic level of transparency meant to give the American people faith once again that their leaders will look out for them and not their own bottom lines," Biden's deputy campaign manager, Kate Bedingfield, said on a call with reporters. "Mr President, release your tax returns or shut up," Bedingfield added.

With over a million Americans already casting early ballots and time running out to change minds or influence undecided voters, the stakes are enormous as the two White House candidates take the stage five weeks before the election. **REUTERS** 

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**Fewer minds** 

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THE POLARISING nature of the

Trump presidency has meant

there are only about 9% of vot-

ers who don't currently favour

one candidate over the other,

according to Reuters/Ipsos

polling. This is less than half

the number of non-commit-

ted voters in 2016. While the

debate is unlikely to change

the minds of people who ei-

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serves their vote.

pose Trump, it is still expected

EXPLAINED

Pak Opp leader Shahbaz Sharif remanded in NAB custody for 14 days



UK govt warns museums not to remove statues over protests

### REUTERS LONDON, SEPTEMBER 29

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ple an hour, or one person every 16

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That equates to about 226 peo-

businesses and cemeteries.

early January.

sisters, friends and colleagues."

agonising milestone," UN

Secretary-General Antonio

Guterres said in a statement.

THE BRITISH government has warned a number of cultural institutions that their public funding could be called into question should they remove statues or other objects that have become the focus of protests or complaints.

The issue of how Britain should deal with the legacies of its past, especially its role in slavery and

context or actually incorrect". The comments from Fauci came hours after a news report auoted Robert Redfield, director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sharing

### **THE GULF UAE to launch** spacecraft to moon in 2024

THE UNITED Arab Emirates plans to send an unmanned spacecraft to the moon in 2024, a top Emirati official said Tuesday, the latest gamble in the stars by the oilrich nation that could see it become only the fourth nation on Earth to accomplish that goal. The announcement by Dubai's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. who also serves as the vice president and PM of the hereditarily ruled UAE, shows the rapid expansion of the space programme that bears his name. AP

colonialism, has been the subject of passionate debate since the statue of a slave trader was toppled by protesters in Bristol in June.

Since then, officials have removed the statue of another slave trader in London, a concert hall in Bristol has renamed itself, and venerable institutions like Oxford University have grappled publicly with what to do about contested heritage. In a letter sent to the British

Museum, the National Gallery, the Tate Gallery and other prominent cultural institutions, culture minister Oliver Dowden said the government was against the removal of statues and similar objects.

'Some represent figures who have said or done things which we may find deeply offensive and would not defend today,' Dowden said in the letter, which was sent on Sept 22 but published on Monday. "But though we may now disagree with those who created them or who they represent, they play an important role in teaching us about our past, with all its faults.'



An ethnic Armenian soldier fires an artillery piece during fighting with Azerbaijan's forces in the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh on Tuesday. Reuters

### Karabakh conflict zone widens as Turkey denies downing plane

### NAILIA BAGIROVA & **NVARD HOVHANNISYAN** BAKU, YEREVAN, SEPT 29

ARMENIA AND Azerbaijan accused one another on Tuesday of firing directly into each other's territory as the worst regional fighting since the 1990s raged for a third day and civilian deaths mounted.

Both reported firing from the other side across their shared border, well to the west of the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region over which fierce fighting broke out between Azeri and ethnic

Armenian forces on Sunday. The incidents signalled a further escalation of the conflict despite urgent appeals from Russia, the US and others to stop fighting.

Also fuelling tensions, Armenia said an F-16 fighter jet belonging to Azerbaijan's close ally Turkey had shot down one of its warplanes over Armenian airspace, killing the pilot.

It provided no evidence of the incident. Turkey and Azerbaijan called the claim "absolutely untrue".

Dozens have been reported killed and hundreds wounded since clashes between Azerbaijan

and its ethnic Armenian mountain enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh broke out on Sunday.

Nagorno-Karabakh is a breakaway region that is inside Azerbaijan but is run by ethnic Armenians and is supported by Armenia. It broke away from Azerbaijan in a war in the 1990s, but is not recognised by any country as an independent republic. A descent into all-out war could drag in regional powers

Russia and Turkey. Moscow has a defence alliance with Armenia, which is the enclave's lifeline to the outside world, while Ankara backs its own ethnic Turkic kin in Azerbaijan. REUTERS

KUWAIT'S RULING Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah has died, his office announced on Tuesday, plunging his country into mourning for a leader regarded by many Gulf Arabs as a savvy diplomatic operator and a humanitarian champion.

Sheikh Sabah, 91, had ruled the wealthy oil producer and US ally since 2006 and steered its foreign policy for more than 50 vears. His designated successor is his brother. Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah.

"With the utmost sadness and grief for the Kuwaiti people, the Islamic and Arab world and people of friendly nations, the Emiri Diwan mourns the death of Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah, the emir of Kuwait," his office said. The emir was in hospital in the US since July after surgery for an unspecified condition.

Sheikh Sabah had sought to balance relations with Kuwait's bigger neighbours - forging close ties with Saudi Arabia, rebuilding links with former occupier Iraq and holding dialogue with Iran.

### **MZULQERNAIN** LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 29

PAKISTAN'S LEADER of the Opposition and PML-N chief Shahbaz Sharif was on Tuesday sent on a 14-day physical remand by an accountability court in assets beyond means and money laundering case, a day after he was arrested by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) here.

Shahbaz, the younger brother of three-time former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, was taken into custody from the Lahore High Court's premises on Monday after the court rejected his bail application in the Rs 700 crores (\$41.9 million) money laundering case.

The 69-year-old former chief minister of Punjab province was produced before the accountability court Judge Jawad-ul-Hasan on Tuesday.

Shahbaz requested the court to allow him to present arguments in his defence instead of his lawyer. The court allowed him.



### Shahbaz Sharif

He denied any wrongdoing and said Prime Minister Imran Khan's nexus with the NAB has made mockery of accountability in the country and they are targeting the opposition leaders only.

"Money laundering charges against me are baseless. I do not do business. My parents had worked hard to establish business in the country and transferred the same to my children," he said.

After the arguments, the judge accepted NAB's request for 14-day physical remand of Shahbaz and ordered that he be brought to court again on Oct 13. PT

### LIFE AFTER COVID LOCKDOWN Lost year: New York parents wrestle with uncertainty as schools open

### MARIA CASPANI

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 29

JODI COOK will drop off her son to his Brooklyn school on Tuesday for the first time in months, but even though her six-year-old will get at least some time interacting face to face with teachers and staff. she fears it will not be enough.

Going back to the classroom was the only viable option for Roberto, Cook said. He has some learning challenges and did not do well with remote learning when schools shut last spring. But even with a return to the classroom, Cook fears he might not get access to all the services he needs.

"I'm going to kind of go into it thinking of this year as a wash,"

Cook, a 48-year-old who works in real estate, told Reuters. "He needs additional support that he's not going to be able to get." Hundreds of thousands of students who have chosen inperson learning will head back to the classroom in New York

long hiatus spurred by Covid-19. Children in elementary schools are due to start in-person instruction on Tuesday as part of the city's blended learning plan, which calls for students to spend some of the

City this week after a months-

week in schools and the remainder learning at home online. Efforts to bring students back



Thousands of students head back to schools in New York City this week after a months-long hiatus. Reuters

to the classroom in the country's largest public school district serving more than 1 million students

did not go off without a hitch. Mayor Bill de Blasio delayed inperson learning at public schools

### White House pressured CDC over school risks, federal officials say

WHILE FAMILIES across the US were on edge about the coming school year, top White House officials were pressuring the CDC to play down the risk of sending children back to school, according to documents and interviews with government officials. The effort included an attempt to find alternate data

twice due to staffing shortages and other difficulties arising from the pandemic. Recently, positive test

showingCovid-19 was weakening and posed little danger to children. A member of Vice President Mike Pence's staff said she was urged by Marc Short, the vice president's chief of staff, to get the CDC to produce more reports and charts showing a decline in coronavirus cases among young people. NYT

rates for the coronavirus have been rising in some neighbourhoods. Should the city cross its 3% thresh-

New Delhi

old, schools will have to close inperson learning.

Most other major school districts in the US have scrapped plans to resume in-person education for now. In Los Angeles the second largest school district in the nation, and Chicago, students are staying home and using laptops to attend classes.

Despite the challenges posed by this most unusual school year, Cook said the teachers and staff at their Brooklyn school had been "great" in the run-up to the start of in-person education.

They called for check-ins and followed up when the family had to delay the start of Roberto's virtual learning earlier this month, and they scrambled to make sure he gets access to the in-person special care he needs, although they could not guarantee it due to limited resources. Classrooms in the city's

schools look very different from what pupils are accustomed. Educators had to implement numerous changes in order to meet new health and safety guidelines, including revamping old ventilation systems.

Face coverings, fewer desks placed six feet apart, lunch in the classroom, outdoor classes for some, and nurses on the premises are some of the novelties awaiting students and staff this academic year. REUTERS

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### PART OF GAVI COVAX FACILITY SII to double Covid vaccine supply to 200 mn doses

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### **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

SERUM INSTITUTE of India (SII) said on Tuesday it had received additional funds that would allow it to double its supply of Covid-19 vaccines to India and other poorer countries as part of the Gavi CO-VAX facility. The Pune-headquartered vaccine maker will now be using these funds from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as well as Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, to supply 200 million vaccines to these countries as early as the first half of 2021.

SII currently has agreements to manufacture Covid-19 vaccines

developed by American vaccine

A medic collects a sample from a police constable via Rapid Antigen kit for Covid test, in Mumbai. PTI file

maker Novavax, as well as Oxford University in collaboration with Swedish-British drugmaker



plans to fund their distribution, so that it can plan ahead and account for any shortages in the current proposed supply.

> AstraZeneca. "This brings the total number of vaccine doses to be covered by the partnership be-

> > **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU**

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

guidelines for applicability of Tax

Deducted at Source (TDS) and Tax

Collected at Source (TCS) for e-

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tween SII, Gavi, and the Gates Foundation to an aggregate of up to 200 million doses, following the initial agreement for up to 100 million doses announced in August. The arrangement again provides an option to secure additional doses if the vaccines pillar of the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator sees a need for it," stated SII in a release.

"The funding will help accelerate the manufacturing by SII for candidate vaccines licensed from AstraZeneca and Novavax, which will be available for procurement if they are successful in attaining full licensure and WHO Prequalification," it stated, adding that the vaccines under this agreement will have a ceiling price of \$3

per dose. This is additional to a deal between AstraZeneca and Gavi announced in June, which will commit an extra 300 million doses of the Oxford University-AstraZeneca candidate to the wider COVAX Facility

> Under the COVAX umbrella, Gavi is coordinating the COVAX Facility, which provides governments with the opportunity to benefit from a large portfolio of COVID-19 candidate vaccines using a range of technology platforms, produced by more manufacturers across the world, with a bigger market to provide security of demand. India is a Gavi beneficiary and will, therefore, receive a deficit and debt consolidation. certain proportion of the vaccines from the COVAX facility.

Tax experts said some more

clarity is required on issues such

on deemed exports to SEZ units.

Foreign e-commerce operators

ices encompasses resident e-

Edited excerpts: Over the last several years, one is seeing more and more politicisation of the federal structure of Indian polity? How do you explain this? What is the way forward?

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INTERVIEW WITH FIFTEENTH FINANCE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

jobs have made it murky: NK Singh

Need to revisit Centre-state relations;

standalone laws on education, food &

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We need to revisit in a more fundamental way the 7th Schedule of the Constitution. as applicability of TCS provisions The 7th Schedule of the Constitution divides broadly the subject into Union subjects and state subjects and those which are on the concurrent list. Over a period of time what happened is that this got increasingly eroded ever since that executive order was passed constituting the Planning Commission in 1951. Now there is a need to fundamentally revisit the 7th Schedule and have a holistic view. Second, the misuse of Article 282 of the Constitution, read with the 7th Schedule, which says that the Central government or the states may make any grant for any scheme or project in public interest. All Centrally Sponsored Schemes which came up then, quite a few of them strictly happen to be in the domain of states (as per reading of the 7th Schedule) but through the mutual consent mechanism exercised under Article 282. Then the third dimension to it is the standalone entitlement driven legislation of the Parliamentthe Right to Education Act, then standalone legislation of food and employment. It already makes it verv murky. I have argued that these kinds of very cosmetic classification have outlived their utility and we need to revisit the drawing board...After the abolition of the Planning Commission, I cere that both the containly be

FIFTEENTH FINANCE Commission Chairman NK SINGH said Constitutional framework defining the federal structure needs to be revisited in light of the changes that have taken place over the vears. In an interview to SUNNY VERMA and P VAIDYANATHAN IYER, he said the Commission, in the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on the economy, is debating whether there is a need for a different approach in determining the targets for fiscal

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

rule is with the consent of the people. So this ultimately is the issue: what do the people of India want...People wish to express their aspiration in one form or the other, the kind and nature of governance that they have. Second point is that globally we pride ourselves in that we follow Westminster's model of democracy...I find that there has been a great erosion in the mother of the Westminster model, which is the United Kingdom. National elections are won or lost on the basis of who is projected as the leader of the intended party. So what has happened is that over a period of time in India also, is that in order to impart political stability to the governance, people have opted for who is the leader and particularly for national elections on whom you wish to repose trust.

#### You have been engaging with states across the board. After the pandemic, what is their feedback regarding the damage to their economies?

The pandemic has certainly highlighted the distress of the Union and the states. Certainly both the Union and states have been stressed at a time when their revenue targets are not likely to be met. How should the Finance Commission go about addressing it, one of the chapters (in our report) is Pandemic Times, Analysis for the Future which is about to be finalised. This chapter is really designed in some ways for the consciousness of the Finance Commission and what needs to be specifically done to address the issues

### rowings, namely the targets for fiscal deficit and targets for debt consolidation.

#### How will you factor in extreme uncertainties in your assessment, could there be year-wise devolution target? It would be extraordinary if

devolution percentages were to varv for each year of our award. This has never been done. It will lend a measurable uncertainty and volatility The advantage of having a five year award is the predictability and stability it brings. Therefore before we begin to vary the devolution itself over this period we have to tread with very great caution. We do not want to inject more uncertainties than the pandemic itself and the current economic situation may have done for the states. Second, the issue is how we calibrate the path. Now it's clear that most Finance Commissions had the advantage, the opportunity and the luxury of making constant projections of both growth and tax buoyancy for the entire period. We do not unfortunately have that luxury due to the current pandemic. We therefore had to look to recalibrate growth rates in each period and to look at the consequential revenue buoyancy...we have to agree on a figure on the next year's rebound, and then we have to factor in return of normalcy in following years.

#### States are worried they may have to fund defence expenditure?

It was a deep recognition at the defend

### SECTOR WATCH – **AVIATION** Lufthansa cancels all India

### flights from Sept 30 to Oct 20, citing 'rejection' of schedule by authorities

### **PRANAV MUKUL** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

IN A fallout between authorities in India and its air-bubble Germany, the partner European country's national carrier Lufthansa said Tuesday it will have to cancel all planned flights between India and Germany between September 30 and October 20 because of an "unexpected rejection" of its flight schedule by Indian authorities. The Indian side said that Lufthansa was offered a curtailed schedule to mitigate the disadvantage being faced by Indian carriers due to inequitable distribution of traffic in favour of Lufthansa.

The German carrier said in a statement that it had applied for continuation of special flights it was allowed to operate until end of September, but will now have to cancel the flights. International passenger flights have been suspended in India since March 23 due to the coronavirus lockdown. However, special flights have ler air-huboperate until the end of

A senior government offitry - is not allowed under air

this month, the Centre formally asked European airlines to stop sixth-freedom flights. India's aviation watchdog

September. This application process is necessary since India has so far not accepted the invitation by the German government to discuss details regarding a temporary travel agreement between both

countries," the airline said. cial said one of the main reasons behind the action was European carriers operating sixth-freedom flights by carrying passengers from India to North American destinations and not allowing Air India to do the same. The sixth freedom of flying-which lets an airline to fly passengers from one country to a hub in its home country and from there to a third coun-

bubble arrangements. Earlier

Directorate General of Civil Aviation said the country had formalised an air-bubble with Germany in July this year. "However, there are restrictions in place for Indian nation

#### TDS is proposed to be levied on e-commerce transactions at 1% in THE CENTRAL Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on Tuesday issued

CBDT issues guidelines for TDS/TCS

on e-commerce transactions from Oct 1

ergy saving certificates traded via power exchanges, the CBDT said.

October 1. The levies will be applicable on sales of goods exceeding be required to deduct tax on a transaction, if the tax has been de-Rs 50 lakh, with exemption to an individual and HUF who receives less than Rs 5 lakh and furnishes PAN/Aadhaar. The TDS is proposed to be levied on e-commerce transactions at 1 per cent The proposed TDS/TCS will not be applicable for transactions in securities and commodities which are traded through recognised stock exchanges or cleared and settled by the recognised clearing corporation, including recognised stock exchanges or recognised clearing corporations located in the International Financial Service Centre as well as transactions in electricity, renewable energy certificates and en-

### Sebi board meet: Stronger code of conduct for MFs Listed companies need to disclose forensic audit to stock exchanges

with name of entity initiating the ENSECONOMIC BUREAU forensic audit and reasons f

"The circular clarifies on several PAN/Aadhaar cases puzzling aspects such as no adjustment for sales return, discount or GST component and applicability on receipts post October 1, even if sales was made before that A payment gateway will not period. However, several ambiguous aspects need more clarity such as applicability of TCS provisions on deemed exports within

ducted by the e-commerce operator. For an insurance agent or in-India to SEZ and EOU units, free of surance aggregator, the CBDT said cost sales and warranty replaceif the insurance agent or insurance ments. On e-commerce TDS, the most significant uncertainty is aggregator has no involvement in transactions between insurance around treatment of subsequent company and the buyer of insurreturns of goods by customers and ance policy after the first year of consideration of discount codes policy, he would not be liable to and gift vouchers for computing deduct tax for subsequent years amounts to be subject to TDS. but the insurance company will be required to deduct tax on comalso need to comprehend the inmission payment, if any, made to terplay between Section 194-0 and Equalisation Levy when supthe insurance agent or insurance aggregator for those subsequent ply of goods or provision of servyears. TCS will be applicable on sale of motor vehicles from commerce participants," Sandeep October 1 for value less than Rs 10 Jhunjhunwala, partner, Nangia lakh for sales to consumers.

Andersen LLP said. **COMMERCIAL COAL AUCTIONS** Govt receives offline bids for 23 mines out of 38 offered

ble arrangements, which India has entered into with 14 countries, including Germany. "Lufthansa sincerely urges

the Indian authorities to work together with the German government in order to establish a temporary travel agreement between both countries. Such an agreement is necessary to address the urgent need of tens of thousands of Indians and foreign nationals for travel to and from India and would also help balance the interests of both countries' airlines," a Lufthansa spokesperson said.

"This appeal follows the unexpected rejection of Lufthansa's planned flight schedule for October by Indian authorities. Lufthansa had applied for the continuation of special flights it was granted to

Germany which was putting Indian carriers at a significant disadvantage resulting in inequitable distribution of traffic in favour of Lufthansa," the DGCA stated. "As against Indian carriers operating 3-4 flights a week. Lufthansa operated 20 flights a week. In spite of this disparity we offered to clear 7 flights a week for Lufthansa which was not accepted by them. Negotiations continue." the DGCA said.

Lufthansa said it had scheduled flights for October to continue connecting Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru with Europe and other regions in its worldwide network "The October schedule would also have seen the addition of flights to and from Chennai," the airline said.

#### als desiring to travel to MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), at a meeting of its board Tuesday, approved a stronger code of conduct for the mutual fund industry, which will have to be followed by asset management companies (AMCs), as well as their fund managers, chief investment officers and dealers.

Sebi also asked listed companies to disclose the initiation of any forensic audit to stock exchanges. For the code of conduct. Sebi

said the CEO of an AMC will be responsible to ensure that it is followed by executives to strengthen their accountability. Current mutual fund regulations mandate only AMCs and mutual fund Trustees to follow a code of conduct.

On the forensic audit by listed companies, the regulator said "the fact of initiation of forensic audit (by whatever name called) along

#### **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** same, if available," should be disclosed to the bourses.

Sebi also asked companies to also make public the final forensic audit report, along with management comments, if any, unless the forensic audit has been initiated by a regulatory or enforcement agency.

The Sebi board also tweaked inside trading regulations. It has given informants - a kind of whistle blower who reports alleged violations of insider trading laws to the regulator - up to three years to report violations under the insider trading laws.

Further, such informants must now include specific information, such as details of securities, trades by suspects etc. when reporting such violations of insider trading laws.

Moreover, the capital markets watchdog has strengthened the role of debenture trustees

### NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

THE UNION Coal Ministry has received offline bids for only 23 coal mines, out of the 38 blocks offered for commercial coal auctions. As many as 46 companies have placed their bids physically for commercial coal mining, the

government said. Sources in coal ministry said that the online bids will be opened on Wednesday. The government on lune 18

had launched the maiden auction for coal blocks, where private players can participate without any end-use restrictions. This would also be the first set of coal assets to be auctioned off through the new market-determined revenue share model that replaced the fixed fee/tonne regime that turned off private investors. FE

### 'In 2019, 38.2% persons engaged in employment, related activities'

As much as 38.2 per cent of persons, of the age of six years or above, were engaged in employment and related activities in the country in 2019, the Time Use Survey of the National Statistical Office (NSO) stated

First TUS report: The NSO's first Time Use Survey (TUS), for January-December 2019, measured the participation rate and time spent on paid activities, care activities,

1,38,799: Households covered in the survey from where information on time use was collected, with, 82,897 rural 55,902 urban

first TUS is to measure participation of men and women in paid and unpaid activities, across both urban and rural parts of the country

current list, 7th Schedule and Article 282 requires an in depth holistic review. Federalism as a philosophy, which is highly, highly desirable for a complex country like India must go beyond partnership which is not embedded wholly in fiduciary obligations.

#### The national government is seen to be getting stronger, playing a role in many state subjects including health and education. How do you see this trend?

I think that two things have happened globally. Most important is that governments derive their legitimacy from the sovereignty and the will expressed by the people through parliamentary democracies. The fundamental basis of social contract as done by John Locke and Hobbes is that the right to

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government's

the problem.

arising out of the nandemic Clearly, the health infrastructure in the country has been systematically neglected. Our public outlay on health, unlike in comparison to other peer group countries and those with similar per capita income, is less than 1 per cent of GDP out of which about 0.65 per cent comes from the states and about approximately 0.3 per cent comes from the Centre. One of the things the Finance Commission is seriously con-

sidering is how within the fiscal framework, how can the health issue be addressed by three things. One, reprioritise the expenditure, two, seek the state and the Centre to increase public outlay, and direct sectoral interventions in the sector. Finally, shall we at times of such stress not look at a somewhat different framework in determining the ballparks for bor-

India among worst performing economies;

stimulus inadequate, says Abhijit Banerjee

needed a very serious attention even before the current issues with our neighbours. All I can say is that at this stage we are seriously engaged in addressing this issue, in recognising that defence of India is indivisible responsibility of the responsible Indian citizen.

#### Many states have sought 50 per cent tax devolution, are you sympathetic to that view?

There is an old saying that you think where you sit. We as a Finance Commission do not want to leave behind a legacy which in any way contradicts the image and the symbol on the cover of the Finance Commission – (which depicts) the states and the Centre on the two ends of the scale i.e., 50:50. Full report on

### www.indianexpress.com

### BRIEFLY — Stateborrowing: **RBI** givestime

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Tuesday extended by six months the additional flexibility provided to states to raise funds via market borrowing and overdraft.

### **Google Play** billing issues

New Delhi: Many Indian startups are concerned over Google's Play billing system, saying it can't force app developers to sell services by using only its billing system.

### Amazon India unit gets funds

New Delhi: Amazon has infused Rs 1,125 crore into one of its India units, Amazon Seller Services. PTI

### Pradhan invites cos to build 6.5 MT crude storage capacity across country cilities with total capacity of 6.5 MT

#### **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DEI HI SEPTEMBER 29

UNION MINISTER of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday invited companies to develop 6.5 million tonnes (MT) of crude storage capacities across the country, as the Centre

eyes to increase crude and petroleum products storage capacity from existing 74 days to 90 days. India's existing strategic petroleum reserve facilities are located

in Visakhapatnam (1.3 MT), Mangaluru (1.5 MT) and Padur (2.5 MT). As per the consumption pattern of FY20, the storages can provide for about 9.5 days of crude oil requirement. State-run oil marketing companies (OMCs) can stock

for another 64.5 days. The government has already given 'in-principle' approval for building two additional storage fa-

under the public-private partnership model at Chandikhol, Odisha (4 MT) and Padur, Karnataka (2.5 MT). According to sources, the government is looking for prospective partners like financial investors, foreign oil companies, and large construction firms to build the

proposed oil reserves. There is also a possibility to enter into a concessionaire agreement with these partners for the construction, filling and operation of these facilities. "We are also exploring overseas crude storage facilities in the US and other commercially viable locations". Pradhan said, speaking at a conference on energy security organised by

Global Counter Terrorism Council. To reduce imports, the Centre is planning to develop alternative fuels such as ethanol, second gen-

eration ethanol, compressed bio gas (CBG) and biodiesel. FE

**Details of people** engaged in gainful employment and related activities: Across country 57.3% 18.4% males females In rural areas 56.1% 19.2% males females

16.7% males females

country will see a revival in

nomic growth was slowing down even before the Covid-19 pandemic hit as real GDP growth had moderated from 7 per cent in 2017-18 to 6.1 per cent in 2018-19 and 4.2 per cent in 2019-20.

"Indian economy is among the worst performing in the world. cast to 10.5 per cent contraction. The country's economy will see revival in the current quarter (Julyat Massachusetts Institute of September)," he said, adding that

New Delhi

not think that India's economic stimulus was adequate.

"India's economic stimulus was limited. It was a bank bailout. I think we could have done more.' he said.

The stimulus measures "did not increase consumption spending of lower income people as the government was not willing to put money in the hands of the low income population", he explained

In May, the government had announced a Rs 20.97 lakh crore economic package, which also includes liquidity support from the

Talking about inflation, Banerjee said India's growth strategy was a closed economy with the government creating lots of demand, which resulted in high growth and inflation.

Replying to a query on monetisation of deficit by the RBI, the eminent economist said "deficit financing is a good idea"



Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee. File

economic growth in 2021 is going

Baneriee, currently a professor

to be better than this year. The country's economy con-RBL tracted by a record 23.9 per cent in the first quarter of the current fiscal. Goldman Sachs has sharply cut its 2020-21 GDP forecast to a contraction of 14.8 per cent. Fitch Ratings has also revised its fore-

Technology (MIT), said he does



unpaid activities, etc

Source: NSO/PTI

Why this is important: The primary objective of the NSO's

In cities 59.8%

growth in the July-September quarter of the current fiscal Speaking at a virtual event, Banerjee said the country's eco-

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		WESTERN RAILWAY								
	VARIOUS WORKS									
Sr. No.	Tender Notice No. & Date	WORK AND LOCATION	Approx. cost of work in₹	EMD in ₹						
1	EL/ Maint/4/ 313/WA/10 dt.29.09.2020	Mumbai Division (Churchgate): Manning, Operation and Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of AC Plants at GLO Building and Churchgate for a period of two years.	23,84,528/-	47,700/-						
2	EL/Maint/4/ 312/WA/11 dt.29.09.2020	19,80,910/-	39,600/-							
3	EL 81/14/ 439/WA/15 dt.29.09.2020	Mumbai Suburban Section: Electrical works in connection with i) Bandra Terminus - Minimum infrastructure development, and Linen management facilities, ii) Bandra - Relocation of M/E booking office with provision of new G+1 bldg., iii) STC-VR Sec New tool rooms at 5 locations.	50,90,906/-	101,800/						
Sr. N	Sr. No. : 1 & 2. : Date & Time of Submission : Till 02.11.2020 15.00 hrs Date & Time of Opening : On 02.11.2020 till									

15.30 hrs. Sr. No. : 3. : Date & Time of Submission : Till 04.11.2020 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening : On 04.11.2020 till 15.30. Regarding detailed tender conditions please visit www.ireps.gov.in

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### झारखंड सरकार

कार्यालय–वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन–वृक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखंड, राँची वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग, झारखंड, राँची

### <u> सीसल रेशा बिक्री हेतु निविदा सूचना</u>

वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन—वृक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखंड, राँची द्वारा 50 मे0 टन सीसल रेशा बिक्री हेतु क्रेताओं से निविदा दिनांक–03.11.2020 को अपराह 03:00 बजे तक मुहरबन्द लिफाफे में आमंत्रित की जाती है।

इच्छुक क्रेता निविदा फार्म (Tender Form) बिक्री के नियम एवं शर्तो के साथ वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन–वक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखण्ड, राँची के कार्यालय, वन भवन, ब्लॉक–ई, डोरण्डा, राँची से कार्यालय अवधि में रु0 500 / – (पाँच सौ रूपये नगद) नगद देकर अथवा झारखण्ड सरकार की वेबसाइट (http://forest.jharkhand.gov.in/) में दिए गए निविदा फार्म (Tender Form) को डाउनलोड कर निविदा फार्म की रुँ० 500 / — (पाँच सौ रूपये नगद) फीस, जो 'वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन—वृक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखण्ड, राँची'' के पक्ष में भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, डोरण्डा शाखा, राँची पर भूगतेय बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में होगी, कार्यालय में उपलब्ध टेंडर बॉक्स में या स्पीड पोस्ट / पंजीकृत डाक द्वारा निर्धेरित तिथि एवं समय के पूर्व निविदा फॉर्म जमा करेंगे। सीसल रेशा का उठाव लातेहार गोदाम से किया जायेगा। कार्यकम सची

टेंडर फॉर्म की उपलब्धता	समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित होने के अगले दिन से दिनांक–03.11.2020 को
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	ब्लॉक–ई, पो0–डोरण्डा, रॉंची–834002.
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	वन भवन, ब्लॉक—ई, पो0—डोरण्डा, रॉंची—834002

निविदा के साथ अग्रधन (Earnest money) की राशि 55,000 / - (पचपन हजार रूपये) का "वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन—वृक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखण्ड, राँची'' के पक्ष में भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, डोरण्डा शाखा, राँची पर भुगतेय बैंक डाफ्ट संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा। निर्धारित समय के बाद प्राप्त निविदा अमान्य समझा जायेगा। कोई भी क्रेता इस निविदा की नियम एवं शर्ते की आगे जानकारी हेतू किसी भी कार्य दिवस में कार्य अवधि (10 बजे से 5 बजे तक) में कार्यालय आकर या Tel:-0651-2480735, 9470514318 पर भी प्राप्त कर सकते है। निविदा की नियम एवं शर्तें की एक प्रति सूचना पट पर भी लगी रहेगी, साथ ही विभागीय वेबसाइट (http://forest.jharkhand.gov.in/) पर भी उपलब्ध होगी। निविदा क्रेता अथवा उनके द्वारा प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष खोली जायेगी।

निविदा प्रस्तुत करने मात्र से उत्पाद की खरीद पर दावे के लिए कोई भी अधिकार नहीं मिलेगा। वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन—वृक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखण्ड, राँची अपने विवेकाधिकार से निविदा को स्वीकार ∕ अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार रखते है या किसी भी स्तर पर स्वीकृति की प्रक्रिया को रोक सकते है या निविदा रद्द कर सकते हैं और / या बिना कोई कारण बताए नए सिरे से निविंदा संशोधन के साथ या इसके बिना आमंत्रित कर सकते हैं: और ऐसे निर्णय के परिणाम स्वरूप वन संरक्षक एवं राज्य वन–वृक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखण्ड, राँची कोई भी दायित्व वहन नहीं करेगें । इस निविदा की नियम एवं शर्ते निविदा फार्म में अंकित है । ह०/-

मुख्य वन संरक्षक एव राज्य वन–वृक्ष विज्ञानी, झारखण्ड, राँची



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#### GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER::SOUTH GARO HILLS::BAGHMARA. No.SGH/DC/GENL/26/2020/40 Dated Baghmara, the 24th September, 2020 **COAL AUCTION NOTICE**

This is for general information of all concerned that the following quantity of unclaimed coal seized in the locations indicated below will be sold in public auction after completion of 15 days of the issue of this Notice under Section 21 (4A) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957.

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Om Sagar Building, Plot No. D222/2, MIDC, <b>REQUEST FOR PR</b> State Bank of India has issued a Re for "Integrated Wealth Manageme Customisation, Migration, & Mainte details, please see ' <b>Procurement I</b> <u>https://bank.sbl</u> <b>Place:</b> Navi Mumbai <b>Date:</b> 30.09.2020 <b>BHAKRA BEAS MANAGE</b> (Irrigation Wi	OPOSAL quest for Proposal (RFP) ent Solution Installation, nance" for the Bank. For News' at Bank's website Sd/- Deputy General Manager (IT-SP-III) EMIENT BOARD	पत्रांक :: 79/03(14)/रुठिज्ञास्0/रिजी/र दिनांक :: 29 सितम्बर, 20 विज्ञपित प्रवर्दहारा सुचित किया जाता है कि उत्तराखण्ड प्रकाशित विद्रापन संख्या 01/03/डी0आर0/सं 04 अनरत 2017 के अत्तर्गत विद्यापित असिस्टेंट 3 कित पद्मे पर क्यन हेतु पूरक स्व्वीनिंग परीक्षा संख्यान के सामेक्ष अनर्ह घोषित अभ्यर्थियों की सूत्री. अथ्य सूची एवं अहं घोषित अभ्यर्थियों हारा साम्रात्कार उपलब्ध कराये जाने हेतु कार्वलिय झाम आयोग की वेवर पर उपलब्ध है।	20 लोक सेवा वा-2/2017 पिफेसर- रि विचांवः 28 नि निरस्त व से पूर्व बाहि गइट www.u	आयोग होत –18 दिमांक काशास्त्र वं फरवरी 2020 प्रत्यर्थियों की प्रेस अभिलेख
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with new jaffery in front side of D-II/(29-32) & (45-48)	at BBMB, Kaka Nagar, New Delhi.	कार्य का विवरण Construction of 5 Nos. Type-I Residential Building at Bundi.	आरक्षित लागत (रु.) 325.00 Lac	निविदा सूचना संख्या ई-199/20-21
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Last Date & Time of Online Bid Submission Date & Time of Online Bid Opening	14.10.2020 03.30 PM	http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने	डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के	
		http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।	डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के	माध्यम सं वेबसाइंट महाप्रबंधक



RO No. 586 **Tender Notice** Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi invites sealed tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tender i given below

1) Tender No: 05/EE(Civil)/MB-II/ Chinyalisaur /2020-21 Name of work: Annual Operation and Maintenance of 15 KLD STP Plant at Dharasu Power House, Dharasu, Uttarkashi (2) Tender No: 06/EE(Civil)/MB-II/ Chinyalisaur / 2020-21

Name of work: Annual Maintenance of Water Supply System for residential and non residential buildings of Shaktipruam colony, Chinyalisaur, Uttarkashi Estimated Cost: (1) Rs. 5,75,315.00 (excluding GST)

(2) Rs.12,85,643.00 (excluding GST) Date of availability of bid document on website 01.10.2020 from 5:00PM

Last date for submission of tender. 23.10.2020 upto 11:00AM For fuller & further detail, kindly visit our website. The tender docume can be download from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com" Executive Engineer (Civil)





General public is hereby informed that this person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 40/45 Years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'5", Built; Thin, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Wearing: Black T-shirt only and bare footed, was found dead, Under Pass, Near Ghat No. 2,

Yamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 26.09.2020. In this regard a DD 51A dated 26.09.2020 has been registered at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

#### SHO Completion period of the work: 06 Months from the date of LOA, Due

P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi DP/601/N/2020(UIDB) Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123

							tender and opening of tender:
No. Tender Online RCK- O-406 1. Name of the work 2. Class of Contractor 3. Time for Completion 4. Detail Projects	: Construc : B & A Cl : As Spec	GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA- JAJPUR Letter No.1354 <u>"e" Procurement NOTICE</u> : Construction of Building Works in the District of Jajpur. : B & A Class as specified in the column 6 of the Annexure. : As Specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure. : As per annexure attached				e mail- serw_kpd@yahoo.com Date: 23.09.2020 Date: 23.00200 Date: 23.0020 Date: 23.00200 Dat	
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Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara- Jajpur	Tender Online RCK-06/20	05.10.2020 at 11.00 AM	20.10.2020 to 5.00 PM	19.10.2020 up to 2.00 PM	21.10.2020 at 11.00 AM	29.10.2020 at 11.00 AM	document cost, EMD etc. can be made online through multiple Net
Further details can be seen from the web	site: www.tendersoriss	a.gov.in	*			intending Engineer, Kendrapara- Jaipur	banking, debit & credit cards.

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ग यात्रा के दौरान शिकायत हेतु I38 पर एवं सुरक्षा हेनु 182 घर संघर्क करें।

### **HEADQUARTERS ANDAMAN & NICOBAR COMMAND, PORT BLAIR REGISTRATION NOTICE**

ANC/52824/FIRMS/REGN/2020

1. Commander-in-Chief, Headquarters Andaman & Nicobar Command invites application from reputed and reliable firms for registration as approved contractors for supplies/services at Headguarters Andaman & Nicobar Command, Port Blair and all Defence Units/ Establishments/ Formations in Andaman & Nicobar Islands from prospective suppliers/ firms/ fabricators, manufacturers, authorized dealers and Agents willing to supply goods/ provide services/ undertake works for Andaman & Nicobar Command on competitive basis. The category of item/ services likely to be contracted/ purchased/ hired/ repaired are as follows:-

- (a) Perishables Foods Items:- Supply of Bread, Vegetables, Fruits, Onion, Potato, Mutton (Fresh/ Blast Frozen), Chicken (Live/ Dressed/ Blast Frozen), Fish, Eggs, Frozen Foods, etc.
- (b) Non Perishables Foods Items:- Supply of Cereals/Sugar/ Salt/ Refined Oil,/Atta (Wheat Flour),/ Maida (Flour Superior)/ Bakery items, Pulses/ Besan, Chocolate, Tinned and Packed food items, Charcoal/ Wood, Condiments etc.
- (c) General/ Outsourcing/ maintenance Contracts: Material Handling & Transportation, Fabrication of Clothing items/ Stitching of Uniforms, Hiring of Boats/ Transport/ Packers & Movers/ Technical Works, Out Sourcing of Various Services (Office Works/ Housekeeping/ Vegetation clearance/ Garbage clearance etc.), Annual Maintenance of Photocopier Machines/ IT Equipments/Water Purifiers etc. (d) Local Purchase:- General use Stores, Medical Stores/Medical Equipments/ Medicines, Stationery items, Rubber Stamps, Machinery/Spares Parts (authorized dealers/traders), Automobile Spare Parts, Tyres & Tubes, Paints & Hardware stores, Electrical Spare Parts/Electronic items/Computer and Spares, Engineering Spare Parts, Batteries, Plastic Goods, Furniture's, Marine Equipments etc.

### **SPECIAL TRAIN BETWEEN** UDAIPUR CITY AND HARIDWAR

For the convenience of passengers, Railways have decided to run a Special Train between Udaipur City and Haridwar w.e.f. from 01.10.2020 as per schedule given below :-

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13:56	13:58	Fatehnagar	15:36	15:3
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17:22	17:23	Mandal	11:49	11:5
18:11	18:13	Bijainagar	11:03	11:(
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19:25	19:45	Ajmer Jn.	9:45	9:5
	20:02	Madar Jn.		9:2
20:13	20:15	Kishangarh	8:39	8:4
20:58	21:00	Phulera Jn.	8:00	8:0
21:50	22:00	Jaipur Jn.	7:00	7:1
22:10	22:13	Gandhinagar Jaipur	6:12	6:1
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23:15	23:17	Bandikui Jn.	5:03	5:0
23:33	23:35	Rajgarh	4:40	4:4
0:10	0:13	Alwar Jn.	4:12	4:1
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2:34	2:36	Delhi Cantt	2:08	2:1
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5:10	5:12	Baraut	23:45	23:4
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### WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD North Western Railway, Bikaner for & on behalf of the President of India invite E-tenders for the following work 1. Complete details of tenders can be seen on Website No. http://www.ireps.gov.in 2. Date & time of closing of e-tenders 26.10.2020 at 15.00 hours. 3. Date 8 time of opening of E-tenders : After 15.00 Hrs. on 26.10.2020. Tender Notice No. : 06-TRD-BKN-E-Tender-2020-21; Name of work : TRD work of bonding and earthing in C/W P-way work of TRR. CTR & TBR in Bhatinda-Suratgarh, Rewari-Bhatinda and Rohtak-Bhiwani Section of Bikaner

division. Approx Cost of the work 8289105.00; EMD/SD (Rupees) 165800.00. 776-AM/20 Please join us on 🗊 🕑 / NWRailways

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY 34 Signal & Telecom Branch

West Central Railway, Bhopal acting for and on behall of President of

India invites "e-Tenders" for the

following work. Manual offers are

not allowed against this tender and

any such manual offer received

shall be ignored. Tender document

have been up leaded on websile

http://www.ireps.gov.in.Tender

Notice No. and Date: BPL/N/WKS

2020-21/Tele/04 Dated 28.09.2020

Name of work with its location

Provision of Telecom Passenge

amenities work at Nishatpura

Station in connection with the work

"Facilities required at NSZ in

connection with construction of

Ramganj Mandi-Bhopal new line

(chargeable to RMA-BPL new line

Project), Approx, cost of the work:

₹ 9.98,313.72, Earnest Money to

be deposited: ₹ 20,000%, Cost of

Tender form (non refundable): Nil

date & time for submission of

E-Tender Notice Divisional Railway Manager (S&T)

No.	Location	(MT)	Auction.	Auction	Time
1	Rongding Awe Dangsa Awe Rongsa Awe Garegittim		Office of the Deputy	13th October 2020	12:00 PM
	Agrengittim		Commissioner,		
2	Rongding Awe Pathargittim	12,794.500	South Garo		
3	Jadigittim	14,304.000	Hills, Baghmara		

Interested parties/individuals may submit their applications in plain paper by affixing court fee stamp of Rs. 1000/-. The base price fixed by the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya is Rs. 2160/- per Metric Tonne. The applications may be enclosed in sealed envelopes clearly indicating the LOT Number applied for, on the cover of the envelope and dropped in the sealed Auction Box kept in the office room of the Head Assistant, Deputy Commissioner's Office. N.B. It is to be noted that one person is not permitted to apply more than once in a LOT.

The last date of receipt of application is 9th October 2020 up to 12:00 PM and will be opened three days later on 13th October 2020 in the office chamber of the Deputy Commissioner, South Garo Hills, Baghmara in the presence of the bidders.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-**

- 1. Application/tender must be submitted along with 2(two) passport size photos, attested copy of EPIC or any other documents to support his/her identity.
- The intending bidder shall have to deposit earnest money of 10% of reserve price by Bank Draft in favour of the Deputy Commissioner, South Garo Hills, Baghmara.
- The interest persons/parties may inspect the seized coal from the site anytime during office hours before bidding and the undersigned will not be responsible for over assessment/under assessment of seized coal at the site.
- The non-tribal applicants will have to enclose a License for Trading by Non Tribals issued by the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council for the last 3 (three) vears.
- 5. The applicant will also have to enclose a "No Objection Certificate" issued by the A'king Nokma of the area of the LOT for which he/she is bidding along with the application,
- On the date of auction, intending bidder shall submit proof of payment of Earnest 6. Money, Identity Proof and GSTIN.
- 7. Award will be given to highest bidder and in case the bidder is absent or the successful bidder is unable to deposit the amount in time, the award will be given to the next highest bidder.
- 8. In case all the top bidders fail to deposit the bid amount within the given time or surrenders, the Auction Notice will be cancelled and fresh Auction will be called and security deposit shall be forfeited to the Government.
- 9. The undersigned will not be responsible for any loss or damage of coal caused due to stealing or natural calamities.
- 10. In case of any dispute the decision of the undersigned will be final.
- 11. The successful bidder should deposit 50% of bid amount after adjusting the earnest money deposit within 24 hours and the balance amount should be paid before the lifting of the auctioned coal.
- 12. The transportation of the auction coal will be allowed only after producing the valid transport challan issued by the Competent Authority after production of lifting order and verification of payments of Royalty, Cess and GST.

**Deputy Commissioner** South Garo Hills, Baghmara MIPR No.0942 Dated 29.09.2020

- (e) Repair and Services: Motor Transport Vehicles and Two Wheelers, Tyres (Retreading), Typewriter/Duplicator photocopier, Computers, Air Conditioners etc.
- (f) Printing works, Interior designer/ decorator, Furnishing

### The application should include the following information:-

- (a) Sale Tax/ Central Service Tax/ Central Sale Tax registration certificate in respect of their business item wise (a copy may be enclosed).
- (b) In case of SSI the registration number to be produced.
- (c) Details of items/ services/work intended to be supplied/ provided/ undertaken with dealership/ agency testimonial if any. Preference will be given to firms dealing in particular category of items.
- (d) Details of ability for after sales services.
- (e) Name and full address on bankers proof of bank details.
- (f) Latest Income Tax Clearance Certificate, copy of PAN Card and last three years IT returns.
- (g) Details showing supplies/ service made to any Govt/ Public sector Organisation. If for any reason such contract terminated, give details.
- (h) Details of business including financial details of the firm (Balance Sheet).
- (j) For hiring of services, the firm should be in possession of EPF, Labour Registration Certificate and services Tax Registration certificate (ST-1/ST-2).

3. Firms are mandated to register themselves with CPPP (Central Public Procurement Portal i.e. www.eprocure.gov.in) and obtain individual DSC (Digital Signature Certificate) for participation in all future tendering process by HQANC on e-procurement platform.

1. The Representatives of this Command will physically visit and verify the firm premises for:-(i) Ownership/Lease deed documents duly attested by notary public.

- (ii) Management.
- (iii) Infrastructure.
- (iv) Manpower.
- (v) Test Lab.
- (vi) Book Keeping, CST etc.
- (vii) Range of products.
- (viii) Address of Office/Shop /Ability.

5. The form for registration can be downloaded from website http://andaman.gov.in under news & announcement. Filled application under a letter head with relevant documents (photocopies only) should reach to this Headquarters to SSO (Contract). Incomplete application will be rejected without assigning any reasons. The envelope be marked as "Registration of Firms" and the same be forwarded through post at the under mentioned address:-

- The Commander-in-Chief
- Headquarters Andaman & Nicobar Command [for SSO (Contract & Victualling)] Delanipur. Haddo P.O.
- Port Blair 744102

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6. Details can be obtained from Senior Staff Officer (Contract) HQANC between 1030 to 1230 hrs on any working day. Telephone No. - 03192-248608.

Sd/ (Raahul Mahaian) Capt (IN) **Command Logistics Officer** for Commander-in-Chief Note : For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in







Sd/-



New Delhi

## CALENDAR

### **CROSSWORD 4237**



#### ACROSS

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22 Untie tricky knot

purpose(9)

JUMBLED WORDS

- Most important architectural monument to see?
- (9)8 Sailor a short distance nearer
- the stern (5)9 Futuristic ball(7)
- 10 Bad cold that is yielding
- 11 Braved could be, but isn't (6)
- 12 Excited editors going after a space traveller
- escort(9) 15 Incorrect kit means trouble 11 Girl upset with a troubled soul -

(6)

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DOWN

- how irregular (9) 13 New sonnet about New York
- 18 Go and hunt for nothing poet(8) 20 Spot a cello that's been put out 14 Possibly spy on fashionable
  - medium(7)16 Napping, the general is
- 21 Painstaking preparation swallowed by a snake (6)17 Agrave commitment 23 Such a pencil serves no useful
  - 19 Capital growth (5)

Solutions Crossword 4236: Across: 1 Wrinkle, 4 Brace, 7 Gape, 8 Minuting, 10 Second mate, 12 Siesta, 13 Botany, 15 Pained look, 18 Porridge, 19 Race, 20 Doyen 21 Relayed. Down: 1 Wages, 2 In pocket, 3 Enigma, 4 Blunt words, 5 Adit, 6 Eagerly, 9 Initiation, 11 Mahogany, 12 Stamped, 14 Onager, 16 Knead, 17 Fray

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

### CRISI CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson THIS MEETING OF TOP SECRET CLUB G.R.O.S.S. (GET RID OF PRESIDENT AND ALL PRESENT EXCELLENT ! NOW CLUB SECRETARY FIRST TIGER AND ACCOUNTED SLIMY GIRLS ) WILL COME TO HOBBES WILL FOR . SIR! GENERAL HOBBES ORDER, SUPREME RULER AND NOW PROVIDE WILL REVIEW DICTATOR FOR - LIFE CALVIN US WITH AN THE MINUTES PRESIDING ! ATTENDANCE Bill gets free of bitterness (5) 3 Accommodating place provides a change for those WEAR WEAR ! REPORT 0 over fifty (6) 4 Flinch because of a handicap 5 Lehar composition about love set in Pakistan State building of topical style 7 Turn up with a six-footer **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong MY PLAN NO, I WON'T BE YOU WANT CAN WORK US TO IF WE FOR YOU TO BE BE COOPERATE MY FRIEND FRIENDS? 1-15

**OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis

SIZED

DUCK!!

THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR BUT...

GONNA GET THROUGH

THIS



### **DAY TODAY**

#### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) I suspect that you'll have little patience with people who want to sit around and indulge themselves. It's far more likely that you'll want to be off to a flying start, especially now that adventurous personal possibilities are set to return. Let's face it; there are options and choices you've not even considered yet.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Today's events are likely to have an air Other people might no longer of mystery about them. A spot of confusion is likely, but time agree with you, but it seems that you control the purse spent alone or in relative strings. You can therefore present partners with a financial fait accompli, and seclusion can prove to be genuinely enjoyable. Let nobody call you stuffy, for you they will have to smile and are about to surprise us all accept your decisions. and how.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) It may take time to get going – you seem to have slipped a gear or two. However, I think the best thing you can do is turn your attention back to interests and questions which you once found so fascinating, but which have since been put on the shelf.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Variety is the spice of life. At least it ought to be, for you are again about to be presented with an opportunity to come out of your shell and become the darling of your social circle. Please don't hold back and, once vou have made up your mind, there is no point in counting the cost

### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) It is often said that

this is a time of year for children to which I see some adults holding their heads in their hands. Yet there are many lessons you can learn from small people when it comes to spontaneous pleasure. That's why you should pay attention for once!

The stars have shifted decisively into those regions of your solar chart with significance for your home and family. Ironically the result may be a bout of indecision over the coming week, possibly because your options will expand and the

### probably throw them some crumbs of comfort. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) You are so easily swept along by events, and if you feel that all going on around you is larger than life, you're probably right. A social opportunity is about to present you with more than you bargained for: a friend is soon

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### the answer for the given quip. We don't see things as \_\_\_\_are, we see things as \_\_are - Anais Nin (4,..,2) ALVEE EMORTH EEILSW HLOTY

Answer: We don't see things as **they** are, we see things as **we** are - Anais Nin SOLUTION: LEAVE, HOTLY, MOTHER, JEWELS

#### RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION WESTERN Tender Advertisement SMM(DL) SBI on behalf of the enders for supply of materials

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description of material	Qty.	Date & time of E-tender box closing	
1	72-20-5254	Bolt hex head 3/8"	5000 Nos.	16/10/2020, 11.00 hrs	
Regarding detailed tender notice containing purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> Manual offers will not be considered.					
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**O**SBI Platform Engineering-I Department, State Bank Global IT Centre, Sector-11 CBD Belanur Navi Mumbai - 400 614 **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL** 



LOOK! WE DISTRACTED THEM!

FOR A SECOND THEY FORGOT EVER Y THING!

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I SEE A

SMILLE!

THANK YOU. AT

THIS TIME WE'LL

HAVE & FIELD

REPORT FROM

TOP SCOUT CALVIN!

QUACK.

YOU'RE WELCOME ...

OUR PLEASURE

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YOU CAN TELL

THIS IS A

GREAT CLUB

BECAUSE WE

HAVE SO HUNY

OFFICERS.

beha	alf of the president of India, desires to procure the following service:				
SI No.	Tender Reference No.	Nomenclature	Quantity	EMD	
	DRDO/ DMS/ 02/ Proc (HQ)/ 7134/ DQR&S- 3rd Party Sftwr/20-21/M/01 and Defence e-Procurement Portal	Contract for Hiring of Third Party Software IV		Rs. 23 Lakh	

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) You have shown a tendency to fritter your money away in the past, but you'll soon have a chance to think again, and maybe to change your mind. Please remember that there is absolutely no room at all for complacency, mainly because although you think that a personal matter is now settled, there is still more information to come

**BY PETER VIDAL** 

cheered up. One

Be secretive, firm

and realistic. In

other words, you may be yourself.

piece of good news is that an excursion

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) You're ready to be

The accent is on personal and

seems that you may sit on the fence for a little while longer.

joint money matters, but it

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

or meeting which was cancelled or postponed should soon be back on the agenda.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) If you feel you have to hide away to get enjoyment now, it may be because you are uncertain how others will react once they know how you really feel. This is fine, and I don't think anyone should

### criticise you for hanging on to a long-standing secret. AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Compromise is not a big feature of your

chart over the next few months, and I think you're unlikely to bend now. Only on minor and possibly irrelevant details will you be happy to let partners

get their way. On the other hand, if you want to keep loved ones sweet you should

to show hidden talents.

State Bank of India invites 'Request For Proposal' (RFP) for procurement, implementation and maintenance of Enterprise Bulk Email Solution. The detailed RFP document is available on the Bank's website https://bank.sbi under 'Procurement News'.

Place: Navi Mumba Date: 30.09.2020

Sd/-Deputy General Manager (Platform Engineering-I)

### **O**SBI

CRM Department, State Bank Global IT Centre, Sector 10, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP No.SBI/GITC/CRM/2020/2021/715, Dated 15/09/2020)

State Bank of India invites proposal from eligible bidders for "Procurement of Services for Round the Clock Monitoring and troubleshooting of Contact Centre Applications". For details refer RFP document which may be downloaded from Bank's Website www.sbi.co.in or https://bank.sbi under Procurement News. Bidders are required to upload their documents on https://etender.sbi/SBI/ Interested respondents may submit their bids on or before 22.10.2020 till 11:30 AM. Amendment/modification in RFP. if any, will be uploaded only on website. Place: Navi Mumbai Date: 30.09.2020 Sd/-Dy. General Manager (CRM)

### **Government of India Department of Atomic Energy Bhabha Atomic Research Centre Civil Engineering Section**

Post Bag No. 1. Yelwal, Mysore 571 130 Telephone : 0821-6724/6418/Fax : 0821-240 3064

Date: 25/09/2020

### **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

The Chief Engineer, BHABHA Atomic Research Centre, Mysore invites for & on behalf of the President of India, Sealed item rate tenders in two parts from eligible contractors for those having adequate experience and capabilities to execute similar works of such magnitude as detailed in this tender.

BARC/MYS/BLDG31/CES/12/2020-21	
Site area grading for upcoming Building No. 31 at BARC plant site, Mysuru.	
Rs 4.25 Crore (Rupees Four Crore Twenty Five Lakhs only)	
Rs. 8.50 Lakhs (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand only)	
06 Months	
From 01.10.2020 (1100 hrs) To	
16.10.2020 (1800 hrs)	

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site www.tenderwizard.com/dae and www.barc.gov.in

**Chief Engineer** For & on behalf of President of India

Sd/

Online item rate bids are invited by HSCC (India) Limited on behalf of AIIMS Nagpur for the works: "Wooden Wardrobe and Modular Kitchen furniture for Residential Block at AIIMS, Nagpur (Maharashtra)" Estimated project cost Rs. 3.08 Cr and Completion period: 02 Months, Tender available online from 01.10.2020 and Last Date of submission of Bids is 14.10.2020. The detailed NIT will be available on e-tender portal www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC HSCC website www.hsccltd.co.in and CPP portal. Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published Sr. Mgr.(Civil)

UNIT, VSP VIZAG remain eternally indebted to him for his noblest

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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#### KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD. R (A Government of India Undertaking)

### **NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single Packet System through E-Tendering on IREPS Portal from eligible contractors for the following work. Tender Notice No. : KR/W/1/58/2020/11. Name of Work : Ultrasonic Testing of Rails Over Konkan Railway between Km 000/800 to Km 739/760 using Contractors Rail cum Road Ultrasonic Testing Vehicle as per Indian Railway Standard Specification for Ultrasonic Testing of Rails/Welds using Vehicular System- Revised 2020 (RDSO T-52), Operator and Quality Assurance Plan (QAP), as per Indian Railway Standard Specification for Ultrasonic Testing of Rail/Welds (Provisional) Revised 2012 (with latest amendment) and Manual for Ultrasonic Testing of Rail and Welds, Revised 2012 (with latest correction slip) issued by RDSO. Advertised Cost of the Work : ₹ 37.50 Lakhs (exclusive of 18% GST). Closing Date/Time 21/10/2020 up to 15:00 Hrs. for submission of online offers/bids. Completion Period Six (06) months including monsoon from the date of issue of acceptance letter Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit www.ireps.gov.in website for details/participation. Corrigendum/addendum will be hosted in this website only.

### 49 PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER/METERING** C-3, SHAKTI VIHAR, PSPCL, PATIALA, PUNJAB 147001 Tel. No. 0175-2218871. Fax No. 0175-2200284. e-mail: se-hq-metering@pspcl.in CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in Registration Number: 33813, e-tendering portal: https://eproc.punjab.gov.in NOTICE INVITING TENDER Tender Specification No. MOP-163/2020-21/PO/M

Tender Specification No.	MQP-163/2020-21/PO(M)			
Short Description	Procurement of 'ISI' Marked LT AC, 1- Phase 2-wire, Whole Current Static Intelligent Keypad Pre- Payment AMR compliant Energy Meters with 'Optical Port' of rating 10-60 Amps. 50Hz, 240 V of Accuracy Class-1 along with Consumer interface Unit and web based vending system.			
Quantity	10,000 meters.			
Tender Documents	Tender documents can only be downloaded from website <u>https://eproc.punjab.gov.in</u>			
Bid sumission start date 22.09.2020 at 11.00 Hrs.				
Perebid meeting	29.09.2020 at 11.00 Hrs. in the chamber of Chief Engineer/Metering			
Last date of downloading of documents	21.10.2020 upto 11.00 Hrs.			
Last date of Bid submission	22.10.2020 upto 11.00 Hrs			
Bid opening (Part-I & II)	29.10.2020 at 11.30 Hrs.			
Contact Person Name	Er. Charanjit Singh Hazuria SE/HMC, PSPCL, Patiala.			
Tender specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL e-tendering website <u>https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.</u> Tender ID is: 2020_POWER_53803_1				
<b>Note:</b> Corrigendum, if any, after the publication of this tender enquiry shall only be uploaded on website: <u>https://eproc.punjab.gov.in</u> and will not be published in newspapers.				
Sd/-           C-310/2020         SE/HMC           83372/Pb         PSPCL, Patiala				

	lender ID No. 2020_DRDO_371945_3	& V Services.			1.15
Clari	fication end date and time		30 Sep 20	20 at 1700 Hrs	
Bid submission end date and time 07 Oct 2020 at 1400 Hrs					
Bid o	opening date and time		08 Oct 20	20 at 1500 Hrs	
Tele	Telephone No. of Contact Person for queries		Sh. Rajeev Ranjan, Dy. Dir. & Sh. SK Patra, SO 011-23007039/7932		522

2. Online bid are invited for supply of items/ services listed in Part V of this RFP as per Two Bid System. The online bid (both Techno- commercial and price bid) should be uploaded by the bidder before the due date and time

The documents may be downloaded from Defence e-Procurement Portal site https://defproc.gov.in

4. This RFP is being issued with no financial commitment and Buyer Reserves the right to change o vary any part thereof or foreclose procurement case at any stage. The Buyer also reserves the right to disqualify any vendor, should it be necessary, at any stage on grounds of national Security.

5. You may contact Director, Management Services, DRDO Headquarters, Rajaji Marg. New Delhi 110011 related to bidding condition, bidding process, rejection of bids, specifications, terms and conditions or any other grievances related to purchase in writing

> Sd/ (Rajeev Ranjan) Dy. Dir. MS

Govt of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OFFICER (PURCHASE-I) SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES SOURA, SRINAGAR-190011 Tele/FAX NO.: 0194-2403929 Email ID: ammopurchase1@skims.ac.in

E-NIT No.: SIMS 325 (P 1st) Cylinders Tender 05 of 2020 DATED: 28.09.2020

### Sub: Notice inviting e-tenders for Purchase of Medical Gas Cylinders.

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### BRIEFLY



### Real Madrid don't need any more players: Zidane

Madrid: Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane has no interest in bringing in any more players before the transfer window closes next week, he said on Tuesday. Madrid still looked like a work in progress in Saturday's scrappy 3-2 win over Real Betis after drawing their first game of the season 0-0 at Real Sociedad, but the Frenchman does not believe adding to his squad is the answer. "We already have a lot of players, why would we want to add any more," Zidane told a news conference ahead of Wednesday's home game against Real Valladolid. "It is already very difficult to pick a team, because all the players are very good, so why add more. The market is open until Oct. 5 but I'm very happy with what I have. This squad is mine and for me they are the best."

### Suarez brings leadership, Costa character: Simeone

London: Atletico Madrid's Diego Costa and new signing Luis Suarez can form a deadly partnership this season says coach Diego Simeone. Costa scored Atletico's first goal in the 6-1 thrashing of Granada on Sunday before making way for Suarez, who marked his debut since switching from Barcelona with an incredible return of two goals and an assist in the space of 20 minutes.

"Of course they can play together. The important thing is that they play to the best of their abilities, Diego with his character, Suarez with his leadership," Simeone told a news conference ahead of Atletico's game at Huesca on Wednesday. "They are different players. Diego likes to play down the wings and run into space, while Suarez is better at short sprints, making diagonal runs into the area, playing with his back to goal and being a dangerous presence

## Sun rises, eventually

Capital gains for Hyderabad at the expense of till-now unbeaten Delhi

### **Synopsis**

Rashid weaves magic. Warner gives a masterclass in captaincy.

#### SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY SEPTEMBER 29

RASHID KHAN mesmerised with his spin while David Warner's captaincy was superb. A slow Abu Dhabi pitch notwithstanding, Sunrisers Hyderabad were defending just about a par total. They had little margin for error, especially after two losses in their first two games. The Rashid-Warner combo helped Sunrisers secure their first win in this IPL. Their victory margin, 15 runs, though, doesn't tell the whole story.

Sunrisers' efforts were even more laudable for the fact that they bowled second and had to counter the dew. From the experienced Bhuvneshwar Kumar to young Abhishek Sharma, everybody stood up to be counted. But Rashid was the x-factor, while his captain was the mastermind.

### Rashid weaves magic

Rashid came into the attack in the eighth over. Capitals had a slow start all right, but with Shikhar Dhawan and Shreyas Iyer at the crease and big hitters to follow, a steep asking rate was still not a factor. Sunrisers needed wickets. The leg-spinner accounted for Iyer with a tossedup delivery that he held back a little. The Capitals skipper went for a lofted drive over cover but was beaten in the air. Also, the bat turned in his hand. Sunrisers had the wicket they were looking for. Dhawan was relying on the sweep shot to counter the spinners. Rashid removed him with a wrong 'un in his third over, as the batsman was declared out on referral. After three overs, Rashid's figures read: 3-0-10-2.

The leggie returned to bowl his final over at the death. Rishabh Pant and Marcus Stoinis were batting and the equation -49 runs off 24 balls - was still pretty gettable. Pant went for a premeditated sweep, but Rashid had bowled the delivery a tad slower. The left-hander was caught at deep-square by Priyam Garg. Rashid had just one wicket in the first two matches. On Tuesday, he returned with 3/14 in four overs. Still early days in this IPL, but Sunrisers needed to get their campaign underway.

And his brilliance was not restricted to just picking game-turning wickets. Rashid was the reason why Warner could continue with left-



### Rashid Khan finished with figures of 3/14. BCCI

arm spinner Sharma against Capitals' lefthanded batsmen. With wickets falling at one end, Capitals batsmen didn't have the leeway to target the youngster.

### Warner's masterclass

Warner is the heart of this Sunrisers team. He is vet to get a big score in this tournament but his 33-ball 45 ensured that his team had a good start after being sent in. When Sunrisers fielded, Warner's plan choked the opponents. The way he held back Rashid's final over was excellent. He had a clear plan for his bowlers - try to take sixes out of the equation, bowl full and force the batsmen to hit towards the long boundary.

He directed his bowlers to target the block hole. Left-arm seamer TNatarajan was the best among the Sunrisers bowlers with regards to executing yorkers. Kumar gave the early breakthrough by dismissing Prithvi Shaw in the first over and then returned to take the wicket of Shimron Hetmyer. Sunrisers bowlers were bowling to a clear plan, laid out by their skipper. The team's batting, too, was professional. Jonny Bairstow scored a half-century. Kane Williamson played a lovely hand, coming in from the cold and a quadriceps injury. Sunrisers had laboured to 38 for no loss at the end of the

Powerplay. Only two fours and a six had been hit in the first six overs, both by Warner.

The skipper got out after getting a start and the Sunrisers batting wasn't finding the required tempo. Bairstow, too, wasn't timing the ball well. He fell prey to a mistimed pull off Kagiso Rabada. But Sunrisers didn't panic.

Even Abdul Samad, who made his IPL debut, swung fearlessly at the death. He connected one pretty well for a six but missed a few as well. But the young man from Jammu & Kashmir didn't look under pressure. Once again, credit to Warner for allowing a debutant to be fearless. As for Capitals, they are an evolving team. They came into this game after back-toback wins. But on Tuesday, Sunrisers outplayed them in all three departments. Iyer elected to field because of the dew factor in the second half. He probably misread the pitch. The decision to give Axar Patel only two overs didn't augur well either. Iyer's captaincy is still a work in progress. Warner's captaincy masterclass must have given him plenty to learn.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Sunrisers Hyderabad 162/4 in 20 overs (J. Bairstow 53, David Warner 45: K Rabada 2/21) beat Delhi Capitals 147/7 in 20 overs (Shikhar Dhawan 34, Rashid Khan 3/14) by 15 runs.

### Why Washington Sundar's spell is being called the 'best in IPL so far'

### SANDIPG SEPTEMBER 29

AT THE end of the Royal Challengers Bangalore-Mumbai Indians IPL game that was decided in the Super Over, all the talk was about Ishan Kishan's missed hundred and the genius of AB de Villiers. However, one outstanding bowling effort escaped the attention of fans and pundits. In a match that saw 402 runs, 23 fours and 26 sixes, RCB allrounder Washington Sundar's effort of 4-0-12-1 was a masterclass in effective spin bowling inside the Powerplay.

The off-spinner didn't concede any EXPLAINED boundaries, bowled 13 dot balls, and created unbearable pressure. India coach Ravi Shastri tweeted: "The best performance in the IPL so far."

### Background

Historically, spinners have troubled Rohit Sharma in the Powerplay. In the past three editions of the IPL, they have got him out six times. Maybe this was what prompted Virat Kohli to bring on Washington in the second over.

### **1ST OVER (2ND OF INNINGS): ROHIT MISCUES PULL**

Washington knew that Rohit likes flight and width from a spinner. Washington gave him neither. Rohit likes to sashay down the track, but Washington's brisk pace, touching the high 90s, kept the MI captain glued to the crease. And he also knew that nothing frustrates Rohit more than being tied down by a spinner. The first ball spun back into him and Rohit stared suspiciously at the pitch. Then Washington began mixing up the lengths.

The next ball landed on a spinner's good ength area. But because the first ball had spun, Rohit waited for it and played it on the back foot. The third was short of good length, to which he came forward and drove confidently.

Rohit sensed the next ball would be shorter in length. The pull is his percentage stroke. The ball indeed was shorter in length, only that it was not short enough to be pulled, came quicker than expected, and landed on off and middle, denying him the width that allows a free swing of the bat.

Rohit failed to time the ball and was caught at deep mid-wicket. Washington's figures: 1-0-2-1

### 2ND OVER (4TH OF INNINGS): THE **STRANGLE JOB**

To Ishan Kishan, Washington went flat and kept the ball on the stumps. The leg-side was sufficiently manned inside the ring, which meant even singles were hard to get. It was not until the fourth ball, when the midon fielder was pushed back, that Kishan managed a single.

His ploy was different against Quinton de Kock, in that he shed his defensiveness and went on the attack. Knowing the South African's penchant for cutting, he pulled his length back a trifle, tempting him to go deep into the crease and cut late. He was nearly sucked into the

trap -edging twice when trying to force the

Bowling figures: 2-0-3-1

### **3RD OVER (6TH OF INNINGS): SIMPLY** UNHITTABLE

The last over of the Powerplay is when batsmen, especially when chasing a steep target, go berserk. But they ran out of ideas against Washington. When they tried to manufacture a shot. Washington routinely out-thought them. On the second ball of the over, de Kock tried to go inside-out, but Washington darted it so fast into middle stump that the shot had to be aborted at the last moment.

Bowling figures: 3-0-7-1

### 4TH OVER: (10TH OF INNINGS): PANDYA LOCKED UP

Hardik Pandya relishes hitting off-spinners over cow corner. He goes deep into the crease, gets under the ball and heaves it over mid-wicket. But just like he induced doubts in Rohit's mind with one that spun back sharply, Washington made the second ball grip the surface and bounce. Straightaway Pandya turned cautious and was happy rotating strike. It was Washington's most expensive over of the day - five runs! Bowling figures: 4-0-12-1.

## We know what Sanju Samson did this summer

**VISHALMENON** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

tency levels in the IPL. "We met in April and after conducting a basic test on Sanju, I realised that he was hardly getting time to recover between matches in the IPL. Simply put, he was DURING THE lockdown, when there was no carrying the fatigue from one match to the other, which was acting as an impediment," Manohar explained. He devised a series of exercises that helped Saniu build muscle mass, become stronger, improve his agility, all of which would aid in quicker recovery between matches. Sanju worked diligently on these aspects and within four weeks, began to notice drastic improvements.



fruit. Dinner usually included a portion of kiwi India from 2008 to 2010. marinated chicken with scrambled egg white, cucumber and jalapeno corn kernel salad.

e and also include fish on a regular basis since ate. I realised that your cricketing skills alone will

"When I participated in the IPL, it was an eyeopener for me. It gave me an insight into how "Sometimes, I would substitute dalia with some of the world-class players train and oper-

in the area."

### Bayern's Sane to miss Super Cup

Madrid: Bayern Munich winger Leroy Sane will miss Wednesday's domestic Super Cup against Borussia Dortmund with a knee injury while defender David Alaba is doubtful, coach Hansi Flick said on Tuesday. Bayern, who won four titles this year, lost Sunday's league game at Hoffenheim 4-1 to suffer their first defeat of 2020. "Leroy is out. He will most likely be out until and will return after the break for international matches (between Oct. 7-13)," Flick told reporters. Defender Alaba is doubtful with a muscle problem, with a final decision to be taken on matchday.

REUTERS

clarity about when he would get to play his next match, Sanju Samson got the opportunity to reassess his game and the time to fine-tune his skills. In April, he began preparations with his mentor and former Kerala team-mate, Raiphi Gomez, in Thiruvananthapuram.

The two would spend time together, discussing cricket. During one of those chats, Sanju told Gomez that it was lack of consistency that was preventing his development into a prolific run-scorer. "He had hardly scored anything substantial in the last IPL after one century. It's something that has been hurting him for a while now. He was worried that he was not able to take the game to the next level," Gomez told The Indian Express. Sanju called up Amal Manohar, his college mate at Thiruvanthapuram's Mar Ivanios College. Manohar - a former national-level athlete before a knee injury ended his career - is now a certified fitness trainer. He has been working closely with other top sportspersons like badminton player HS Prannoy.

Manohar tested Sanju on four parameters speed, strength, endurance, and agility. The results provided clues to his glaring inconsis-

### Food for thought

There was another aspect that needed a close watch: his diet. It's not that Sanju was careless about what he ate. He wanted someone experienced to closely monitor his meals. Gomez was instrumental in hiring Arun, an executive chef at Zam Zam Bun Cafe. "A friend had recommended his name. So, I sent him a menu and asked him to prepare meals for Sanju, and he immediately came on board," Gomez elaborated. While chalking out the menu, Gomez gave Arun three specific instructions: include carbohydrates in moderation, maximise proteins and eliminate fats.

"It's a challenge to prepare a menu tailormade to the needs of sportspersons. I have

### **FRENCH OPEN**

Sanju Samson's blistering start to IPL is the result of hard work and preparation during the lockdown. BCCI

taken care to ensure Sanju's fitness is not compromised, while at the same time, there's a method to improvise so that he doesn't get bored of eating the same stuff." Arun offered.

Even during the lockdown, Sanju would spend at least five hours in training. Arun would constantly keep in touch with his high-profile client on Whatsapp to apprise him of the menu. Typically, lunch would consist of wheat dalia with mushroom, egg whites, chicken breast, along with watermelon seed salad and mixed

Sanju prefers seafood over lean meat. I would also include at least three types of fruits and snacks like muffins and cookies made from wholewheat flour and not maida," Arun said.

All that the hard work and preparation is paying dividends. There's almost a sense of infallibility in Sanju's batting in this IPL. Following the two power-packed performances - a 32ball 74 against Chennai Super Kings and a 42ball 85 versus Kings XI Punjab – the Kerala wicket-keeper gave a peek into his mindset. "I am more aware of my game now. That apart, I have been working hard on my fitness, diet, training and my strength because my game relies a lot on power-hitting," he said. That Sanju possesses all the attributes of a power-hitter is well documented. But he looks fresher and more at ease with himself than ever before.

### Training with tennis balls

Gomez believes that after the blazing start to Sanju's IPL season, he can only get better. Gomez knows how demanding this tournament is, given his stints with the Raiasthan Royals, Kochi Tuskers Kerala and Pune Warriors

I may not always get it

right, says Hamilton

not guarantee you success. It will happen when vour diet, fitness and mind are in sync. I am happy that Sanju has used this time during the lockdown to his advantage," Gomez opined.

During the five months when competitive cricketing activity was suspended, Sanju trained regularly with tennis balls on Gomez's terrace. Despite the space constraints, the senior pro would replicate different match situations and urge the 25-year-old to demonstrate his powerhitting by keeping a still base. This was done with such devotion that over time, it became part of Saniu's muscle memory.

"Rahul Dravid had said that if you want to master one shot, you need to play at least 10,000 balls. Apart from training and diet, this is what Sanju has been doing during the extended break. Such an elaborate preparation is essential because only then can you score back-to-back 100s in IPL and still remain fresh because your body needs that energy to fuel you," the 35-year-old explained. "He has worked hard in these five months and is off to a good start now... I hope he can make it count." he concluded.

## Dominant Djokovic cruises through opener

### REUTERS

PARIS, SEPTEMBER 29

NOVAK DJOKOVIC got his quest for an 18th Grand Slam title back on track as he commenced his French Open campaign with a drama-free 6-0 6-2 6-3 victory over Mikael Ymer on Tuesday.

Little over three weeks since Djokovic was defaulted in the U.S. Open fourth round for hitting a line judge with a ball, he was a model of self-control as he outclassed the young Swede. Had Court Philippe Chatrier been packed with fans rather than just a smattering on Tuesday because of the COVID-19 restrictions, Djokovic might have expected some heckling from the sometimes fickle post-lunch French audience.

Instead, it was as gentle a return to the Grand Slam spotlight as the 33-year-old top seed could have wished for as he charmed the tiny audience with his silky repertoire.



Novak Djokovic defeated Mikael Ymer

The first set took only 20 minutes as

Ymer struggled to even lay a glove on the

2016 champion. Djoković did drop serve

6-0,6-2,6-3. AP

early in the second set when an attempted drop shot fell short but there was no tetchy response this time, just an ironic chuckle.

The Serb then led the applause for Ymer when the 22-year-old ran back to retrieve a lob-volley and played a showreel betweenthe-legs winner Nick Kyrgios would have been proud of in the sixth game.

But it was one-way traffic as Djokovic polished off the second set with his trademark clean hitting. The 80th-ranked Ymer, facing a world number one for the first time, stuck manfully to his task in the third set and Djokovic became a little sloppy as he handed back a service break with a double-fault after which he flexed his hand.

Djokovic glared at someone in the crowd in the following game but refocused to reel off the last three games for victory and set up a clash with Lithuania's Ricardas Berankis.

Djokovic was odds-on to win the U.S. Open, with Rafa Nadal and Roger Federer

absent, and move within one Grand Slam title of the Spaniard and two behind the Swiss who is not in Paris. The script was ripped from his grasp though when a frustrated swipe at a ball resulted in it accidentally hitting a female line judge in the throat.

Since that humiliation, however, Djokovic has rebounded to win the Rome title and with the damp Parisian clay playing more like a slow hardcourt, it looks tailormade for the Serb to end 12-time champion Nadal's Roland Garros domination.

### Pliskova advances

Czech second seed Karolina Pliskova managed to rein in her errors and found a way past battling Egyptian qualifier Mayar Sherif with a 6-7(9) 6-2 6-4 victory in the opening round of the French Open.

Teenage Danish qualifier Clara Tauson caused a shock as she beat American 21st seed Jennifer Brady 6-43-69-7 in the opening round at Roland Garros

REUTERS LONDON, SEPTEMBER 29 FORMULA ONE champion Lewis Hamilton, who accused stewards of seeking to stop

him winning at last weekend's Russian Grand Prix, said on Tuesday that he was "only human" and would continue to learn. In what read like a veiled apology, but did not refer directly to the race in Sochi or the stewards, the Mercedes driver posted a message on Instagram thanking his fans for their support.

"I may not always get it right in the face of adversity," wrote the Briton, who is one win from equalling Michael Schumacher's alltime record 91. "I may not always react the way you want me to when tensions are high, but I am only human after all and I am passionate about what I do.

"I'm learning and growing every day, and I'll take my lessons and keep fighting

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on to the next one. Thank you to those who continue to support and are right there fighting with me.

Hamilton, a six times world champion, finished third in Sochi after starting on pole position. He collected two penalties, totalling 10 seconds, for practising starts in the wrong place before the race had started.

Asked if the punishment seemed excessive, he told Sky Sports: "Of course it is. But it's to be expected. They're trying to stop me, aren't they?" Race director Michael Masi reiected the accusations after the race.

"If Lewis wants to raise something, as I have said to him before... the door is always open," he said. "We have the stewards as an independent judiciary to adjudicate... there was an infringement and it doesn't matter if it was Lewis Hamilton or any other one of the 19 drivers." Formula One's managing director for motorsport Ross Brawn said on Monday that Hamilton should lick his wounds and learn from his mistakes.

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