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SC dismisses review pleas, JEE, NEET remain on schedule

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

CLEARING THE way for NEET and JEE (Main), the Supreme Court Friday dismissed a clutch of petitions, including one filed by Ministers from six Opposition-ruled states, seeking a review of its August 17 order that allowed the entrance exams for medical and engineering courses to be conducted.

"We have carefully gone through the review petitions and the connected papers. We find no merit in the review petitions and the same are accordingly dismissed," a Bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan and B R Gawai said.

The review petitions were considered in-chamber. The JEE (Main) started on September 1 and will continue till September 6, while NEET will be held on September 13.

Of the 4,58,521 students who had registered for the JEE (Main), 3,43,958 had appeared for the exam till September 3.

In their plea, the six Ministers from Maharashtra, Punjab, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh had referred to the rise in Covid cases and said that a two-month delay would give the government time "to put in place an adequate

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ON SCO SIDELINES, DEFENCE MINISTERS MEET FOR 2 HRS, 20 MINUTES

Rajnath, China minister talk, Foreign Secy says situation unprecedented since 1962

First time in 40 years, lives lost... will not yield on territory, open to dialogue: Shringla

SHUBHAJIT ROY & KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

HOURS AFTER Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla described the situation along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh as "unprecedented" since the 1962 war with China, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Chinese counterpart General Wei Fenghe held a meeting Friday night in Moscow to try and resolve the border crisis.

Singh and Wei met for 2 hours and 20 minutes on the sidelines of a gathering of Defence Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. Wei had sought a meeting with Singh on Thursday, days after Indian troops occupied strategic heights on the south bank of Pangong Tso and Rechin La.

India hopes this changed situation on the ground in Ladakh will make the Chinese return to the disengagement talks table. The Chinese have been reluctant to step back from the Pangong Tso north bank and Gogra Post after crossing points which India says mark the LAC.

Ahead of the meeting at

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh meets his Chinese counterpart, Wei Fenghe, in Moscow on Friday. ANI

Army chief counters China: Indian actions only along LAC, situation tense but troops prepared

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

ARMY CHIEF General M M Naravane, who has been reviewing operational preparedness in eastern Ladakh after Indian troops occupied heights to thwart Chinese manoeuvres, Friday said the situation along the Line of Actual Control is "tense".

He said Indian actions have only been along the LAC — this was his way of countering

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General M M Naravane in Ladakh on Friday. ANI

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



General M M Naravane in Ladakh on Friday. ANI



Showik Chakraborty arrives for questioning at the Narcotics Control Bureau office in Mumbai on Friday. Ganesh Shirsekar

Rhea brother, Rajput aide held, NCB says probing Bollywood 'drug network'

MOHAMED THAYER & SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

RHEA CHAKRABORTY's brother Showik and the house caretaker of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput were on Friday night arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) for allegedly procuring non-commercial quantity of marijuana/ganja from an alleged drug supplier at least 10-12 times between September 2019 and April this year.

As per the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, for non-commercial quantity, a person can get immunity

from prosecution in lieu of volunteering for rehabilitation treatment. The NCB generally registers cases involving marijuana only when about 20 kg or more is involved. However, the NCB said it was probing if Showik and Samuel Miranda were part of a "network" involved in buying and selling of marijuana to Bollywood.

They have also claimed that the product in question was not simple marijuana but its more potent and curated version, "bud", which sells at nearly the same rates as cocaine. The NDPS Act, however, does not differentiate between types of

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Bullet train faces 5-yr delay: high costs, Japan firms not so keen

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

FROM LOW participation by Japanese companies to tenders cancelled because of steep rates quoted by bidders, India's first bullet train project is stuck on multiple fronts — and staring at a delay of around five years.

The *Indian Express* has learnt that the Railways now expects the project to be commissioned fully by October 2028, instead of the original timeline of December 2023. The revised timeline has been estimated after talks with the Japanese team that is working on the project, sources said.

"We can maybe compress



Workers at the Sabarmati hub of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project, in Ahmedabad. Express file

the timeline to some extent if all the outstanding issues are resolved quickly. But in such a complex technical project, the

timeline cannot be compressed to a great extent," a senior official told *The Indian Express*.

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Gundecha brothers caught in sexual abuse row, Dhrupad Sansthan probes

AKHILESH GUNDECHA AND RAMAKANT GUNDECHA

SUANSHU KHURANA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE PRESTIGIOUS Dhrupad Sansthan in Bhopal, a residential music gurukul with accreditation to Unesco's intangible cultural heritage committee, finds itself in the middle of a storm with two of its famed gurus — Ramakant Gundecha and Akhilesh Gundecha — accused of sexual harassment.

The allegations first surfaced in a Facebook post put up by a group titled, 'Dhrupad Family Europe', and emailed to the students of the musicians, highlighting alleged harassment by the two gurus for years. The Amsterdam-based yoga teacher who put up the post wrote that she was doing it on behalf of

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Bihar madrasas bring in science, arts: 'students must compete with world'

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, SEPTEMBER 4

THE BIHAR Madrasa Education Board has decided to adopt a "modern and mainstream syllabus" in the academic session that began this April, including options for students to choose from science, arts and commerce after Class 10, and adoption of SCERT and NCERT textbooks. Over 10,000 teachers were given online

training during the lockdown, by experts including the Unicef, to be able to teach the courses.

The Bihar madrasa board has over 4,000 madrasas affiliated to it, including 1,942 government-aided, with over 15 lakh students. It has been holding online classes for the students.

As per the new syllabus, the language of instruction would be Urdu and school texts will be also in Urdu. Students, however, will have English and Hindi as

separate subjects. The entire syllabus has been uploaded online on their website for the help of students, Bihar Madrasa Education Board Chairman Abdul Qaiyum Ansari told *The Indian Express*. An app has also been launched for students to access the material.

Like students enrolled in the Bihar board, the madrasas would prescribe SCERT textbooks till Class 10 and NCERT ones in

training during the lockdown, by experts including the Unicef, to be able to teach the courses.

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Big rural credit push from RBI, start-ups put in priority sector

Loan limits for renewable energy, health infrastructure doubled

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Friday brought financing of start-ups under the priority sector lending (PSL) category of the banking sector, proposed more credit flow to districts with lower PSL, and doubled loan limits for renewable energy and health infrastructure "to align it with emerging national priorities and bring sharper focus on inclusive development."

In a bid to address regional disparities in the flow of priority sector credit, the RBI, in its revised PSL guidelines, decided to rank districts on the basis of per capita credit flow to the priority sector, and build an incentive framework for districts with lower flow of credit and a disincentive framework for districts

EXPLAINED Targeting the flow of credit

THE RBI move, which comes at a time when credit growth has remained sluggish at 6.7% and GDP for the first quarter contracted by 23.9%, is aimed at enabling better credit penetration to credit deficient areas, increasing the lending to small and marginal farmers and weaker sections and boosting credit to renewable energy and health infrastructure.

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FORCE MAJEURE

Centre citing Act of God unusual, could affect range of contracts: experts

Used in GST shortfall context but can affect rents, interest payouts, utility bills

AASHISH ARYAN & AANCHAL MAGAZINE
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BY INVOKING the "Act of God" in shrugging away its Constitutional responsibility of assured payments to states under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, the Centre has set a precedent that could have wider ramifications, legal experts and those who have worked with the Government said.

If contracts involving the Centre — a sovereign that has the power to decide policy — are deemed null and void on account of force majeure, this could

EXPLAINED



SIMPLY PUT WHAT COUNTS AS 'ACT OF GOD'?

have a bearing on a range of contracts that include

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New tapes show more of Nixon 'hatred' for India, Indians

US President's remarks on Indian women, Kissinger's on how Indians 'suck up' framed policy in 70s: Gary Bass

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

A SET of newly declassified White House tapes reveal in stark detail President Richard Nixon's deep antipathy towards India and Indians, which, fanned by his National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger, determined United States policy towards New Delhi in the early 1970s.

At a meeting with a group of senior officials in the Oval Office

on June 17, 1971, Nixon disparaged Indian women as the "most unattractive women in the world", and Indians as the "most sexless" and "pathetic" people.

Kissinger called Indians "superb flatterers" whose "great skill" was to "suck up to people in key positions".

Contents of the new tapes, which were released in batches up to May this year, were reported by Prof Gary J Bass of Princeton University in an opinion piece in *The New York Times*

on Friday. Bass had filed a legal request for their declassification.

As a deeply polarised US heads into a presidential election that has been compared with the one in 1968 — which saw Nixon successfully exploit the racial anxiety of white Americans in the wake of widespread urban riots — the tapes draw a line between the personal racism of a President and its reflection in his attitudes towards international events and actors.

The June 17, 1971 meeting,



Indira Gandhi with Richard Nixon in Nov 1971. Express Archive

held between 5:15 pm and 6:10 pm, was captured by the Oval Office taping system, and appears as Conversation 525-001 of the White House Tapes.

Towards the 50th minute of the 54-minute, 42-second tape, Nixon says: "Undoubtedly the most unattractive women in the world are the Indian women. Undoubtedly."

He continues: "The most sexless, nothing, these people. I mean, people say, what about the Black Africans? Well, you can see something, the vitality there, I mean they have a little animal-like charm, but God, those Indians, ack, pathetic. Uch." As

he says this, there is laughter. The new tapes provide further evidence of Nixon's well known hostility towards India and his soft spot for Pakistan, which led him to look away from the genocide by the Pakistani army against the Bengali people in what was then East Pakistan.

Bass, a professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton, had detailed the Nixon administration's attitude and actions in his 2013 book, *The Blood Telegram: Nixon, Kissinger, and a Forgotten Genocide*.

In an email response to *The Indian Express* on Friday, Bass

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This week on our tech podcast, Our Own Devices, we talk about what these times have made us realize about tech and how it will affect what we look for in our devices.

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Nixon 'hatred'

pointed to a section of the book, in which he had outlined the origins of Nixon's attitude towards India and Indians. The reasons, according to the book, were many — including India's policy of non-alignment, and its "suspiciously good terms with the Soviet Union".

"Nixon's anti-Indian leanings had been reinforced when John F Kennedy took a warmly pro-India line," Bass wrote in the book. "On top of that, there was a mutual loathing between Nixon and Indira Gandhi". And, finally, there was the friendship between him and Pakistan's then President Gen Agha Muhammad Yahya Khan, who was acting as his go-between with China.

Nixon and Kissinger had deep misgivings about then US Ambassador to India Kenneth B Keating, who had, much to the dislike of the President and the National Security Adviser, briefed them on the atrocities committed by Pakistan on the Bengalis.

On the tape, as Nixon wonders why Keating was on the side of the Indians, Kissinger says: "They are superb flatterers, Mr President. They are masters at flattery. They are masters at subtle flattery. That's how they survived 600 years. They suck up — their great skill is to suck up to people in key positions."

In *The Blood Telegram*, Bass wrote about the President and his Ambassador to India:

"Nixon made a brief effort to speak nicely of the Indians. It did not go well. 'Let me say this,' he intoned, 'I don't want to give you the wrong impression about India. There are 400 million Indians.' Keating corrected him; there were actually 550 million Indians. Nixon was surprised: 'I don't know why the hell anybody would reproduce in that damn country but they do.' Trying to revert to kindness, he said that India had 'some semblance of democracy' and that 'we want them to succeed. Because there are 550 million people, we want them to do well.' Then, as if overtaken by that niceness, he added, 'And they always hate us... internationally, we know that.'"

In another passage in the book, Bass wrote: "Nixon bitterly said, 'The Indians need — what they need really is a —'. Kissinger interjected, 'They're such bastards.' Nixon finished his thought: 'A mass famine.'"

Instances and comments like these were common in Nixon's conversations about India, and the new tapes show a visceral hatred towards Indians. Bass, who has accessed these tapes, found that many still had long bleeps.

In December 2012, Bass had filed a legal request for a mandatory declassification review with the Richard Nixon Presidential

Library and Museum. After much delay, the Nixon library released a few unbleeped tapes in May 2018 and July 2019, then 28 more in batches from October 2019 to May 2020.

Act of God

payment obligations such as rents, interest payouts, utility bills and even salaries.

"*Force majeure*, in law, is used in the context of commercial contracts between two parties. The Supreme Court has numerous recent rulings on it in the context of issues such as electricity tariffs. We have had several natural calamities, drought, tsunami, which can all legitimately be called Acts of God. Not once did the Government resort to that (invoking *Force Majeure*). Nowhere in the world has anyone referred to the disease in this manner... and certainly not in the realm of taxes," a former Union Government Secretary and an infrastructure sector regulator told *The Indian Express*.

The invocation of *force majeure* can possibly be also done for payment of salaries but experts said statutory obligation to pay salaries remains sacrosanct. "Can tomorrow the states say that I will not pay salaries of all civil servants because of force majeure? So what do you do? We cannot tell employees that you go and borrow money from the market. This (GST compensation to states) is a statutory obligation and you cannot get out of it. Say for example the airline, if they do not pay their loans, can they invoke the same clause?" senior counsel and legal expert Arvind Datar told *The Indian Express*.

Datar said *force majeure* is not "normally available" in statutory obligations. "It is like a dearness allowance. If I take a base year and say that I will give you 10 per cent DA per year, then once you have a DA, it does not matter whether the wholesale prices have gone up, inflation is there or deflation is there. You have made the commitment of a DA and you have to give that," he added.

The clause can also be cited to stall payments to contractors, who have performance-linked contracts such as in road construction. "Wherever there is a contract, particularly with a performance clause, if this particular position is upheld in court then it can be used. For contractors, money is paid based on achieving milestones but milestones have been affected, so force majeure can be invoked," an expert with experience in Government affairs said.

Last week, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, after the 41st GST Council meeting, referred to the pandemic as an Act of God while detailing that states need to borrow — instead of the Centre — to meet the GST compensation deficit. "The Act did not foresee an Act of God, it just kept saying protected revenues

should be taken care of," she said. The Centre and Opposition-ruled states are in a slugfest over financing of the GST shortfall of Rs 2.35 lakh crore in the current fiscal, with Centre giving states two options to borrow to bridge the gap.

At least seven Chief Ministers have written to the Prime Minister rejecting the options and asking the Centre to borrow instead.

Bullet train

The 508-km Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor is being constructed with an 80 per cent loan from Japan at 0.1 per cent interest and a 15-year moratorium, with the system to be built mostly with Japanese technology on the lines of the Shinkansen.

India had been keen on opening at least a portion of the project by August 2022, to coincide with 75 years of Independence. And the Railways officially maintains that the original timeline is still in place.

"As per the feasibility study, the target date for the completion of the project is December 2023," said a spokesperson of the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRL), the implementing agency, which was set up in 2016 with equity participation by the Rail Ministry and the Maharashtra and Gujarat governments.

However, *The Indian Express* has learnt that the tender for the most crucial section — a 21-km underground stretch, including a seven-km section under the sea near Mumbai — did not find Japanese participation and could not be finalised in the first attempt earlier this year.

Besides, in many of the 11 tenders originally meant to be executed by Japanese companies, the prices quoted were up to 90 per cent higher than estimates indicated by the project consultants. India has refused to accept the huge escalation, it is learnt.

Credit push

with higher flow of priority sector credit.

Accordingly, from FY 2021-22 onwards, a higher weight (125 per cent) would be assigned to the incremental priority sector credit in the identified districts where the per capita PSL is less than Rs 6,000, and a lower weight (90 per cent) would be assigned for incremental priority sector credit in the identified districts where the per capita PSL is more than Rs 25,000.

As many as 184 districts with low per capita PSL credit flow will benefit from the RBI move. A higher credit flow to the rural sector is expected to boost rural spending at a time when GDP growth has contracted by 23.9 per cent in the June quarter.

The RBI has also brought loans to farmers for installation of solar power plants for solarisation of grid-connected agriculture pumps, and loans for setting up compressed bio gas (CBG) plants as fresh categories eligible for finance under the priority sector.

In a push to the start-up sector, the central bank said loans up to Rs 50 crore can be availed by start-ups — as per the definition of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry — that are engaged in activities other than agriculture or micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

JEE, NEET

mechanism in consultation with the state governments to ensure a smoother and safer conduct of examinations."

They argued that if the August 17 order was not reviewed, "grave and irreparable harm and injury would befall the student community", and it would endanger the health of candidates and put public health

Rajnath, China minister talk, Foreign Secy says situation unprecedented since 1962

Hotel Metropol in Moscow, Shringla, speaking at a seminar in New Delhi organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs, said India "will not yield" on "territorial integrity and sovereignty" but is "open to resolving outstanding issues through dialogue".

Responding to questions, Shringla said: "I think you are right in saying that we have had an unprecedented situation on our India-China border. We have never had the sort of situation since 1962... we have lost, for the first time, lives of soldiers, which has not happened in the last 40 years. It is an unprecedented situation."

"We have also seen that there has been an attempt to take unilateral action... there seems to be an effort to change facts on the ground... we will be firm and resolute in resisting this. And as far as we are concerned, there will be no compromise on our sovereignty and integrity," he said.

"At the same time, we, as a responsible nation, are always willing to talk or willing to engage... even in the depth of the Covid crisis, we have kept our communication lines open.

Our senior commanders have been talking on the ground, diplomats have been talking to each other, both in Beijing in Delhi. Even as we speak, ground commanders are talking to each other."

"But it is a fact that it cannot be business as usual... unless there is peace and tranquility in our border areas, the normal bilateral relationship will be affected. There is a linkage between what is happening on the border and our larger relationship and that fact, I think, is very, very evident," he said.

"We haven't seen this magnitude of amassing of forces on the border... But what is important is that during difficult moments of this crisis, we have been engaged, both militarily and diplomatically, with China."

At the SCO meeting in Moscow, Singh told the gathering: "Peaceful, stable and secure region of SCO member states, which is home to over 40 per cent of the global population, demands a climate of trust and cooperation, non-aggression, respect for international rules and norms, sensi-

tivity to each other's interest and peaceful resolution of differences."

"If I may borrow an idea articulated by our Prime Minister in a different context, our goal should be 'Security and Growth for all in the Region'," he said.

On the situation in the Middle East, Singh said "India has vital interests and links of civilisation and culture with all states in the Gulf" and asked the region's countries, "all of which are dear and friendly to India" to "resolve differences by dialogue based on mutual respect, sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs of each other".

On Afghanistan, he said the security situation there "remains a concern" and that "India will continue to support the efforts of the people and Government of Afghanistan for an Afghan-led, Afghan-owned and Afghan-controlled inclusive peace process".

Singh reaffirmed India's commitment to the evolution of a global security architecture that is open, transparent, inclusive, rules-based and anchored in international laws.

Situation tense but troops prepared: Army chief

Chinese allegations that Indian troops crossed the LAC last weekend.

In pre-emptive moves to scuttle Chinese plans, Indian troops raced to occupy heights on the south bank of Pangong Tso and Rechin La near Rezang La, giving them a commanding view of the terrain including the Spanggur Gap and the Chinese garrison at Moldo.

Indian and Chinese brigade commanders have been meeting regularly ever since, but the talks have not made much headway. The brigade commanders met for around three hours Friday, their fifth meeting since Monday.

The Army, General Naravane said in Leh, will ensure that the status quo is not changed unilaterally. "The situation along the LAC is tense.

We have undertaken precautionary deployment in some areas. The troops are prepared for all contingencies that may arise. All these actions have been carried out only along the LAC," he said.

He expressed confidence that India and China can find a resolution to the four-month military standoff via talks. "Over the past three months," he said, "both sides are engaged in resolving the situation."

Military and diplomatic channels, he said, are functioning and the "Indian side is firmly committed to resolve the current situation along the LAC through engagement. We will continue to utilise all existing mechanisms to reduce tension and to ensure that the status quo is not unilaterally

changed".

On his visit to eastern Ladakh to review the preparedness levels of the troops, General Naravane said he reached Leh Thursday morning "and spent time with the commanders and troops to make a first-hand assessment of the situation along our borders".

"It was very satisfying to see our soldiers and local commanders in high morale and good health," he said, adding it gave him "confidence that they are well prepared to safeguard the territorial integrity of our nation".

The Indian Army, he said, "is known for its commitment and resolve" and "the nation can count on us".

One of his visits was to the Chushul sector where Indian

troops moved rapidly last weekend. In a statement, the Army said General Naravane "interacted with soldiers and local commanders deployed in difficult high-altitude forward areas" and "urged all ranks to remain vigilant and maintain a high order of operational readiness".

At the XIV Corps headquarters in Leh, Lt General YK Joshi, Northern Army Commander, briefed the Army chief on the preparedness levels and the logistics arrangements for sustenance of forces, especially in the winter months.

General Naravane, the Army said, "expressed satisfaction on the efforts being made to ensure operational effectiveness and capability enhancement of the forces".

Zia Fariduddin Dagar and his brother Zia Mohiuddin Dagar — cousins of the two significant forces in the second half of the 20th century, the senior Dagar Brothers (Nasir Moynuddin and Nasir Aminuddin) and the junior Dagar Brothers (Nasir Zahiruddin and Nasir Faiyazuddin). They began to perform four years later. The Gundecha brothers would subsequently become a force to reckon with in the world of the rare art form. The two were awarded Padma Shri in 2012 and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2017.

Rhea

marijuana, with all carrying the same punishment.

With Showik and Miranda's arrests, seven people have been held in a case filed by the NCB, that also names Chakraborty, who was seeing Rajput before he was found dead at his home on June 14.

An NCB official said they will question Showik and Miranda to find out the intended recipients of the marijuana they had allegedly procured.

The official said that based on what they say, they might call others for questioning. The FIR lodged against them contains sections pertaining to production, possession, import, export of cannabis plant and cannabis, with a maximum prison term of 10 years, apart from sections relating to attempts to commit offences, abetment and criminal conspiracy.

This FIR is in addition to the case the NCB had initially registered against Showik and Chakraborty based on alleged information from her WhatsApp chats provided by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The five arrested earlier by the NCB are facing charges of supplying bud at parties. The NCB told a court during a remand hearing on Thursday that Showik had procured marijuana from one of the five, Abdel Basit Parihar (23), 10 to 12 times in eight months.

The NCB claimed that Parihar used to procure drugs from Zaid Vilatra and Kaizan Ebrahim, arrested earlier, "as per instructions of Showik Chakraborty". "There are other instances where respondent (Parihar) facilitated to arrange for the drugs and he was in contact with Showik Chakraborty," the NCB said in its remand application.

The agency said Parihar had "given many names" about the people he was "dealing in drugs" with, and that he was an active member of a "drug syndicate" connected with "high society personalities and drug suppliers". It claimed he used to pay and receive money via Google Pay and the probe will be widened to other persons who made and received the payment.

The NCB also claimed to have arrested Vilatra with Rs 9.55 lakh, and said that in a voluntary statement, he had named Parihar as "a receiver of the ganja/marijuana". His lawyer Taraq Sayyed denied that Vilatra had given any such statement to the agency. The other two arrested, Abbas Ramzan Ali Lakhani and Kam Arora, were allegedly found to be in possession of non-commercial quantities of marijuana and are out on bail. Vilatra and Parihar are in NCB custody till September 9.

Stressing on a larger network, the NCB said it was investigating "the drug angle in the Sushant Singh Rajput case" and wanted to investigate the case thoroughly "so as to uproot the drug citadel in Mumbai, especially Bollywood".

Chakraborty is also facing a CBI probe for abetment to suicide as well as a money laundering probe by the ED in connection with Rajput's death.

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Sohna road collapse: Highway authority debar concessionaire



The collapse took place on the night of August 22

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 4

TEN DAYS after a section of an elevated road being constructed as part of the Sohma road project collapsed, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has debarred the concessionaire of that section of the project from participating in its bids.

Officials said a showcause notice was issued to the concessionaire, M/s Rajiv Chowk-Sohna Highway Pvt. Ltd., after the incident, to explain the violations of obligations in the concession agreement. The explanation in response, however, was found to be "unsatisfactory".

Officials added it was also found the concessionaire had failed to discharge its obligation to construct a safe structure and ensure the safety of users and pedestrians, with lapses being found in the implementation of "safety measures, workmanship, adherence to construction methodologies and procedures". These had been highlighted to the concessionaire before the incident as well, but to no avail.

"With immediate effect, the concessionaire has been debarred from participating in any NHAI bids... involving major structural works until they demonstrate reliable construction methodologies/designs and adequate safety measures at sight, and demonstrate that such type of accident does not occur in other part of their works," said an NHAI official.

Officials said the authority has also "warned" the concessionaires, contractors and consultants on the project to maintain the standards laid out in the contract, failing which "strict action including black listing" will be taken.

5-day sero survey begins in Ghaziabad

AMIL BHATNAGAR
GHAZIABAD, SEPTEMBER 4

A FIVE-DAY sero surveillance began in Ghaziabad on Friday, with 10 teams set to collect 1,440 samples from persons above the age of five years across 45 marked areas in the district. Ghaziabad is among 11 districts across UP where serological surveillance is being held for the first time.

"Over the next five days, we will be getting samples from teams deployed for the survey. The state government has laid down protocols for the survey which is being followed by each district. There is no upper age limit in terms of sample collection while the lower age limit has been set at five years. Our focus on testing remains the same as we target between 2,500-3,000 tests on a daily basis," said N K Gupta, CMO, Ghaziabad.

Till Friday evening, Ghaziabad reported 8,907 cases with 7,536 recoveries and 70 deaths with 2% of the population having been tested. Till Friday, approximately 2 lakh tests have been conducted. Officials said the teams will collect 32 samples from each area, which will include eight samples

Girl 'abducted, raped' by neighbour in Mehrauli

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

A MINOR girl was allegedly abducted and raped by her neighbour in Mehrauli on Thursday. The family of the victim said the accused took the girl to his house and locked her up. Later,

he attacked her and allegedly raped her. However, police said they are yet to arrest the accused. Police said cross-FIRs have been registered by the victim's and accused's families.

Both have alleged that a fight broke out between them with the girl's family alleging rape. Police said the matter is under investigation.

HIGHEST SINGLE DAY SPIKE IN 69 DAYS

With over 2,900 new cases, bed occupancy in capital rises

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

COVID CASES continued to surge in the capital, with 2,914 cases being recorded on Friday. The death toll rose to 4,513, with 13 more fatalities in the last 24 hours. This is the fourth successive day in September when over 2,000 new cases have been reported, and is also the highest single-day spike in 69 days. On June 23, the capital had reported the highest single-day spike until date with 3,947 cases.

With the rise in cases, officials said bed occupancy in ICUs had gone up, especially at top private hospitals. At present, 31 of 79 private facilities in Delhi that have beds and ICUs for Covid patients are running full, including Max Saket with 32 ICU beds with ventilators; Max Patparganj with 10; Indraprastha Apollo with 12; and Fortis Vasant Kunj with 7.

A government source said that about 70% of Covid patients admitted in ICUs of most top private hospitals are from outside the capital: "Close to 70% of beds in Delhi are still vacant. There are 131 Covid hospitals and, at present, only three are full. There's no shortage of beds right now but an increasing number of patients from outside Delhi could emerge as a cause for concern. We have observed that ICU beds in a few top private hospitals are all occupied, with over 70% of patients admitted there from outside Delhi." *The Indian Express* had on

CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL

		Total	Vacant
TOTAL CASES		1,85,220	
HOSPITAL BEDS		14,151	9,295
VENTILATORS		1,205	642
Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Sep 3	2,737	1,528	19
Sep 4	2,914	1,751	13
Total	18,842*	1,61,865	4,513

*Total active cases

September 2 reported how critical-care facilities at top private hospitals were once again running full as the number of daily Covid cases were on the rise. Some private hospitals said they have been receiving calls from patients in other states. "Over the past week, we have been getting queries from patients and their attendants from outside Delhi on ICU bed availability. Patients in need of critical care are approaching hospitals in Delhi as movement restrictions

have been lifted. Unfortunately, we had to deny admissions to many patients as our ICUs are full," said a senior doctor at Fortis hospital, Vasant Kunj.

Dr P K Bharadwaj, chief executive director of Saroj Hospital, said: "Critical-care facilities are better in Delhi, and the government and private sector are working together to provide treatment for Covid patients. So, many patients are rushing to hospitals here but unfortunately, we can't admit more as ICU beds are occupied." The hospital has 10 ventilator beds in the ICU and all are full.

In June, when the capital was seeing a sharp rise in cases, CM Arvind Kejriwal had said the government will reserve beds only for Delhiites — a move overruled by L-G Anil Bajjal, who said no one should be denied treatment on the grounds of being a non-resident of Delhi. Sources said of the 4,500 out of 14,000 Covid beds occupied by patients, 1,500 hail from other states like UP, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Bihar.

Doctor held for forging Covid test reports

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

A 34-YEAR-OLD doctor and two of his associates were arrested for allegedly forging Covid test reports. Police said the accused would wear PPE kits and collect samples from patients' homes to make the process seem authentic. Later, they would forge test reports and put names of renowned diagnostic centres and labs.

Police said the accused, Dr Kush Parashar, is a physician who did his Master's from Russia. Police said he has allegedly forged over 75 reports in the past three months. A senior police officer said an initial probe revealed the accused was cheating his patients who trusted him and wanted to get tested for Covid. The matter came to light after police received a complaint from a private lab, alleging the reports were forged.

On August 30, a man who ran an agency that provides nursing care called Dr Parashar and asked him to conduct Covid tests after a client wanted to get two nurses he had hired tested. The doctor gave the man forged reports. The reports were then forwarded to his client. However,

the client noticed a small error in the report and called the lab. Police said the doctors at the lab were shocked as they did not have records of the patients, although the report looked like it was made by them. The man running the agency and the patients were unaware of the forged reports, said police. "We came to know the doctor was making test reports of renowned labs... These reports were being made without event testing samples," said DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur.

Police soon found the doctor and his associate, Amit Singh, worked from home at Malviya Nagar and arrested them from there. "They would go to homes of people with PPE kits and equipment to collect samples. The samples were later discarded and reports were made as per the doctor's initial examination of the patient's health and symptoms. Reports were made in the name of renowned labs," said police.

Dr Parashar told police he had been doing this for months for people who wanted to get tested, and charged Rs 2,400 for each 'test'. On Friday, police arrested the other associate, Sonu, who helped with 'testing and computer work'.



Tips to safeguard from SIM Swap Fraud

- Remember, callers offering to swap your 2G/3G SIM to 4G may be cheats.
- Never forward SMS sent by such callers to your telecom operator. That will deactivate your SIM and issue e-SIM to the fraudster.
- Never share your Bank or Card details with such callers.
- Never click on any link or download any mobile App on caller's directions.
- In case of SIM deactivation, immediately contact your bank to secure your linked bank account.
- Secure your phone as it may be hacked by the downloaded App.

Tips to safeguard from Cyber Frauds

- Always treat unsolicited callers/emails with suspicion.
- Never share credit/debit card details with anyone claiming to be bank official or customer care executive.
- Never enter card details in online form sent by the caller. Your credentials might be stolen.
- Do not download remote access Apps as fraudster will get access to all your messages and emails.
- Never click on links in Phishing messages /emails appearing to come from government organizations, officials, banks, etc. They install malware/spyware on your device.
- Be cautious while scanning a QR code sent for receiving payment. You may lose money from your account.
- Be careful of fake customer care numbers appearing in web search.
- Use two-factor authentication (Password + OTP) for all online accounts.

Immediately report on <https://cybercrime.gov.in>

Email to CP, Delhi at: cp.snsrivastava@delhipolice.gov.in | Write to CP, Delhi at P.O. Box No. 171, GPO, New Delhi

FOR IMMEDIATE POLICE HELP CALL 112 TO SHARE INFORMATION CALL 1090

SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

ASSESSMENT & COLLECTION DEPARTMENT (HQ)
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No. Tax/HQ/SDMC/MVC-III/2020-21/D-1147 Dated : 02.09.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

The House of the South Delhi Municipal Corporation vide resolution No. 25 dated 27.07.2020 has approved the levy & collection of Transfer Duty @ 3% instead of 2% in the cases of women and 4% instead of 3% in all other cases having registered amount of above 25 lakh of any instrument. However, there will be no change in collection of transfer duty on instruments having registered value upto Rs 25 lakh and shall remain the same @ 2% and 3% in the case of Women and men / others respectively. The new rates will be applicable w.e.f. 10th September, 2020 onwards.

The general public is hereby informed accordingly.

RO. No. 33/DPI/S/2020-21 Assessor & Collector

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NOTICE OF THIRTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the thirty second (32nd) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of the Company will be held on Tuesday, 29.09.2020 at 03.30 P.M. IST to transact the business set forth in the Notice of the said meeting through Video Conference/ Other Audio Visual Modes (VC/OAVM) in compliance of applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with General Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5th May, 2020 read with General Circular No. 14/2020 dated 8th April, 2020 and General Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13th April, 2020 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs and other applicable circulars issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) without physical presence of members at venue.

2) In compliance of the relevant circulars, the notice of 32nd AGM alongwith explanatory statement and the Annual Report for the year ended 31.03.2020 to members as on 28.08.2020 is being dispatched in electronic mode to the members, whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company or Depository Participant(s). The notice of AGM and Annual Report will be available on the Company's website www.concorindia.com and on the website of Stock Exchanges (www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com). Members may download it from the Company's website or may request for a copy of the same by writing to the Company at above mentioned email.

3) Shareholders will have an opportunity to join and participate in 32nd AGM through VC/OAVM facility only and cast their vote on the items of business as set forth in the Notice of the AGM through remote e-voting prior to the AGM and through electronic voting system during the AGM. The detailed instructions for participation in the AGM, remote e-voting for shareholders holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for those shareholders whose e-mail IDs are not registered, have been provided in the notice of AGM.

4) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing its members the facility to cast their votes electronically on all the resolutions set out in the Notice of AGM from a remote location ("Remote e-voting") through National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL). The business of AGM may therefore be transacted through e-Voting services of NSDL and the members holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized form may cast their vote electronically. All the members are informed that:

- i. The business set forth in the Notice of the 32nd AGM may be transacted through voting by electronic means;
- ii. The remote e-voting shall commence on Saturday, 26.09.2020 at 09.00 AM;
- iii. The remote e-voting shall end on Monday, 28.09.2020 at 05.00 PM;
- iv. The cut-off date for determining the eligibility for remote e-voting or at the AGM is Tuesday, 22.09.2020. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice and holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. 22.09.2020 may obtain login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or concor@beatafinancial.com. However, if a person is already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting, then existing user ID and password can be used for casting vote;
- v. Members eligible to vote may note that:
 - (a) The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL beyond 05.00 PM on 28.09.2020 and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently;
 - (b) The facility for voting through electronic voting system will be made available at the AGM;
 - (c) The members who have cast their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again; and
 - (d) A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or voting at the AGM.
- vi. In case of any queries, members may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evoting.nsdl.com under help section or may contact Ms. Pallavi Mhatre (Assistant Manager), NSDL, 4th Floor, 'A' Wing, Trade World, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013, Email: evoting@nsdl.co.in, Tel: 1800 222 990/ 91 22 24994200/ 91 22 24994545.

5) Shareholders holding shares in physical mode and who have not updated their e-mail IDs, mobile numbers or bank details (for receiving electronic payments of dividend, as & when declared by the Company) are requested to update the same by sending an e-mail at concor@beatafinancial.com with copy marked to investorrelations@concorindia.com alongwith a signed request letter mentioning Folio No., Name of shareholder(s), address, bank details, scanned copy of shares certificate (front & back), self-attested scanned copy of PAN card, cancelled cheque, address proof (Aadhaar Card/ Driving License/ Passport) etc. Shareholders holding shares in dematerialized mode, are requested to register their e-mail addresses, mobile numbers and bank details (for receiving electronic payments of dividend, as & when declared by the Company), with their Depository Participants.

6) Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with applicable Rules thereunder and Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 23.09.2020 to 29.09.2020 (both days inclusive), to determine the shareholders entitled to final dividend of Rs.2.85 per equity share of the face value of Rs.5/- each for the year ended 31.03.2020, if declared at the Annual General Meeting. This final dividend will be paid on or before 28.10.2020 to those Members whose names appear in the Register of Members of the Company.

7) Pursuant to Finance Act, 2020, dividend income will be taxable in the hands of shareholders w.e.f. April 1, 2020. Accordingly, the Company will be required to deduct tax at source (TDS) at the time of making payment of dividend, at the rates prescribed in the Income Tax Act, 1961. To enable compliance with the TDS requirements, shareholders are requested to submit Form 15G/ 15H and update their residential status, PAN, category as per the Income Tax Act, 1961 etc. with their Depository Participant(s) or with the Company/ R&TA at the e-mail IDs mentioned above. If valid PAN of the shareholder is not available, TDS is required to be deducted at the rate of 20% as per applicable provisions.

For Container Corporation of India Ltd.,

Place: New Delhi Sd./
Date: 04.09.2020 (Harish Chandra)
ED(Finance) & Company Secretary



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Satisfactory



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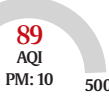
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301-400 Very Poor

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Satisfactory



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SERVICE TO BE AVAILABLE MID-SEPTEMBER

Soon, international fliers passing through Delhi can get RT-PCR test at IGI airport

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS who have a connecting flight via Delhi will soon have the option of getting an RT-PCR test for Covid-19 at the Indira Gandhi International Airport. The service will begin in the middle of this month, a Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) official said.

In collaboration with Genestrings Diagnostic Centre, a laboratory based in the capital, DIAL has set up a "lab" sprawled over an area of 3,500 sq m on the fourth floor of the multilevel parking at Delhi Airport's Terminal 3.

However, there is no such provision for those whose destination city is Delhi itself, said the official. "If a transfer passenger travelling from abroad does not



Those whose destination city is Delhi can't avail the facility

for some reason have a Covid-19 negative report, they can get themselves tested at the airport," the DIAL official said. The result will be available within a few hours, the official said.

"The passenger can either wait in the waiting lounge for four-six hours for the report, or

at a hotel in the vicinity. A strict policy of social distancing will be maintained in the lounge," the official said.

Friday's announcement comes two days after the Civil Aviation Ministry said international passengers with connecting flights can avail of testing facilities

EXPLAINED Testing protocol and how it changes now

CURRENTLY, INTERNATIONAL passengers can get a Covid test done 96 hours before the journey and apply for exemption on the Air Suvidha portal. If not, as per protocol, they are required to undergo seven days of mandatory institutional quarantine at the city they alight in, before they can head to their destination city. With the new facility, those getting a negative test result at IGI Airport can skip quarantine and continue their journey.

at airports before travelling onward to their final destination. IGI is the first airport to announce the measure. "This is to boost international operations. We have no plans of doing this with passengers of domestic flights, as each state and Union Territory has its own protocol,"

the DIAL official said. The official said any passenger who tests positive "will be processed in line with applicable ICMR protocols by the state authorities". The official also told *The Indian Express* that "international passengers who want to avail of this service at Delhi

Airport will be discouraged from booking connecting flights".

This, the official said, is because "the wait for the result is four-six hours — and so a connecting flight, if at all one is booked, should be booked with a gap of eight hours".

The "ideal scenario", the official said, should be "that the passenger books a connecting flight after the result at the Delhi Airport comes negative".

DIAL CEO Vireh Kumar Jaipuria said: "The pilot initiative has been taken to ensure testing of all arriving international transfer passengers scheduled to board a domestic connecting flight post arrival in Delhi Airport."

Dr Rajat Arora of Genestrings said: "As India enters a crucial stage of further relaxing international borders, it is imperative that a comprehensive strategy is put in place."

After slight increase, vehicle registrations plummet in August

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

AFTERSHOWING signs of recovery in June and July, vehicle registrations, a marker of sales, once again dipped in August in Delhi, according to car and bike registration data maintained by the city's Transport Department.

Records show that in August, a total of 23,316 vehicles — 16,713 two-wheelers and 6,603 four-wheelers — were registered in Delhi. Sales had plummeted to 8,861 vehicles in May, before gradually picking up over the next two months.

Automobile sales in Delhi were witnessing a slump even before the pandemic battered the economy. The first eight months of 2019 saw a decline in vehicle registrations for the first time since 2014, with August witnessing the sharpest drop since 1997-98.

However, the onset of the pandemic and enforcement of the lockdown to curb its spread brought the economy to its knees, with the April-June GDP shrinking by a record 23.9%. As a result, this year's figures are worse than 2019.

This year in April, May, June, July and August, 2,856, 8,861, 31,887, 37,490, and 23,316 vehicles were registered in Delhi. Out of the total, 76,105 were two-wheelers and 27,305 four-wheelers.

A look at the registration figures of the corresponding months in 2019 also show the slump setting in, much before the onset of Covid-19. In April, May,

VEHICLES REGISTRATIONS IN AUGUST

Vehicle	2019	2020
Car	9,700	6,603
Cab	647	48
Bike/scooter	34,251	16,713
Moped	228	88
3-wheeler	696	299
E-rick (P)	1,784	410



June, July and August last year, 55,125, 53,071, 46,632, 48,682 and 43,951 vehicles were respectively registered in Delhi. Of the total, 1.76 lakh were two-wheelers and 70,597 four-wheelers.

Going further back makes the severity of the downturn clearer as barring August, 2014, when 46,249 vehicles were registered, the figures have always remained above 50,000. For example, in August 2018, approximately 62,000 vehicles were registered, while the corresponding period in 2016 saw 56,000 registrations and 2015 saw 54,000.

Two-wheelers form the bulk — over 70% — of the city's vehicular fleet.

Harassed over phone damage, teen jumps from fourth floor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy sustained injuries when he jumped from the terrace of a four-storey building in Chirag Delhi, after he was allegedly held hostage and assaulted by a man for damaging his iPhone.

The teenager told police that he was "humiliated" by the accused after he failed to pay for the damage.

DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said the accused, identified as Chirag Delhi resident Honey, has been arrested.

"The boy is undergoing treatment at Safdarjung Hospital. He told police that on Wednesday, he and his friend accidentally hit the accused while riding their bicycle. The accused's phone fell on the ground and got damaged," said the DCP.

Police said the accused got upset and asked the teenager to pay him Rs 62,000 for the damaged phone.

The boy's father also reached the area and promised to get the phone repaired in a few days.

On Thursday, Honey called the boy to his house and allegedly asked for the money. When the boy couldn't pay, Honey allegedly held him hostage and assaulted him for hours.

"The boy told us that he was mentally and physically tortured at the house... the accused made him do household chores. The boy managed to get out of the house by saying he is going to have food. He was sad and felt that his father was also humiliated because of the incident. The boy went home and jumped from the terrace," said a senior police officer.

A case has been registered against the accused under the Juvenile Justice Act for cruelty to a child and he has also been booked under sections of wrongful restraint and violence.

Books worth Rs 1 lakh missing, college panel to probe

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 5

DELHI UNIVERSITY'S College of Vocational Studies (CVS) purchased 180 books worth over Rs 1 lakh from 2015-18 — but only on paper. The verification process of these books was completed and accession numbers also given, but the books never reached the college library, an internal probe has found.

The college's Governing Body (GB), in its meeting on August 19, has decided to set up another "independent enquiry committee" to probe the matter and "fix responsibility", according to minutes of the meeting. While the constitution of the enquiry and its term of references are yet to be decided, the GB said the report would have to be submitted within three months of being formed.

CVS has, meanwhile, stopped purchasing books from 16 vendors, as per a decision taken in January this year. The matter first came to light in February last year when a professional assistant in the library assigned to the task wrote to the principal alleging that a semi-professional assistant (SPA) "accessioned" the books and "got it signed by librarian and verified by convener/member of the verification committee".

The job of the verification committee is to make sure the accession numbers are in order and that the books are physically present, among other things. The final signature on any bill is that of the principal.

A one-man committee consisting of the then Convener of the Verification Committee, S K Bhatia, was then constituted to look into the matter.

Bhatia's report came out in July last year in which he confirmed that 180 books were "not obtained/procured/received from the suppliers". He laid the blame squarely on the SPA, who he said "kept on receiving lesser number of books than ordered but signing the receipt for all the books ordered from the book sellers". One example of this being in September 2015, when the SPA allegedly signed for 27 books when only 16 had been received.

The report said the "malpractice" came to light when the SPA was moved to another task in the library but that by then the library had "suffered a loss of Rs 1,00,337".

The SPA alleged that a "low level staff" like him did not have much of a role in the purchase of books, and that he was being made the "victim of a conspiracy". On July 24, the committee report was officially shared with all members of the GB, said sources, adding that those involved in the process of verification were asked to submit their response. Repeated calls and texts to CVS Principal Inderjeet Dagar seeking a comment went unanswered.

BRIEFLY

MCD staff hold protest

New Delhi: MCD employees staged a protest against non-payment of salaries and pensions at the Dr SPM Civic Centre Friday. "All grade IV officers have not been paid salaries from May-August, and pensions from April-August 2020," said A P Khan, president of the Confederation of MCD Employees Union.

Man booked for 'raping' teen

Noida: Police have booked a man for allegedly raping a teenager on the pretext of a marriage. The accused is on the run. **ENS**



HAPPY HOURS

Staff sanitise a bar in Connaught Place, Friday. Bars in the capital have been allowed to open from September 9. *Praveen Khanna*

Activists question police probe into NE Delhi riots

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

ANTI-CAA activists, some of whom have been questioned by Delhi Police in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots, Friday condemned the manner in which investigation is being conducted into the matter. They alleged that the "impunity" being provided to "supporters of the ruling party", whose role should be probed, was reminiscent of the police's role post the 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

Activists Umar Khalid, Harsh Mander, Yogendra Yadav, Apoorvanand and Kawalpreet Kaur made the allegations in a press conference Friday, asking: "Is this an investigation into a 'conspiracy' or is the investigation itself a conspiracy?"

"On more than one occasion, police have tried to build a 'chronology' of events... In this version, conspiracy of these riots began with anti-CAA protests in Jamia Millia Islamia and Shaheen Bagh in mid-December. The chronology then goes on to detail other major anti-CAA protests in Delhi as all part of this conspir-

acy and prominent voices as conspirators. This 'chronology', however, is conspicuously silent on actions and statements of leaders of the BJP and actual incidents of violence since December," they said in a statement.

"Why is the chronology by police silent on the two incidents of shootings on protesters that happened in Jamia and Shaheen Bagh on January 29 and February 1? Why is the chronology silent on statements made by (BJP MP) Anurag Thakur exhorting his supporters to shoot whom he considers as traitors on January 27 — just a few days before the two shooting incidents?" they added.

They also pointed out that between December-February, BJP's Kapil Mishra made "several inciting statements, asking people to shoot the 'traitors' in December 2019, calling the upcoming Delhi polls a battle between India and Pakistan in first week of February 2020, and also threatening in front of a DCP that his supporters will take the law into their own hands if the police does not clear the protesters". "Does police not consider these utterances as clearly an attempt to provoke violence, promote disaffection and divide between communities?" they said.

DU professor Apoorvanand said, "The manner in which the probe is being conducted is completely opposite to what should have been done. Anti-CAA protests were completely peaceful and democratic." Yadav pointed out how Home Minister Amit Shah changed his statements, by earlier claiming the riots were "spontaneous" and later saying it was "pre-planned".

Harsh Mander said, "During the protests, some WhatsApp groups were made. Now every word exchanged in these groups is being examined with a defective microscope by police, their meaning and context deliberately and mischievously misinterpreted, the truth ripped into shreds and reimagined to create the mythology of a conspiracy of hate, violence and insurrection."

Police have maintained they are "doing their work in a professional, free and impartial manner... To suggest otherwise is a deliberate attempt to malign Delhi Police's image and is totally biased and unsubstantiated".

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CM assures relief to industries on fixed power charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal Friday said the government will take steps to provide relief to industries over fixed power charges they have to pay during the lockdown period from March-June. "... Adequate steps will be taken to provide relief, vis-a-vis the fixed power charges that commercial and industrial units are obliged to pay despite economic losses due to corona," the government said in a statement.

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Over the past few months, industrialists have approached the government seeking relief from fixed charges during the lockdown when most units remained closed. Industries are charged Rs 250/KW as fixed charges. "They keep assuring us, but nothing has happened yet," Ashok Jain, president of the Narela Industrial Complex Welfare Association, told *The Indian Express*.



CM Arvind Kejriwal

secretary of the Patparganj FIE Entrepreneurs Association, said their monthly bills run into lakhs: "Industries have 50-100 MW load installed, and the monthly bills are Rs 1 lakh and above, even for those units which remained shut over the months since lockdown 2.0, when they were allowed to open."

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ON DUTY AT QUARANTINE CENTRES, REACHING OUT TO DISADVANTAGED KIDS

Sisodia lauds govt school teachers for going beyond the call of duty

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

ON THE eve of Teachers' Day, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia praised Delhi government school teachers who went beyond their job amid the Covid-19 pandemic, and recounted instances of teachers ensuring online education reaches the most disadvantaged students or by giving their all while working at quarantine centres.

Among those lauded by

Sisodia is Sarita Rani Bhardwaj (53), a teacher at the Government Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya at Paschim Vihar, who approached ration shops and courier companies to trace students who could not be contacted.

"Since many students give incorrect numbers, I had a problem tracking some of them. I first tried to find their locations through other students who stayed nearby. When that didn't work, I took help from the local ration shops and courier delivery persons. After a lot of hard work, I

was able to trace all my students," she said.

Sarita said she gave worksheets in bulk to those students who could not access them on WhatsApp: "I went to a cyber café and printed them at my own cost, and provided them worksheets for a week. The students would meet me once a week to submit them and I would give them fresh worksheets."

Reena Malik (33), who teaches at Government Sarvodaya Co-ed Senior Secondary School at RK Puram,



(From left) Teachers Sarita Bhardwaj, Reena Malik, Rajendra Prasad and Alok Mishra

also faced similar issues trying to find a student whose father was a

daily wage labourer. "My student, Aditi, and her

family packed up and left for their village in Uttarakhand during the lockdown and it was impossible to trace her. She is a remarkable student, so I didn't want her to lose touch with studies. I kept making enquiries and it turned out she had contacted one of her classmates through her mother's phone. When I contacted her, she told me she didn't have internet connection so I would get in touch with her every 5-6 days, but now the frequency is higher," she said.

Though his subject was not

among the online classes, Rajendra Prasad Sharma (51), who teaches Sociology at GBSSS, Jharoda Kalan, decided to ensure his students don't lose touch with the subject: "My subject was not among those for which online classes are being conducted. But I didn't want my students to miss out on their studies, so I started making audio notes and sending them to my students. Later, I prepared PDFs for them."

Away from the world of academics and assignments, Alok

Kumar Mishra (36) fulfilled his duty by serving at a quarantine centre in Narela, where a large group of Tablighi Jamaat members were also staying.

"We stayed in a makeshift tent outside the quarantine centre, and our job was to be there for those inside the centres and tend to their needs. We worked 8 am-8 pm one day, and then 8 pm-8 am the next day. During Ramadan, nights were especially hectic because of iftar and early morning sehri. But it was a learning experience for me," he said.

BJP's Zafar Islam elected unopposed to RS from UP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 4

BJP CANDIDATE Sayed Zafar Islam was elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha from Uttar Pradesh on Friday. The seat had fallen vacant following the death of Amar Singh, who was elected to the Upper House on a Samajwadi Party ticket.

Friday was the last day for the withdrawal of nominations and no one else was in the fray for the by-election, which was scheduled on September 11.

On Tuesday, BJP's Govind Narain Shukla and Independent Mahesh Chandra

Sharma had filed nominations. Shukla, however, withdrew his nomination the next day.

Sharma's nomination got rejected on Wednesday as he did not have the backing of 10 members of the Legislative Assembly as required under the election rule. "Sayed Zafar Islam has been declared elected," Returning Officer Brijbhushan Dubey told PTI.

Islam, who is the BJP national spokesperson, would serve the remainder of Singh's term till July 4, 2022.

Congratulating him for getting elected unopposed, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath called him a dedicated worker of the BJP.



Sayed Zafar Islam

BIHAR POLL RUN-UP

Amid RJD flood focus, JD(U) hopes Rs 960-cr relief will address anger

DIPANKAR GHOSE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

AS BIHAR slowly emerges from the clutches of a now-annual struggle with flood, the government hopes that Rs 962 crore disbursed to 16 lakh flood-affected families will hold it in good stead in the upcoming Assembly polls.

Main Opposition RJD, however, called it "an absolute sham" and questioned whether the funds have actually reached the people, even as Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav has made flood-hit areas a special focus area and accused the state government of leaving people to battle the pandemic, economic distress, and now the flood.

Senior state government officials said close to Rs 962 crore has already been transferred to bank accounts of 16.04 lakh people as part of disaster relief in this flood season. Officials at the Disaster Management

EXPLAINED RJD targets state govt over flood

OVER THE last few weeks, RJD leader and Leader of Opposition in Assembly Tejashwi Yadav has toured the flood-hit areas and accused CM Nitish Kumar of abdicating responsibility. He has also mocked Nitish's "helicopter surveys", with the party juxtaposing this with Tejashwi being on the ground, with the people. The RJD has also been aggressive on the digital space with images of Tejashwi among the flood-affected people.

Department said 4 lakh more people will soon get Rs 6,000 per family, as announced by the government.

According to the government, 130 blocks in 16 districts have been hit by flood this year.

Water Resources Minister and JD(U) leader Sanjay Jha said Chief Minister Nitish Kumar himself "monitors" the relief money reaching people on time. "Earlier, a large part of the money sanctioned would not reach the

people. If it did, it would reach them many days later," he said. "Now, due to a corruption-free system, relief goes straight into people's accounts, immediately after it is sanctioned."

While Tejashwi has accused the state government of making no attempt to reach out to the people faced with the double whammy of flood and the pandemic of the state, senior JD(U) leaders said quick distribution of relief money and other meas-

ures have seen a mitigation of any public anger against the government. "People in Bihar understand that floods come every year, and there is very little that can be done to stop it. We can only control it," one party leader said. "They expect us to help when the floods come, and the government has been with the people, giving them financial assistance."

Maintaining that Bihar has 100-per cent coverage in Jan Dhan accounts, this leader said affected people are now assured that money will go "straight into their account" and not be pocketed by a middleman.

Senior RJD leader Manoj Jha, however, said: "This is an absolute sham. Have they seen the scale of devastation? It is overwhelming, and people's vulnerability has increased manifold. The Nitish Kumar government has been completely conspicuous by its absence. What is the basis of this relief? Who knows if it has actually reached the ground?"

65 bypolls to be held around same time as Bihar elections: EC

ENS & PTI
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The Election Commission Friday announced it would hold bypolls to one Lok Sabha and 64 Assembly seats in 15 states "around the same time" as the Bihar elections.

"The term of the Bihar assembly ends on November 29 and elections are likely to be held sometime in October-

November," a statement released by the poll body reads.

The EC's decision was made after considering feedback and inputs of state governments and its Chief Electoral Officers. The decision to club by-elections with the Bihar polls, the EC's statement said, was taken, given the "relative ease of movement of CAPF/other law and order forces, and related logistics issues".

The bypoll for the Valmiki

Nagar Lok Sabha seat in Bihar has been pending following the death of JD(U)'s Baidyanath Prasad Mahto, the sitting MP, in February.

Among the 64 vacant Assembly seats, 27 are in Madhya Pradesh — most of which fell vacant when rebel Congress mem-

bers resigned from the party and the assembly to join the BJP, leading to the fall of the Congress-led government in the state. The other vacant seats are in Uttar

Pradesh, Gujarat (eight each), Manipur (five), Assam, Jharkhand, Kerala, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Odisha (two each), Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka and West Bengal (one each).

The chief secretaries of Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Gujarat and the Chief Electoral Officer of Kerala have written to the EC suggesting the deferment of the by-elections citing rising Covid-19 cases and heavy rains.

ADDRESS TO IPS PROBATIONERS

Women cops can help stop J&K youth going astray: PM

DIPANKAR GHOSE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Friday told probationers of the Indian Police Service that there must be a collective effort to prevent "children from going down the wrong path", and this work can be "done very well by women police officers", especially in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking via video conference at "Dikshant Samaroh" of trainee officers at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy in Hyderabad, Modi also praised the humane face of the police that has emerged during the coronavirus pandemic.

Responding to a question from an IPS officer who has been allotted the Jammu and Kashmir cadre, Modi praised the people there and hoped that the government would be able to ensure their happiness.

"The terror-related news that we read becomes the main news. But the area has a speciality besides that, too—be it Jammu, the Valley, Ladakh or Kargil. I have been fortunate to have worked there for a long time. They are very good people," he said.

"*Aur mujhe vishwas hai ki hum sabke prayas se unki jo khushnuma zindagi hai, woh hum waapisi le aayenge* (I have faith that with our efforts, we will be able to bring back happiness in their lives)."

On efforts to help youngsters from deviating from the right



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Home Minister Amit Shah during the video interaction on Friday. PTI

path, Modi said: "*Hum logon ke samuhik prayatna se jo bacche galat raaste pe chale jaate hai, unko pehle se hi rokne ka kaam karna hai. Aur vo kaam mahila police officers se bahut accha ho sakta hai. Un bachchon ko vaapisi laaney mein, unki maataon ko samjhaane mein* (Through collective efforts, we have to work towards stopping children from taking the wrong path, and this can be done very well by women police officers—to bring them back on the right path, to make their mothers understand)."

"I have faith that you will provide that kind of leadership," he said. The Prime Minister said the people of Kashmir have a special strength in working with textiles, and asked officers to become involved in activities like these. "In every home...the kind of shawls, textile work they do is unique. Even during policing, if you get two or three days' leave, make small groups of women and show them what you know,

and learn from them the traditional knowledge of textiles. And then connect the two. Show them modern designing, and you will see this will become a big strength in your policing as well," he said.

On the humane face of the police that has emerged during the pandemic, Modi said, "The police force has been the first to get affected by Covid-19, particularly in Indore (Madhya Pradesh)... For an average citizen, the police meant *danda* (baton)...the police meant atrocity. By and large, this was the picture that had been formed. This does not mean police personnel have not done humane things—they have... But there has never been a collective impact. During the pandemic, (people have seen) police personnel sing songs, try to educate people through these songs, give water and food to people on the footpath, risk their own lives to take a patient (to hospital)."

ADVERTORIAL

A heartfelt thanks to Educators on Teachers Day



Mrs. Manju Gaur
Director, Gaur's Group of Schools

"The future of humanity is in the hands of those who are capable of providing the generations to come with reasons for life and optimism."

ON THE birth Anniversary of Dr. S Radhakrishnan, the entire nation is celebrating Teachers Day, and I take this special occasion, to wish the entire teaching fraternity a Happy Teachers Day. The teachers today are enacting a larger-than-life role in their students' lives, not only enabling them to continue with their education, but also helping them to cope with the COVID-19 situation through mental strength and agility. The way educators and students have evolved themselves, absorbing the positive perspective of pandemic, ostensibly indicates that teamwork and commitment outshines every-

thing. We all know the undeniable quintessence of education in our lives. It defines a personality and thus forms the future of the nation. Educating new generations is a task of responsibility which requires dedication and perseverance. At Gaur's International School, our endeavour is to instil pride in each of our students in being an Indian. We believe in empowering the future generation with modernity, along with a firmly rooted value system. Undoubtedly, this year has been a challenge for all of us. The pandemic has shown a different outlook towards life and resources. The only purpose of GIS team is to impart education in the best possible way, preparing our students not only to have a healthy respect for the changes that have come about in the education system and in their lives, but also to take them in their stride, so that no challenge can waver them from reaching their goals and aspirations.

I strongly believe that — "Education is the soul of the society as it passes from one generation to another." As a part of our social responsibility, we have also reached out to the underprivileged girls in the adjoining areas and have been constantly trying to remove the darkness of ignorance from their lives and light up the flame of knowledge. Thus, while being international in its outlook, Gaur's International School has always remained culturally and morally strong.

Once again wish all the educators, a Happy Teachers Day, for their incessant efforts to light the torch of knowledge in the mind and heart of the young generation, not only as a teacher but also as a mentor and as an Awakener.



Gaur's International School



Airconditioned Classroom with Smart Boards for enhanced learning

KANAK KOTNAL, CLASS XII

Guardian angel

One name missing from the list of 'COVID superheroes' is, teachers. Our not-so-tech-savvy teachers are facing a lot of difficulties during this pandemic. Every day since the start of online school, teachers are trying to understand technology and keep up with the students. From taking classes to personally calling students for their well-being, our teachers are doing it all. Some are even going overboard and giving extra hours from their personal life to students who require their help. They go through hour after hour of classes and still manage to smile at every greeting they receive.

I have known my love towards reading and writing for a long time now, and my teachers have showed me ways to pursue it as a career. If not for them, I would have never known that I could do something I absolutely love and get paid for. For every competition I lost in, they made me enroll in more. Every time I thought I had shattered their faith in my ability, they smiled, patted my back and wished me luck for the next time. Had I not seen their generous gestures and kind smiles during the toughest of times, I would have lost my last hope. Year after year teachers changed, but what didn't, was the support and love all of them showered. This year has not been the way we expected but we are learning to be empathetic and flexible. Teachers are and always will be our guardian angel on earth.

MALYA SINGH, CLASS XII

A Salute to Teachers - Gaur's International School

Teachers are one of the most important pillars of society — they spend their entire lives enabling students to learn and explore. Furthermore, teachers also increase the literacy rate in our country, thereby enabling opportunities and jobs that will help students secure their lives. Guru Purnima is an Indian festival dedicated to honoring academic and spiritual leaders. The birth of the second President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, on 5th September, is celebrated as Teachers Day. When he became the president of India, some of his students and friends wanted to honour him by celebrating his birthday on a grand scale. He replied that he would feel honoured, only if the contribution of each and every teacher could be recognized and appreciated on that day. And ever since then, 5th September is celebrated as Teachers Day.

Even in these times of the pandemic, our teachers never let us down. Whether they are comfortable with online teaching or not, they use this medium to reach out to us and help us in our studies. Now it's time for us to thank them. It's our turn to make our teachers feel proud of us. The best way to thank a teacher is doing well academically, being a good person at heart, and contributing well to the society.



Mr. Asheesh Kumar Sharma, CEO

I salute my teachers for adapting and learning technology overnight to ensure education of students is taken care

It is not enough to have a Dream unless I am willing to pursue it.

Today India is celebrating Teachers Day. On this special occasion, I wish the entire teaching community a very Happy Teachers Day.

"I have always felt that the true text-book for the pupil is his teacher."

These words by Mahatma Gandhi are veracious during these Pandemic times. Education is a voyage that takes us not only into the deep realms of knowledge, but with its application in unconventional and expressive ways, we can make learning meaningful and exciting for our students.

The benevolent senior management has always shown tremendous confidence in its leaders, with their unstinted patronage and encouragement.

It's a belief that together the whole country will overcome this problem of COVID-19 and our teachers will all soon be back to teach and learn. My heartfelt appreciation and salute to all the Corona warriors who are holding the hands of the children on the virtual platform to empower them with the strength of knowledge.

**Move on like the sunlight in the darkness
Like a roller in the ocean, Move on...**

THE TEACHERS Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's second President Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. He was a thinker, a philosopher and an educationalist and also the President of India. I take great pride, therefore, to wish the entire teaching fraternity a very Happy Teachers day.

During these trying times, our GIS teachers have not only ignited and touched the heart and soul of our students, through online teaching, but also showered them with love and af-

fection to give them mental strength. The daily struggles to become tech-savvy, the manoeuvrings to catch the attention of a class of forty in a virtual arena and the constant juggling between home and work have not been able to deter the teachers from their goals or dampen their spirits. I admire the inner strength and determination that each teacher bears to nurture our future generations.

On behalf of my respected staff and myself, I take a pledge to re-commit ourselves to the cause of educating every child within our domain. Education can never be limited within the four walls of the classroom or the boundaries of a school. It is the strength of education that is helping all of us to fight shoulder to shoulder against the pandemic. The medical science will provide the cure but it is education which is helping us every day against the uncertainty of the pandemic.

Under the umbrella of Gaur's team of esteemed leaders, Gaur's International School has always forged ahead and is constantly reaching new heights of success with its 'avante-garde' ideas, embracing evolved systems of education. Right from training our teachers, to introducing user-friendly systems for parents, adopting interactive teaching pedagogy, we have not left any stone unturned. The school with its ethos of love, care, compassion and knowledge has stood apart from others.

The society owes it to these warriors, for ushering in hope and painting the dreams of our children on the canvas of their life. On this special day, I pray to the Almighty to bestow each one of us with good health and wealth of knowledge and Wisdom so that our Midas touch can brighten up the life of each and every child we touch in this country.

Mrs. Shuchi Sinha
Principal



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BIRTHDAY PLANS

SACHIN PILOT was in the news for over a month because of his showdown with Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. With the former deputy CM's 43rd birthday coming up on Monday, his supporters were keen on a show of strength. But Pilot, who has left it to the Congress high command to resolve the situation, is in no mood to escalate matters and has told his supporters to not come to Jaipur in large numbers to wish him. A large gathering could also violate Covid protocol. So, his supporters have come up with another idea. The plan is to set up blood donation camps at 300 locations across the state. It is to be seen how the massive drive will be interpreted politically.

TESTING TIME

WITH THE monsoon session set to begin, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats have taken precautions for a "safe" session. All MPs will have to get the RT-PCR test done 72 hours before the session commences on September 14, they were informed. According to the SOPs issued on Friday, the MPs should get the test done in their constituencies before travelling to Delhi and at Parliament premises after their arrival September 11 onward. If they have been tested before travel, they will have to take the antigen test immediately after arrival. The MPs will be allowed to attend the session only if they produce the test result as negative. Testing centres have been set up in Parliament's Reception Office. After testing negative in the antigen test, if one has any symptoms, he or she will have to take RT-PCR test and go for home isolation until the results comes.

LOOKING AT OPTIONS

THE IJP has called a meeting of its Bihar Parliamentary Board on Monday to discuss the strategy for Assembly election. The meeting will be attended by IJP's Bihar unit leaders and party president Chirag Paswan will address participants. Sources said the party may discuss options, including withdrawing support to the Nitish Kumar government and fielding candidates against JD(U). Ties between the two NDA allies have soured in recent months.

Kerala: 2 CPM workers injured in Kannur blast

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
SEPTEMBER 4

TWO CPM workers were seriously injured in a blast at party stronghold Kathirur village in Kerala's Kannur district Friday.

Police officers said the blast took place when the party workers were making bombs at a shed erected on agricultural land. "Two seriously injured persons have been hospitalised. We have learnt that several others were present at the time of blast. They might have escaped with minor injuries," a police officer said.

It is learnt that among the two seriously injured is P M Rameesh, who was an accused in the murder of CPM rebel T P Chandrasekharan in 2012, but

was acquitted by the court. "He has suffered serious injuries on palms. The other person P Saju has also sustained severe injuries," a police officer said.

BJP state president K Surendran alleged that the ruling CPM is planning to unleash violence across Kerala to divert attention from issues such as the gold smuggling case. "CPM has tried to foment violence and nurture a bomb culture in Kerala whenever it has been in the dock for various scandals. Police should conduct an impartial probe into the blast," he said.

CPM's Kannur district secretary M V Jayarajan condemned the incident. "We have influence in the area, but our workers have no role in the blast. We have sought a comprehensive probe into the blast," he said.

In five months of FY21, 6.5 lakh households complete 100 days of MGNREGA work

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

AT LEAST 6.5 lakh households have already completed 100 days of employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Act (MGNREGA) in five months of the current financial year.

Data available on the NREGA portal shows that out of 5.73 crore households that have availed work under the rural job guarantee scheme from April 1 to September 4 this year, 6.5 lakh have completed 100 days of employment.

This number is expected to rise soon as over 30 lakh households have completed 81-99 days of employment so far. The data also shows that about 19.58 lakh households have completed between 71 and 80 days of work.

In the last financial year, 5.48 crore households had availed of the scheme and 40.64 lakh households completed 100 days of work. In the last six years, the number of households completing 100 days of employment under the scheme has been in the range of

24-52 lakh but it is expected to reach a new high during the current financial year.

The overall number of households that availed work under MGNREGA has already surged to an all-time high of 5.73 crore in just five months of the current financial year.

Under MGNREGA, every rural household, an adult member of which volunteers to do unskilled manual work, is entitled to at least 100 days of paid employment in a financial year.

While Section 3 (1) of MGNREGA provides for "not less than one hundred days" work per rural household in a financial year, it has become de facto upper limit as the NREGAsoft does not allow data entries for employment above 100 days to a household in a financial year unless specifically requested by the state or Union Territory.

However, in some cases the government allows 50 additional days of paid employment. For instance, every Scheduled Tribe household in a forest area is entitled to 150 days of employment, provided that such families have

Delhi court stays release of IPS officer's book on Asaram

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

A DELHI court Friday stayed the release of a book on Asaram, written by the IPS officer who led the Rajasthan Police team that arrested the self-styled godman on charges of rape seven years ago.

The court of Additional District Judge R L Meena stayed the release of "Gunning for the Godman: The True Story Behind Asaram Babu's Conviction" till the next hearing on September 30, following an appeal by Sanchita Gupta, a co-accused in the rape case that led to Asaram being jailed for life. The court's order came a day

before the book was scheduled to be released virtually.

Gupta's lawyer, Vijay Aggarwal, told the court that the book "claims to be a true story, however, is at variance with the trial record and most importantly interfered with Sanchita's appeal which was sub-judice and where the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan had already suspended her sentence".

In its order, the court said that it is "of the considered view that plaintiff's reputation is at stake and her reputation would suffer irreparable harm, if the ex parte injunction is not granted, particularly when the said book is to be published 05.09.2020".

Therefore, it said, the "defendants are restrained from publishing the said book...till the next date of hearing" on September 30. It also restrained publisher Harper Collins, Amazon and Flipkart from publishing or selling the book till then.

The book has been written by Ajay Pal Lamba, who is now Additional Commissioner of Police, Jaipur, and co-authored by Sanjeev Mathur. Harper Collins did not comment but Lamba described the development as "very unfortunate".

"The book is based on facts, which are in the public domain. I have only compiled those facts and turned them into a book," Lamba,

42, told The Indian Express.

The book highlights the investigation in the case and how a team led by the 2005-batch IPS officer arrested Asaram in 2013 within 10 days of receiving a rape complaint from Delhi Police.

In April 2018, a Special Court in Jodhpur found Asaram guilty of raping a minor girl and charged him under various IPC sections, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act. He was sentenced to life imprisonment until death and a fine of Rs 1 lakh.

The co-accused, Gupta, was a warden of the hostel where the minor girl was staying in 2013. A

trial court in Rajasthan had found her guilty of hatching a "criminal conspiracy with accused Asaram and sent the prosecutrix to him so that he could sexually assault her".

Gupta later filed an appeal before Rajasthan High Court, which suspended her sentence till final disposal of the appeal.

On Friday, Gupta's lawyer argued that "when the sentence had been suspended, Sanchita was entitled to presumption of innocence...it was completely possible that the High Court of Rajasthan could order a re-examination of witnesses or even a retrial and in such a circumstance, the publication of the Book in its present form could not be allowed".

The court was told that on August 11, excerpts from the book were published on the website Scroll, which has also been made a respondent in the case along with its editor-in-chief.

Gupta's petition stated that the excerpts "show how the Book portrays the Plaintiff in a poor light which has lowered the Plaintiff's reputation in the eyes of the people at large...".

Gupta's petition alleged that the contents of the book were "concocted" and "scandalous", and an attempt to "game cheap publicity on the back of the name of the Plaintiff and more importantly her co-accused in the wake of the Book's launch...".



BRIDGING DISTANCE

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar addresses the BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting via video conferencing, in Delhi on Friday. ANI

US-INDIA STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FORUM SUMMIT

Rupani: Power consumption up, state economy has bounced back

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE
GANDHINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4

CITING POWER consumption, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Friday said the state's "economy has rebounded and is steadily back on the growth curve".

Addressing the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum's (USISPF) Third Annual Leadership Summit via video-conferencing, the Chief Minister invited the US businesses to invest in Gujarat, calling it an ideal investment destination.

Rupani said that Gujarat's economy has bounced back from the impact of the pandemic. Using power consumption as the indicator, Rupani said, "I am happy to share that on August 29, 2020, our power consumption was 5 per cent more than power consumed the same time last year. This clearly shows that the economy has rebounded and is steadily back on growth curve."

Rupani also announced that a senior nodal officer would be appointed from his office to facilitate



Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani

partnerships between US companies and the state government.

Focusing on the pharmaceutical sector, the Chief Minister Rupani called upon US companies to partner with Indian companies to produce Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients. He also invited firms working in the financial service sector to Gujarat. The Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) in Gandhinagar, he said, was the country's "first operational smart city" and International Financial Services Centre offered world-class infrastructure.

In the defence sector, Rupani said, the US had the expertise in manufacturing and Gujarat has

the ecosystem. "This ecosystem is supported by our aerospace and defence policy," he said.

"For us, a peaceful social environment is equally important," said Rupani. "Just like you, we also have the Statue of Unity, standing tall on the banks of the Narmada river," he added.

While asking US companies to partner with Gujarat to improve market access to the artisans in tribal areas through digital education, Rupani also invited companies like Cisco to partner with the government in the next wave of digital transformation.

On investment opportunities in Gujarat, Rupani highlighted the recently released new industrial policy with provisions such as relocation benefits, investor-friendly measures such as delinking incentives from the GST regime and land on a long-term lease.

"To promote a vibrant startup ecosystem, CM proposed a formalised start-up engagement program between US and Gujarat in areas such as semiconductors, electronics and e-vehicles," a government statement said.

MHA to states: Parole, furlough concession; not absolute right

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

EXPRESSING CONCERN over crimes being committed by prisoners on parole, furlough or by those prematurely released, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has sent an advisory to states, asking them to exercise due diligence in releasing prisoners and follow the guidelines it issued.

The MHA, in an advisory, has argued that "release on parole is not an absolute right" and is a "concession", and has asked states to review their existing practices for such an exercise.

The ministry has asked states to not release prisoners who are considered a threat to the security of the state or to individuals, and not grant such concessions as a "matter of routine" to those involved in heinous crimes.

Sources said the move has been triggered by reports of several prisoners, particularly those serving a sentence of less than seven years, being released on parole and furlough and some of them going on to commit crimes. "In the wake of the pandemic, states are under pressure to release prisoners in order to avoid overcrowding in prisons. However, in the process a lot of prisoners are being released without adherence to guidelines," an MHA official said.

The ministry advisory says, "Imprisonment besides being a mode of punishment also aims at protecting the society from criminal activities. A balance is, therefore, considered essential between ensuring the rights of inmates and protecting the society from further harm."

The ministry has said that prison is a state subject and all states have their own rules for pa-

role, furlough, remission and premature release based on good conduct of the prisoners. It has, however, said that concerns have been raised about such prisoners committing crimes once out of jail and thus states must carefully regulate release of prisoners.

"It is, therefore, important for state authorities to review their guidelines to ensure that the facility and concession given to inmates, by way of parole, furlough and premature release etc. with the intention of providing them relief and rehabilitation, is not abused and misused by them and their advantage does not turn into disadvantage and nuisance for the society at large," the advisory says.

It has asked states to include four new provisions in guidelines for release of prisoners:

■ Grant of parole and furlough to those offenders whose release may have adverse impact on the security of the State or safety of individuals may be strictly restricted.

■ The parole rules of states, including the criteria, duration and frequency, may be reviewed after making an assessment based on their experience about the benefits and detriments of such parole.

■ Parole and furlough may not be granted as a matter of routine and may be decided by a committee of officers and behavioural experts, who may meet as per requirement, keeping in view all relevant factors, especially for inmates sentenced for sexual offences and serious crimes such as murder, child abduction, violence etc.

■ It may be useful to invariably include an expert psychologist/criminologist/correctional administration expert as a member of the sentence review board and in the committee which decides grant of parole and furlough to inmates and obtain their opinion before such temporary release.

BJP MLA in Odisha beats up engineer, arrested

AISHWARYA MOHANTY
BHUBANESWAR, SEPTEMBER 4

BARIPADA BJP MLA Prakash Soren was arrested Friday for allegedly thrashing an assistant executive engineer of the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) for not awarding contracts to his party men.

The complainant, Ganpati Jena, alleged that he was thrashed, abused and told to give a work order to BJP workers. He also alleged that Soren demanded Rs 5 lakh from him and threatened to kill him if he did not agree to the terms. Jena is at a hospital, police said. His condition is said to be stable.

Soren has been booked under multiple sections of the IPC.

"We produced him in court and sought remand. Further investigations are underway," said Smit Parmar, SP, Mayurbhanj.

AGUSTAWESTLAND HC defers hearing on ED plea to cancel Saxena bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE DELHI High Court Friday deferred hearing of the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) plea, seeking cancellation of bail to approve Rajiv Saxena in the Agusta-Westland case as it was informed that the agency is in the process of challenging the earlier HC ruling which declined to revoke Saxena's status as approver at this stage.

During the hearing of the ED petition seeking recall of his bail order, the counsel representing the agency sought adjournment of the case for two weeks. The single bench of Justice C Hari Kumar allowed the request.

On June 8, HC had upheld the lower court order dismissing ED's plea for revocation of Saxena's status as approver. In 2019, the agency moved a plea for revocation, saying Saxena failed to disclose "full and true set of facts/circumstances in his knowledge".

UTTARAKHAND

Cabinet nod to incentives to set up telecom towers in 'dark villages'

LALMANI VERMA
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 4

THE UTTARAKHAND cabinet on Friday approved an amendment in the states' information technology (IT) policy to provide incentives of up to Rs 40 lakh to facilitate private telecom companies to install towers in 'dark villages' where telecommunication facilities are unavailable at present.

"Dark villages" are rural habitations where no telecom service provider (TSP) or internet service provider (ISP) is available. The decision by the state cabinet is significant from a strategic point of view as generally such villages in Uttarakhand are located along the international borders with China and Nepal.

According to government sources, there are 438 'dark villages' in the state at present. Telecom companies hesitate in installing towers in such areas because they do not find it financially viable, they said.

"If any service provider will submit a proposal to install telecom services in such villages, an



The cabinet also approved a proposal for expansion of a helipad at Kedarnath shrine

incentive of 30 per cent of the project cost or Rs 40 lakh, whichever is lower, will be provided by the government to the company," said an official.

The cabinet proposal says the decision will attract investment in the state in the information and communication technology and electronics sectors.

The state cabinet also approved a proposal for the expansion of a helipad at the Kedarnath shrine in Rudrapur district to make it suitable for the landing of IAF's Chinook helicopters.

A Chinook requires a helipad

with an area of more than 5,000 square metres. Kedarnath at present has one MI-26 helipad with an area of 2,000 square metres and another VIP helipad with an area of 2,400 square metres.

Sources said the Chinook helicopters will be used to transport to Kedarnath newly-procured heavy machineries which are required for rebuilding works after the 2013 floods. The target is to complete the expansion of helipad by October so that maximum development works can be completed before the onset of snow. However, a senior government functionary said the helipad's expansion is important from a "strategic point of view" as it will facilitate the landing of advanced IAF helicopters as well as transportation.

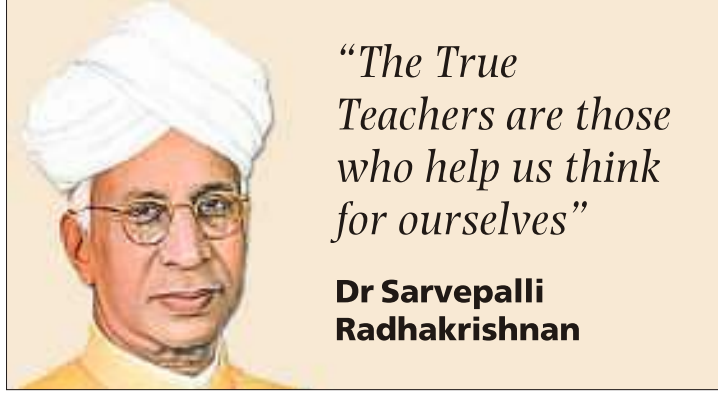
The cabinet also approved a proposal to launch the Tourists Incentive Coupon (TIC) scheme to revive the tourism industry that suffered a setback during the lockdown. Under this scheme, tourists will be provided concessions of up to Rs 1,000 in their accommodation bills in hotels and home stays. Incentive coupons will be provided on e-bookings only.

A Teacher: Takes a hand, Opens a mind and Touches a heart



THESE days with the world facing its greatest danger, we have all found ways and means to continue life as normally as possible. Teaching has continued though virtually and you all my dear teachers have been doing it happily and wonderfully well. For all of us at SIS, 5th of September has always been a very important celebration, A day when we let you know how good you all are and how much we appreciate you for making SIS the wonderful school that it is. Thank you all for continuing your work so beautifully and diligently inspite of the difficulties you might be facing. I wish each one of you a very happy teachers' day and I am quite sure you will continue with your hard work.

MS. KAMLESH JACOB,
Director



"The True Teachers are those who help us think for ourselves"

Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan



'Thanks To All My Teachers for Making Me What I am Today'

Role of a Teacher is not only to impart knowledge of a particular subject but also to instill confidence so that the student starts enjoying the learning process, develops interest, tries to find solutions, takes decisions and achieves an exponential growth. Whenever I see my students sitting in the library making notes on their own, in the laboratories doing some small research project, engaged in role play, debates or Art integrated projects in Social Science or language classes, solving puzzles & problems of Science & Mathematics with their peers, I know for sure that we as teachers have achieved our goal. Joyful classrooms promote faster learning and creates enthusiasm amongst students. Creative and Critical thinking is promoted by designing & writing for Magazines, Brochures, Stories, Picture books, Posters, creating Paintings, Music & Songs, doing Surveys, Graphs, making Videos, & being close to Nature.

MS. ALKA MATHUR,
Principal



LEARNING is considered successful only if it brings about a positive and constructive change in the learner. The idea behind joyful teaching learning process is to make everyone involved lifelong learners; not only students but also the teachers. A teacher can no longer have the competency to teach if she/he has stopped learning. My teaching career has bestowed me with skills like decision making, leadership, Communication, Managing Stress etc. which unfortunately our education system couldn't provide me while I was a student. This very fact encourages me to not only just teach my subject but to teach my subject while ensuring that these skills are developed in my students.

MS. KOMAL,
Vice-Principal

जिन नन्हें पीयों को सीखा, जिन कोमल उंगलियों को लिखना सिखाया हमने, आज उन्हीं की ऊँची उड़ान देख, अपने सपनों को जीना भी सीखा हमने!
यूँ तो हम अध्यापक अक्षर लिपि का पाठ ही पढ़ाया करते हैं, लेकिन अपने अनुभव से सीखा है मेने कि हम बच्चों को सिर्फ़ सिखाते नहीं बल्कि उनसे बहुत कुछ सीखते भी हैं। कक्षा के भीतर बच्चों की सोच की एक दुनिया होती है जिसे सही दिशा देने की जिम्मेदारी हमारे कंधों पर होती है। इतने सालों में कितने ही शरारती बच्चों को सिर्फ़ प्रेम से सुचारु है। उनका सामर्थ्य इतना था कि आज समाज में उनकी अपनी विशेष पहचान है। यूँ तो इस आभासी दौर में स्कूली शिक्षा और शिक्षण का पूरा स्वस्थ ही बदल गया है। आभासी दौर में सीमाएँ तो बहुत हैं पर उसे नज़रदान कर हम अध्यापकों और छात्रों ने मिलकर अपना रास्ता खोज ही निकाला है। बच्चों ने कोरोना काल के अपने अन्धे और दुरे अनुभवों को मुझसे साझा किया, PPT के माध्यम से अपने शोध कार्य को बेहतर तरीके से प्रस्तुत किया। ज्वलंत विषयों पर मेरे सामने ही खिड़की के उसपार अपनी रचनात्मकता का परिचय देते हुए नोटे लिखे, मेरे द्वारा सुनाई गई अमूर्त कक्षा की अपनी कल्पनाशक्ति के आधार पर नया रंग देकर पूरा किया और पाठ से संबंधित वीडियो का आनंद लिया और ही उन्होंने मुझे पढ़ाया भी। इस तरह शिक्षा का उद्देश्य सार्थक हो रहा है। स्वतंत्र के साथ कदम मिलाकर चलना ही विकास का द्योतक है। हमारे सामने एक विचारशील और प्रयोगशील पीढ़ी है उसकी सोच को नकल में न ढाला जाए, प्रयोग करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया जाए। यही ध्येय है। मैं वर्तमान परिवेश में शिक्षण में नवाचार को लेकर अत्यंत उत्साहित हूँ और भविष्य को लेकर आशावादी भी। इस शिक्षक दिवस पर यह अनुभूति ही मेरे लिए प्राप्त भी है और प्यारों की भी।

डॉ उमा मेहरा



TEACHING means adapting to The New which has proven true in current situation of prevailing pandemic. You can never know everything, and there is always a scope to learn new things, absorb fresh knowledge every time. As teachers, we always want to give our best and make the teaching learning process an enjoyable one.

I have experienced that when we provide joyful learning environment to the students, we can improve on their involvement and learning outcomes. Once a student trusts you, your power becomes endless.

Online teaching requires more effort in terms of preparation than conventional teaching. As a teacher, it has been a totally new experience for me, teaching and learning under present scenario i.e. virtual teaching where one needs to be well-planned, for active engagement that allows the learners opportunities for interaction and hands-on, experimental learning. At last, I would say: teaching and learning go together.

MS. RENU TANEJA



"Teaching is not subject to your subject only but it's subject to shaping up a future"

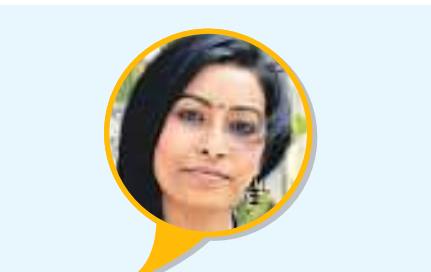
With every passing day, I feel proud of being a teacher, I have tried to make a difference in the lives of my students. For me to impart knowledge is also to impart wisdom. During these challenging times of global pandemic, teaching online seemed to be a challenge at first for many of us, but it became a tool of effective teaching and learning process for both teachers and students.

MS. SHWETA SACHDEVA



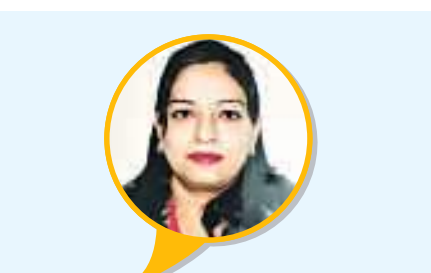
THE education system has changed completely due to the pandemic. But we at SNEH have left no stone unturned to teach our students and ensure every possible way so that the quality of teaching doesn't get affected. As educators, we have implemented every possible technique and strategy so that the students are completely engaged in learning. As a result, the students are enjoying this medium of online teaching and they always look forward to join the class. It has become a win-win situation for everyone and tomorrow even if we have to start offline classes it is going to be an easy transition.

MS. PREETI SINGH



I WAS never IT inclined, so when I started out with the virtual classes during the pandemic, I had to reshape and restructure my classroom practices in a way that would ensure engagement of the students. But what preponderates this challenge is the exasperation I feel for not being able to be physically present in the class and be with my students. I reminisce the time when I would move back & forth in the classroom, it has now been sadly replaced by pinning up the students in the virtual classroom. I had never imagined that I would be at the mercy of the camera to have a glimpse of my students. Well, we know that we have to make this transition practically successful, but it is indeed very hard to come by and I hope to come to grips with it and wish for things to be normal soon.

MS. SHRUTI VERMA



TEACHING at SNEH has always been an exciting and vibrant part of my life. I always have a great time with my students who give me confidence that I need to keep progressing. For me, teaching means a variety of teaching strategies, learning material and to carry new ideas every day to the class. Teaching my subject by play way method and interacting a lot with students, make my lessons enjoyable. There is nothing better than seeing your students eager to learn and participate. The greatest compliment is when a student approaches you after many years and tells you something like, "You really helped me learn..."

MS. ANJANA DAWAR ARORA

MESSAGE



"जब भोजन आपके मुँह में प्रवेश करता है, तो आपकी जीभ यह तय करती है कि यह मीठा, नमकीन या खट्टा है, ... लेकिन जब एक शिक्षक आपके जीवन में प्रवेश करता है, तो ज्ञान की सुगंध आपकी सभी इन्द्रियों को प्रभावित करती है"

- सुभाष धींगरा

अध्यापक दिवस की शुभकामनाएँ

HAPPY TEACHERS' DAY

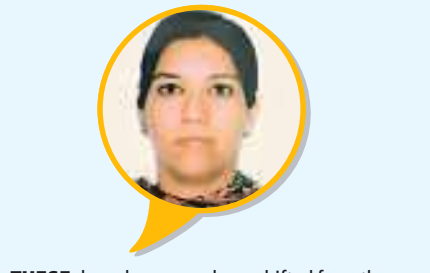
THE pandemic situation COVID-19, (Coronavirus) in which we are placed today, is one which the country – and, indeed, the world – has not witnessed earlier and, hopefully, would not have to witness again. A joint, cohesive and concerted effort, alone, can result in success in this struggle.

We're quick to recognize our nation's teachers, these dedicated people are busy shaping the goals and dreams of our future generations, and they deserve all the honor and accolades we can heap upon them.

It is our endeavor to provide quality education by holding classes through online platforms. The effort in physically teaching students, in a regular classroom, cannot even remotely be compared with the effort that the teachers have to expend, in providing online education. It is a matter of common knowledge that, in doing so, the perseverance of the teachers, and the strain to which they subject themselves, is tremendous, and their efforts referred to, often, as the noblest among all noble professions – require to be commended in the highest terms.

So, thank you to all the teachers, to show how powerful you are, as individuals and also as professionals.

SUBHASH DHINGRA
Chairman, SNEH International School



THESE days classrooms have shifted from the school to our rooms where distractions are more but our commitment to teach stands constant. What a joy to see children in front of your screens sending us beams of positivity. I had never thought that teaching could be this dynamic and so the pandemic has alighted the lamp of innovation in us where we teachers keep finding new ways and means to make our teaching learning an enriching experience. Teaching has always been a stress buster for me because when I'm with my students I forget the world around me. Each day is like stepping into a magician's hat, entering a world of possibilities and coming out as a better person.

MS. DEEPTI ARYA



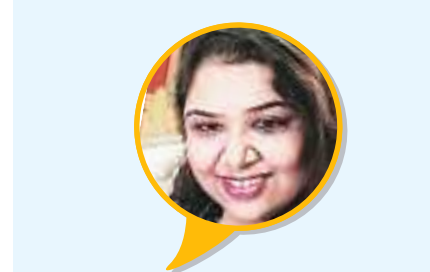
JOYFUL learning is the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds. We as teachers aim to ensure that each and every student learns and enjoys learning. To enhance their interest in the class, the element of anticipation is developed. Use of flash cards, puppets, face masks, games and realia make learning interesting, fun and impactful. During the pandemic, to make virtual classrooms efficacious, meticulous planning is done to make sessions interactive, innovative & child friendly. The world of children is full of love, happiness and the unquestioning faith in the goodness around them. We as teachers strive to keep this belief alive.

MS. SABEHA MEHMOOD,
Headmistress



MY teaching experience at SNEH has been incredible. In the current scenario, online delivery of the course is a challenging prospect, as switching from on-site (or brick) to online (or click) is a significant change. We are no longer a 'sage on the stage'; rather we have become a 'guide on the side'. It is true that a lot of online teaching success is about course organization, like making sure content is clear, posted in the right place and linked to working supplementary materials. However, over time online teaching has become an exciting new sandbox to experiment with different creative teaching methods. I take this opportunity to thank our Chairman for his commitment to the cause of education that has been the guiding force always. Even in these tough times, it is our Principal's foresight that has led to the forming of platforms to ensure that learning must never pause whatever the situation is.

MS. SARIKA JAIN



SNEH as the name suggests love and compassion, has given me the same and these two words have been inculcated in my dealing with students. The school has appreciated me, guided me, corrected me and most importantly given me beautiful children. Their smile keeps me young and full of life. It has been a pleasure teaching these lovely children at SNEH with all new facilities like the white board, Tata Class Edge, 3D Movies etc. In this pandemic situation when we are taking virtual classes, the teaching learning process is full of fun with different activities, celebrations, videos and virtual tours.

MS. TINNI RAHA



"A teacher is effective if she can direct, guide, facilitate and support students to achieve certain academic satisfaction." From March, 2020 the schools have been 'homeschooled' and traditional classrooms have been replaced with 'online meetings'. The importance of classroom teaching is undeniable but this pandemic has proved that the teachers are ready to perform their duty with same diligence. PBL (Project Based learning) and AIL (Art Based Learning) can be the best tools to keep the students involved and make them learn with fun. As a teacher I think I have become more innovative due to these virtual classes.

MS. NIKITA GOEL



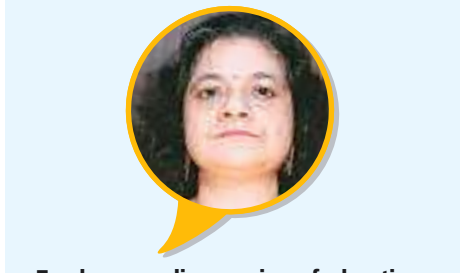
I WAS born to be a teacher I was trained to be a teacher, But I became a friend sharing silly jokes and playing with my students. I was trained to be a teacher, But I became caretaker helping my students dress up for an event. I was trained to be a teacher, But I became a teammate working with my students for interclass competitions. I was trained to be a teacher, But I became a treasurer keeping secrets of my students. I was trained to be a teacher, But I became tech savvy teaching my students virtually in this pandemic. I was trained to be...

MS. ROHINI TANDON



WITH changing times, the teaching methodologies have also changed. Making English learning joyful, has always been a predominant thought in my mind. Creating interesting learning techniques, to integrate fun with learning, is what I have always strived for. As, it is said that learning is a continuous process, which has proved apt in the prevailing times of global pandemic, where now I am teaching online. "It is not a lecture classroom online." "It has to be an active learning classroom online." Teaching English is my passion and I cannot possibly see myself doing anything else! The road which was unknown has now become the path I am walking on... and intent to keep walking.

MS. MEENAKSHI ARORA



Teachers as online warriors of education. Being an educator itself is a constant learning process, and with the advent of online teaching, (thanks to mysterious 'Corona') teaching learning process has changed dramatically. I never thought of exploring technology with such great pace. The definition of Quality education has undergone a metamorphosis in the online mode. Rich texts, images, videos, audios, and games bring fun, excitement, collaboration, and challenge to learning. The learners, being digital natives, view online classes as 'edutainment than education' and continually set new learning goals for themselves. It also allows learners to learn at their own pace, revisiting the lesson as many times as they wish before moving on to the next stage.

DR. RANJANA DHARA

BRIEFLY



Centre said NTCA will look into the matter.

NEW DELHI HC asks Centre to decide on pleas over 'man-eaters'

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Friday asked the Centre to decide on representations alleging that wild animals, especially tigers, were allegedly being killed on the pretext of them being man-eaters, in violation of the guidelines and rules. The Centre said the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) will look into the matter and that a decision will be taken. The court was hearing a petition filed by an activist alleging that private shooters are being engaged by state authorities for hunting wild animals, who are said to be man-eaters. **ENS**

TRIPURA Man booked for molesting two children

Agartala: A man was charged with sexually abusing two minors in Agartala, officials said on Friday. According to the complaint lodged on Thursday, he allegedly molested two girls, aged 4 and 7, while the parents of the victims were not at home. No arrests have been made in the case so far. Speaking to reporters, the officer in-charge of the police station where the case was filed said the incident took place on August 28. The accused was booked under Section 354 of the IPC and section 8 of the POCSO Act. **ENS**

GUJARAT Four held with 'illegal' firearms on border

Ahmedabad: Four persons were arrested on the Gujarat-Rajasthan border in Banaskantha district, on Thursday, for possession of at least four firearms and multiple rounds of live ammunition. According to the police, a vehicle coming from Abu road in Rajasthan was intercepted at Amrigadh border check post in Banaskantha on Thursday, wherein police recovered unlicensed weapons and ammunition. The four have been booked under the Arms Act. **ENS**

RAJASTHAN Forest guard run over by tractor, critical

Kota: A forest guard was critically injured in Rajasthan's Baran after he was allegedly run over by a tractor and dragged some 200 metres by 5-7 people who attacked his patrolling squad during an anti-encroachment drive on Friday, officials said. The squad succeeded in detaining one of the encroachers. Assistant Conservator of Forest Mohammad Hafeez said the department received information about encroachment on government land at 11 pm on Thursday. A squad comprising 12 personnel reached the spot at 1.30 am on Friday when five to seven people attacked them, he said. **PTI**

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

186 DAYS SINCE PHASE 2 BEGAN
CASES: 39,36,747
RECOVERED: 30,37,151
DEATHS: 68,472
TESTS: 4,66,79,145 **DOUBLING RATE:** 33.18**



KEY STATES TO WATCH	TOTAL CASES	SURGE IN 24 HOURS	7-DAY AVG GROWTH*	DOUBLING TIME**
■ Maharashtra	8,43,844	18,105	2.02%	35.63
■ Tamil Nadu	4,45,851	5,892	1.45%	49.82
■ Andhra	4,65,730	10,199	2.45%	29.36
■ Karnataka	3,70,206	8,865	2.58%	27.93
■ Uttar Pradesh	2,47,101	5,662	2.46%	29.25

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

CASE FATALITY RATIO	POSITIVITY RATE	DAILY IN, DAILY OUT
7 DAYS EARLIER: 1.82 NOW: 1.74	7 DAYS EARLIER: 8.58 NOW: 8.43	DETECTED TODAY 83,341 RECOVERED TODAY: 66,659
Deaths as a ratio of positive cases (in %); indicator of progress in averting deaths	Positives against number tested (in %); indicator of the spread of disease	Becoming sick vs recovering; more recoveries for 14 days may signal the peak

Data as on September 3, released by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR and states. Often daily numbers include data from previous days. As such, trends based on daily numbers are indicative, not definitive

In Punjab, no more posters outside homes with Covid patients in isolation

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 4

COVID-19 PATIENTS in home isolation in Punjab will no longer have to suffer the fear and stigma of social isolation resulting from posters affixed at the entrance of their homes. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Friday reversed his government's earlier decision of putting posters outside the houses of Covid patients under home isolation or quarantine. Posters where already affixed may be removed, he said.

"The move is aimed at minimising the stigma resulting from the affixing of such posters at the front doors of such patients, thus also negating the fear of testing," the CM said.

In a related development, Punjab government on Friday organised a video conference to dispel the notion of stigma and discrimination against people testing positive for coronavirus. The measures mooted during the virtual conference were am-

plifying correct vocabulary like "people who have Covid-19" instead of "Covid-19 cases" and "Covid-19 victims", share positive stories of those who have recovered from the infection, don't label any individual group or area for the spread of Covid-19, don't spread misinformation/rumours were among series of measures mooted in a video conferencing.

Experts from United Nations Development Program and World Health Organisation were part of the orientation on anti-stigma and discrimination drive.

Due to stigma and discrimination, the presentation noted people were "concealing symptoms", showing "hesitancy in seeking medical care" and were "not adhering to interventions like home quarantine".

It also noted that due to attached stigma and discrimination, there was "ostracisation of healthcare workers and others involved in Covid-19 management".



A health worker disinfects gloves after taking a swab sample for Covid-19 testing, in Ludhiana on Friday. Gurmeet Singh



A health worker takes a swab sample from a woman to test for Covid-19 in New Delhi on Friday. Amit Mehra

Haryana sero survey finds virus antibodies in 8% people

Risk of virus spread is higher in urban than in rural areas, reports survey

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ANTIBODIES AGAINST SARS-CoV-2 were found among 8 per cent of the state's population in a seroprevalence survey conducted in Haryana last month, with people in urban areas and districts in the National Capital Region found affected more, state Health Minister Anil Vij said on Friday.

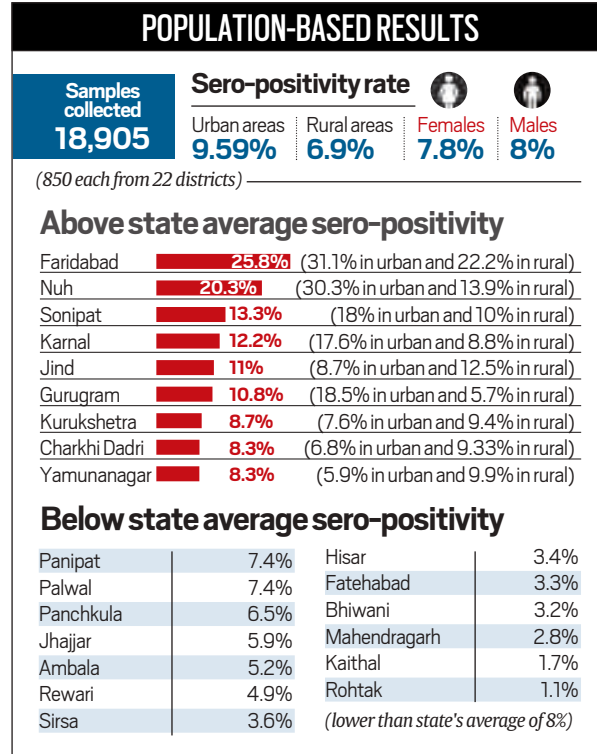
According to the survey, Faridabad tops the list, with 25.8 per cent of people in the district having had the infection at some point, while Rohtak - at 1.1 per cent seroprevalence - was the lowest. Prevalence is more in urban areas (9.6 per cent) compared to rural areas (6.9 per cent), it reported.

The survey found seropositivity of 7.8 per cent in samples of women tested, and 8 per cent among samples of men. Prevalence was found higher among women in Bhiwani, Gurgaon, Jhajjar and Mahendragarh district, and higher among men in Hisar, Jind, Kurukshetra, Nuh, Panipat, and Yamunanagar districts.

The sero survey was conducted by the state government in association with PGIMER, Chandigarh. In all, 18,905 samples were tested across the state's 22 districts, Vij said.

On Friday, the Haryana Health Department reported 1,884 fresh Covid-19 cases and 19 deaths over the last 24 hours, taking the state's total to 71,983 and death toll to 759 so far.

Stating that the sero survey was done in August, Vij, while releasing the findings, said, "It was carried out with the aim to iden-



tify penetration of Covid-19 at the community level, and to monitor its transmission trends.... It was conducted by taking 850 people from each district - from both urban and rural population. A nodal officer was designated in every district to monitor and supervise the sero survey."

Haryana's Additional Chief Secretary (Health) Rajeev Arora, said, "The findings will be a useful guide in designing strategies and implementation of appropriate containment measures. The sero survey is about testing a group of individuals for presence of antibodies, as it helps understand the number of people

affected by the disease. The study helped us determine the burden of Covid-19 at the community level in the state, and monitor the trends of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 infection."

ICMR/NCDC, in collaboration with key stakeholders and state health departments, had initiated a population-based sero survey in select districts across the country.

States such as Maharashtra, Delhi and Andhra Pradesh have completed the first round of the survey, and others are in the process of conducting it.

The first round's findings for Delhi showed its seropositivity rate at 23.4 per cent, while for

EXPLAINED E Why seroprevalence survey is important

DUE TO the high proportion of asymptomatic or mild infections, data restricted to laboratory-confirmed cases do not capture the true extent of the spread or burden of SARS-CoV-2. A seroprevalence survey uses antibody tests to estimate the percentage of people in a population with antibodies against the virus. The survey helps monitor the exposure of the general population to SARS-CoV-2 infection in a particular area. A small sample of people participating in the survey represents a larger population.

Mumbai it was 57 per cent in slums and 16 per cent in non-slum areas.

Arora said that serological detection of specific antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 can "better estimate the true number of infections", and that district-wise seroprevalence surveillance is the "need of the hour".

PUNJAB TEEN FIGHTS OFF SNATCHER, WRESTS BACK PHONE

'Got confidence from Taekwondo videos on phone'

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FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD KUSUM had always dreamt of becoming famous. Little did the Class 8 student know that a run-in with snatchers would earn her that fame. But this was far from her mind when a man out on bail tried to snatch her mobile on a Sunday afternoon. Kusum fought back and not only managed to wrest her mobile from the man who repeatedly hit her, but also nabbed him with the help of passers-by.

Kusum was returning home after taking tuition from a distant relation in Fatehpur Mohalla near Deen Dyal Upadhyay Nagar when she was attacked by the snatchers on a bike. "I was about to call my father to tell him that I was on my way home when I felt this tug," she recounted.

The police say the man she fought off was a hardened crim-



A CCTV grab of the incident; (right) Kusum recuperating after a wrist surgery.



inal who was facing seven cases, but was out on bail due to the pandemic.

Impressed with Kusum's bravery, deputy commissioner Ghansyam Thori has announced an award of Rs 51,000 for her.

Recuperating after a wrist surgery, her right arm in a bandage, the teenager said she is still getting used to all the attention

coming her way. "I wasn't scared when he hit me and snatched my mobile; all I knew was that I had to get it back come what may."

The teenager, who studies in Lala Jagat Narayan DAV School and wants to be a policewoman, is all smiles as she tells you how fond she is of her mobile. It belongs to her father, who works as a daily wage in an iron sheet fac-

tory. "He gave it to me after the lockdown so that I could attend online classes... Of late, I have also been learning Taekwondo on it," she said.

Those moves came in handy when she chased the snatchers. The entire incident was captured in a CCTV installed in the neighbourhood. The video, which went viral, shows two bike-borne youths snatching Kusum's phone, after which she chases them. The pillion-rider repeatedly attacks her wrist with a sharp-edged weapon but the girl does not relent. A man then comes running followed by other residents and overpowers the pillion rider while the biker flees.

"Perhaps I got this confidence from watching Taekwondo training videos on the mobile," the teenager said. "My friends and I get together and practice Taekwondo whenever we get time," she said.

Her father Sadhu Ram, who came from Faizabad in UP to

Jalandhar 40 years ago and decided to stay on, said Kusum has always had big dreams despite their modest life in two small rooms. "I admitted her in a good school recently after she failed in 7th standard. Now she is doing well even though her monthly expenses come to around Rs 3,000," he said.

Sadhu Ram says the teenager had been pestering him to get her admitted in a karate class but he refused because of the high fees. "This incident has made me realise the importance of self-defence training for girls," he said.

Mangat Ram Sharma, who came to Kusum's rescue, says he was sitting in the courtyard of his house when he heard her cries. "I ran out and we managed to nab one of the snatchers."

Meanwhile, locals are pouring in to meet the feisty girl. The Jalandhar police have now recommended her name for the national bravery award.

Assam's Covid toll would be higher if indirect deaths included, says Himanta

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 4

ASSAM HAS registered 330 Covid-19 deaths so far but if other deaths indirectly linked to the disease are counted then the figure will be much higher, Assam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Friday.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* on the sidelines of a press conference in Guwahati, Sarma said that if deaths of Covid patients who tested negative before their demise were counted, the casualty figure in Assam would be between 900 and 1,000.

"If we count both, deaths 'during Covid' and 'post Covid', then the figure (state's overall death toll from the infection) will be higher. But the 'post Covid' deaths cannot be included in our official tally," Sarma said.

Sarma said that the figure 330 only reflects those who have died while they were infected and those that died from it. "If you add those who had Covid but died of some other cause (unnatural causes like road accidents) and people who died of post-Covid complications after testing negative, then the casualty figure in Assam will be close to 1,000," he said.

In Assam, a 4-member Death Audit Board, formed in accordance with guidelines by the ICMR, decides which deaths can be officially attributed to Covid-19.

In the press briefing, Sarma highlighted that over the last few days the state was seeing 3,000-odd new cases per day - which he said was a worrying sign. "This way, September alone will see 30 multiplied by 3,000 - a total of 90,000 cases. We have to ensure that does not happen," Sarma said.

On Friday, Assam lifted the weekend lockdown and ended the night curfew as well.

Till Thursday night, Assam had reported a total of 1,18,333 cases - of which 29,274 are active.

Shivakumar hospitalised again as fever relapses

Bengaluru: Karnataka Congress president D K Shivakumar, who was recently discharged from the hospital after undergoing treatment for Covid-19, has been hospitalised again as he developed fever, his office said on Friday.

"D K Shivakumar was admitted to a private hospital in Jayanagar on Wednesday, as fever relapsed," his office said in a statement. Shivakumar has appealed to his well wishers and party workers not to come near the hospital or his residence, as he would undergo treatment at the hospital for a few more days. The 58-year-old leader who was earlier admitted since August 24 was discharged on August 31. **PTI**

CBSE compartment exams for Classes X, XII from September 22

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THE CBSE'S compartment examinations for Classes X and XII will be held from September 22, the board notified on Friday.

For Class XII students, the exams will be held between September 22 and 29, while for Class X students they will be held between September 22 and 28.

These will be the first physical examinations conducted by the board for school students since board examinations were halted and remaining examinations cancelled after the nationwide lockdown was imposed in March.

According to guidelines issued by the board, all candidates will be required to carry their own hand sanitiser in transparent bottles and water bottles. All candidates have to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Earlier in the day, the CBSE told the Supreme Court that it is taking all precautions for conducting the compartment exams.

Advocate Rupesh Kumar, appearing for the board, told a bench of Justices AM Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and Sanjiv Khanna that the number of centres for the exams has been increased to 1,278. He added that in a class where 40 students could sit, only 12 will sit now.

The court was hearing a plea seeking cancellation of the compartment exams in view of the Covid-19 situation.

The counsel for the petitioner said CBSE had not yet said why the compartment exam cannot be cancelled. Saying that it will not be possible to conduct the exams by September, the counsel said that the students will fall in the category of failed students.

The court will take this up for hearing on September 10. It asked the CBSE to file a short affidavit.

Discover the Subtleties of Fine Arts Photography at IIP

On the occasion of Teachers Day, professors and students from the IIP Academy for Fine Arts & Research Centre share their views on NEP 2020 and how the new policy creates a suitable environment for furthering creative studies in India, with a special focus on Fine Arts Photography and the study of history of photography and its applications in current times. In photography, it is always important to know the 'subject' at study closely, for which IIP has introduced Ethnographic Portraits and Documentary Photography. They also expressed the importance of going beyond the realm of Commercial Photography to explore the art and magic behind photography.

Giving Wings to Creative Minds!

How does a course like photography benefit from the National Education Policy 2020?

NEP 2020 is a milestone for an institute like ours as it supports creative courses like Fine Arts, including photography, painting, sculpture etc. I believe that Arts has the ability to make a positive impact on our overall GDP as it can create a parallel economy in our country. For instance, paintings and photographs by artists are often sold in crores. However, to generate such a huge money, only an artist of great potential equipped with canvas and colours is required. To nurture such talented minds in the country and abroad, IIP has envisioned many creative courses to further the aspirations of such people. In a recent survey, over 89% students believed that creativity improves overall decision-making processes. The current regime understands these facts and that is why NEP 2020 supports creativity in a big way. The government has said that it will contribute 6% of the country's GDP to education.

What is the vision of IIP?

By 2024, our vision is to make IIP Academy as IIP University of Fine Arts and Research Centre. We want to work on 'Indology' – arts, culture, philosophy and history. We believe photography based on this concept can do wonders. This will also highlight our country and its rich cultural



Rajesh Goyal,
Founder & Director, IIP

heritage through the lens of our photographers. In India, every state has its own culture, language and tradition, food and attire. Our country is bestowed with heritage monuments dating back to ages adorning a colourful past. All these beautiful facets about our country make it a 'museum' in itself.

In today's digital age, all our culture is dying down slowly and steadily and we, at IIP, are trying our best to revive our culture by creating a photographic history of

India. Moreover, once we realise our vision of establishing the university, it will be first of its kind in India providing students with exploring a diverse range of creative opportunities in painting, sculpture, photography, music, dance, cultural and fine arts history.

What can students expect at IIP?

At IIP, we know how to transition a student into a brand. Our curriculum has been thoughtfully designed as per the emerging trends followed in the Western countries. At IIP, the focus is on quality teaching as we only have a batch of 16 students. I believe if we can raise the quality of Fine Arts education in India then surely one day, we can save our forex and it will also lessen the craze of students to travel abroad to study Fine Arts.

We're also offering online photography courses so that students can learn this art form from the comfort of their home and at their own pace. At IIP, students can expect a phenomenal change in the way they perceive creativity under our expert guidance and care. Our students get to collaborate with high-profile clients like ministries, various government initiatives, brands and corporate houses, political parties, NGO's, advertising and fashion world.



Fine Arts Photography is in Demand Nowadays!

Will NEP 2020 provide boost for a course like Photography?

NEP 2020 provides students the option of pursuing inter-disciplinary education. Earlier one had to complete Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) and get a degree before pursuing MFA; however, with NEP 2020, both BFA and MFA can be merged together to provide a comprehensive subject knowledge. Second, NEP 2020 provides more scope for research-oriented courses. Third, there's a provision for multi-disciplinary courses, meaning if a student is pursuing Science then, too, he can pursue Arts. Overall, NEP 2020 has come at the right time when the Education sector needed it the most.

What are two new subjects that IIP has introduced?

IIP has included two research-oriented subjects – Ethnographic Portraits and Fashion Documentary. Ethnography is the study of people and their culture. We have borrowed this concept of photography from the famous American photographer, Ed-



Manish Sehrawat, Associate Lecturer, IIP Academy for Fine Arts and Research Centre

ward Sheriff Curtis. He was the one who merged ethnography with portraits. These subjects are taught to BFA and MFA students in the second year and third year, respectively. We provide students with opportunities for Ethnography research, wherein they need to visit a part of India and live sometime with the 'subject' in study and then prepare ethnographic portraits through photographs. In Fashion Documentary, the idea is to merge fashion with documentary and delve into the hardships

faced by fashion models and designers through these photographs. We also teach them how to do Quality Research in Photography.

Which genre is mostly preferred by students?

Nowadays, students at IIP seem more interested in knowing about how the Fine Arts Photography evolved in the 1890s. They ask me about the best portrait or fashion photographers and about their works. More than 60% of our students first want to discover the art behind photography and only then do they decide which genre they want to pursue in life. The best thing about IIP is it gives students a plethora of chances to discover their own artistic side.

Before deciding the genre, we have to know what the student knows, what's his cultural background and individual experience, what's his thought process, vision and sense about photography, how does he perceive photography, what feelings does photography arouse in that individual, and what he wants to explore in life and, consequently, we decide what genres are available for that student to pursue.

IIP is a League Apart from Other Institutes!

Please tell us about your new courses at IIP?

We have BFA and MFA level course programs in Photography at IIP. These programs are with the specialisation of Fine Arts Photography, including Documentary Photography and Conceptual Photography. IIP is unique in this matter as there's no other institute that provides such courses in photography. At IIP, the focus is one Fine Arts Photography, taking the artistic and theoretical sides of photography into consideration. We want our students to be storytellers rather than just being design-oriented commercial photographers. Therefore, our courses are very innovative and a league apart from other institutes.

Why should budding photogra-



Dr. Vikas Gupta, Associate Professor, Dept. of Art & Photography, IIP Academy for Fine Arts and Research Centre, Noida

phers join IIP?

At IIP, students get an ambience for professional-level, studio practice of photogra-

phy. Our studios are well-equipped with avant-garde technologies to make photography learning an enriching experience. We also have model shoots, studio-based Portraiture Photography, Food Photography, Product Photography, etc. We provide all kinds of training to make a novice turn into an expert photographer. Our course is designed in such a manner that theoretical learning is an integral part of our curriculum, including history of photography, technicality behind photography and philosophy of photography. We teach them application of such theoretical concepts, besides studio-based practical learning. Theoretical learning of photography is highly neglected in India and this is where we are unique compared with others.



IIP is my second home, and amazed me by the standards they are following to establish Fine Arts and Photography learning in India.

A Nikon Ambassador and Adobe partner, I was fascinated by the rich Indian cultural heritage and studied Indian aesthetics. For me, the IIP Academy is a dynamic, culturally vibrant and at the same time very professional institution, that offers a wide range of seminars, lectures and workshops on photography. I have given numerous seminars on documentary and staged photography and went on excursions with her IIP students.

Dr. Maja, Jerrentrup
Bonn, Germany.



I SEND my whole hearted good wishes to Sh Rajesh Goyal ji of IIP Academy for the wonderful work he is doing for advancement of photography by training so many young people who can make a livelihood from photography as a career. This in the true sense is a contribution for which these young people will be obliged to him and this institution in years to come. May this valuable work grow and would certainly be a part of our beloved Modi ji's dream of enhancing "Skill India" project.

Ashok Dilwali, Veteran Photographer

Photography is Visual Communication!

What's your perspective on IIP as an institution for photography in India?

I always found photography enticing right since my childhood days. After completing my engineering and having worked for 2-3 corporate companies, I decided to pursue my passion and hence chose IIP Academy for learning the art and skill behind photography. One of the first lessons that I learnt during an enlightening conversation I had with Mr. Rajesh Goyal, Chairman IIP was that it is important to learn photography first and then decide my genre rather than doing vice versa.

At IIP, I realised that there's more to photography than just its technical aspects like light and optical science. Photography is an artform of visual communication. For most of us, photographs are a medium to revisit our memories. How-



Jatin Jain, Commercial Photographer, Studio Iodine Vapor

ever, photography as an artform acts as a medium to spread awareness or message regarding a social issue etc.

What photography genre are you pursuing currently?

Initially, I wanted to become a Wildlife Photographer, however, at the end of my course at IIP, I chose to become a Com-

mercial Photographer. In commercial photography, I do photoshoots related to products, magazine editorials, foods, architecture and interiors shoots for hotels and restaurants. Commercial photography is an integral part of graphic designing, as these photographs are useful in designing of brochures, catalogues etc.

How was your overall experience at IIP?

IIP has provided me with a complete learning experience which has enabled me to conduct photography classes for students at IIP efficiently and at my part-time classes as well. I have taught 12-to-62-year-old students at my classes and everyone is as awestruck as I was during my learning days at IIP. Most people discover the art side of photography for the first time in these classes and that makes the experience of learning photography truly enriching.

The Ideation of an Image is Quintessential!

How did IIP help you in shaping up your career?

Before IIP, I didn't know how to study an image. Teachers at IIP have a very meticulous approach towards the course and everything is taught in great details. Every student has the facility to take separate sessions with teachers to learn or clear the doubts related to the nuances of photography.

The best part is that institute conducts hands-on practical classes so that students can grasp the subject from the core. For instance, as a student I used to have model shoots at the institute itself so that it becomes a part of my photography persona and doesn't appear like a new thing when I'm doing it professionally. These campus shoots helped me focus and identify things that need to be taken care of while I'm on a live shoot. This practical aspect of campus shoots



Swikriti Gupta, Senior Visual Executive at John Jacobs, Lenskart

builds confidence of novice photographers to a great extent.

Please share your experiences at IIP?

During my journalism days, I developed an interest for photography and, consequently, joined IIP, where I'd a can-

did conversation regarding photography as a subject with Mr. Rajesh Goyal. Through that interaction, I came to know that it is very essential to know your intention behind capturing a particular image. Only then you can capture all its essence perfectly. This concept piqued my interest in photography even more. First, IIP helped me in gaining confidence while shooting and, secondly, it helped me improvise my vision regarding photography. Through IIP, I learnt how to picture an image and visualise its related aspects.

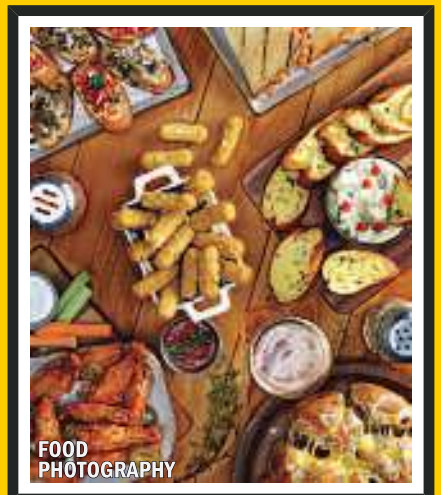
What are you currently doing?

Currently, I'm working for Lenskart as their official photographer, videographer and do campaign and model shoots for the company's premium brand of eyewear – John Jacobs. Whatever is put on social media, Ad campaigns, and other platforms are planned and shot by me.

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SPENDING TO REVIVE

With consumption and investments waning, government spending offers a way out. So far it's nowhere near enough

THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT accounts for the first four months of the current financial year suggest that despite imposing one of the most stringent lockdowns in the world and in spite of facing one of the severest economic slowdowns in recent history, the government's response so far has been far more tight-fisted than that of other countries. At the aggregate level, the Centre's total spending rose by 11.3 per cent in the April-July period — lower than even its budgeted projection of 12.7 per cent for the full year. This is nowhere close to the scale of spending required to compensate, even partly, for the economic loss during this period. The GDP data released earlier this week revealed that both private consumption and investments fell by roughly Rs 5.3 lakh crore each (at 2011-12 prices) during the first quarter over the same period last year. In comparison, government consumption expenditure rose by a mere Rs 68,387 crore — nowhere near enough to offset, even partly, the fall. It is possible that the Centre may ramp up spending in subsequent months. However, at the current juncture, given the scale of the collapse in economic activity, there is a strong case for not only front-loading its budgeted allocations, but also for drastically expanding the scale of its spending.

Much of the rise in the Centre's spending till now has been driven by revenue expenditure, which rose by 12 per cent in the April-July period. However, in comparison, the Centre's capital expenditure grew by a mere 3.9 per cent over the same period. Worryingly, capital spending has declined on roads and defence. Considering that the capital expenditure multipliers for both Centre and state governments are much higher than the revenue expenditure multipliers — the latter are, in fact, less than one — there is a strong case for ramping up capital spending to crowd in private sector investments. This, as the RBI notes, "induces more than proportionate increase in investments in the economy".

It is true that government finances are constrained, and were stressed even before the pandemic hit. As against a budgeted fiscal deficit of 3.8 per cent in 2019-20, the actual deficit stood at 4.6 per cent. And going forward, while the pace of contraction in revenues will ease, government finances will continue to be strained. However, considering that of the four engines of growth, private consumption, investments, and exports were slowing down even before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and are unlikely to witness a broad-based revival in the near term, far greater government support is needed at this current juncture. A crisis of this magnitude needs to be tackled at multiple levels. The fiscal response should involve a combination of measures — enhanced cash transfers for providing immediate but temporary relief, while at the same time, ramping up capital spending. So far, however, there has been no indication from the government on either the size or the composition of a package, if one is on the way.

LIVING ON THE EDGE

For those excluded by NRC, fair hearing at tribunals remains urgent necessity, which must be expedited

THE FRAUGHT EXERCISE of updating the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam ended a year ago, excluding 19 lakh of the 3.3 crore applicants. The state and its people had placed their bets on the NRC as a mechanism to resolve the old and complex tangle over indigenous claims and immigrant history, which has its roots in Assam's unique experience of colonialism. But the hope of a closure is receding as the process, riddled with flaws, has ground to a halt.

The 19 lakh left out of the NRC are in a limbo. They have one more legal recourse before being declared non-citizens — that of moving the foreigners' tribunals — but they cannot do so as the NRC directorate has not issued them rejection orders. Though the pandemic is being blamed for the lack of administrative urgency, the political discourse preceding the outbreak had set the stage for this disavowal. For the Assamese nationalists, who have maintained since the 1980s that the influx of illegal immigrants into Assam was an existential threat, 19 lakh is an "underestimate". For the BJP, which sought to introduce a religious cleavage in the already seething ethnic and linguistic divides in the state, the large number of Bengali Hindus believed to have been left out of the NRC is unpalatable, even if it has the amnesty of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) in its pocket. It has declared it would not accept the NRC in its current form and insists on "re-verification". For the Bengal-origin Muslims, with ethnic roots in the region that is now Bangladesh, the NRC was an opportunity to find legitimacy in a state where they have been seen as unwelcome outsiders. The scepticism over the published NRC sends them the message that even a SC-mandated process cannot transcend a deep social divide.

As this newspaper's ground reports have shown, the NRC threw up Kafkaesque results. Children were left out even as their families got in; women became more vulnerable to exclusion; and the most underprivileged were forced to spend their earnings on an often traumatic legal process. The apprehension of being expelled from the nation was not limited to Assam, as the ruling BJP government promised a double-barrelled rollout of the NRC and CAA across India. But Assam's experience of the NRC has left deeper and more entrenched social divides. For the excluded, a fair hearing at the tribunals remains an urgent necessity, one which the NRC directorate and the SC must expedite. But the mishandling of this exercise is a grim warning for the proponents of its extension across the country.

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David Graeber turned received wisdom on its head, taught world to question global consensus

DAVID GRAEBER, THE anarchist who powered the Occupy movement with intellectual rocket fuel, has died before his time. One of the last polymath public intellectuals, he joined the dots between anthropology, economics, politics, social science and history. The truths he revealed were devastatingly obvious, but had gone unnoticed. His most popular work, *Debt: The First 5,000 Years* (2011), questioned a central assumption of economics — that money was invented to formalise barter. He pointed out that barter required only mutual satisfaction, not the exactitude of money. Instead, he suggested, money was created to quantify debt — what people in ancient cultures owed to the temple and the royal treasury, which was carefully calibrated and recorded.

In the beginning, there was debt, and it remains the prime mover. Every instrument in banking, including the credit card in your wallet, is an expression of debt. Debt derivatives brought down Wall Street, and sparked off the public unrest which culminated in the Occupy Wall Street movement — the first instance of anarchism in the US after it forged a global compact, following the collapse of the USSR. Graeber is believed to have coined the movement's slogan: "We are the 99 per cent."

Though he produced numerous papers with colourful titles, lay readers will remember him for his books on the false virtue of meaningless hard work, the surge in work brought on by machines, which had been expected to eliminate it, and the urgent need for universal basic income. Was Graeber an anarchist prophet? It doesn't matter. It is not necessary for the anarchist to be always right. His function is to ring the alarm bell when something is disastrously wrong.

Public, private and profit

We must ask tough questions about Facebook's role. But problem of freedom, civility, censorship goes deeper



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

FACEBOOK IS RIGHTLY coming under scrutiny for the way it regulates speech. The complaints against Facebook are: Political partisanship, not being attentive enough to hate speech and fake news, opaque algorithms that direct users to particular kinds of content, inadequate privacy controls, and inordinate and unaccountable power to shape public discourse. These complaints take on an even sharper edge when there is a perception, as reported by the Wall Street Journal story, that key functionaries of Facebook might have views that blatantly support a political party.

But while we hold Facebook accountable, we should be under no illusion that there are any easy solutions to the challenges posed by Facebook. We are in the midst of a revolution akin to the printing revolution of the 14th and 15th centuries, and later what Benedict Anderson called print capitalism in the 19th and 20th centuries. Both empowered masses of people, enabled new forms of knowledge and transformed the Self. They allowed the creation of new community identities like nationalism. But they also enabled new forms of hate to emerge and consolidate as political forces. We are in the midst of a similar transformation.

But as we use existing legal provisions to hold companies like Facebook to account, it is important to not miss the forest for the trees. One of the reasons Facebook is in trouble is because the political views of its key officials were clearly apparent. But here is the challenge. Facebook now might be a private company in form, but it is close to a public utility in function. It has also taken on the role of a free speech regulator. Traditionally, these are roles carried out by government. And in order to be seen to be neutral, government officials, like bureaucrats and judges, had to project political impartiality. Often this meant rules and codes of conduct that apply to bureaucrats and judges.

Even many private companies will have such codes. Sometimes these are clampdowns on free speech. But on other occasions, they can stem from a legitimate concern that private views, if publicly disseminated, detract from the credibility of a role. Where this should be a legitimate concern can only be determined by looking at

the function of an institution. But one of the remarkable developments of the last few years has been the complete fusion of social media, private and public roles.

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The second issue is one of censorship. Predictably, both the Congress and BJP are claiming to be victim of Facebook's censorship policy. But the truth is this: Censorship, whether public or private, will always invite charges of partisanship. In fact, in the modern age, unless you build a Chinese firewall, it is probably hard to censor, things get disseminated one way or the other. In some instances, people almost court censorship, because the point is to draw attention through inviting censorship or getting political mileage out of playing victim. But here is the dilemma: Freedom of expression is easy to institutionalise when speech is, as it were, safe. Where it leads to incitement, violence, attacks on group identity, or awful forms of subordination, people's convictions about defending free speech fade. The way in which we pretended speech was safe was by making a bunch of distinctions. There is a distinction between speech and action. Whether or not speech or an incitement is a function of context and so forth. In some sense, social media makes these distinctions difficult to maintain.

The distinction between speech and action has become harder in an age where speech goes viral with unpredictable effects.

One of the features of social media is that it de-contextualises and re-contextualises speech. Content that seems within the bounds of safety in a particular context, can have vile implications in another. So let us be under no illusions, censorship will not only remain, but get even more deeply politicised, no matter who does the censoring. There is also the incongruous question of how much authority to censor we want to grant private and relatively unaccountable entities like Facebook? Many politicians, from Donald Trump to Kapil Mishra, engage in speech that might be construed to be harmful. But the honest truth is that liberals should equally worry about the fact that we are giving private companies authority to potentially censor or redirect the speech of elected officials. This will most likely rebound in a democratic backlash against free speech, more than it will cleanse the system of hateful speech.

There is the elephant in the room: The business models. Facebook invites attention because of its great power, which needs to be regulated. But it is not clear that lots of competition is going to solve concerns about partisanship and censorship in social media. For even with competition the business models will be driven by two logics. The first is the blurring of the distinction between public and private. Social media cannot profit unless everything private becomes public. This business model is not just true of social media; it is nauseatingly true of television. But liberal freedoms are premised on a distinction between the public and the private which all contemporary models undermine, with our willing connivance. The second is whether, in some sense, hate pays. Is it the case that hate and polarisation are now things that we find vicariously thrilling, and companies will cash on it?

So while we need to ask tough questions about Facebook's role, let us not pretend that all we are doing is enacting a performance. Resisting Facebook's power will require a more radical withdrawal from a logic of profit that blurs the boundary between public and private, without which no freedom and civility is possible.

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TWO YEARS OF IMRAN KHAN

His sheen has worn off, but a decimated opposition keeps his power intact



KHALED AHMED

AFTER TWO YEARS in office, on August 18, Prime Minister Imran Khan's charisma took a beating on the streets of Pakistan. People have reacted to inflationary prices and job loss and responded negatively in polls conducted by Pakistan's TV channels. Yet, politically, he finds himself in no danger, joining President Recep Erdogan of Turkey and Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India, in ruling with decimated oppositions. He began with "revolutionary" ideas about coping with indebtedness but was soon persuaded to behave "normally" by going to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and adopting "subservient" austerity to cope with \$95 billion in foreign debt and \$135.5 billion in domestic debt.

He thought he could first of all "normalise" with India to avoid the negative fallout of Pakistan's past "jihad" (read terrorism) but soon learned that India under PM Modi was in no mood to oblige. Instead, Khan had to endure — and still endures — tension on the border with India. Unfortunate bilateral incidents have not given him the breathing space in which to focus on the economy.

His hounding of the already prostrated opposition parties, Muslim League Nawaz (PMLN) and Pakistan People's Party (PPP), has produced a politics of vituperation not before seen in Pakistan. At the intellectual level, it is difficult for an impartial observer to ignore how he treats the opposition through the National Accountability Bureau (NAB)

that has ruined the country's image as a state under the law. The NAB is being used — although it is an "independent" institution — to hunt down journalists and newspaper-owners critical of Khan's governance. Add to this the verbal violence used by him and his party men to describe all opposition and you have Pakistan made unstable by politics.

Imran Khan's past anti-US and pro-Taliban rhetoric doesn't make him too acceptable to the world outside. His reference to Osama bin Laden as a "martyr" of Islam disappoints many who admire Khan for his honesty in financial matters. But his mishandling of foreign policy has made his supporters regret that they were led astray by his rhetoric. He has thoroughly mishandled the Kashmir issue by listening to "Muslim" leaders like Erdogan of Turkey and Mahathir Mohamad of Malaysia to challenge Pakistan's Arab friends on not "uniting" against India on Kashmir.

Khan is a cricket-playing "Islamic hero" who continues to be befuddled by the rhetoric of the utopian State of Medina where the common man was sovereign and the caliph was his servant. He doesn't like "modern" issues like women's rights and blames the country's "English medium" schools for such "alien" concepts. He has thought up the concept of the "uniform curriculum" for all schools and colleges in the country. This actually threatens the people with "uniform" brainwash in favour of his conservative reli-

gious worldview. The common understanding of this policy of "uniform" curriculum is that he will not be able to "reform" the madrasa. Instead, he might push the private sector English-medium schools closer to the radical worldview of the madrasa.

The Taliban he once favoured because they were anti-US are hiding in Afghanistan after committing violence in Pakistan in pursuit of their more radical sharia. The latest news is that their various factions have united and plan to coerce Pakistan to adopt the caliphate they advocate. Pakistan is fencing the Pak-Afghan border even as the Taliban — egged on, they allege, by India — unite and cross into Pakistan in the Tribal Areas and Balochistan to kill Pakistani troops.

Imran Khan must worry about Pakistan's poor-quality manpower and consequently its poor-quality industrial base. Chinese projects under China Pakistan Economic Corridor face this problem while Saudi Arabia is persuaded to ignore Pakistan and invest in India to diversify its oil-based economy. Saudi Aramco is aiming for a \$15 billion investment in India's Reliance company whose owner, Mukesh Ambani, the world's fourth-richest person, said recently that Aramco was set to buy a 20 per cent stake in his company's refining and petrochemicals business, valued at \$75 billion.

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SEPTEMBER 5, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

WARNING BY INDIRA THE SECOND REGIONAL meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government opened with a warning by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, of a threat to the peace and stability in the Indian Ocean region because of the "frantically increasing pace of militarisation in the Ocean". "Even the Pacific hardly lives up to its name," she said. The collusion of interests of powerful nations, argued the PM, has imperiled the stability and development in our vicinity. "When the strongest feel threatened, what can we say of the insecurity of countries like ours". She called on the big powers which she had "great responsibilities" to turn away from

the "pursuit of power which in any case is illusory and return to the negotiating table".

SUGAR TROUBLE DELHI LG JAGMOHAN today modified his stand on sugar distribution in the capital. He said only 2 kg of sugar per ration card will be sold by government agencies at Rs 6.10 a kg. Yesterday, he had announced that unlimited amounts of sugar can be brought at that price from the Super Bazaar. When reporters mentioned that sugar was not available at a number of places, Jagmohan said that he had not received a single complaint to this effect. He, however, said that he will look into these complaints.

MISSING FILM A MAJOR PORTION of a controversial film on the riots in Moradabad is missing. The portion pertains to a pig ambuling through the streets of Moradabad a day after the riots. The TV crew which had accompanied Home Minister Zail Singh on his visit to the violence-affected area had shot 500 feet but showed only 140 feet. The rest of the film is untraceable. The official explanation is that "during editing and processing, a lot of the film has been lost; only the essential is retained". Since the showing of the pig on TV evoked many angry protests, Minister of broadcasting VP Singh insisted on seeing the film. What was shown to him was a watered down version.



THE IDEAS PAGE

A salute to the teachers

Pandemic has confronted us with the challenge of re-imagining ourselves. And of redefining our role — as friends, communicators and healers



AVIJIT PATHAK

AS THE PANDEMIC has unsettled our collective psyche, and the taken-for-granted world has crumbled, I ask myself a pertinent question: How do we redefine ourselves as teachers? Well, as “employees” or “professionals”, we have been doing what the academic bureaucracy has instructed us to do — reducing education into a virtual transaction, completing the official syllabus, and conducting all sorts of examinations. And we are learning to become techno-savvy: Zoom or Google Meet is emerging as a new saviour; and despite the occasional anguish over the “digital divide” in a terribly stratified society like ours, we have almost normalised “online” teaching/learning. Seldom do we see something beyond this routinised or soulless techno-managerial approach to education.

As teachers, do we have a voice? Is it possible for us to rise up, and say that we are not just the mechanical mediators between the official curriculum and students because we are also friends, communicators and healers? And, particularly when the negative vibrations caused by psychic bewilderment, economic powerlessness, fear of death and existential uncertainty have affected everybody including our students, should we only prepare them for BA/MA examinations? Or is it equally important for us to see beyond a technical lecture on Levi-Strauss or a chapter on magnetic theory, and engage with these tormented souls, and collectively prepare ourselves for the most important existential examination the pandemic has made us confront — learning to unlearn the narcissism of modernity, seeing ourselves as humble wanderers rather than proud conquerors, accepting the inherent uncertainty of our embodied existence, and evolving a mode of living that helps us to connect with the larger ecosystem?

Well, I am aware that the reality is harsh. It is almost impossible to find a teacher like John Keating as depicted in a remarkably sensitive film *Dead Poets Society*. I also know that the sort of teacher Tagore would have loved to invite in “the poet’s school” is difficult to find; and I am aware that “experts” and “researchers” in our universities would tell me that teaching is a value-neutral act of disseminating specialised academic knowledge, and it has nothing to do with the cultivation of the self. Hence, I see what prevails — a tired/exhausted teacher in an overcrowded government school trying to restore some sort of artificial order in the noisy classroom; a disenchanted teacher preoccupied with the census/election duty or the management of the mid-day meal scheme; a teacher in a fancy school making it a point that children become “toppers” with a distinctive cultural capital; a college teacher with the heavy baggage of UGC-directed “publications” waiting for the next promotion; and a teacher as the trader of “technical skills” in the rapidly growing shops that



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value nothing more than the market-driven logic of profit.

Hence, as I would be reminded by the cynics, it is naïve to imagine something qualitatively different from the teaching community. Even amid the pandemic, they would pretend that things are normal, and mathematics or history can be taught in the same way. Hence, a three-year old child of a play school would be forced to sit in front of the laptop, and learn the perfect “technique” of drawing the sun rising behind the hills; or an undergraduate sociology student of Delhi University has to be sufficiently Zoom friendly to digest the professor’s monologue on Pierre Bourdieu’s heavily mystified theory of “capital” and “habitus”. It doesn’t matter even if her father has lost his job, or her aunt has been diagnosed as COVID positive, or a close friend has died. The business must go on as usual; and the teacher must supply this data related to the attendance of students and their performance in online exams to the concerned authority.

Why is it that even at this puzzling moment we refuse to reimagine our roles as teachers? A possible reason is that we are caught in a vicious circle. Here is a society that devalues its teachers — it does not trust them. As it worships power and money, it is assumed that a schoolteacher is somewhat inferior to the sub inspector of the local police station; or, for that matter, an IAS officer has every right to teach a couple of lessons to a university professor.

In other words, here is a society that demoralises vibrant young minds to accept teaching as a vocation wholeheartedly. Furthermore, in a corrupt society like ours,

Quite often, as teachers, we are wounded, broken and unsure of ourselves; it becomes exceedingly difficult for us to innovate and experiment, carry the lamp of truth, and inspire the young generation. Furthermore, all efforts have been made to deprive us of our creative agency. As non-reflexive cogs in the learning machine, we only “cover” the given syllabus and supply all sorts of data to the higher authorities. And in the age of the National Testing Agency and associated MCQ pattern of exams, we need not become thinkers; it is enough to fill the student’s mind with all sorts of instant knowledge capsules.

all sorts of “networking”, political connections and nepotism further affect the recruitment of teachers — including vice-chancellors. No wonder, quite often, as teachers, we are wounded, broken and unsure of ourselves; it becomes exceedingly difficult for us to innovate and experiment, carry the lamp of truth, and inspire the young generation. Furthermore, all efforts have been made to deprive us of our creative agency. As non-reflexive cogs in the learning machine, we only “cover” the given syllabus and supply all sorts of data to the higher authorities. And in the age of the National Testing Agency and associated MCQ pattern of exams, we need not become thinkers; it is enough to fill the student’s mind with all sorts of instant knowledge capsules. In other words, we do not expect anything higher from us. No wonder, even at the time of the pandemic, we are doing nothing more than reducing education into a software endeavour.

Yet, I do not wish to end with pessimism. Despite all these structural constraints and the dictates of techno-managers or academic bureaucrats, it is not altogether impossible to find teachers amongst us who still believe in the art of possibilities. Teaching, for them, is not just a “technique”; it is essentially an art, a quest, a meditative contemplation. And possibly, even in the virtual classroom, they are doing something more than just dictating the notes of biology and geography; they are touching and healing the tormented souls of their students. Let us salute them on Teacher’s Day.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“GOING by the ease and laxity with which public gatherings are taking place in the country, it is as if the Covid-19 pandemic were over. This is far from the truth.” — DAWN

Violence & complicity

When the state is silent, it becomes the citizen’s duty to speak up and express dissent



ARUNA ROY AND RAJENDRAN NARAYANAN

ON AUGUST 11, violence broke out in Bengaluru claiming three lives and leaving several injured. The violence was in response to a derogatory social media post concerning Prophet Muhammad by the nephew of a Karnataka Congress MLA. While the accused and numerous others, including several innocent people, have now been arrested, the incident has been reduced to ugly political slander. In February, riots broke out in Delhi after incendiary speeches by BJP Union Minister Anurag Thakur and ex-MLA Kapil Mishra. The hate speeches were a deliberate attempt to incite Hindus against Muslims and especially those protesting peacefully against CAA/NRC/NPR. The promulgation of discriminatory laws and policies like the CAA, NRC and NPR, and other violent propaganda, reflect in-built prejudices of the ruling dispensation. And, prejudices only promote violence.

The Delhi riots had left 53 dead, injured many more and resulted in severe loss of livelihood. Red tape surrounded access to medical attention and the lack of transparency about the arrests of several innocent people point to the deeply compromised institutional response. Meanwhile, several people have been detained and unfairly booked under the draconian Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. The trauma primarily to Muslims — physical, emotional and psychological — but also to the entire polity, will take years to heal.

The two incidents call to mind the publication of a derogatory pamphlet titled *Rangila Rasul* or “Colourful Prophet” by Mahashe Rajpal in 1924 in Punjab. The pamphlet showed Prophet Muhammad in a poor light. Mahatma Gandhi raised his voice against the publication. He responded with an article titled “Hindu-Muslim Unity” published in *Young India* on June 19, 1924: “I have asked myself what the motive possibly could be in writing or printing such a book except to inflame passions. Abuse and caricature of the Prophet cannot wean a Musalman from his faith, and it can do no good to a Hindu who may have doubts about his own belief. As a contribution therefore to the religious propaganda work, it has no value whatsoever. The harm it can do is obvious.” The aftermath of the publication of the pamphlet was bloody and was a reason for the enactment of Section 295A of the IPC — that any person found guilty of “deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs” will be subject to imprisonment. Maulana Azad, a practising but secular Muslim, stated “I am proud of being an Indian. I am part of the indivisible unity that is Indian nationality. I am indispensable to this noble edifice and without me this splendid structure is incomplete. I am an essential element,

which has gone to build India. I can never surrender this claim.” India is defined by its multicultural texture. A choice of any single strain is faulty. One way to look at this culture is as a land of Bhakti or Sufi philosophers of the likes of Thiruvalluvar, Basava, Tukaram, Bibi Fatima or Kabir, who spoke persistently of fostering peace and companionship of diverse communities. An attitude of intolerance and violence contradicts any faith’s basic tenets of humanism. In fact, most Hindu shlokas end with “shanti”, an invocation of peace and restraint. However, there is now a politically-motivated polarity by intentionally maligning other religions and attempts to legally discriminate against people based on their religion. Many of us born in the Hindu religion, who either practise or culturally remain within its fold, need to ask ourselves some important questions. Is violence against unarmed human beings going to lead us anywhere near the spiritual goals promised by the best in our tradition? Is difference a justification for subjugation or annihilation of life? Will the celebration of a temple constructed on the ruins of another place of worship give anyone “punya”? It is an irony that when the life of Gandhi was taken by a Hindutva fanatic, they should become spokespersons against violence. As Hindus, we stand guilty unless we express our dissent.

Today, the silence of the state is deafening. The calibrated lack of response of the present government to the speeches by their own party members inciting violence, points to their sanctioning of the violence. True religious precepts have repeatedly affirmed that the structure of the place of worship is not necessarily the house of the deity. The temple in Ayodhya is a structure. Any place of worship built on the destruction of another has questions to answer. In the Ayodhya judgment, the Supreme Court said, “The destruction of the mosque and the obliteration of the Islamic structure was an egregious violation of the rule of law”. And yet, on August 5, the Prime Minister was present at the celebrations of a temple construction over the debris of a destroyed mosque. In contrast, amid the recent riots in Bengaluru, several Muslim youth formed a human chain around a temple protecting it from mob violence.

To equate nationalism with religion is logically inconsistent since God is believed to be omniscient and cannot have a nationality. Invoking such omniscience, Kabir asks in the song *Tu hi tu* — “Where are you? In the ant or in the elephant? In the thief or the person in pursuit?” It is a reminder that all humanity is bonded. It has also been reassuring to note that many members of the majority community have resisted CAA, NRC and NPR. What gives us hope is that, even in the worst of times, acts of discrimination and violence can be countered in equal measure with courage and compassion.

Hinduism is a secular religion in its philosophical assumptions, as probably all religions are. Those claiming to speak for nationalism are forcing us to choose between manufactured polarities of being secular or being religious.

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Centre of a perfect storm

Why internal democracy is not going to be enough to fix the Congress



P RAMAN

THERE IS A touch of irony about the demand for the democratisation of the Congress party. Every dissident group in the past had raised similar demands — dumping the High Command culture, holding elections to party posts and getting rid of the Family control. In normal situations, such golden rules should have revitalised the Grand Old Party. But we are in an extremely abnormal situation where all the cherished symbols of democracy have been overshadowed by the phenomenon of one-leader parties and charismatic strong leaders.

For long, family control has ceased to be a stigma in Indian politics. Every political party, barring the Left, is led by a family or an all-powerful supremo. The BJP was the last to fall in line. The party had a vibrant culture of internal democracy. The pre-Modi BJP held its national executive meetings every quarter where issues were loudly debated. Chintan baithaks were held to sort out bigger problems. Now no one tells us how many times the party’s executive and council met in the past six years.

Things have moved too far from the days when political parties adhered to virtues like open debates, free elections and mass agitations. The whole dictionary and grammar of political discourse have changed. Pratap Bhanu Mehta explains how in recent times Indian voters have shifted loyalty towards charismatic strong leaders (IE, August 26, ‘Simply Vishwas’). It may be a transient phe-

nomenon. Or so let us hope. But see the anomaly. The spell cast by the supremo is such that miseries caused by wrong decisions like demonetisation and the chaotic economic governance have only strengthened the voters’ trust in the leader. The Congress has not been the only loser in this bitter war of perception. All opposition parties, including regional outfits, have been thrown by the wayside by the Modi juggernaut. Their working space is curtailed. In the process, they have also lost their traditional platforms for mobilisation like trade unions and deprived social groups. Now, the pandemic has made it worse.

In the good old days of deliberative democracy, the opposition of the day had enormous inputs to scrutinise the executive’s performance. When Atal Bihari Vajpayee was prime minister, outfits of the Sudarshan-led RSS and the NDA’s outside supporters like the TDP insisted on public debate on crucial issues. Initiatives like the Insurance Regulatory Bill had to be deferred. During the UPA days, debates with the Left allies, NAC welfarists and the core group provided enough ammunition to the Opposition to take on the government. RTI revelations, PILs under an alert judiciary, and regular input from statutory watchdog bodies like the CVC provided plenty of critical data. Credit goes to the CAG under Vinod Rai for exposing many of UPA’s mega scams. He had never agreed to retract vital information in CAG reports. Today’s opposition finds all such sources slam shut.

The most formidable roadblock for the Opposition has been the total breakdown in their communication with the public. Blocking of the counter-view is a vital component of the new information matrix. Here is a curious paradox. The Opposition is free to raise their concerns on any issue but their voice is barely heard. Dominant sections of the media customarily dumb down the counter-view or their voice is overwhelmed by official denials. They feel helpless at the smear campaign by channel warriors. The force of the official narrative is so imposing and pervasive that the opposition parties just give in. Look at the way most political parties instantly welcomed the abrogation of Article 370, which for them was an article of faith for the past seven decades.

The growing digitisation of communication with the voting public and social media war have triggered another unequal war. The ruling party with its extensive digital network had launched the Bihar election campaign over a month back. The Congress bid for a limited national digital network is hampered by an acute cash crunch. A party that once netted a bulk of the corporate kitty now survives with the meagre funds from benefactors in the Congress-ruled states. The introduction of electoral bonds has made it worse for the GOP.

It is such hazardous atmospheric that has pushed the Congress — and other opposition parties — into the present predicament.

As for the Congress, it is too naïve to presume that internal reforms will be an answer to its present problems. For 15 years, Congress prime ministers outside the Family ruled the country. Narasimha Rao (1991-1996) had a free hand and held the dual posts of PM and party president for five years. He never allowed outside interference. He took his own decisions on the Ayodhya kar seva, dissolved the elected CWC, appointed his men as chief ministers and PCC chiefs. On June 20, he gave on-the-spot order to Cabinet Secretary Naresh Chandra conveying India’s readiness to accept the IMF conditionalities. This was 20 hours before taking oath as PM and without consulting party colleagues. President R Venkataraman was upset over the PM-elect taking policy decisions before proving majority in Parliament.

The Congress tally of MPs dropped from 252 in May 1991 to 140 in May 1996. After the electoral rout in 1996, Rao tried to remain as party president so that he could use his position to bargain with Deve Gowda for dropping half a dozen corruption charges against him. On September 23, 1996, Sitaram Kesri replaced Rao as Congress president. But within 18 months, even Sharad Pawar joined the anti-chacha bandwagon to bring back the Dynasty to 24 Akbar Road. Pranab Mukherjee in his memoirs explains why the experiment failed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAMPUS CULTURE

This refers to the article, ‘Open campus challenge’ (IE, September 4). Indian students planning to go abroad for higher education choose their prospective institutes to apply to based on a number of parameters, especially the brand value of the academic institution and its global ranking. A prestigious university’s international campus doesn’t raise similar enthusiasm if it fails to provide exposure to a cosmopolitan culture similar to its home campus, laureate mentors, thriving research ecosystem, etc. NEP should strive for stronger collaboration between Indian and foreign universities within the existing policy framework to bring about a cultural shift first.

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Daksh Solanki, Delhi

SPEND MORE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Slipping into negative terrain’ (IE, September 4). The state of the economy in the first quarter has been declining as expected, but what is more important is the process that the government adopts for its revival. For the revival of industries and the real estate sector, the government must increase its spending. Although, it is difficult to predict the rate of decline in the growth of GDP for the next quarters, it must not be assumed that it would improve due to the unlock processes, as the situation of COVID-19 has been

QUESTIONS NEEDED

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Masking the question’ (IE, September 4). The blatant step exposes the Modi government to the justifiable charge that the country is moving towards authoritarianism of elected autocracy. It amounts to a massacre of the democratic rights of people and the people who represent them. Questions raised are one of the ways by which Parliament can hold the executive accountable. Question Hour is a must for dynamic Parliamentary democracy.

SS Paul, Nadia

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 1) Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web site <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.
 2) Amendment(s)/ alteration(s)/ corrigendum if any, will be available at website only.
 3) EMD in the form of Banker's Cheque or Demand Draft or Fixed Deposit Receipt (Drawn in favour of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD XII, I&FC DEPTT., GNCT OF DELHI) Shall be scanned and uploaded to the e-tendering website within the period of bid submission. The original EMD should be deposited in the office of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD XII, I&FC DEPTT., GNCT OF DELHI within the period of bid submission. (The EMD document shall only be issued from the place in which the office of receiving division office is situated).

Sd/-
 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER/CD-XII
 DIP/Shabdarth/0276/20-21

HC gives govt 12 weeks to decide who controls Assam Rifles

SOFIAHSAN
 NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE DELHI High Court has granted 12 weeks to the Union government to decide on whether to scrap or retain the dual control structure for Assam Rifles, which, at present, is controlled by the Defence Ministry as well as the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Observing that the matter has been pending for almost three years, the court said it appears that an in-principle decision has been taken to keep the central armed police force under the exclusive control of MHA, but the final decision has not yet been taken.

"The matter involves servicemen/ex-servicemen and whose interest is not only to be paramount, but is proclaimed from various platforms of the Government, to be paramount. When a decision of such paramountcy is required to be taken, there should be no delay therein," the division bench of Justices Rajiv Sahai Endlaw and Asha Menon said.

The court has also requested the Home Minister, Defence Minister, Secretaries of the two ministries, Chief of Army Staff, Director General of Assam Rifles and others involved to cooperate in making the decision within the time period. While listing the case's next hearing on December 14, the court directed the MHA Joint Secretary (P-II) (CAPP) S.K. Shahi to ensure that the meetings are held from time to time for the culmination of the decision.

"We thus expect the decision as sought by the petitioner or the counter affidavit to be before us by the next date of hearing," reads the order, adding, "if no decision is taken by the next date, Shri S.K. Shahi aforesaid to remain present in person on the next date of hearing". The order was passed on a petition filed by Assam Rifles Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association. Its plea contends that dual control prejudices the personnel of the force.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites online e-tender through website <https://ireps.gov.in> for the parking contracts, for the period of 3 (Three) years, to be closed on 28.09.2020 at 15:00 hrs, at the following stations/locations:

SN	Name of work with its location / Railway Station	Advertise value/Reserve Price of one year in (Rs.)	Cost of Tender document & 18% GST (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen
1	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Panipat Railway Station (PNP), 2nd entry "A" Category, with measuring an area of 390 sq mtrs.	11,68,380	3,540	70,200	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 69-2020
2	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Kurukshetra Railway Station (KKDE), 1st Entry "B" Category, with measuring an area of 648 sq mtrs	11,23,000	3,540	67,400	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 70-2020
3	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Kurukshetra Railway Station (KKDE), 2nd Entry "B" Category, with measuring an area of 353 sq mtrs	4,29,960	2,360	25,800	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 71-2020
4	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car at New Delhi Railway Station (NDLS) Pahar Ganj Side, "A-1" Category, with measuring an area of 3429.19 sq mtrs.	17,52,544	11,800	10,51,500	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 72-2020
5	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Shahabad Markanda Railway Station (SHDM), "D" Category, with measuring an area of 375 sq mtrs.	4,84,560	2,360	29,100	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 73-2020
6	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car at Meerut City Railway Station (MTC), "A" Category, with measuring an area of 2054.80 sq mtrs.	34,94,620	5,900	2,09,700	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 74-2020
7	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Panipat Railway Station (PNP), 1st Entry "A" Category, with measuring an area of 804.70 sq mtrs.	17,43,759.66	5,900	1,04,700	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 75-2020
8	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Ghaziabad Railway Station (GZB), City Side "A" Category, with measuring an area of 2551.59 sq mtrs.	48,28,929.33	5,900	2,89,800	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 76-2020
9	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car at Hazrat PNizamuddin Railway Station (HNZM), "A-1" Category, with measuring an area of 4067.87 sq mtrs.	1,26,23,844	11,800	7,57,500	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 77-2020
10	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car at Delhi Cantt Railway Station (DEC), "A" Category, with measuring an area of 709 sq mtrs.	31,94,664	5,900	1,91,700	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 78-2020
11	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Jind Railway Station (JHI), "B" Category, with measuring an area of 393.39 sq mtrs.	5,34,374	2,360	32,100	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 79-2020
12	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Subzi Mandi Railway Station (SZM), "B" Category, with measuring an area of 1525.37 sq mtrs.	14,95,268	3,540	89,800	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 80-2020
13	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car at Nangloi Railway Station (NNO), "B" Category, with measuring an area of 610 sq mtrs.	16,25,012	3,540	97,600	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 81-2020
14	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo at Adarsh Nagar Railway Station (ANDI/PRS), Shalimar Bagh Side "A" Category, with measuring an area of 398.86 sq mtrs.	3,79,316	2,360	22,800	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 82-2020
15	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Palam Railway Station (PM), "D" Category, with measuring an area of 414.70 sq mtrs.	8,25,348	3,540	49,600	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 83-2020
16	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo at Delhi Sadar Bazar Railway Station (DSB), "D" Category, with measuring an area of 1828 sq mtrs.	69,54,572	11,800	4,17,300	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 84-2020
17	Parking contract of Cycle Scooter at New Delhi Railway station (NDLS) Ajmeri Gate Side "A-1" Category Station, with measuring area of 926.68sq mtrs.	47,95,094	5,900	2,87,800	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 85-2020
18	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Delhi Sarai Rohilla Railway Station (DE), "A" Category, with measuring an area of 105.52 sq mtrs.	6,37,200	2,360	38,300	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking 86-2020

*Applicable GST and TCS has to be paid by licensee extra, over and above the Advertise value/ Reserve Price/ license fee. **1935/20**

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
 HEAD OFFICE: 10/15/1, SRI SAU TOWERS, BANQAR ROAD, KANUPUR, VYASA WADIA, 500007
 Tender No. PDS-3/2020/Carry Bags/MDU/2210 Dated: 04.09.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION - 2nd Call
 EMPANELMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MANUFACTURERS DESIRED FOR SUPPLY OF NON WOVEN CARRY BAGS (10 Kg) TO THE M/S POINTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AT DOOR STEPS OF CARD HOLDERS UNDER PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THROUGH AP E-MONOPOLY PLATFORM.

Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd invites tenders for district wise Empowerment and Appointment of Manufacturers for Supply of Non woven Carry Bags (10Kg) to all the M/S Points of (53) districts in Andhra Pradesh State for distribution of Rice at Door Steps of Cardholders under Public Distribution System through AP E-Monopoly platform. All the interested Manufacturers/Traders in all over India may visit <https://www.apspdc.gov.in> and www.apspdc.in to view and download tender documents at free of cost.

Interested tenders should be registered in website <https://www.apspdc.gov.in> and should also obtain Digital Signature Certificate from any Certifying Authority in India to submit bids. The details and procedure for obtaining Digital Signature Certificate are mentioned in the website <https://www.apspdc.gov.in> or contact the helpline of e-procurement platform. Phone Number: 08645-246375/0727374

Last date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to **14.09.2020 at 5:00pm** and the tentative date of online e-auction shall be on **15.09.2020 at 11:00am**.

Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

Administration of U.T of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Directorate of Medical & Health Services
NAMO Medical Education & Research Institute, Silvassa
 No. DMHS/EST/Med.edu/staff/2018/606/154 Date: 01/09/2020

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 Directorate of Medical & Health Services, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, invites application from eligible candidates for Teaching posts & Non-Teaching posts to be filled on short term contract basis under NAMO Medical Education & Research Institute. Details regarding the posts are available on the official website: www.dnh.nic.in or www.vbch.dnh.nic.in. The applications should reach the undersigned on or before 16/09/2020.

Sd/-
 (Dr. V.K. Das)
 No. IP/DNH/25/2020
 Silvassa, Dt. 3/9/2020
 Director (M&HS) 0260-2642940

उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम
 उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उद्योग
 409/1 सूरिवा नगर, देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड, पिन-248075
 E-mail: cgminrmanw@ukhpn.com, cgminrmanw@gmail.com
 Government of Uttarakhand "e" procurement Notice

Bid Identification no - 2022/Nivida(Garhwal) 340 Dated : 04.09.2020

1. Name of the works:-	Construction of Govt. Polytechnic at Bhalaswajal, Block Bhagwanpur, Distt. Haridwar, Uttarakhand.
2. Estimated Cost :-	Rs. 995.00 Lakh (with GST)
3. Period of Completion :-	18 Months
4. Date and Time of Availability of bid documents in the portal:-	05/09/2020 - 10.00 Hrs.
5. Last Date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal:-	19/09/2020 - 10.00 Hrs.
6. Name and Address of officer inviting the Bid:-	General Manager, Construction Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, 403/1, Indira Nagar, Dehradun
7. Pre bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place:-	07/09/2020 - 12.00 Hrs.
8. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website.	"http://www.uktenders.gov.in"

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://www.uktenders.gov.in"
 General Manager (Garhwal)

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
 15, जवाहरलाल नेहरू मार्ग (बेली रोड), पटना-800001
 शुद्धि-पत्र

विज्ञापन संख्या - 05/2020 के अधीन खान एवं भूतत्व विभाग, बिहार के अन्तर्गत बिहार खान एवं भूतत्व सेवा के मूल कोटि, खनिज विकास पदाधिकारी के पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु सुयोग्य अभ्यर्थियों से ऑनलाईन आवेदन आमंत्रित किये गये थे। ऑनलाईन आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि निर्धारित तिथि - 30.06.2020 थी।

उक्त प्रकाशित विज्ञापन की कंडिका 5 (चयन की प्रक्रिया) में अंकित है कि अभ्यर्थियों को 03 विषयों - 1. सामान्य ज्ञान, 2. खनन अथवा भूतत्व एवं 3. खनिज नीति तथा संबंधित अधिनियम, नियमावली, विनियम की लिखित परीक्षा में शामिल होना होगा। तकनीकी कारणों से ऑनलाईन आवेदन के क्रम में उम्मीदवारों से ऐच्छिक विषय के चयन का प्रावधान नहीं किया जा सका था।

वैसे अभ्यर्थी, जो उक्त विज्ञापन के अन्तर्गत पूर्व में ऑनलाईन आवेदन भर चुके हैं, से खनन अथवा भूतत्व में से किसी एक ऐच्छिक विषय के चयन करने हेतु ऑनलाईन आवेदन की प्रक्रिया दिनांक 08.09.2020 से 17.09.2020 तक जारी रहेगा।

अभ्यर्थी पूर्व में पास Login ID और Password से Login कर Dashboard पर प्राप्त बटन से ऐच्छिक विषय का चयन कर Submit करेंगे। इसके बाद Application Form का PDF डाउनलोड करेंगे। तदनुसार डाउनलोड किये गये Application Form के हार्ड कॉपी को आयोग कार्यालय को भेजने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। इसे अपने पास ही सुरक्षित रखेंगे।

हस्ता./-
 संयुक्त सचिव-सह-परीक्षा नियंत्रक,
 बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 BAYS NO. 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA
ANNOUNCEMENT

It is hereby announced for the general information of the candidates for the post of **Deputy Superintendent Jail (Male) Group-B in Home Department, Haryana** vide Advertisement No. 2(5) of 2016 published on 29.09.2016 in various newspapers that the announcement regarding interview schedule and the list of candidates whose candidature is liable for rejection is available on Commission's Website i.e. <https://hpsc.gov.in>.

NOTE:-
 1. The Candidates are advised to see website i.e. <https://hpsc.gov.in>.

Sd/-
 Deputy Secretary,
 Haryana Public Service Commission, Panchkula

Dated: 03.09.2020

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 BAYS NO. 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA
ANNOUNCEMENT

It is hereby announced for the general information of the candidates that the Commission is going to conduct interview for the posts of **District Horticulture Officer in Horticulture Department, Haryana** in response to the Advertisement No. 5 (vi) of 2018 published on 29.12.2018 from 09.09.2020 to 10.09.2020 in Commission's office, Bays No. 1-10, Block-B, Sector-4, Panchkula. The schedule for interview has been uploaded on Commission's website i.e. <https://hpsc.gov.in>. The interview schedule of candidates for Viva-Voce will not be changed under any circumstance. The Candidates are advised to see website i.e. <https://hpsc.gov.in>.

Sd/-
 Deputy Secretary,
 Haryana Public Service Commission, Panchkula

Dated: 03.09.2020

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 BAYS NO. 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA
ANNOUNCEMENT

It is hereby announced for the general information of the candidates that the Commission is going to conduct interview for the posts of **District Information and Public Relations Officer Class-II (Group-B) in Information and Public Relations Department, Haryana** vide Advt. No. 2(7)/2015 published on 10.09.2015 & Corrigendum dated 09.04.2018 from 09.09.2020 to 10.09.2020 in Commission's office, Bays No. 1-10, Block-B, Sector-4, Panchkula. The schedule for interview has been uploaded on Commission's website i.e. <https://hpsc.gov.in>. The interview schedule of candidates for Viva-Voce will not be changed under any circumstance. The Candidates are advised to see website i.e. <https://hpsc.gov.in>.

Sd/-
 Deputy Secretary,
 Haryana Public Service Commission, Panchkula

Dated: 03.09.2020

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 BAYS NO. 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA
ANNOUNCEMENT

It is hereby announced for the general information of the candidates that the Commission is going to conduct interview from 09.09.2020 to 10.09.2020 for the posts of **Assistant Town Planner (Group-A) in Town & Country Planning Department, Haryana, Advt. No. 5(2)/2019 published on 05.07.2019** in Commission's office, Bays No. 1-10, Block-B, Sector-4, Panchkula. The schedule for interview has been uploaded on Commission's website i.e. <https://hpsc.gov.in>. The interview schedule of candidates for Viva-Voce will not be changed under any circumstance. The Candidates are advised to see website i.e. <https://hpsc.gov.in>.

Sd/-
 Deputy Secretary,
 Haryana Public Service Commission, Panchkula

Dated: 03.09.2020

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 BAYS NO. 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA
ANNOUNCEMENT

It is hereby announced for the general information of the candidates who have been declared qualified in recruitment test for 14 posts of **Assistant Town Planner (Group-A) in town & Country Planning Department, Haryana**, in response to the Advertisement No. 5(2)/2019 published in various newspapers that the candidature of the candidates bearing Roll Nos. as mentioned in the list attached to this announcement is liable for rejection. This announcement has been displayed on Commission's Website i.e. <https://hpsc.gov.in>.

The candidature of the candidates mentioned in the list are liable for rejection due to their reasons. The candidates mentioned in above list are advised to submit their representations on sr2hpsc@gmail.com if any, against the proposed rejection upto 05.09.2020 failing which no representation will be entertained and the decision in this regard shall be made on merit as per available record.

NOTE:-
 1. The candidates concerned are being intimated through their Email.
 2. The representation will be considered through Email only, postal and personally representation will not be considered by the commission.

Sd/-
 Deputy Secretary,
 Haryana Public Service Commission, Panchkula

Dated: 03.09.2020

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड
 ई-निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य आगुत हेतु ई-निविदाओं दो भागों में जी.एस.टी. में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ऑन लाईन ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट "http://tender.up.nic.in" पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा मूल्य जी.एस.टी. सहित तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस./एन.एफ.आई.टी./ बैंक के माध्यम से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत खण्ड, अमरोहा के भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, शाखा-जोया (जिला-अमरोहा) में संचालित चालू खाता सं. (Current Account)-30724557626, IFSC Code- SBIN0007413, MICR No. 244002026 में टेंडर खुलने की दिनांक से एक दिन पूर्व तक जमा करें। अन्य नियम व शर्त विभाग के निर्धारित नियम व शर्त उ.प्र. पावर कारपोरेशन के फार्म ए/बी के अनुसार होगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्य दिवस में अपडेट/संशोधन के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। विस्तृत विवरण ई-निविदा लि. पोर्टल वेबसाइट पर निविदा खुलने के अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय तक उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा में किसी भी संशोधन या तिथि विस्तार ई-निविदा पोर्टल पर अवश्य देख लिया जाए। ई-निविदा खुलने की दिनांक-06.10.2020 1. ई-निविदा संख्या-128/ई.टी.सी.डी./ एम./ 2020 विद्युत पारंपण खण्ड, धामपुर के अंतर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र शेरकोट पर 02 नग 33 के.वी. स्वतंत्र पोषकों की मीटरिंग पिलपर यूफ कराने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 2. ई-निविदा संख्या-129/ ई.टी.सी.डी./ एम./ 2020 विद्युत पारंपण खण्ड, अमरोहा के अंतर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र जजरौला पर 01 नग 132 के.वी. तथा 01 नग 33 के.वी. "बे" निर्माण का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 7000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 1180/-, 3. ई-निविदा संख्या-130/ ई.टी.सी.डी./ एम./ 2020 विद्युत पारंपण खण्ड, धामपुर के अंतर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र नहटौर पर 40 एमवीए परिवर्तक के लगाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 3000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 4. ई-निविदा संख्या-131/ ई.टी.सी.डी./ एम./ 2020 विद्युत पारंपण खण्ड, धामपुर के अंतर्गत 220 के.वी. नहटौर-अमरोहा लाईन के वार्षिक अनुक्षण एवं पैट्रोलिंग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 4000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 5. ई-निविदा संख्या-132/ ई.टी.सी.डी./ एम./ 2020 विद्युत पारंपण खण्ड, धामपुर के अंतर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र नहटौर (AIS Type) का वार्षिक अनुक्षण का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 18000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 1770/-, "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचावों", पत्रांक-2123/ वि.पा.म.द्वि.मु./ ई-निविदा/ 2020, दिनांक 04/09/2020

Section 1
Office of the Assistant Engineer U.P.R.E.D. Sub Division Budaun
Address:- Room 206, 1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, Civil Lines Budaun
Press Notice For Manual Tender(2nd call)
 Letter NO: 221/RED/Tender/File No-02/ Bond Clerk/2020-21 dated:27-08-2020

The Assistant Engineer, U.P.R.E.D. Sub Division Budaun on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids through Sealed Bids for Manual tender system from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP RED, in appropriate class A, B, C, D and E as the case may be. The Bidder may submit bids for the works as follows:

1. Name of work as per table.

Sr. No.	Name of District	Name of work	Total estimated cost (in Lakh)	Bid security (EMD) in Lakh	Cost of Bid document including GST (in Rupees)	Period of completion including rainy season
1	Other Fund					
1	Budaun	Supply & Installation of Samansable at Health & Wellness Centre Sub Centre Rizoza New P H C Usaha (Usawan)	0.431	0.009	559.00	30 DAYS
2	Budaun	Supply & Installation of Samansable at Health & Wellness Centre Sub Centre Bhadrol New P H C Bhoora Bhadrol(Qadarchowk)	0.431	0.009	559.00	30 DAYS
3	Budaun	Supply & Installation of Samansable at Health & Wellness Centre Sub Centre Barmiole New P H C Bhoora Bhadrol(Qadarchowk)	0.431	0.009	559.00	30 DAYS
4	Budaun	Supply & Installation of Samansable at Health & Wellness Centre Sub Centre Khilya New P H C Bhoora Bhadrol(Qadarchowk)	0.431	0.009	559.00	30 DAYS
5	Budaun	Supply & Installation of Samansable at Health & Wellness Centre Sub Centre Jaitpur AP H C Falguri (Bhatia/Asapur)	0.431	0.009	559.00	30 DAYS
6	Budaun	Supply & Installation of Samansable at Health & Wellness Centre Sub Centre Bhatia pathak AP H C Bavarur (Bisaul)	0.431	0.009	559.00	30 DAYS
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9	Budaun	Supply & Installation of Samansable at Health & Wellness Centre Sub Centre Kanpur AP H C Bhatia (Bhatia)	0.431	0.009	559.00	30 DAYS
10	Budaun	Supply & Installation of Samansable at Health & Wellness Centre Sub Centre Bhatia pathak AP H C Bavarur (Bisaul)	0.431	0.009	559.00	30 DAYS
11	Budaun	Supply & Installation of Samansable at Health & Wellness Centre Sub Centre Bhatia pathak AP H C Bavarur (Bisaul)	0.431	0.009	559.00	30 DAYS
12	Budaun	Supply & Installation of Samansable at Health & Wellness Centre Sub Centre Bhatia pathak AP H C Bavarur (Bisaul)	0.431	0.009	559.00	30 DAYS
13	Budaun	Supply & Installation of Samansable at Health & Wellness Centre Sub Centre Nagpur AP H C Bavarur (B				

Kannada actor arrested for 'links' to drug peddling racket

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 4

A KANNADA film actress was arrested by Central Crime Branch of Bengaluru Police on Friday on charges of association with an international drug peddling racket that revolved around supplying psychedelic drugs to customers at big-ticket events like rave parties.

Ragini Dwivedi (30) was arrested on Friday evening, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said. The CCB also arrested one Viren Khanna from New Delhi "who organises big parties where drugs are consumed", the Crime Branch official said.

Dwivedi's arrest followed a search at her residence by the police in the morning and extended questioning of the actress, who had earlier failed to respond to a police notice to appear before the CCB on Wednesday for questioning in the illegal drug usage investigations.

"In the search conducted in the morning, important materi-



Ragini Dwivedi

als were seized," Patil said.

On Thursday, the CCB arrested Ravi Shankar, an employee of the state regional transport organisation who was reportedly associated with Dwivedi in recent times. Questioning of Shankar reportedly revealed a link to an international drug racket which also featured the actress, the police said.

"A case has been registered in Cottonpet against the persons involved in this drug racket. In the course of the probe a search was conducted on the home of actress Ragini Dwivedi. Preliminary investigations have shown involvement in an international drug racket. Efforts are on to find the missing links," the CCB said in a statement.

The probe into the use of drugs by celebrities and film world personalities in Karnataka

began around 10 days ago, after the south zone unit of Narcotics Control Bureau arrested three persons — Anoop Mohammed, Rijesh Ravichandran from Kerala and Anikha Dinesh from Bengaluru — in possession of a large quantity of ecstasy pills and LSD blots worth Rs 20 lakh.

According to the NCB probe, Anoop Mohammed — who is reportedly associated with Bineesh Kodiyeri, son of Kerala CPM secretary and former minister Kodiyeri Balakrishnan — and the two others were involved in supplying drugs to Bengaluru celebrities since 2015. The trio of alleged peddlers of party drugs were booked under

the NDPS Act. Mohammed and Ravindran have now sought bail.

Following the NCB's seizure of drugs in August, Kannada film director Indrajit Lankesh claimed to have information on several film personalities who frequently used drugs at parties. Dwivedi's name emerged after the police questioned Lankesh, sources said.

Dwivedi used to be a top star in the Kannada film world. More recently, she was involved in promoting cricket leagues like CCL and Karnataka Premier League, where she was a brand ambassador for the Ballari Tuskers team owned by real estate businessman Arvind Reddy.

ABDUCTION-MURDER CASE

HC judge hearing ex-DGP's bail plea recuses himself

Chandigarh: The first hearing of former Punjab Police DGP Sumedh Saini's anticipatory bail plea in the kidnapping and murder case of Balwant Singh Multani could not be held at the Punjab and Haryana High Court Friday after Justice Suvir Sehgal recused himself from hearing the matter.

Saini had filed the plea on Wednesday. A Mohali trial court had earlier already dismissed his plea for the same.

The case against ex-DGP pertains to the abduction of Balwant Singh Multani, a Mohali resident, in 1991, which is being probed by an SIT based on a fresh FIR registered in May in Mohali. ENS

J&K encounter: Three militants killed, 3 security personnel hurt

Srinagar: Three unidentified militants were killed and three security forces personnel, including an Army officer, were injured in an encounter in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir Friday, police said.

Security forces launched a cor-

don and search operation at Yedipora in the Pattan area of Baramulla following information about the presence of militants, a police official said. The operation turned into an encounter after the militants fired at a search party, who retaliated, he added. PTI

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No. 19/24/2016-Admn-I
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Online Interview for Engagement of Consultant
ICMR, an autonomous organisation under the Deptt. of Health Research, M/o H&FW, Govt. of India intends to engage one Consultant (Technical) from recently Retired Officials of Central Govt./State Govt./Autonomous Bodies for the post in Level-10 (Rs. 56,100-1,77,500) of 7th CPC Pay Matrix, as per terms and conditions of 'ICMR Guidelines for engagement of Consultants'. The interested candidates may appear in the Online Interview through Video Conferencing on 23.09.2020 from 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM. The application form/qualification/age/experience and other details are available at ICMR's website www.icmr.nic.in>career opportunity> category> **Temporary post.**

Sd/-
Assistant Director General (A)

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Sr. No.	Name of Post	Qualification	Pay-Scale	Category & Age Limit
1.	Dy. Chief Accounts Officer (on regular basis)	ACADEMIC: Chartered Accountant or ICWA EXPERIENCE: 1 year of handling the accounts & finance of a reputed commercial Organization having turn over of minimum Rs. 10 crores per annum.	Rs. 9300-34800+4200 Function-7 (initial pay 44900)	Unreserved & 45 years

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ELGAAR PARISHAD CASE



Partho Sarothi Ray

NIA asks Kolkata prof to appear for questioning

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 4

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) has issued notice to a Kolkata-based professor of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) for questioning in the Elgaar Parishad case for his alleged links with the event near Pune, where incendiary speeches allegedly led to violence on January 1, 2018.

The professor, Partho Sarothi Ray, is a renowned social activist and convenor of the West Bengal unit of the Persecuted Prisoners Solidarity Committee (PPSC).

According to Ranjit Sur, central secretariat member of the Association for Protection of Democratic Rights, the NIA has asked Ray to appear at the agency's Mumbai office at 11 am on Sept 10. "This is an attempt to throttle the voice of those who are critical of government policies. We will protest against this," Sur said.

Ray did not respond to calls on his phone and to text messages.

According to Sur, a team of NIA officers tried to meet Ray on the IISER campus and serve the notice. "(But) he refused to meet the NIA team due to Covid-19 guidelines on maintaining physical distancing. The NIA subsequently served him the notice over email. We spoke with him (Ray), and he said he will consult his lawyer and take appropriate steps," Sur said.

Earlier, in 2012, Ray had been arrested and was in jail for 10 days for allegedly protesting against the Trinamool Congress government's decision to evict slum-dwellers in Kolkata.

Last year, he was one of the nine human rights activists in the country who were at the receiving end of an alleged spyware campaign, whose aim was to monitor their actions and communications. These activists had called for the release of others who were charged in connection with the Bhima Koregaon incident.

On Teachers' Day, Amul plans FB Live with 200 chefs

New Delhi: On the occasion of Teachers' Day on Saturday, Indian dairy brand Amul is organising a 24-hour non-stop Facebook Live session where 200 chefs will participate, and every half-an-hour, a team of three to four chefs will prepare dishes together and dedicate it to their teachers. To be held on Amul's official page, it will start at 2 pm. The event will continue on to Sunday. It will be launched by Saudi Arabia-based chef, Thomas Gugler, who is the president of the World Association of Chefs Society. The event will culminate with a session by Michelin-star chef Suvir Saran, who is based in New York. ENS

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ADMISSION NOTICE
Academic Session, 2020-21

With reference to advertisement dated 07.08.2020 and 16.08.2020 regarding admission it has been decided in the interest of students and College at large in connection with admission of H&SI candidates for Entrance Examination in DFA (Diploma in Fine Arts) for the academic year 2020-21. Due to sudden upsurge in the COVID-19 cases in the capital and for the safety and security of all students, admission of H&SI candidates/students would be done on the basis of merit of the Xth Class aggregate marks of five subjects instead of practical entrance exam in the College premises.

The merit list of the H&SI students will be uploaded as per mentioned schedule in the relevant specialization as applied for.

Rest contents of the previous advertisements will remain same.

Sd/-
Principal (Officiating)

DIP/Shabdarth/0273/20-21

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with Regulation 47 read with Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, a meeting of Board of Directors of National Fertilizers Limited is scheduled to be held at Noida (Uttar Pradesh) on **Tuesday, 15th September, 2020**, inter-alia to consider, approve and take on record the Un-Audited Financial Results (Standalone & Consolidated) of the Company for the quarter ended 30th June, 2020, after these results are reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board.

Pursuant to the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 as amended and the circular issued by National Stock Exchanges of India Ltd. Vide NSE/CML/2019/11 dated 02nd April, 2019, the trading window for dealing in the shares of the Company shall remain closed from 1st July, 2020 till 48 hours after the declaration of financial for the quarter ended 30.06.2020 i.e. 17th September, 2020 for Designated Persons, Designated Employees and their Immediate relatives.

The said Notice may be accessed on the Company's website www.nationalfertilizers.com and on the BSE/NSE website www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively.

Sd/-
(Ashok Jha)
Company Secretary

Place: New Delhi
Date: 04.09.2020

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HOW TO APPLY
Candidates fulfilling the above-mentioned criteria must mail complete CV and contact details to: growthmodeconsulting@gmail.com mrk@growthmode.co.in agramsmartcitylimited@gmail.com

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Applications are invited for filling up of the post of Senior Administrative Officer, General Central Services Group 'A' Gazetted (Non-Ministerial) in the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage, Faridabad, on deputation basis under the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. Details of the post and eligibility criteria are given below:-

1.	2.	3.
Classification of Post	Pay Level	Eligibility of Applicants
General Central Services Group 'A' Gazetted (Non Ministerial)	Level 11 in Pay Matrix (Rs. 67700-208700/-)	(A) Officers under the Central Government: (i) holding analogous post on regular basis; or (ii) Officers with five years service in posts in Level-10 (pre-revised Pay Band-3, Rs. 15600-39100 with Grade Pay of Rs 5400); or (iii) Officers with six years of regular service in posts in Level-8 (pre-revised Pay Band-2, Rs. 9300-34800 and Grade Pay of Rs 4800); and (B) Possessing following educational qualification and experience: (i) Graduation degree from a recognized University; (ii) Having at least five years experience of establishments and accounts work and having undergone training in Institute of Secretariat Training and management (ISTM), Delhi related to Administration.

The period of deputation shall ordinarily not exceed five years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation shall be not exceeding 56 years as on the closing date of the receipt of applications. Full details of the vacancy are available on the Department's official website i.e. <http://www.agricoop.nic.in>.

Applications of interested and eligible officers, who could be spared in the event of their selection, may be sent, through proper channel, so as to reach "Under Secretary (PP Estt.), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Room No.572 A, F Wing, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001". The last date for receipt of application (including attested photocopies of APARs of last five years i.e. from 2013-14 to 2017-18 duly attested on each page by an officer not below the rank of an Under Secretary to the Government of India, Vigilance Clearance Certificate, Integrity Certificate, Major/Minor Penalty during last ten years) will be 21.10.2020.

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No. 12034/2/2020-PP Estt.
भारत सरकार/Government of India
कृषि एवं विज्ञान कल्याण मंत्रालय/Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare
कृषि, सहकारिता एवं किसान कल्याण विभाग/ Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Fw

Applications are invited from eligible candidates belonging to Offices under the Central Government or State Government or Union Territories administrations or Agriculture Universities or recognised Research Institutions or Public Sector Undertakings or Councils or Semi-Government or Autonomous or Statutory organisations for filling up the following General Central Services Group 'A' Gazetted (Non-Ministerial) posts in the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, Faridabad, an attached office of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare) on deputation (including short term contract) basis urgently:-

S.No.	Name of the post	Number of Posts	Pay Level/Pay scale
(1)	Joint Director (Entomology)	07 (Seven)	Level 12 (Rs. 78800-209200)
(2)	Joint Director (Chemistry)	08(Eight)	[Pay Band - 3, Rs. 15,600-39,100/- plus Grade Pay Rs. 7600/- as per 6th Pay Commission]
(3)	Joint Director (Plant Pathology)	01 (One)	
(4)	Deputy Director (Plant Pathology)	09 (Nine)	Level 11 (Rs. 67700-208700)
(5)	Deputy Director (Weed Science)	03 (Three)	[Pay Band - 3, Rs. 15,600-39,100/- plus Grade Pay Rs. 6600/- as per 6th Pay Commission]
(6)	Deputy Director (Chemistry)	12 (Twelve)	
(7)	Assistant Director (Chemistry)	07 (Seven)	Level 10 (Rs. 56100-177500)
(8)	Assistant Director (Packing & Processing)	01 (One)	[Pay Band - 3, Rs. 15,600-39,100/- plus Grade Pay Rs. 5400/- as per 6th Pay Commission]

Complete details about eligibility conditions including format of application are available on the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare's Website www.agricoop.nic.in and Directorate of PPQ&S's Website www.ppgqs.gov.in. Application (in duplicate) in the prescribed proforma with complete details should be forwarded through proper channel to Under Secretary (PP), Room No. 572A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001, within 60 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News.

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PERSONAL

It is notified for the information that I, Raj Rani W/o Late. Shri. Uttam Chand R/o- JA-8D LIG-Flats, Hari Enclave, Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064. Have lost My Original Possession- Letter & Allotment-Letter & property Documents original-letter for obtaining Electricity, & water connection of, Above Said property., Finder Please Contact:-above address.

Puneet Panesar W/o Jarnail Singh Suraj R/o 3/4/27 B, Sham Singh Street, Gopinath Bazar, Delhi Cantt, South West Delhi-110010 Have Changed my to Puneet Suraj

Poonam D/o Parmod Kumar R/o-F-2/123, F-Block, Mangolpuri, Delhi-110083 have changed my name to Priyanka for all purposes.

Payal Sharma Alias Payal Singh Kanwar D/o Naresh Kumar Sharma and W/o Kunaal Kanwar R/o C-9/9258, Vasant kunj, New Delhi-110070, have changed my name to Payal Sharma Kanwar

Parveen Kumar Chaturvedi S/o Shankar Lal Chaturvedi R/o RZF-2/104, Road no-4, Mahavir Enclave, ND-45 have changed my name to Parveen Kumar Chaturvedi

Poonam Roonchandani, D/o Santu R/o H.O.No.179, S.G.ENCLAVE PHASE-1, MAJITHA ROAD, AMRITSAR, PUNJAB-143001, have change my name to POONAM.

Neeraj Kumar S/o Late Madan Lal R/o A-2/136, 2nd Floor, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Neeraj Kumar Shingari.

Manoj Kumar S/o Late. Trilok Chand R/o-405, Malviya Ghaziabad, have changed name of my son from Rudra to Rudra Thakur for all future purposes.

Manju W/o Jugal Kishor R/o Ward No-7, Rajiyasar Station, Rajiyasar, Ganganagar, Rajasthan-335804, have changed my name to Manju Kishor

Kunaal Kanwar S/o Kanwar Rajinder Singh R/o C-9/9258, Vasant kunj, New Delhi-110070, have changed my minor son's name from Ishaan Singh Kanwar aged 7 years to Ishan Kanwar forever

Kunaal Kanwar S/o Kanwar Rajinder Singh R/o C-9/9258, Vasant kunj, New Delhi-110070, have changed my minor daughter's name from Meera Singh Kanwar aged 6 years to Meera Kanwar forever

Kapil Goyal S/o Sh. Shiv Hari Gupta residing at E-268, Hari Niwas Gali No.-5, West Vinod Nagar, East Delhi-110092, have changed the name of my minor son Tanay Goyal aged 17/05/2019 and shall hereafter be known as Taksh Goyal.

Vidya W/o Umed Singh R/o WZ-5248, Gali-17C, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, ND-45 have changed my name to Vidya

Junior Kumar Jogendra R/o 27A/B10A Udaygiri-1, Sector-34, Noida, declare that my actual name is Junior Kumar Jogendra meanwhile wrongly mentioned yongendra Mondal in my son Shubham Kumar's school record.

Jugal Kishor S/o Liladhar R/o Ward No-7, Rajiyasar Station, Rajiyasar, Ganganagar, Rajasthan-335804, have changed my minor son's name from Shobhit aged 5 years to Shobhit Kishor forever

Jimuth Dutta Chowdhury S/o Sujit Dutta Chowdhury R/o Flat No-233, Sunrise Apartment Sector-45, Faridabad, Haryana-121001, have changed my minor daughter's name from Riddhi aged 2 years to Jaishnavi Dutta Chowdhury forever

Hanshe Devi, W/o Rattan Singh R/o 40A Gali.No.5, Roshan Garden, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, have changed my name, from Hanshe Devi to Hanshi Bisht, vide affidavit, Dated-3-9-2020.

Gautam S/o Raj Narayan Saxena R/o D-379, Gali No.22, Nangli Vihar-Extn, Barpola, West Delhi-110043, changed my name to Gautam Kumar Saxena.

Divya W/o Neeraj Kumar R/o A-2/136, 2nd-Floor, Paschim Vihar, N.Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Divya Shingari.

Dipak Singh, S/o Rattan Singh, R/o-40A Gali.No.5, Roshan Garden-Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, have changed my name, from Dipak Singh to Deepak Singh Bisht vide-affidavit, Dated-3-9-2020.

Baldeep Chawla W/o Amanpreet Singh R/o D-105, Fateh Nagar New Delhi-18 have changed my name to Baldeep Kaur for all purposes.

Anjali@ Anjali Chugh, W/o Sh. Rajevee Kumar, R/o 13, Block-BH, West Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Anjali Chugh for all future purposes.

Abhishek Bajaj R/o D-23, 2nd floor, Rajan babu Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033 have Changed My Name To Abhishek As Per Document

I HITHERTO KNOWN AS ANU TOMER ALIAS ANU W/O PRADEEP KUMAR R/O B-1605, JM AROMA, SECTOR-75, GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201301 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME & SHALL HEREAFTER BE KNOWN AS ANU TOMAR FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Ashwanik Kumar S/o Late Sohan Lal Dharmija Permanent R/O Flat No.63-A, Brotherhood Apartments, H-Block, Vikaspuri, N.Delhi-18 Present R/O M-1/47, DLF City, Phase-2, Gururam-122008 is also known as Ashwani Kumar Dharmija, A.K.Dharmija and Ashwani Dharmija. All names are of one and the same person.

Anju Bala bajaj R/O D-23, 2nd floor, Rajan babu Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033 have Changed My Name To Anju Bajaj As Per Document

Aarti Badiyan W/O Sonu Badiyan R/O WP-252, Wazirpur-Village Ashok-Vihar Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Arti Badiyan.

I, hitherto known as Chander Mani Sharma Alias Vivek Sharma, S/o Sh. Tulsi Ram Sharma, R/o-573/3, Jagriti Vihar, Meerut, U.P.250002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vivek Sharma.

Ahijit Ramniwas S/o Ramniwas R/o Block No-13/5, SRP Quarters, Sector-27, Gandhinagar, Gujarat-382027, have changed my name to Ajit Ahijit

Tavinder Munjal S/o Sh. Gur Bachan Singh Munjal R/o H-86, H-Block, Ashok Vihar Phase-I, Delhi-110052 have changed my name to Tavinder Singh Munjal for all purposes.

Sarda Devi W/o No.Rank and name JCD-239616 Ex Sub (RIS) Rampal Singh R/o H.No.28, Gali No.3, Joharipur, Jagdamba Colony, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Sharda Devi for all purposes.

Sanjay Kumar, S/O Lalita Prasad, R/O GZ/35A, Gali No-32, Raja Puri, Uttam Nagar, New-Delhi-110059, Have Changed My Name to Sanjay Pant.

ISUNIL KUMAR, DOB: 04-07-1967 solemnly affirm and declare that my name is wrongly mentioned as Sunil Mahendru in some of the documents. My correct name is Sunil Kumar and it should be used for all purposes.

PREETI, DOB: 24-11-1968 solemnly affirm and declare that my name is wrongly mentioned as Preeti Mahendru in some of the documents. My correct name is Preeti and it should be used for all purposes.

Manjula Kuthiala W/O S C Kuthiala R/O H-42 Sector 39 Noida have changed my name to Manju Kuthiala, vide Affidavit attested by notary before Magistrate Noida 2 Sep 20

LOST & FOUND

Lost my original 10th and 12th class Certificate and Marksheet 10th class Roll.No.5156555 year-2000 and 12th class Roll.No.5643249 year-2002 from CBSE Board & Graduation Certificate & Marksheet from HNB Garwal University Roll No 56224118 (Year-2006) Finder pls contact: Sunita Upadhyay S/D/W/O Chandra Shakhar Upadhyay, A-105, FF, Pandav Nagar, Delhi-110092.

Yatharth Tyagi have lost my Original Pass Certificate of Class 10th year 2018 Roll no. 2133567 CBSE BOARD. If Found Please Contact: 9718472647

ANIMESH CHAUDHARY, S/O Late. Pradeep Chaudhary, R/O 665/5B, Gali.No.-2, Military Road, Punjabi-Basti, Anand Parbat, Karol-Bagh, New Delhi-05, have lost my 10th-class school-leaving-certificate, SH SD Saraswati Bal Mandir, Punjabi Bagh, year-2018

RUHAN Juneja, S/o Rajiv Juneja, R/o B-161 surya-nagar gzb up-201011, have lost my original-certificate/marksheet class-10th (2012) Rollno-5173134 CBSE-Allahabad class-12th (2014) Rollno-9117650 CBSE-Delhi.

This is to inform everyone that my client Sh. Hindraj Ram S/o Late Sh. Ram Haran R/o H.No. 774, Block-M, Mangol Puri, Delhi-110083, has down and debarred his son Vijay Kumar, daughter-in-law, Kashi Devi and grandchildren Vivek, Nitin and Sachin, from his all the movable and immovable properties, for all intents and purposes on account of their cruel acts and ill-treatment to my client. Anyone dealing with the aforesaid persons shall be solely responsible for all the consequences thereof and my client shall not be responsible for the same.

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Public Notice: My client Mr. N. K. Tahira Begum, W/O MR. NASEEM AHMED, R/o 175, HAZI SUI WALAN, BEHANGA, NEW DELHI-110002 is the absolute owner of built-up property measuring approximately 200 SQUARE YARDS, BEHANGA MUNICIPAL NUMBER 6, PART OF FASHI-RS NUMBER 3448, VILLAGES VAHADRAB, IN THE AABADI OF SANGAM VILLAGE, with respect to say along with land beneath. Anybody dealing in any way with the said plot from someone other than me shall not be responsible for any negotiations/dealings/ transactions etc. with respect to the above-said property.

Public Notice: My client Kousalya W/o Late Sh. Jug Lal R/o C-2152, Koda kolla first shah bharti basti 100 qwater, darya ganj, Central Delhi-110002 have severed all her relations from her daughter Mrs. Surekha and her husband Vikky who was disowned & debarred them from all movable and immovable properties, assets and bank balances. My client shall not be responsible for the acts, deeds, ominous and things done by Mrs. Surekha D/o Late Sh. Jug Lal, her husband Vikky in past, present or future.

Public Notice: I am the owner of the property belonging to my client namely Sh. Mohd Ashraf S/o Abdul Karim and Smt. Razia W/o Mohd Ashraf both Rio H. No. R/O 5043 Kucha Rehman Chandi Chowk Delhi-110006, have severed their all relations with their son namely Shahzawad and Mohd Suhil and his wife namely Yasmin W/o Mohd Suhil. They have disowned their son and his wife and all their movable and immovable properties and my client shall not be held responsible for any act of them.

Public Notice: Be it known to all that my client Sh. Gajinder Pratap Gill S/o Sh. Pratap Singh, S/o Late Sh. Chand Ram, New Delhi-110059, have debarred and disowned their son named Lakshar Kumar and his wife Smt. Alka Patrak from their all movable and immovable properties due to their disrespectful and disrespectful behaviour towards my client. My clients have severed all their relation with them. If anybody deals with them he will do so at his own risk, cost and responsibility. My clients shall not be held responsible for his acts in any manner for the same.

Public Notice: My clients Sh. Jagmohan Bhanbroya S/O Sh. Khushi Ram & his wife Smt. Kamla Devi both Rio B2-116A, Khushi Ram Park, Om Vihar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have debarred and disowned their son named Lakshar Kumar and his wife Smt. Alka Patrak from their all movable and immovable properties due to their disrespectful and disrespectful behaviour towards my client. My clients have severed all their relation with them. If anybody deals with them he will do so at his own risk, cost and responsibility. My clients shall not be held responsible for his acts in any manner for the same.

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Public Notice: It is for the information of the general public that my client Shri Sarver Ali son of Shri Iddu Khan, resident of WZ-558, Tihar Village, New Delhi-110018 has severed all his relation with his son Mohammad Shakil and his wife Sumaiya due to their bad behaviour and debarred them from all his movable and immovable properties. My client shall not be responsible for their acts in future and both of them shall be exclusively and absolutely responsible for their acts and deeds in future. From now onwards, my client has no relation with them.

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OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, (PROJECT) PHED CHURU (RAJ.) Tel. 01562-251415, e-mail- acephedchuru@gmail.com Date 27.08.2020

Table with 3 columns: NIT No, Work Description, Estimated Cost. Includes entries for ACE CHU/16/2020-21 and SAVE WATER - SAVE LIFE.

MUMBAI METROPOLITAN REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (A Government of Maharashtra Undertaking) Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai -400051. Tel: 26590041/04. Fax: 91-022-26591264

Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) hereby invites Request for proposal: 1) Tender/Bid No. : MMRDA/T&CP/0002198 2) Division : Town and Country Planning Division

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परिचर्याकाल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि. विद्युतनिगम संस्था प.वि.वि.नि.लि./ मेरठ/ आर-एपीडीआरपी-ए/ 08/ 20-21 के अन्तर्गत डी.आर. सेक्टर, सेक्टर-58 नोएडा पर स्थापित 08 नव ए.सी. मशीनों का ए.एम.सी. का कार्य 01 वष को अर्पित हेतु। निविदा नंकांक: 25.09.2020 को 17.00 बजे तक ऑनलाइन व्हीकर को जारीणी जिसका प्रथम भाग दिनांक 26.09.2020 को 16.00 बजे बाद खोला जाएगा। धरोहर राशि रु. 15000.00 "विस्तार में सभी जानकारी एवं निविदा में भविष्य में किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन हेतु www.pvvn.org एवं www.ctender.up.nic.in पर लॉग ऑन करें। असीक्षण अभिवंता (आर-एपीडीआरपी पार्ट-ए) कृष्ण प्रबंध निदेशक, "विजली जो की सुचना हेतुलाईन नम्बर पर दे: 1800-180-3002 (मेरठ), 1800-180-8752 (लखनऊ)" पत्रांक- 7748 दिनांक 04.09.2020 राष्ट्रहित में विजली बचावें

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No: 178-Sig/CW/32/95/PH-I Dated : 04.09.2020 1932/2020 Serving Customers With A Smile

E-TENDER NOTICE E-Tender Notice No. CE/2020/04, Date: 03.09.2020 E-Open tender No-02206455CS to be opened on 25.09.2020 SI.No. 01 Name of the work with its location: Manufacture and supply of 1.0 PSC Sleepers for Bridge Approach for B.G. 60Kg (UIC)/52 kg rail to RDSO's Drg. No. T-4088 and T-4089 to T-4097/Latest Alt. (Qty. - 85 sets), 2.0 PSC Sleepers for Bridge Approach for B.G. 60Kg (UIC) rail to RDSO's Drg. No. T-8672 and T-8673 to T-8680/Latest Alt. (Qty. - 72 sets), 3.0 PSC Sleepers for Bridge Deck for B.G. 60Kg (UIC) rail to RDSO's Drg. No. T-4088/Latest Alt. (Qty. - 4,500 Nos), 4.0 PSC Sleepers for Bridge Deck for B.G. 60Kg (UIC) rail to RDSO's Drg. No. T-4148/Latest Alt. (Qty. - 6,284 Nos), 5.0 PSC Sleepers for Level Crossing for B.G. 60Kg (UIC) rail to RDSO's Drg. No. T-4148/Latest Alt. (Qty. - 6,284 Nos), 6.0 PSC Sleepers for Level Crossing for B.G. 60Kg (UIC) rail to RDSO's Drg. No. T-8672/Latest Alt. (Qty. - 2,85 Nos), IRS Spn. T-39-1985 (5th revision Feb'16) with latest amendment upto 10 days prior to the date of closing of tender. Location- Office of Principal Chief Engineer, East Central Railway, Hajipur. SI.No. 02 Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 4.81,17,57,67/- SI.No. 03 Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 9,62,360,00/- SI.No. 04 Date & Time for closing of tender and opening of tender: 11.30 Hrs on 25.09.2020 SI.No. 05 Website particulars where complete details of tender can be seen: Related tender documents can be seen or downloaded from website : https://www.ireps.gov.in. XEN/TSP E.C. Railway Hajipur PR/580/HQ/Engg/T/20-21/56

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Producers Guild slams 'attacks' on film industry

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THE PRODUCERS Guild of India on Friday spoke up against the "relentless attacks on the reputation of the Indian film industry" across all media in the aftermath of actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death. In a statement, the Guild said, "The tragic death of a promising young star has been used by some as a tool to defame and slander the film industry and its members. A picture has been painted of the industry as a terrible place for outsiders to aspire to... This narrative is salacious enough for the media to exploit to great effect in order to boost its ratings, readership and page views."

Its stand was supported by prominent industry personalities including Vishal Bhardwaj, Anurag Kashyap, Vikramaditya Motwane, Farhan Akhtar, Richa Chadha and Sonam Kapoor, who shared the letter on social media. The Guild, headed by producer Siddharth Roy Kapur, urged the media to "stop fanning the flames".

The letter came after actor Kangana Ranaut asked actors to take a blood test to prove they were not on drugs. It raised objections against projecting the industry as "a murky den of substance abuse and criminality".

Don't live in Mumbai if you feel it isn't safe: Minister

Anil Deshmukh targets Kangana Ranaut for 'POK' statement

VISHWAS WAGHMODE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4



Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh

ACTOR KANGANA Ranaut's statement comparing Mumbai to Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) drew her ire of Maha Vikas Aghadi leaders, including Home Minister Anil Deshmukh, who advised her not to live in Mumbai if she feels unsafe in the city. While the BJP has backed the actor, the party's state unit distanced itself from her statement.

"Sanjay Raut Shiv Sena leader has given me an open threat and asked me not to come back to Mumbai, after Aazadi graffiti in Mumbai streets and now open threats, why Mumbai is feeling like Pakistan occupied Kashmir?", Ranaut tweeted on September 3. The actor also tweeted she did not trust Mumbai Police and felt unsafe.

Ranaut had been in news for her controversial statements on the Mumbai Police's handling of the Sushant Singh Rajput death case. She had also said that many A-listers in Bollywood consume illegal drugs.

Deshmukh said Friday those who did not feel that the city was

safe for them had no right to live Mumbai or in Maharashtra. "It is ridiculous for an actor to make such a statement. Mumbai and entire Maharashtra is safe in the hands of the police. And those who feel Mumbai or Maharashtra is not safe for them, they have no right to live in Mumbai or Maharashtra," Deshmukh told mediapersons.

Raut, who was accused by Ranaut of intimidation, said the home ministry needed to take action against all those who were defaming the state. He also hit out at the BJP. "Any political party that is backing someone calling Mumbai PoK does not have any right to seek votes in Mumbai and Maharashtra," Raut said. The Sena leadership attacked Ranaut stating she was part of a larger plan to disturb the harmony in the state. The women's wing of Sena protested against the actor's remarks in Dadar and other parts of

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Mumbai, Thane and Nashik. "It has been more than 15 days that the CBI had taken over the investigation (into Sushant's death) but Ranaut has neither sought any protection from CBI nor handed over information to it. She is putting out tweets only to disturb the atmosphere," Sena leader and Transport Minister Anil Parab said.

He underlined the state government has signed MoUs worth Rs 16,000 crore during the lockdown. "It means investors want to set up industries in the state. Is there a conspiracy to discourage them from coming to Maharashtra by vitiating the atmosphere in Mumbai and the state? Mumbai's financial service centre and other offices have been shifted to Gujarat. By creating such an atmosphere, is a conspiracy being hatched to shift Mumbai's Bollywood to somewhere else?" he asked.

Maharashtra: Police return passports of foreign Tablighi Jamaat members

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE AHMEDNAGAR police has returned the impounded passports of 29 foreign nationals who were part of the Tablighi Jamaat. A local court in Ahmednagar had served a showcause notice to the police earlier this week for refusing to return the passports despite a Bombay High Court order.

The Aurangabad bench of the Bombay High Court had last month quashed FIRs against the 29 foreign nationals and asked the police to return their passports.

Three separate FIRs were filed in three talukas against the 29 foreign nationals from countries

including Ivory Coast, Ghana, Tanzania, Iran, Djibouti and Brunei. While two police stations in Ahmednagar had refused to return the passports, one police station handed over the passports on August 28, only to ask them to return them the next day. The men had then approached a local court seeking return of their passports and visa documents to enable their return journeys.

Late Thursday, officials from the police stations called the men and asked them to collect their documents. The police have also withdrawn an appeal filed before a sessions court against the lower court's order.

On August 21, Justices T V Nalawade and M G Sewlikar had

quashed the FIRs stating that there was no evidence that they had violated visa rules or lockdown during the pandemic and that they were made 'scapegoats'. The state government had sought a stay on the order stating that it has to take a decision on whether to challenge the order, but it was refused by the court. Based on the order, the men had filed a plea before a court in Ahmednagar for return of their passports.

"After their passports were returned, the embassies have begun facilitating the process of their return," said lawyer Mazhar Jahagirdar. He added that the men, who were living in private accommodation in Ahmednagar, have returned to Mumbai and

Delhi to expedite their return.

The men, most of them small traders, came to India in February and March and were arrested by the Ahmednagar police on April 17. They were released on bail on June 17 after two months in jail. So far, in Maharashtra, two groups in Vashi and Mumbai have been discharged of all charges. A group of 10 Indonesian nationals booked in Nanded were discharged under the Foreigners Act, while they pleaded guilty to other charges and were permitted to leave the country after a paying fine of Rs 1,500 each.

In Mumbai, the Bandra police has dropped charges under Section 307 (attempt to murder) and 304 (2) (culpable homicide) of the IPC against 12 foreigners.

To mark PM's birthday, Haryana BJP plans three-week celebrations

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State BJP chief Om Prakash Dhankar

HARYANA BJP has planned a nearly 3-week-long celebrations and event to mark the 70th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that falls on September 17.

The celebrations that will begin September 14 and culminate on October 2 will see be marked by distribution of carry bags made of cloth in urban areas as part of BJP's anti-plastic campaign, holding blood donation

camp, free eye check-up camps, spectacle distribution, and plasma donation among others.

Sharing the details, state BJP chief Om Prakash Dhankar said that party's priority during the celebrations will be "public welfare".

"We will be giving a lot of emphasis on environment protection. We will be appealing to people not to use plastic bags and instead use cloth bags. Subsequent to this, eye-checkup camps will be organised in all the 90 assembly segments. Blood donation camps will be organised in each district and people who have recovered from coronavirus infection will also be requested to donate plasma. At least 70 persons will be donating blood at each camp to mark PM's 70th birthday," Dhankar said.

Man kills friend over Rs 3,000 in Mumbai

Mumbai: A 19-year-old man was arrested Friday for allegedly stabbing his friend to death at Antop Hill area following a dispute over money, police said.

The accused, Sabir Shaikh, had got into an argument with his friend Naki Khan (19) outside a bank at Antop Hill around 8 pm on Thursday, police said. Naki was to return Sabir Rs 3,000, but had been delaying the payment for several days, they said.

Sabir allegedly stabbed Naki and fled. The victim was declared dead upon arrival at a hospital. **ENS**

Ayodhya mosque to be exact size of Babri: Trust

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THE INDO-ISLAMIC Cultural Foundation, formed by UP Sunni Waqf Board to build a mosque and other public utilities on the five-acre plot allotted to it in Ayodhya's Dhannipur vilage, on Friday said that they have planned to build a mosque that would be the exact size of the Babri Masjid.

"We have decided that the mosque, including its inner courtyard, will be exactly 15,000 square ft, which was the size of the Babri masjid when it was demolished in 1992," said Trust

spokesperson and secretary Athar Hussain.

"We are working to make the hospital like a private facility in terms of services and efficiency and like a government facility in terms of expenses for people. Because of the pandemic, the thought of building a hospital came to us. We would like the hospital to have a centre for heart patients, and also one for treatment of cancer patients where chemotherapy can be done..." said Hussain.

"We have given the inputs regarding requirements for the hospital to our architect, Professor S M Akhtar," added Hussain. On Tuesday, the Trust

had announced that the dean of Jamia Millia Islamia's architecture department, Prof S M Akhtar, will design the mosque and its surrounding complex.

Hussain said Akhtar has sent his inputs regarding the design of the buildings at the site in Dhannipur village. "There is a shrine in the middle of the five-acre plot. The shrine and the way leading up to it is right in the centre of the five-acre land is splitting the land. So, Mr Akhtar has said a few difficulties may be faced in the construction... The mosque has a rule that it must face the west (facing towards Kaaba sharif). That is another issue in the construction," said Hussain.

He added that the architect said that he would be sending a team for taking measurements of the land again. "Due to technical reasons, he wants to get the land measured again by a team sent by him. He is not content with the measurements sent by us," said Hussain.

Hussain informed that the Trust has written to retired JNU professor Pushpesh Pant, requesting him to curate the museum. "We will be calling it an archive. We have invited Professor Pant to curate the archive where the focus will be on food, since we feel that food reflects the true confluence of the Indo-Islamic culture," he said.

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Between 2012 and 2018, the number of Indians with jobs fell for the first time ever.

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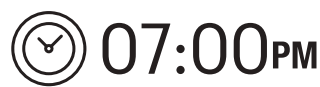
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COVID-19 VACCINE TRACKER

Pfizer says will know about vaccine effectiveness by Oct

PFIZER HAS said it would seek emergency-use authorisation for its coronavirus vaccine from the US Food and Drug Administration, once it was established that the vaccine was indeed effective. The company said this could happen as early as the end of next month, and it intended to apply for an emergency licence immediately after that, according to a report in *The New York Times*.

Pfizer's vaccine, being developed in collaboration with German partner BioNTech, is currently undergoing phase-3 clinical trials. Its chief executive Albert Bourla said about 23,000 volunteers were enrolled for phase-3 trials, and many were administered the second booster dose as well. He said the company would know "in October time frame" how effective the vaccine had been on the volunteers.

The FDA has indicated that it would be open to considering applications for emergency use authorisation for coronavirus vaccines, even if phase-3 clinical trials have not been completed. Pfizer is the first vaccine developer to explicitly state that it intended to seek emergency approval.

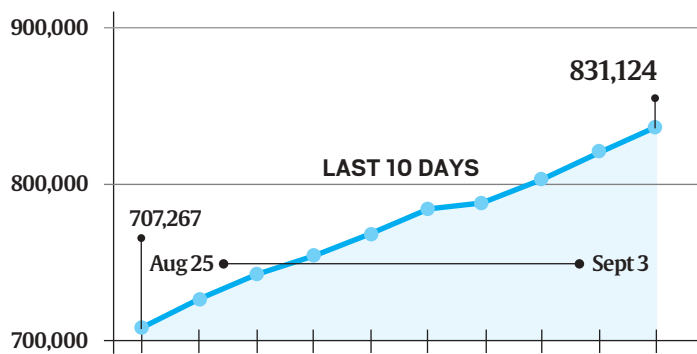
Pfizer's statement is expected to further heat up an already crazy race for a coronavirus vaccine. In the last few days, it has become evident that a vaccine would be made available this year itself. Before this, the most optimistic timeline being talked about was early next year.

But the US Presidential elections on November 3 could playing its part in expediting the vaccine development even further. President Donald Trump has repeatedly said the vaccine could indeed be made available this year itself.



INDIA ACTIVE CASES

831,124



Note: The September 3 figure in this graph is based on the government update on Sept 4

INDIA TOTAL CASES
3,936,747

Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Sept 4

WORLD TOTAL CASES
26,398,466

Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on Sept 4

How obesity impairs body's ability to fight Covid infection

OBSESITY CAN make it more difficult to fight a Covid-19 infection, according to a manuscript published in *Endocrinology*, the journal of the international medical organisation Endocrine Society. It says obesity can cause a hyperactive immune system response to Covid-19 infection, which makes it difficult to fight off the virus.

Obesity is known to lead to problems like heart disease and diabetes, and also to influence the immune system in many ways. For example, obesity causes a chronic activation of some parts of the immune system. When someone with this pre-existing condition is faced with an infection, this could lead to the immune system becoming hyperactive — in a detrimental way that does not fight infection.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has made us aware of the complex interactions of obesity with infectious diseases, and



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the gaps in our understanding of how chronic health conditions affect our immune responses to acute infection," the study's corresponding author, Durga Singer of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, said in a statement.

"Recent evidence has highlighted how one part of the immune system, the macrophage, may be a culprit in driving severe Covid-19 disease. Our manuscript focuses on what is already known about the interaction of obesity, macrophages and other infections like influenza. These findings highlight the importance of understanding how obesity might interact with new drugs or vaccines that are developed for Covid-19," Singer said.

The paper describes immune responses caused by obesity that drive organ injury in severe Covid-19 infection, and impair ability to fight the virus.

Source: *Endocrine Society*

What counts as 'Act of God'?

Amid disruptions caused by Covid-19, the Finance Minister has referred to an Act of God while businesses are looking at a legal provision, force majeure, to cut losses. How does it work, and when can it be invoked?

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THE COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown imposed across the globe to contain the spread of the virus has resulted in major disruptions in economic activity. Businesses are looking towards a legal provision — the force majeure or "Act of God" clause that has its origins in the Napoleonic Code — to cut losses.

This week, attributing the shortfall in GST collections to disruptions due to Covid-19, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the economy is facing an Act-of-God-like situation.

On February 19, The Finance Ministry had issued an office memorandum inviting attention to the force majeure clause (FMC) in the 2017 Manual for Procurement of Goods issued by the Department of Expenditure clarifying that the pandemic "should be considered a case of natural calamity and FMC may be invoked, wherever considered appropriate".

What is a force majeure clause?

The law of contracts is built around a fundamental norm that the parties must perform the contract. When a party fails to perform its part of the contract, the loss to the other party is made good. However, the law carves out exceptions when performance of the contract becomes impossible to the parties. A force majeure clause is one such exception that releases the party of its obligations to an extent when events beyond their control take place and leave them unable to perform their part of the contract.

FMC is a clause that is present in most commercial contracts and is a carefully drafted legal arrangement in the event of a crisis. When the clause is triggered, parties can decide to break from their obligations temporarily or permanently without necessarily breaching the contract. Companies in such situations use the clause as a safe exit route, sometimes in opportunistic ways, without having to incur the penalty of breaching the contract.

Generally, an "Act of God" is understood to include only natural unforeseen circumstances, whereas force majeure is wider in its ambit and includes both naturally occur-



In April, the Bombay High Court did not accept the force majeure argument that had cited the lockdown for failure to fulfil a contract. Partha Paul

ring events and events that occur due to human intervention. However, both concepts elicit the same consequences in law.

What situations legally qualify for use of force majeure?

While some contracts have clauses with standard circumstances, some contracts would have specific circumstances that are more focused. For example, a shipping contract would have a force majeure clause that could cover natural disaster like tsunami.

War, riots, natural disasters or acts of God, strikes, introduction of new government policy imposing an embargo, boycotts, outbreak of epidemics and such situations are generally listed. If an event is not described, then it is interpreted in a way that it falls in the same category of events that are described.

A force majeure clause is negotiated by parties, and events that could potentially hamper the performance of the contract are catalogued. It is not invoked just by expressing that an unforeseen event has occurred.

In case a contract does not have a force majeure clause, there are some protections in common law that can be invoked by parties. For example, the Indian Contract Act, 1872 provides that a contract becomes void if it becomes

impossible due to an event after the contract was signed that the party could not prevent.

What happens when a force majeure clause is triggered?

If a party to a contract believes that the other party has invoked the force majeure clause in an unjustified situation, it can move court seeking performance of the contract.

Courts read the wording of the clause closely to allocate risks between the parties. Court rulings have established that force majeure cannot be invoked when performance of the contract has become difficult, but only when it has become impossible. It looks into whether the party arguing impossibility of performance has tried all other avenues to fulfil its liabilities before invoking force majeure.

For example, in a 2017 case, the Supreme Court cited a 1961 House of Lords decision that ruled that the closure of Suez Canal, although unforeseen, had not rendered a contract to ship goods from Africa impossible since a longer route around the Cape of Good Hope existed.

Vaguely indicating that the pandemic failed the contract would face a legal challenge. The court would look into specifics like whether a lockdown imposed to contain the

pandemic locally prevented performance of the contract.

The court would also look into how unforeseen the cited circumstance really is when catalogued in the contract specifically. Global contracts signed after the initial outbreak in Wuhan could fail scrutiny if the contracts do not take into account viral pandemics.

In April this year, the Bombay High Court did not accept the force majeure argument in a case where the petitioner argued that Covid-19-related lockdowns had frustrated a contract for supply of steel. Although the decision factored in other arguments, the vague construction of the pandemic reason did not cut ice with the court.

Are there other global precedents dealing with pandemics and force majeure?

In China, where the Covid-19 outbreak originated, the Council for Promotion of International Trade is issuing force majeure certificates to businesses. China's Supreme People's Court had recognised the 2002 SARS outbreak as a force majeure event.

Singapore enacted the Covid-19 (Temporary Measures) Act in April to provide relief to businesses that could not perform their contractual obligations due to the pandemic.

The Paris Commercial Court in July ruled that the pandemic could be equated to a force majeure event.

In the UK, the Financial Conduct Authority has brought in a test case before the High Court to look into business insurance contracts and interpret the standard wordings in such contracts. The ruling, which is now reserved by the court, will be binding on insurers and will provide a framework to interpret similar contracts in court cases in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The International Chamber of Commerce has developed a Model Code on the force majeure clause reflecting current international practice. The Code states that the impediment triggering the operation of the force majeure clause must be beyond the party's reasonable control; and that it could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of the conclusion of the contract; and that the effects of the impediment could not reasonably have been avoided or overcome by the affected party.

Reading Russian vaccine trial results

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PUNE, SEPTEMBER 4

THE MUCH-CRITICISED Russian vaccine for novel coronavirus was found to be safe and also triggered a "strong" immune response, according to results of phase-1 and phase-2 clinical trials published in *The Lancet*.

The vaccine is the first in the world to be authorised for general use. It was approved by the Russian government on August 11, without phase-3 trials, triggering global criticism. Phase-1 and phase-2 trials were completed in less than two months and, it now emerges, were done on only 76 people.

What is the vaccine?

The vaccine, developed by Moscow's Gamaleya Institute, uses two adenoviruses to inject the genetic material of the novel coronavirus into humans in order to trigger an immune response. Adenoviruses, which cause a range of respiratory diseases in human beings, are used as carriers to deliver several existing drugs and vaccines for other diseases as well, after being stripped of their ability to replicate.

What were the trials for which results have been reported?

The vaccine developers carried out two separate studies, both involving phase-1 and phase-2, at two hospitals in Moscow. The 76 participants included 38 at either location.

Two variants of the vaccine were used, using different adenoviruses. In phase-1 of each study, nine people were injected with one formulation, and nine with the other. In phase-2 of both studies, 20 participants were given shots of both formulations.

Lead author Denis Logunov of Gamaleya Institute explained why two formulations were used. "To form a powerful immune response against SARS-CoV-2, it is important that a booster vaccination is provided. However, booster vaccinations that use the same adenovirus vector might not produce an effective response because the immune system may recognise and attack the vector (carrier). This would block the vaccine from entering people's cells and teaching the body to recognise and attack SARS-CoV-2. For our vaccine, we use two different adenovirus vectors in a bid to avoid the immune system from become immune to the vector," Logunov said.

What were the results?

The published findings say "both vaccine formulations were safe and well tolerated". The participants did complain of some side effects but these were not serious. "The most common adverse events were pain at injection site (58 per cent of participants), hyperthermia (or high temperature in 50 per cent of participants), headache (42 per cent), asthenia (or lack of energy, 28 per cent), and muscle and joint pain (24 per cent). Most adverse events were mild and no serious adverse events were detected," the study says.

In addition, all participants were found to have produced antibodies to coronavirus, which shows that the vaccine was able to trigger an immune response.

How significant are these findings?

The results show that the vaccine is at least safe to be used and does not harm the person. However, the relatively small number of volunteers who participated, and the short duration of follow-up (42 days) might not satisfy all the experts.

In the absence of phase-3 trials, questions over the effectiveness of the vaccine remain. In phase-3, a vaccine candidate is tried on

several hundred volunteers in real-life situations, outside of laboratory conditions, to assess whether the immune response generated is able to effectively fight the disease. The participants are usually followed for several months to study the impact of the vaccine on their ability to thwart the disease.

Following the criticism, Russia had said it would conduct phase-3 trials as well, and that the August 11 authorisation was only "conditional". Phase-3 trials are planned to start soon in several countries. The developers had earlier planned to test the vaccine on 2,000 volunteers in phase-3, but later said they would enrol 40,000.

How are other major vaccine candidates progressing?

There are three other leading vaccine candidates, developed by Pfizer, Oxford University in collaboration with AstraZeneca, and Moderna. All three are currently undergoing phase-3 trials.

At least two Chinese vaccines too have been approved without phase-3 trials, and these two also plan to start the final stage trials soon. Besides, close to 30 other vaccine candidates are currently in phase-1 and phase-2 trials.

Project Dolphin: why it is important to save a declining river species

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IN HIS Independence Day Speech this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the government's plan to launch a Project Dolphin. The proposed project is aimed at saving both river and marine dolphins.

What will Project Dolphin do?

Modi said in his speech that Project Dolphin will be on the lines of Project Tiger, which has helped increase the tiger population. Such an initiative got in-principle approval in December last year itself, at the first meeting of the National Ganga Council (NGC), headed by the Prime Minister. "Special Conservation program needs to be taken up for Gangetic Dolphin which is national aquatic animal and also indicator species for the river Ganga spread over several states," state the minutes of meeting.

So far, the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), which implements the government's flagship scheme Namami Gange, has been taking some initiatives for saving

dolphins. Now, Project Dolphin is expected to be implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

What is the Gangetic dolphin?

The Gangetic river system is home to a vast variety of aquatic life, including the Gangetic dolphin (*Platanista gangetica*). The Gangetic dolphin is one of five species of river dolphin found around the world. It is found mainly in the Indian subcontinent, particularly in Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna and Kamaphuli-Sangu river systems.

The Conservation Action Plan for the Ganges River Dolphin, 2010-2020, describes male dolphins as being about 2.2-2.6 metres long and females as a little longer at 2.4-2.6 m. An adult dolphin could weigh between 70 kg and 90 kg. The breeding season of the Gangetic dolphin extends from January to June. They feed on several species of fishes, invertebrates etc.

Why is it important to save dolphins?

There was a time when Gangetic dolphins could be spotted in the Ganga at several places, from its delta in the Bay of



Gangetic dolphin (*Platanista gangetica*). Rahim Shaikh/Wildlife Institute of India

Bengal to upstream in the Himalayan foothills. It was also found in the Ganga's tributaries. Some experts have reported that during the 19th century, dolphins were seen in the Yamuna up to as far as Delhi. However, the construction of dams and barges, and increasing pollution have led to a decline in the population of aquatic animals in the rivers in general and of dolphins in particular.

Aquatic life is an indicator of the health

of river ecosystems. As the Gangetic dolphin is at the top of the food chain, protecting the species and its habitat will ensure conservation of aquatic lives of the river.

Have other governments used aquatic life as an indicator of the health of a river system?

Globally, there have been such examples. For instance, the Rhine Action Plan (1987) of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR) — representing Switzerland, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands — brought back the salmon. The return of the migratory fish is taken as an indicator of the river's improved health.

Salmon used to migrate from the North Sea to the Rhine every year and reproduce, but this stopped when pollution increased in the river. After a chemical accident in 1986 that caused the death of fish and microorganisms, the Action Plan was launched. This led to improvement in the quality of the river water, and the salmon began to return.

"While the salmon was considered lost

in the Rhine in 1958, today several hundred salmon from the North Sea return to the accessible tributaries of the Rhine every year and reproduce naturally there," says Assessment Rhine 2020, and ICPR report.

How many Gangetic dolphins remain?

While no exact count is available, various estimates suggest that the Gangetic dolphin population in India could be about 2,500-3,000. However, Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Babul Supriyo had told Lok Sabha last year that there were about 1,272 dolphins in Uttar Pradesh and 962 in Assam.

Increasing pollution in the Ganga has brought down the number over the years.

What has been done to save Gangetic dolphins so far?

Although efforts to save them were started in the mid-1980s, but the estimates suggest the numbers have not risen as a result. The Gangetic dolphin remains listed as endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

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RUSSIA

Moscow presses Germany for more detail on Navalny illness

The Kremlin said on Friday that it wanted dialogue with Germany over the case of opposition politician Alexei Navalny and that Russian doctors who treated him initially were much more transparent than the German doctors treating him now. Germany, where Navalny is in hospital, has said he was poisoned with a Novichok nerve agent and wants the perpetrators held to account. Russia has until now not opened a criminal investigation and said there is no evidence of crime. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Moscow wanted to find out from Germany what exact substance caused Navalny to fall ill. **REUTERS**

PAKISTAN

Imran's top aide quits after graft allegations

PAKISTAN PRIME Minister Imran Khan's top aide Lt Gen (ret'd) Asim Saleem Bajwa resigned on Friday after allegations that he used his offices to help family set up several off-shore businesses. Former Pakistan Army spokesman Bajwa rejected the allegations against him and resigned as special assistant to the PM on information and broadcasting. However, he would continue working as chairman of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority. **PTI**

ISRAEL

Drone drops cannabis on Tel Aviv main square

A DRONE dropped packets of what looked like cannabis over a main square in Tel Aviv on Thursday after activists seeking to legalise the drug in Israel promised free weed from the air on social media. Police said they arrested two men who operated the quadcopter that flew over Robin Square, a site often used for street protests and political rallies. "The time has come," the Green Drone pro-legalisation group said on its Telegram web messaging channel. "Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's the Green Drone sending you free cannabis from the skies." **REUTERS**

Widespread vaccination not expected until mid-2021: WHO

STEPHANIE NEBEHAY & EMMA FARGE
GENEVA, SEPTEMBER 4

THE WORLD Health Organisation does not expect widespread vaccinations against Covid-19 until the middle of next year, a spokeswoman said on Friday, stressing the importance of rigorous checks on their effectiveness and safety.

None of the candidate vaccines in advanced clinical trials so far has demonstrated a "clear signal" of efficacy at the level of at least 50% sought by the WHO, spokeswoman Margaret Harris said.

Russia granted regulatory approval to a Covid-19 vaccine in August after less than two months of human testing, prompting some Western experts to question its safety and efficacy.

US public health officials and Pfizer Inc said on Thursday a vaccine could be ready for distribution as soon as late October. That would be just ahead of the US election on Nov. 3 in which the pandemic is likely to be a major factor among voters deciding whether President Donald Trump wins a second term.

"We are really not expecting to see widespread vaccination until the middle of next year," Harris told a UN briefing in Geneva.

"This phase 3 must take longer because we need to see how truly protective the vaccine is and we also need to see how safe it is," she added. This referred to the phase in vaccine research where large clinical trials among people are conducted. Harris did not refer to any specific vaccine candidate. **REUTERS**



Rescue team members search through the rubble in Beirut on Friday. Reuters

Rescuers sift Beirut rubble amid signs of life a month after blast

HUSSEIN MALLA
BEIRUT, SEPTEMBER 4

RESCUE WORKERS used cranes, shovels and their bare hands in search operations that resumed early Friday in the rubble of a building that collapsed last month in Beirut's catastrophic explosion, hoping to find a survivor after a pulsing signal was detected.

The search was taking place exactly a month since the massive blast that killed and wounded thousands of people and traumatised a country that had already been suffering for months under a severe economic crisis and financial collapse. A march and a vigil were planned Friday as well as a moment of silence at 6.08 pm, the moment that marked the most destructive single incident in Lebanon's history on Aug. 4.

The search operation unfolding in Beirut's historic Mar Mikhail district on a street once filled with crowded bars and restaurants has gripped the nation for the past 24 hours. The idea, however unlikely, that a survivor could be found a month later gave hope to people who followed the live images on television, wishing for a miracle.

Search operations first began Thursday afternoon after a sniffer dog belonging to a Chilean search and rescue team called TOPOS detected something

The rescue team used equipment to detect heartbeat and found what could be a pulse of 18 to 19 beats per minute in the rubble

while the team was touring Gemmayzeh and Mar Mikhail streets, and rushed toward the rubble. Images of the black and white 5-year-old dog named Flash, wearing red shoes to protect his feet, have circulated on social media with people describing him as a hero.

The team used audio detection equipment for signals or heartbeat and detected what could be a pulse of 18 to 19 beats per minute. The origin of the pulsing signal was not immediately known but it was enough to set off the frantic search and raised new hope.

On Friday morning, the beats dropped to seven per minute, according to comments made by a Chilean volunteer to local TV. "Ninety-nine percent there isn't anything, but even if there is less than 1% hope, we should keep on looking," Youssef Malah, a civil defense worker, said. **AP**

MEANWHILE

'THE GODFATHER: PART III' TO BE RE-EDITED

'The Godfather: Part III' has not received the kind of acclaim that the other two films in the celebrated 'Godfather' franchise have, but director Francis Ford Coppola hopes to change that by re-editing the 1990 film for a theatrical release later this year.

U.S. UNREST

Suspect in Portland shooting killed by officers during arrest

Authorities say Antifa activist shot as he pulled a gun on cops

DEBORAH BLOOM
PORTLAND, SEPTEMBER 4

POLICE SHOT and killed an anti-fascist activist on Thursday as they moved in to arrest him for the alleged fatal shooting of a right-wing activist in Portland, Oregon, last weekend, officials said.

Michael Reinhoel, 48, was wanted on a charge of murder when members of a fugitive task force shot him dead in Olympia, Washington after he left an apartment building and got in a car, according to police.

"The suspect produced a firearm, threatening the lives of law enforcement officers," a US Marshals Service spokesman said in a statement.

Thurston County Sheriff's Office, which is responsible for investigating the incident, said it had not confirmed Reinhoel was armed or whether he fired any shots. "There were shots that were fired from the task force into that vehicle and the suspect fled from the vehicle on foot and there were additional shots that were fired," said Lt. Ray Brady of the Sheriff's Office.

Portland Police earlier on Thursday issued a warrant for Reinhoel's arrest and asked the



Michael Reinhoel, 48, was shot dead as he left an apartment building and entered a car, according to police. AP

US Marshals to locate him. "It sounded like fireworks it was that many shots," bystander Jason Spencer said.

Reinhoel, who had provided security for Black Lives Matter protests in Portland, was allegedly involved in the shooting of Aaron Danielson on Saturday night, the US Marshals Service said.

Danielson, 39, was among a caravan of supporters of President Donald Trump who rode in pickup trucks into downtown Portland and clashed with protesters demonstrating against racial injustice and police brutality.

Portland has seen escalating clashes between right- and left-wing groups in recent weeks following nearly 100 days of protests since George Floyd, a Black man, died in Minneapolis on May 25 after a white police officer knelt on his neck.

Reinhoel died only hours after Vice News broadcast a video in which he appeared to admit he shot Danielson and said he acted in self-defence.

In social media posts Reinhoel described himself as a professional snowboarder, a US Army veteran and "100% ANTIFA." **REUTERS**

MACRON ADDRESSES NEW CITIZENS AMID TRIAL INTO ATTACK ON CHARLIE HEBDO

'To be French is to defend right to mock'

GEERT DE CLERCQ
PARIS, SEPTEMBER 4

THE RIGHT to mock and caricature, even religion, is an essential part of being French, President Emmanuel Macron said at a naturalisation ceremony on Friday, days after the start of a trial of the accused accomplices in an attack by Islamist gunmen on the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo in 2015.

In the Paris Pantheon, a mausoleum to France's heroes, Macron handed five new citizens their French papers in a solemn ceremony to mark the 150th anniversary of the Third Republic.

"At the start of the trial of the attacks of January 2015, I say that



French President Emmanuel Macron at a ceremony to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic at the Pantheon, in Paris on Friday. Reuters

to be French is to defend the right to laugh, jest, mock and caricature, of which Voltaire maintained that it is the source of all other rights," Macron said.

More than a dozen defen-

dants went on trial this week for their role in the killing spree in the Paris offices of Charlie Hebdo, where 12 people died. This week, the magazine republished the caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad that had sparked the ire of Islamist militants.

Welcoming five new citizens from Britain, Algeria, Cameroon, Peru and Lebanon, Macron said immigrants have long been a force for good in France, and noted that the Third Republic was proclaimed from Paris city hall by the son of an Italian immigrant, Leon Gambetta, on Sept. 4, 1870.

"He was, like you, a son of immigrants, French of mixed blood. It was he who resuscitated the republic, this reign of freedom," Macron said. **REUTERS**

AFGHANISTAN GOVT RELEASES MOST REMAINING TALIBAN PRISONERS

Talks set to begin as prisoner swap nearly done

MUJIB MASHAL & FATIMA FAIZI
KABUL, SEPTEMBER 4

THE AFGHAN government said that a repeatedly stalled prisoner swap with the Taliban had largely been completed Thursday, potentially removing the final hurdle for direct negotiations with the insurgents to end the country's long war.

Preparations have been underway for months in Doha, Qatar's capital, for the two sides to meet there and begin negotiating an end to the war. But

Crossing biggest post-deal hurdle

THE AFGHAN government has feared that the US-Taliban deal would take away two leverage points that Kabul had in any talks with Taliban — the Taliban prisoners and US presence. But now, with pressure building from repeated Taliban attacks on the one hand, and US

entreaties to make the deal work on the other, Afghanistan has released nearly all Taliban prisoners — which has been the biggest hurdle to intra-Afghan talks under the deal. However, the fear in Kabul is Taliban has already been given too many concessions.

the Taliban refused to start those talks until the Afghan government released the last of

5,000 prisoners whom the United States had committed to freeing in a deal with the insur-

gents in February, and instead intensified its attacks across Afghanistan.

Javid Faisal, a spokesman for the Afghan national security council, said all but "a few" of the 400 remaining Taliban had been freed after the Taliban released Afghan commandos they had been holding.

The remainder are about a half-dozen prisoners who are said to have killed American, Australian and French citizens, and whose release the three countries lobbied to block — even as other US officials pushed the Afghans to speed up the freeing of prisoners. **NYT**



Joe Biden speaks at a community meeting in a church after a week of unrest in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Reuters

Biden, in Kenosha, says US addressing its 'original sin'

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KENOSHA, SEPTEMBER 4

JOE BIDEN told residents of Kenosha, Wisconsin, that recent turmoil following the police shooting of Jacob Blake, a Black man, could help Americans confront centuries of systemic racism, drawing a sharp contrast with President Donald Trump amid a reckoning that has galvanized the nation.

"We're finally now getting to the point where we're going to be addressing the original sin of this country, 400 years old... slavery and all the vestiges of it," Biden said at Grace Lutheran Church, where he met with community leaders after a private session with Blake and his family.

The visit marked the former vice president's first trip to the bat-



tleground state of Wisconsin as the Democratic presidential nominee and was a vivid illustration of the contrast he offers to Trump.

While Biden spent more than an hour with the Blake family, Trump didn't mention Blake during his own trip to Kenosha on Tuesday. Where Biden traced problems in the criminal justice system back to slavery, Trump refused to acknowledge systemic racism.

Trump denies report he spoke disparagingly of US war dead

ALEXANDRA ALPER
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 4

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump strongly denied on Thursday a magazine report saying he had spoken disparagingly about fallen US military personnel buried in Europe and declined to visit an American cemetery during a trip to France because he thought it unimportant.

The Atlantic reported that Trump, a Republican who is running for re-election and who has touted his record helping US veterans, had referred to marines buried in an American cemetery near Paris as "losers" and declined to visit in 2018 because of concern that the rain that day would mess up his hair.

Trump told reporters on Thursday the story was false.

"To think that I would make statements negative to our military and fallen heroes when nobody has done what I've done," for the US armed forces, Trump said. "It's a total lie... It's a disgrace."

The President said he did not go to the cemetery because weather prevented a helicopter flight. The alternative, a long drive, would have meant going through very busy areas of Paris and the Secret Service objected, he said.

"The Secret Service told me, 'you can't do it.' I said, 'I have to do it. I want to be there.' They said, 'you can't do it.'" Trump said. **REUTERS**

STEPAN SVETLOV'S SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILE A LODESTAR FOR DEMONSTRATORS

The 22-yr-old coordinating protests in Belarus, from small office in Poland

PATRICK KINGSLEY
WARSAW, SEPTEMBER 4

STEPAN SVETLOV's computer sits on a desk in Warsaw, nearly 300 miles from Minsk, the capital of Belarus. But when Belarusians poured into the streets in the hours and days after President Alexander Lukashenko fraudulently claimed a reelection victory Aug. 9, it was thanks in no small part to Svetlov, 22, and his computer.

Internet access was often blocked that week, leading opposition activists were in custody or in hiding, and independent media has long been heavily restricted in Belarus. But

Belarusians were kept informed and even directed by an account run by Svetlov on one of the few social media platforms — Telegram — that had managed to maintain sporadic service during the internet outage.

From across the border, Svetlov and his team of five pumped out information about voter fraud and police violence — as well as tips about where, when and how to protest, evade police, defend against police beatings, treat exposure to tear gas and locate medicine and safe houses.

"Take to the streets," Svetlov and his team wrote after preliminary results were announced Aug. 9, "and defend your votes!"

A soft-spoken, fresh-faced film-school graduate who works from a cramped and gloomy office in central Warsaw, Svetlov does not initially seem like the standard-bearer for a revolution. But Nexta — his Telegram feed, named for the Belarusian word for "someone" — has nevertheless become a kind of Radio Free Europe for the internet age. At the time of the election, the feed had several hundred thousand subscribers, a number that has since risen to more than 2 million.

"Stepan is undoubtedly one of the most significant figures in the events taking place," said Anton Shpak, 47, an illustrator who joined protests after view-



Stepan Svetlov with his mother, who visited him in Warsaw on Wednesday. NYT

ing evidence of police brutality published by Nexta.

In the immediate aftermath of the election, Nexta was "first of all,

a source of information," Shpak added. "And, to some extent, it was a source of inspiration."

Svetlov's colleague, Roman

Protasevich, edits Nexta on a day-to-day basis, along with three other Belarusians exiles.

The protesters themselves are the key to ground-level mobilisation and change. During the Arab uprisings of 2011, external observers were sometimes too quick to present social media as the primary driver of unrest, instead of merely an accelerator of its spread. Though proud of his role, Svetlov is wary of making similar claims today.

"It's the people who are initiating this whole process against Lukashenko and the regime," Svetlov said. "We are just helping them to achieve this."

Yet in truth, Svetlov and Nexta

are more than just a vessel for other people's dreams. In the days before the election, Nexta issued detailed instructions for how government critics should organize and protest on polling day.

To ensure unity between protesters, the Nexta team coordinated these plans in private with members of rival Telegram feeds and leading activists, Svetlov said. "There is quite a cooperation going on with other Telegram channels, to try to have the same message," he said. "It's happening on a constant basis, day and night."

Having reached a consensus, Nexta's staff members published times and places for protesters to meet. They suggested routes that

protesters could use to reach particular gathering points and proposed alternatives in case those routes were blocked. They offered advice on how to obstruct police vehicles, and instructed protesters to remain peaceful.

In the hours after the polls closed, they also called for a general strike, explained how protesters could help people evade arrest and suggested buying helmets, goggles, gas masks and shields to guard against police violence. And by disseminating this information on Telegram, they introduced a means by which Belarusians could continue to stay informed during the internet shutdown. **NYT**

MONTHLY ECONOMIC REVIEW BY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, FINANCE MINISTRY

‘High GDP contraction due to strict lockdown, economy witnessing sharp V-shaped recovery’

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

INDIA IMPOSED the most stringent lockdowns among the countries most affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, resulting in a sharp contraction of 23.9 per cent in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate in the April-June quarter, the monthly economic review by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, stated. The lockdown has enabled the country to restrain the pandemic-induced death rate to one of the lowest in the world, and the economy is now witnessing a sharp V-shaped recovery.

“Relative to these advanced nations, India’s GDP contraction at 23.9 per cent is slightly higher. The higher contraction has resulted from the stringent lockdown that India enforced in the

The report highlighted the disconnect between real economy and financial markets as well as the possibility of capital flight

April-June quarter. India enforced the most stringent lockdown as reflected in the Government Response Stringency Index developed by Oxford University. The lockdown has enabled India to restrain the pandemic induced death rate to one of the lowest in the world... as countries unlocked in the quarter starting in July, recovery is underway globally. India, too, is witnessing a sharp V-shaped recovery,” it said.

The Ministry said the worst seems to be behind as high-frequency indicators show an im-

provement June onwards. Though the macroeconomic indicators show a path towards a V-shaped recovery, uncertainty still persists because of the pandemic and the resultant impact on the discretionary demand.

“Residual uncertainty persists because of the effect created by the pandemic on the precautionary motive to save which sharply affects the demand for discretionary goods and services. Unlike previous crises that originated from economic factors, the uncertainty in the current crisis stems from health factors originating from the pandemic. As a result, the uncertainty on discretionary items is likely to influence recovery,” the report said.

The arrival of the Covid vaccine would signal the end of this uncertainty and bring back discretionary consumption to pre-Covid levels, it added.

The report noted that various high frequency indicators point towards a V-shaped revival in economic activity — including auto sales, tractor sales, fertilizer sales, railway freight traffic, steel consumption & production, cement production, power consumption, e-way bills, GST revenue collection, daily toll collections on highways, retail financial transactions, manufacturing PMI, performance of core industries, capital inflows and exports.

Even though public finances have been stretched, government consumption spending has provided a measure of relief, with the central government’s revenue expenditure, net of interest payments and major subsidies, having risen by 33.7 per cent in the first quarter of the year. The spending has been supported by gross market borrowings by the Centre rising to Rs 5.84 lakh crore up to

August 21, 2020, which is 1.72 times the amount raised in the same period last year. Along with the prospects of a V-shaped recovery, the report highlighted the disconnect between real economy and financial markets as well as the possibility of capital flight.

“Risk taking sentiment has returned with global and domestic equity markets on an untamed recovery path, reaching pre-Covid highs and recouping most of their losses. The recent gush of liquidity in emerging markets is driven by low interest rates, unprecedented monetary priming by major global central banks and optimistic prospects of Covid-19 vaccine. Stock markets are deriving their inexplicable buoyancy from this global surplus liquidity... This, however, raises concerns of an underlying disconnect between the real and financial sectors,” it said.

Border tension, global headwinds pull Sensex down by 634 points

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE SENSEX on Friday plunged by 634 points in a sell-off triggered by the plunge on Wall Street, Indo-China border tensions and the excessive speculative overbought position in domestic stocks. While the Sensex closed 1.6 per cent lower at 38,357.18, the Nifty50 lost 194 points to close at 11,333.85.

Following the overnight crash to the tune of 2 to 3 per cent on Wall Street on Thursday, mainly led by tech stocks, emerging markets too opened in the red Friday. “The domestic markets almost fully reflected the fall in the US



The BSE in Mumbai. File

markets. The seemingly enhanced level of geo-political tensions and the concerns over the markets running ahead of the economic realities are factors that may be of consequence to the course of the markets in coming weeks,” said

Joseph Thomas, head of research, Emkay Wealth Management.

Shrikant Chouhan, executive vice president, Kotak Securities, said, “Bears took complete control of the market on Friday. This week has been a volatile one with a momentum of about 500 points. The gap down at the opening was largely due to weak global markets. On the domestic front, metals, banking and realty stocks registered steep selling pressure and maintained negative stance throughout the day.”

The broader market participation also witnessed selling pressure as over 1,100 stocks closed on the negative side whereas around 430 closed on a positive note.

Draft on architecture for third-party access to data released, NITI seeks views

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

GOVERNMENT THINK-tank NITI Aayog has released the draft of an architecture that could allow third parties access to information across sectors ranging from finance to healthcare, after seeking consent of the user.

In the draft of Data Empowerment and Protection Architecture (DEPA) released Thursday, the Aayog has sought feedback from stakeholders by October 1. At the core of the proposed architecture is the institution of a consent management system — which will allow the sharing of the information — with a view to provide better financial, health and telecom-related products and services to individuals and firms. “In a nutshell, DEPA empowers people to seamlessly and securely access their data and share it with third party institutions,” said the draft report.

The framework is expected to be functional for the financial sector from “fall 2020”. It had already been run in July 2019 through a closed user group-launch by major banks. In this sector, the consent managers will be known as Account Aggregators (AA).

“The sector already generates a high amount of structured and

interoperable data regulated by strict standards — making it an ideal place to begin operationalising a consent based data sharing framework, and see the impact of consented data sharing on availability and accessibility of financial products to new, more vulnerable markets,” said the draft.

While it comes in the absence of overarching data protection regulations — the Personal Data Protection Bill is yet to receive final approval — the report claims that there are “domain specific laws” that enable the DEPA framework. For instance, DEPA in the financial sector is built on the foundation of RBI’s Banking Regulation Act and an RBI Master Directive.

“Just as the launch of UPI transformed India’s digital payments world irreversibly, it is expected that the RBI-driven Account Aggregator (AA) model will transform the way financial services are delivered through a unique architecture for consent-based data sharing. In the AA model, individuals can seamlessly share their financial data for the first time across banks, insurers, investors, tax collectors, and pension funds in a safe, secure, and consented manner,” NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said in a foreword to the report.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Rajiv Lall resigns as IDFC First Bank non-executive chairman

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

RAJIV B Lall, non-executive chairman of IDFC First Bank, on Friday resigned with immediate effect, citing personal health issues.

The lender said Lall “has tendered his resignation as Part-Time Non-Executive Chairman from the Board of the Bank with immediate effect citing he has been dealing with his prolonged personal health issues for a while now.”

While Lall was the founder MD and CEO of the IDFC Bank since

October 2015, he ceased to be the MD and CEO after the bank got merged with Capital First in December 2018. He took the role of non-executive chairman of the merged entity IDFC First Bank. Earlier, he was the CEO and then executive chairman of IDFC Ltd.

On July 20, *The Indian Express* reported that IDFC Bank (under Lall’s tenure as MD and CEO) had let out premium space in its South Mumbai office to Asia Society India Centre, a not-for-profit organisation, headed by Lall’s wife Bunty Chand, from 2015 to 2018, at a nominal rent of Re 1 a month.

EMPANELLED HOSPITALS, NETWORK PROVIDERS MAY OFFER SERVICES

Irdai unveils guidelines to allow wellness features as add-on cover to health policies

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE INSURANCE Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) has unveiled the final guidelines on allowing wellness and preventive features under a health insurance policy as optional or add-on cover.

According to Irdai, empanelled hospitals and network providers can offer health services such as outpatient consultations or treatments, pharmaceuticals, health check-ups/diagnostics including discounts under the policy.

The regulator said they can issue redeemable vouchers to obtain health supplements and redeemable vouchers for membership in yoga centres, gymnasiums, sports clubs and fitness centres for participating in

fitness activities.

Insurers can also offer discounts on premiums or increase in sum insured at the time of renewals based on wellness regime followed by policyholders in the preceding policy period, provided increase in sum insured should be independent and not linked to the cumulative bonus offered, if any.

Irdai said insurers should not publish the trade names or trade logos of third party merchandise in any of the insurance advertisements, but may refer the services in generic term. However, insurers should disclose specific items of services on their website with necessary details and may provide a link to this in their insurance advertisement and policy contracts.

Gurdeep Singh Batra, head-retain underwriting, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, said, “The Irdai guidelines on including wellness

and preventive features in health insurance is certainly a positive step forward for customers who can now proudly own their health insurance policies.”

“It will allow us to reward customers in various ways specified like discounted outpatient consultations or treatments, pharmaceuticals, health check-ups/diagnostics, redeemable vouchers for health supplement and also membership in fitness centres, sports clubs, etc,” he added.

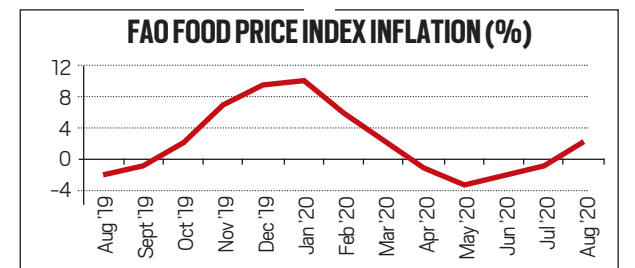
According to Irdai, insurers should not accept any liability towards quality of the services made available by third parties and should specify upfront that the said third party is responsible for providing the services stipulated under the wellness features and insurer is not liable for any defects or deficiencies on the part of the service provider.

HARISH DAMODARAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

GLOBAL FOOD price inflation is back in the positive territory. This isn’t bad news for Indian farmers ahead of the harvest season for kharif crops, even as agriculture is the only sector that has grown 3.4 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) in April-June amid the overall economy contracting by 22.8 per cent.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization’s Food Price Index (FPI) averaged 96.1 points in August, rising for the third successive month, from 91 in May, 93.1 in June and 94.3 in July. Annual food inflation based on the global index (base year: 2014-16=100) stood at 2.24 per cent, up from -1.23 per cent in April, -3.40 per cent in May, -2.31 per cent in June and -0.85 per cent in July.

International food prices have been very volatile for almost a year. Between August 2019 and January 2020, inflation based on the FPI soared from -1.99 per cent to 9.94 per cent (see chart). The index itself touched 102.5 points in January, the highest since December 2014, reflecting supply tightness building up in many commodities — from palm oil and sugar to rice and skimmed milk powder (SMP) — after a prolonged period



of low producer realisations.

But then Covid-19 struck. It led to the FPI crashing from a 61-month high in January to a 48-month low in May, as world food trade and demand collapsed with most countries imposing lockdowns to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus. A third straight month of increase in the index is indicative of a price recovery that is underway and already apparent in a host of commodities.

Wheat and soyabean prices (for the most actively-traded futures contracts at the Chicago Board of Trade exchange) are currently at \$5.53 and \$9.66 per bushel, respectively, as against their corresponding levels of \$4.53 and \$8.68 a year ago. Prices have also gone up for raw sugar (12.07 cents per pound from 11.19 cents), coffee (131.2 cents/pound versus 95.55) and cocoa (\$2,634/tonne versus \$2,245) traded at the Intercontinental Exchange. Even prices of rice

(export quotes for Thai grain with 5 per cent broken content), SMP (at New Zealand’s Global Dairy Trade auctions) and crude palm oil (Bursa Malaysia exchange futures) are higher compared to one year back: \$525 versus \$430 per tonne, \$2,663 versus \$2,500 per tonne, and 2,891 ringgit versus 2,181 ringgit per tonne, respectively.

The above price recovery bodes well for Indian farmers, who are set to harvest a bumper kharif crop on the back of 8.4 per cent above-normal monsoon rainfall and a record 1,095.35 lakh hectares area sown so far. This produce will start arriving in markets from the second half of September. World prices firming up should at least partly support domestic producer realisations. Although consumer food price inflation in July stood at 9.62 per cent y-o-y, the corresponding rate based on the wholesale price index for food articles was only 4.08 per cent.

Finance Commission to consider recommending a range for fiscal deficit

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

GIVEN THE massive disruption in the economy due to Covid-19, the 15th Finance Commission will consider a suggestion to recommend a range instead of a fixed number for fiscal deficit and debt-to-GDP ratio in its report for award period of FY22-FY26, Commission Chairman NKS Singh said on Friday.

“We do recognise that giving a range both for the Centre and an equally that for the states may be more in tune with the reality than giving a fixed point due to the fact that a more certain world has moved to a somewhat more uncertain world,” Singh said after a meeting of the Commission’s advisory council. Many members of the advisory panel suggested to consider a range for the key fiscal targets similar to the one on retail inflation (4% plus/minus 2%) set by



15th Finance Commission Chairman NK Singh. File

the Monetary Policy Committee.

“We need to be mindful that giving a range always has a deep inclination to only operate at the upper end of the range. But, we will be giving a mean target in case we do decide,” Singh said.

According to the FRBM mandate, the Centre’s fiscal deficit is to be 3 per cent of GDP, however, that has eluded in the past decade with resetting of target multiple times. FE

BPCL plans to offer 2% stake to employees through ESOPs

KARUNJIT SINGH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE BOARD of directors of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) on Friday decided to offer 2 per cent stake in the company to employees through Employee Stock Options (ESOPs), pending approval by shareholders in the company’s annual general meeting.

According to sources, all employees of BPCL who have worked for the company for at least 5 years, numbering around 10,000, will be offered ESOPs under the scheme. ESOPs are options given to employees to purchase shares of the company, often, at a discounted rate from market value.

“The employees will be offered the shares at a two-thirds discount from the average share price for the preceding six months from the date of the annual general meeting,” said a source.

FinMin cuts non-priority expenditure, new posts amid slump in revenues

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

TO PRIORITISE government expenditure amid falling revenues, the Finance Ministry on Friday announced measures to further curtail non-development expenditure and banned creation of new posts in ministries and departments.

The government has also banned expenditure on printing of books and documents on imported paper and asked departments to reduce the number of consultants appointed by them for various purposes.

“In the context of the present fiscal situation and the consequent pressure on government resources there is a need for further economy and rationalisation of non-priority expenditure, while protecting and preserving priority expenditure,” the Department of Expenditure said in an office order.

With regard to administrative expenditure, the Department of Expenditure, under the Finance Ministry, said no printing or publishing of books, publications, documents will be done on imported paper, except where printing is done abroad by Indian missions.

“Expenditures on functions such as celebrations of Foundation Day etc, should be discouraged or if felt necessary be appropriately curtailed. In any case, travel for such functions and provision of bags or mementos should be avoided,” the ministry said. It asked all the ministries/departments to carry out a

review of the individual consultants appointed by them in consonance with the provisions of General Financial Rules and reduce number of consultants to the minimum requirement.

It said there will be a ban on creating new posts, except with approval of the Expenditure Department. “If any post has been created after July 1, 2020, under delegated powers or authority, without approval of Expenditure Department and have not yet been filled, then such posts shall not be filled. If it is deemed absolutely essential to fill them, proposals may be sent for approval of Department of Expenditure,” it said.

BRIEFLY

Possible lower GST for vehicles

New Delhi: Heavy Industries Minister Prakash Javadekar Friday hinted at a possible GST rate cut for vehicles.

VIL board nod to raise ₹25K cr

New Delhi: Vodafone Idea’s (VIL) board of directors Friday cleared plans to raise up to Rs 25,000 crore. PTI

Rating cut for 4 PSBs: Moody’s

Mumbai: Moody’s cut long-term local and foreign currency deposit ratings of Union Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank and Bank of India from Baa3 to Ba1. ENS

New stock market margin norms: What do they mean for investors?

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

ON SEPTEMBER 1, stock markets implemented a transparent and stringent mechanism of collecting 20 per cent up-front margin on cash market transactions and tightened the pledging system to protect the interests of investors. Though the new rules, postponed twice earlier, have created some teething troubles such as arranging margins and settlement delays, the situation is expected to become normal in a few days.

What’s the 20 per cent margin collection all about?

Market regulator Sebi did not have any margin requirement for cash market transactions so far, but now clients will have to cough up 20 per cent of the cost of the shares and it will be applicable to buying and selling of securities. The margins from

clients were required only in the futures and options (F&O) segment till last year and cash margins were not demanded from clients. It was adjusted by brokers. While the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) tightened the margins norms due to the misuse of securities by unscrupulous brokers in the industry, the new norms have created new challenges for the brokers. Investors will have to pay 20 per cent on the same day and the balance on the subsequent day.

EXPLAINED

How will it impact the pledging system?

Investors had lost crores of rupees in the unauthorized pledging of shares by Karvy. The Karvy issue forced the regulator to tighten the pledging system. The unauthorized pooling system and manipulation by brokers using the power of attorney (PoA) of clients will end now.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
 Invitations for Bids
 Providing Underground sewerage scheme - Phase III in division No.14, 24, 27, 34, 36 & 40 in the ABD area of Salem City Municipal Corporation. Estimate Cost Rs.1486.00 Lakhs.
 Bid document and other information available at www.tntenders.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in Tender document can be downloaded from the above website.
 Date, Time and Venue for Tender Procedures.
 Submission of bids - 14.10.2020 upto 3.00 P.M
 Opening of bids - 14.10.2020 at 3.30 P.M
 Commissioner, Salem Corporation

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
 Building Organisation - Form of Contract - Lumpsum
 Short Time Tender Notice No.22 / VLR - CLE / 2020 - 2021 / Dated : 03.09.2020
 For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Sealed Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Vellore-1 for the following works from the eligible Contractors registered in Public works Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, upto 3.00 pm as per office clock on 22.09.2020 under Two cover system (Pre qualification and Price tender). The Prequalification cover (Cover I) alone will be opened on 22.09.2020 at 3.30 PM by the Superintending Engineer in presence of the Tenderers or their authorised agents.
 PACKAGE WORKS - Construction of (1) Taluk Office building at Sloce 1 : K.V.Kuppam, Sloce 2 : Gudiyatham, Sloce 3 : Revenue Divisional Office at Gudiyatham, and Sloce 4 : Revenue Divisional Office Quarters at Gudiyatham in Vellore District. (2) Sloce 1 : Revenue Divisional Office building, Sloce 2 : Revenue Divisional Office Quarters building at Vaniyambadi, and Sloce 3 : Tahsilhar Quarters building at Ambur in Thirupathur District. (3) Construction of Taluk office building at Sloce 1 : Arcot, and Sloce 2 : Kalavai, (4) Construction of Sloce 1 : Taluk Office building at Walaiah, and Sloce 2 : Tahsilhar Quarters building at Walaiah. (5) Construction of Sloce 1 : Taluk Office building at Sholingur, Sloce 2 : Revenue Divisional Office building at Arakkonam, and Sloce 3 : Revenue Divisional Office Quarters building at Arakkonam in Ranipet District. (6) Construction of Taluk Office building at Sloce 1 : Kallakurichi, and Sloce 2 : Kalvarayanmalai in Kallakurichi District, (7) Construction of Taluk office building at Thiruvannamalai in Villupuram District.
 The E.M.D. remittance and other details can also be available from the Govt. designated website (<http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in>) and Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Vellore - 632 001. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the above website, upto 21.09.2020 - 5.45 pm.
 Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Vellore-1.
 DIPRU 3305 / TENDER/2020

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CORRIGENDUM

Tender No.	Material Description	Existing Due Date	Amended Due Date
202113/002347	Alkalize Sizing Chemicals with Alkyl Ketene Dimer (AKD) for PM # 1, 2 & 3	07.09.2020	14.09.2020

TNPL has revised the tender due date and the same will be available in the revised tender document at websites: www.tnpl.com / www.tenders.tn.gov.in
 All other Terms and Conditions are as per our earlier Advertisement dated 26.08.2020.
 DIPR/3317/Tender/2020 TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper

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 (A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)
 CIN No. U27310WB1920GO1003601
 SECOND FLOOR, JIVE PLAZA, NO. 626, ANNA SALAI, TERNANPET, CHENNAI - 600 018

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

Sl. No.	Description of work and NIT No.	Tender Document available on B&R's Website	Due Date of submission of Bid
1.	Fabrication, erection, welding, testing & commissioning of Cone Roof and Floating roof tanks. Surface preparation, Supply and application of primer and paints for Package-1 for the PCL Terminal of HPCL, VDPPL Project at Dharamapuri, Tamil Nadu.	05.09.2020	19.09.2020

Interested resourceful Contractors may download the tender documents from Co's Website <http://www.bridgeandroof.co.in>.
 Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, shall be hosted in Co's Website <http://www.bridgeandroof.co.in>.

Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd.
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)
CIN: L74899DL1970G01005276 GST No. 07AAACHA0632A12F
Regd Office: HUDCO Bhawan, India Habitat Centre, Lodi Road,
New Delhi - 110003, Phone: 011-24649810, 24649196,
Fax No: 011-24625308 E-mail: ahil@hudco.org
Website: www.hudco.org. Follow us on

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
NIT No. HUDCO/C&PM/HSML/Hostel/2020 Date: 05/09/2020
HUDCO invites e-tender from eligible contractors/firms/agencies for "Renovation of HSMI Hostel & VIP Guest House at Asiad Games Village Complex (AGVC), New Delhi-110049", as per details contained in the NIT document.
Interested agencies can download the NIT document from HUDCO's website <https://www.hudco.org> or www.eprocure.gov.in or <https://www.tenderwizard.com/HUDCO>. Last date for submission of online bid is 17.09.2020
Corrigendum etc., if any shall be published on the above websites only for appropriate action by intending tenderer.
Executive Director (C&C)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJA RAMANNA CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, INDORE
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No: RRCAAT/E/2020/160 dated: 03.09.2020
Online item rate tenders are invited through e-tendering mode by Chief Engineer, RRCAAT, PO-CAT, Indore, 452013, on behalf of President of India in two bids, from eligible contractors for the work "Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 500 KVA packaged substation, 320 KVA DG set and other associated equipments at RRCAAT, Indore".
Estimated cost : ₹ 1,59,00,000/-, EMD: ₹ 3,18,00,000/- Completion Period : 08 (Eight) months, Tender Processing Fee: ₹ 5,90,000/-. Detailed NIT & tender document can be downloaded from the website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE from 14.09.2020 (10.00 hrs.) to 28.09.2020 (15.00 hrs). Last date of closing of tender uploading (i.e. submission) is 30.09.2020 up to 15.00 hrs. Last date of submission of EMD in original is from 9:00 hours on 01.10.2020 to 15.15 hrs. on 07.10.2020. Online opening of Technical Bid on 07.10.2020 at 15:30 hrs. Financial Bids of the bidders found eligible on the basis of the evaluation as stipulated in the tender conditions will be opened on a later date. Communication regarding the date of opening of the price bids will be sent only to the eligible bidders. The detailed NIT can also be viewed at & downloaded from www.rrcat.gov.in. After free viewing of Tender Documents in PDF Format, interested agency may download Technical & Financial Bids for participating, using their User ID / Password & Class III DSC before last date of sale. Registered agencies only can purchase/download & submit/upload tenders. Agencies may visit above website for registration. Contact for assistance / clarifications mobile 8602465460, e-mail: whelpdeskk77@gmail.com.
Chief Engineer, RRCAAT
For & on behalf of president of India

POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU & KASHMIR SRINAGAR
Phone/Fax No. : 0194-2443031/2443032 (Sgr) Website: www.jkpolice.gov.in
0191-2459029/2459255 (Jmu) E-mail: phqj@nic.in

EXTENSION NOTICE
Due to administrative reasons, the last date of receipt of submission of on-line bids against NIT No: 26 of 2020 dated 19.06.2020 floated by this Hqrs for procurement of Welfare Accounts Management System is re-scheduled as under:-
1. Last date of receipt of tenders = 09.09.2020 upto 1800 hours
2. Date of opening of technical bids = 11.09.2020 at 1100 hours.
The other terms and conditions of the NIT shall remain the same.
Sd/-
Rayees Mohammad Bhat, (IPS)
AIG (Provision/Transport)
For Director General of Police,
J&K, Srinagar.

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Phone/Fax No. : 0194-2443031/2443032 (Sgr) Website: www.jkpolice.gov.in
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EXTENSION NOTICE
Due to administrative reasons, the last date of receipt of submission of on-line bids & opening of Technical bids against NIT No: 28 of 2020 dated 07.07.2020 floated by this Hqrs for procurement of Inventory Management System is re-scheduled as under:-
1. Last date of receipt of tenders = 10.09.2020 upto 1800 hours
2. Date of opening of technical bids = 12.09.2020 at 1100 hours.
The other terms and conditions of the NIT shall remain the same.
Sd/-
Rayees Mohammad Bhat, (IPS)
AIG (Provision/Transport)
For Director General of Police,
J&K, Srinagar.

J&K POLICE HEADQUARTERS
Website: www.jkpolice.gov.in Srinagar: 0194-2431435 (Off)/2443017 (Fax)
E-mail: igtech@jkpolice.gov.in Jammu: 0191-2458921 (Off)/2458920 (Fax)

AUCTION NOTICE
1. Public Auction of various types of condemned vehicles viz, Gypsies Ambassador Cars, Motor Cycles, Esteem Car, Trucks, Medium Motor vehicles (ST/HT), Sumo, Bus and condemned/un-serviceable MT Stores/Equipment Items/Clothing items etc. viz. Tyres, Tubes, Batteries, Spare Parts, etc. held on the stocks of J&K Police Department shall be conducted in the premises of PCR Srinagar w.e.f. 07.10.2020 to 09.10.2020 at 11.00 hours.
2. The prospective bidders shall have to make Security Deposit of Rs. 15,000/- (Fifteen Thousand only) in cash with SSP PTWS Srinagar or can also deposit in cash on the spot as well for participating in the auction, which shall be refundable after the conclusion of auction.
3. The condemned vehicles/un-serviceable stores shall be auctioned to the highest bidder on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% amount of the accepted bid on the spot in cash and shall have to pay the remaining amount in cash within seven days after the conclusion of auction, failing which 15% per annum will be charged as penalty on the total accepted bid amount upto two months and thereafter the Security Deposit and 25% of bid amount will stand forfeited.
4. The successful bidder shall have to lift the auctioned vehicles/store items, within 15 (Fifteen) days positively at his own cost, after which the Department shall not be responsible for the watch and ward of the auctioned vehicles/stores. GST and other Taxes/Surcharges, if any, shall be charged extras, as applicable under rules.
5. The Chairman of the Auction Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reasons and his decision shall be final and binding in all matters relating to the auction.
6. Auction will be conducted by Govt. Auctioneer in presence of Auction Committee.
7. The items to be auctioned will be displayed at the venue (PCR Srinagar) from 30.09.2020 to 05.10.2020 for prospective bidders.
8. All the bidders shall have to deposit a copy of their proof of identity (Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Passport etc.) with SSP PTWS Srinagar, before the auction process is initiated.
9. Other conditions, if any, will be announced before conducting the auction by the Govt. Auctioneer or by the Chairman of the Auction Committee on the spot as well.
Sd/-
Inspector General of Police,
Technical Services, J&K, Srinagar
(Chairman Auction Committee)

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MANAGING DIRECTOR
INF/799/20-21

Indian Air Force Air Force Station, Race Course, New Delhi- 110003
Public Notice
The general public is hereby informed that the following unclaimed motor vehicles (two wheelers) of different makes/models have been unattended in the premises of Air Force Station, Race Course, New Delhi-110003 for last five years. If anyone as any claim on these vehicles, he/ she may approach this station within one month from the date of publish of this advertisement. Claimant should produce all relevant documents, providing the ownership to enable this station to handover these vehicles to the bonafide. After expiry of one month time from the publication date, further proceedings for the disposal of unclaimed vehicles shall be initiated as per the existing law and this station shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever:-

Sl No.	Vehicle Registration No.	Make	Model
1	KL 2M 3698	Suzuki	Fiero
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4	DL 4 SK 0345	Yamaha	RX 100
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6	DL 9 SN 8539	Honda	M/C
7	DL 9 SP 5943	Bajaj	Avenger
8	RJ 18 SF 2972	Bajaj	Pulsar
9	AP 28 BP 9153	Honda	Dio
10	UP 70 Z 4075	Bajaj	4S Champ
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12	UP 80 W 1957	Suzuki	Fiero
13	CH 01 U 7624	Yamaha	RX 100
14	MH 12 DA 159	LML	Scooter
15	RJ 01 10M 2152	Suzuki	MAX 100
16	BR 1U 2410	Kinetic	Boss

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 22 / 2020-2021 Dated: 04.09.2020
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	07201537	POH KIT FOR KE TYPE DISTRIBUTOR VALVE	11942 SET	28.09.20
02	07201558	UIC TYPE RUBBER VESTIBULE	1050 NOS	03.10.20
03	07200306	BRAKE CYLINDERS (LH & RH)	101 SET	05.10.20
04	19200745	MAINTENANCE REPAIR KIT FOR BRAKE CYLINDER	54 SET	06.10.20
05	19202960	1-1/4 INCH X 26 INCH HOSE COUPLING FOR FEED PIPE	4055 NOS	08.10.20
06	07201530	AIR BRAKE HOSE COUPLING FOR FEED PIPE FOR ICF COACHES	13875 NOS	30.10.20

NOTE:- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.
2. No Manual offer will be entertained. 1929/2020
1929/2020
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GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Mechanical Engineering Department
M.E.D.C.No.M1/2365 & 2194/2019
E-Tender Notice
E-Tender is invited for the following work by Superintending Engineer (Mech), (Head Quarters) as per tender condition

Name of Work	Qty.	EMD	Last date and time of submission
Purchase of Battery Operated Vehicles with Lithium Ion Battery (Package 1)	94	Package 1 Rs. 2,07,000/-	
Purchase of Battery Operated Vehicles with Lithium Ion Battery (Package 2 to 7)	Each package 227	Package 2 to 7 Each Rs. 4,99,400/-	14.10.2020 @ 3.00 P.M
Purchase of Battery Operated Vehicles with Lithium Ion Battery (Package 8)	228	Package 8 Rs. 5,01,600/-	

Tender details can be downloaded from: <http://tntenders.gov.in>
DIPR/3320/Tender/2020 Superintending Engineer (Mechanical)

TATA POWER DELHI DISTRIBUTION LIMITED
A Tata Power and Delhi Government Joint Venture
Regd. Office: NDPL House, Hudson Lines, Kingsway Camp, Delhi 110 009
Tel: 66112222, Fax: 27468042, Email: TPDDL@tatapower-dli.com
CIN No. : U40109DL2001PL111526, Website: www.tatapower-dli.com
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS Sep. 05, 2020
TATA Power-DDL invites tenders as per following details:

Tender Enquiry No. / Work Description	Estimated Cost/EMD (Rs.)	Availability of Bid Document	Last Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date and time of Opening of bids
TPDDL/ENG/ENQ/200001239/20-21 Procurement of Tape Library	90 Lacs/ 2.25 Lacs	05.09.2020	26.09.2020; 16:00 Hrs/ 26.09.2020; 16:30 Hrs
TPDDL/ENG/ENQ/200001240/20-21 Rfx. 5000001853 Procurement of Tower Wagon with CNG Vehicle	1.24 Crs/ 3.11 Lacs	07.09.2020	28.09.2020; 17:00 Hrs/ 28.09.2020; 17:30 Hrs
TPDDL/ENG/ENQ/200001241/20-21 Supply of PCC Poles - 9m & 11m	12.87 Crs/ 5.83 Lacs	05.09.2020	28.09.2020; 15:00 Hrs/ 28.09.2020; 15:30 Hrs

Complete tender and corrigendum document is available on our website www.tatapower-dli.com → Vendor Zone → Tender / Corrigendum Documents
Contracts - 011-66112222

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender for and on behalf of the President of India, Pr. CE, Northern Railway, Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001 invites the following tenders through E-Procurement System:

Tender No. 211-2654-2019-20-NR Due on 28.09.2020

Description of Item: Manufacturing & Supply of Ferro Molybdenum, as per Northern Railway Thermit Portion Plant Lucknow's standard specification TPP/FeMo/2020

Tender Value	Rs. 1,05,05,669.8
Tender Document Cost	Rs. Nil
Earnest Money	Rs. 2,10,120/-
Completion Period	12 Months
Time of Submission of Tender	Up 28.09.2020 at 14:30IST
Date & Time of Opening of Tender	On 28.09.2020 at 14:30IST
Validity of Offer	180 days

Note : The complete information of above E-Procurement tender is available on website www.ireps.gov.in and www.nri.indianrailways.gov.in E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 196-S/71/2019-20/TENDER NOTICE/TS/FeMo Dated: 04.09.2020 1928/2020
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GUJARAT MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)
Regd. Office : Block No. 14/1, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar
☎ 079-23250767, 23250766, 23257698
EMERGENCY TENDER NOTICE: DRUG-08/2020-21
Tenders are invited online from reputed Manufacturers/formulators (Authorized Distributors/direct importers for purchase of (1) Remdesivir Injection 100mg, (2) Tablet Favipiravir 200 mg Interested manufacturer/company/Authorized dealer are invited to send Quotations of items along with their drug license, Name of manufacturer for particular drug and copy of WHO GMP certificate of manufacturer requested to submit the tender through e-tender process. All tender documents can be downloaded free on the website: <https://gmscl.nprocure.co> & Tender Notice is available on, <https://gmscl.gujarat.gov.in> and this office notice board.
Duration of Downloading of tender document (online) :- 03/09/2020 to 10/09/2020 up to 15.55 Hrs.
Last date for Submission (online): 10/09/2020 upto 18-00 HRS.
Last date for Submission of Physical document : 11/09/2020 upto 18-00 HRS
Opening of Technical Bid Date (online): 14/09/2020 At 15-00 HRS.

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INVITATION TO TENDER
The Commandant, 98 Bn, CRPF, Wayen, Kupwara, J&K (U.T.) invites sealed quotations under two bid system (Technical and Financial Bid) for partial armouring (Fabrication) of Tata Truck. Details can be accessed at www.crfp.gov.in / www.eprocure.gov.in
davp 19111/11/0087/2021

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
1st & Ground Floor, I.T. Bhawan, Mehli, Shimla-171013
Tel. No. 0177-2623259, 2623513, 2626320, 2623513 2623043
FAX: 0177-2626320, Website: www.hpsecd.in
No: HPSECDC/ST/Aadhar-Tablets/2k20 Date: 03.09.2020
e-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders, for procurement of about 142 Nos. Aadhar Enrolment Tablets to be delivered and installed in the O/o Department of Information Technology Shimla.
Pre-bid meeting will be held on 07.09.2020 at 11.00 A.M. through video conference. Last date for online e-Bid Submission is 21.09.2020 (upto 02.30 P.M.) and shall be opened on 22.09.2020 at 2.30 P.M. Detailed Tender Document containing Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions are available on HPSECDC website www.hpsecd.in and <https://tntenders.gov.in>.
0363/HP GENERAL MANAGER (TECHNICAL)

राष्ट्रीय जलविज्ञान संस्थान, रुड़की
(जल शक्ति मंत्रालय, जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण विभाग के अंतर्गत भारत की सोसायटी)
संख्या: NHP/NIH/FTR/2020 दिनांक: 04.09.2020
निविदा आमंत्रण हेतु ई-नोटिस, E-NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
निदेशक, राष्ट्रीय जलविज्ञान संस्थान, रुड़की द्वारा ई-प्रोसेसिंग के माध्यम से आमंत्रित किया गया है। इच्छुक विद्वानों को निम्नलिखित निविदा प्रोसेसिंग पोर्टल पर <https://eprocure.gov.in> (केबिड सेल के माध्यम से) के माध्यम से निविदा दाखिल करनी चाहिए।
www.nihroorkee.gov.in पर भी उपलब्ध है।
Director, National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee (Purchaser) invites online bids under e-procurement system from eligible bidders for the supply and installation of Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR Microscope) Imaging System-01 Unit. Bidders, who are interested to submit bids, may visit <https://eprocure.gov.in> (Through Central Public Procurement Portal only) and the entire bid document is also available at our Website www.nihroorkee.gov.in
IFB Publish Date: 02.09.2020 up to 1100 Hours
Bid document viewing & downloading: 03.09.2020 from 1700 Hours
Bid submission: <https://eprocure.gov.in>
Pre-Bid Meeting Date: 16.09.2020 at 1100 Hours
Last Date & Time of Bid submission: 05.10.2020 up to 1700 Hours
Technical Bid Opening Date & Time: 06.10.2020 at 1700 Hours
For any clarification, please communicate to the following: दूरभाष Tel : 91-1332-249230, 249234, फैक्स Fax : 91-1332-272123, 273976, ईमेल e-mail: surjeet.nihr@gov.in उच्च अधिकारी /Purchase Officer

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
Divl. Rly. Manager, Engineering, N.W.Railway, Jaipur for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works upto 15.30 hours on the date shown as below Sr. : 1 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-56 ADEN (HQ)/JP Zone no. 13 CKS (Excl.) to JP (Excl & Kanautia (Incl.) to JP (Excl.) Railway colony staff quarters, service building for Sanitary work, all type of repair work and Horticulture work etc. as per USSOR of 2010 for the period of 01.07.20 to 30.06.21 Approx Cost of work : 6700000/- Earnest money Rs. : 1340000/- Sr. : 2 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-57 Bandikui- Construction of New Foot Over Bridge at Approx Cost of work : 67279818/- Earnest money Rs. : 4864000/- Sr. : 3 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-58 ADEN-AWR Zone no. 1 Rewari (Incl.) to Ajarka (km.29/0), for Sanitary, all type of repair and Horticulture work & roads works etc. as per USSOR-2010 of NWR for the period of 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021 Approx Cost of work : 100000000/- Earnest money Rs. : 2000000/- Sr. : 4 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-59 ADEN-AWR Zone no. 2 Ajarka (km.29/0) to Alwar (km.78/1), for Sanitary, all type of repair and Horticulture work & roads works etc. as per USSOR-2010 of NWR for the period of 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021 Approx Cost of work : 8886536/- Earnest money Rs. : 1777000/- Sr. : 5 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-60 ADEN-BKJ Zone no. 3 Alwar (km. 78/1) to Bandikui (Incl.) for Sanitary, all type of repair and Horticulture work & roads works etc. as per USSOR-2010 of NWR for the period of 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021. Approx Cost of work : 16228833/- Earnest money Rs. : 2311000/- Sr. : 6 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-61 ADEN-BKJ Zone no. 3B Bandikui (excl.) to Km. 214/1 for Sanitary, all type of repair and Horticulture work & roads works etc. USSOR-2010 of NWR for the period of 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021 Approx Cost of work : 5001119/- Earnest money Rs. : 1000000/- Sr. : 7 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-62 ADEN (HQ) III/JP Zone no. 4, 6 & 6A-Ganpat Nagar Railway colony & Loco Colony staff quarters & Service buildings for Sanitary work, all type of repair work and horticulture work as per USSOR 2010 for the period of 01.07.20 to 30.06.21 Approx Cost of work : 4000000/- Earnest money Rs. : 800000/- Sr. : 8 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-63 ADEN (HQ) III/JP Zone no. 5, 5A & 5B. - Kalwar colony, Panipatch colony staff quarters, Service buildings of Station Area including ancillary buildings like booking, parcel, PRS etc. (Area controlled by Station Director) & Service buildings of DRM office, RCT, SSE(W-S), SSE(P/Way)-South & North-JP. Offices of station area which is not controlled by station director etc. for Sanitary work, all type of repair work, any type of road work & Horticulture work as per USSOR of 2010 for the period of 01.07.20 to 30.06.21 Approx Cost of work : 6000000/- Earnest money Rs. : 1200000/- Sr. : 9 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-64 ADEN (Line)JP Zone no. 7 SWM (Excl.) to CKS (Incl.) Railway colony staff quarters & etc. service buildings for Sanitary work, all type of repair work and Horticulture work and Any type of road work on Level crossings of entire Section or anywhere in Colonies or Station premises as per USSOR of 2010 for the period of 01.07.20 to 30.06.21 Approx Cost of work : 7000000/- Earnest money Rs. : 1400000/- Sr. : 10 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-65 ADEN (Line)JP Zone no. 7A/JP (Excl.) to Himoda (Incl.) Railway colony staff quarters & etc. service buildings for Sanitary work, all type of repair work and Horticulture work and Any type of road work on Level crossings of entire Section or anywhere in Colonies or Station premises as per USSOR of 2010 for the period of 01.07.20 to 30.06.21 Approx Cost of work : 3065800/- Earnest money Rs. : 613000/- Sr. : 11 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-66 ADEN/FL Zone No. 8 Phulera Colony and Phulera to Himoda (Excl.) Phulera to Renwal (Incl.) and Phulera to Madar (Excl.) Railway colony staff quarters etc. (other than service buildings) for Sanitary work, all type of repair work and Horticulture work and Any type of road work in Colonies premises as per USSOR of 2010 for the period of 01.07.20 to 30.06.21 Approx Cost of work : 14073587/- Earnest money Rs. : 2204000/- Sr. : 12 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-67 ADEN/FL Zone no. 8A Phulera station and Phulera to Himoda (Excl.) Phulera to Renwal (Incl.) and Phulera to Madar (Excl.) Service buildings (other than staff quarter) for Sanitary work, all type of repair work and Horticulture work and Any type of road work as per USSOR 2010 for the period of 01.07.20 to 30.06.21 Approx Cost of work : 9453412/- Earnest money Rs. : 1891000/- Sr. : 13 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-68 ADEN/RGS Zone No. 9 Rewari (Excl.) to Dabra Railway colony staff quarters & service buildings for Sanitary work, all type of repair work and Horticulture work road work etc. As per USSOR of 2010 for the period of 01.07.20 to 30.06.21 Approx Cost of work : 7498995/- Earnest money Rs. : 1500000/- Sr. : 14 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-69 ADEN/RGS Zone No. 10 JP (Excl.) to RGS (Incl.) & RNW (Excl.) to DBLA (Excl.) Railway colony staff quarters & service buildings for Sanitary work, all type of repair work, road work, Horticulture work etc. as per USSOR of 2010 for the period of 01.07.20 to 30.06.21 Approx Cost of work : 7497305/- Earnest money Rs. : 1500000/- Sr. : 15 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-70 ADEN/SIKR Zone No. 11 RGS (Excl.) to LHU (Excl.) with Loco shed area and SIKR (Incl.) to Churu (Excl.) Railway colony staff quarters and service buildings for Sanitary work, all type of repair work, road work and Horticulture work as per USSOR of 2010 for the period of 01-07-2020 to 30.06.2021. Approx Cost of work : 7499998/- Earnest money Rs. : 1500000/- Sr. : 16 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21-71 ADEN (HQ) -1/JP Zone no. 12 & 12(A) - Jagatpura Railway officers bungalow colony, Rail Nikunj officers colony, New Rly staff colony etc. and New NWR HQ office building at Jawahar circle GTJJ etc. for Sanitary work, all type of repair work, Any type of road work etc. (except Horticulture work) as per USSOR of 2010 for the period of 01.07.20 to 30.06.21 Approx Cost of work : 7000000/- Earnest money Rs. : 1400000/- 1. Detail is available on N.W.Rly website-www.ireps.gov.in and Notice Board in WA section, DRM Office, NWR/Jaipur. Tender No ENGG-JP-2020-21-56 to ENGG-JP-2020-21-71 is to be closed on 28.09.20 at 15.30 hrs and opened on 28.09.20 at 16.00 hrs
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स्थापत्य विभाग
ई-निविदा सूचना क्र. स्थापत्य/मुखालय/१५/१/२०२०-२१
पिंपरी-चिंचवड महानगरपालिकाकडून खालील नमुद केल्ल्या कामासाठी ई-टेंडरिंग पद्धतीने परसेट रेट निविदा मागविण्यात येत आहेत.
१) निविदेचा दर भरतांना एकूण निविदा रकमेतून रॉयल्टी रकम व मटेरियल टेस्टिंग रकम वॉल्यूम आलेल्या रकमेवर निविदा दर भरतावा.
२) प्रचलित दराने GST विलगत अदा केली जाईल, त्यामुळे GST वाळवून दर घ्यावेत.
३) रॉयल्टीवाचक म

France goalkeeper Steve Mandanda has been withdrawn from the squad ahead of upcoming matches after testing positive for the coronavirus. The whole squad and staff underwent a test on Wednesday afternoon and Mandanda's result came back positive for Covid-19 following a second test to confirm it.

No Messy exit

Barcelona superstar ends speculation about his future by announcing that he will stay with the club

TARIQ PANJA
SEPTEMBER 4

LIONEL MESSI is still angry with Barcelona. He is still frustrated with Barcelona. But, in a sudden and dramatic reversal, he said Friday that he is not prepared to go to war with Barcelona and, so, will stay after all.

In a decision he announced in an interview with the website Goal, Messi said he had withdrawn a letter announcing his intention to leave Barcelona and would stay with the football club that he has called home for his entire professional career.

The decision is an abrupt about-face for Messi, who on August 25 informed the club in writing that he would exercise a clause in his contract that allowed him to leave the club unilaterally. It also spares the team the embarrassment of losing its most beloved, and most valuable, asset without receiving a transfer fee.

All's not well yet

But it may do little to resolve months of turmoil at Barcelona, a downward spiral that has involved coaching changes, boardroom intrigue and public bickering. The club reached a nadir with a humbling 8-2 defeat at the hands of the German champion Bayern Munich in the quarterfinals of the Champions League last month.

The announcement that he would stay came hours after Messi's father and agent, Jorge, had appeared to double down on the player's stated intention to leave, and after the Spanish league had declared a €700 million release clause in Messi's contract was valid. That set the stage for an ugly legal fight between the player and the club, and Messi, in his interview with Goal, appeared to back away rather than face Barcelona in court.

Mincing no words

"I would never go to war against the club of my life," Messi said. But the manner of Messi's decision and the contentious language he used even as he confirmed his decision to stay at Barcelona piles yet more pressure on the club's embattled president Josep Maria Bartomeu. Messi said Bartomeu, already under pressure be-



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BARCELONA FORWARD

cause of a spate of ugly boardroom dramas, reneged on a promise to let him leave at the end of last season.

"I wasn't happy and I wanted to leave," Messi said in the Goal interview. "I have not been allowed this in any way and I will stay at the club so as not to get into a legal dispute.

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He added: "I thought and was sure that I was free to leave; the president always said that at the end of the season I could decide if I stayed or not. Now they cling to the fact that I did not say it before June 10, when it turns out that on June 10 we were competing for La Liga in the middle of this awful coronavirus and this disease altered all the season."

It is not the first time Messi has reversed course. The forward caused hysteria in his homeland in 2016 when he quit the national team, citing his frustration with the federation. But less than two months later, amid pleas from teammates, fans and even the country's president, Messi changed his mind.

NEW YORK TIMES

Reality of legal battle kept Messi from leaving

DAYS AFTER dropping the bombshell that he wanted to leave Barcelona, Lionel Messi on Friday said, rather reluctantly, he will continue playing for his childhood club for at least one more year. Messi's decision, however, seems forced than being out of choice. In an interview to Goal, the Argentine forward said the reason he has changed his mind is because he would 'never go to court against Barca'.

On August 26, Messi sent a burofax – a court-recognised service in Spain used to send secure documents – to Barcelona, stating he wanted to trigger the clause that allowed him to leave the club at the end of any season.

The clause was inserted in his contract last September and it allowed Messi to unilaterally leave the club at the end of each season. The only condition was Messi had to inform the club of his intention before June 10 each year, considering that the season usually ends by the first week of June. And if Messi chose to leave Barcelona without giving the notice, his suitors would have to pay the Catalan side €700 million, which is the forward's buyout fee.

The legal dilemma

The hefty buyout package, coupled with Messi's annual wage of \$156 million a year, made a normal, off-season transfer unaffordable for most clubs. So, Messi told Barcelona he wanted to leave, citing the exit clause in his contract.

Barcelona, however, did not play ball. Messi told Goal in an interview: "I thought and was sure that I was free to leave, the president always said that at the end of the season I could decide if I stayed or not. Now they cling to the fact that I did not say it before June 10, when it turns out that on June 10 we were competing for La Liga in the middle of this awful coronavirus and this disease altered all the season."

It was reported that a reunion with his former manager Pep Guardiola was on the cards after it emerged that City had lined up a bid to sign him.

The conflicting stand taken by both sides meant the situation could be solved only if

Messi took the club to the court. That, however, would have been a long-drawn process and given that the football season in Europe begins later this month, a court battle would not have served anyone's purpose. "There was another way and it was to go to court against Barca because it is the club that I love, which gave me everything since I arrived."

... this is the reason why I am going to continue in the club. Now I am going to continue in the club because the president told me that the only way to leave was to pay the €700 million clause, and that this is impossible."

The future

Does this mean Messi will leave Barcelona after the end of the 2020-21 season? That cannot be said for sure. It is evident that Messi wanted to leave the club because of his issues with the board and president Josep Bartomeu in particular. That does not change. It was reported that a reunion with his former manager Pep Guardiola was on the cards after it emerged that Manchester City had lined up a bid to sign him. From Messi's statements, it is evident that he wanted to leave Barcelona and it was only the complications in the exit clause that made him stay.

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Citing personal reasons, Harbhajan pulls out of IPL

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OFF-SPINNER Harbhajan Singh has pulled out of the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) citing personal reasons. After Suresh Raina's departure last week, the 40-year-old has become the second high-profile Chennai Super Kings (CSK) player to pull out of the tournament.

"Dear Friends I will not be playing IPL this year due to personal reasons. These are difficult times and I would expect some privacy as I spend time with my family. @ChennaiIPL CSK management has been extremely supportive and I wish them a great IPL," Harbhajan posted on Twitter.

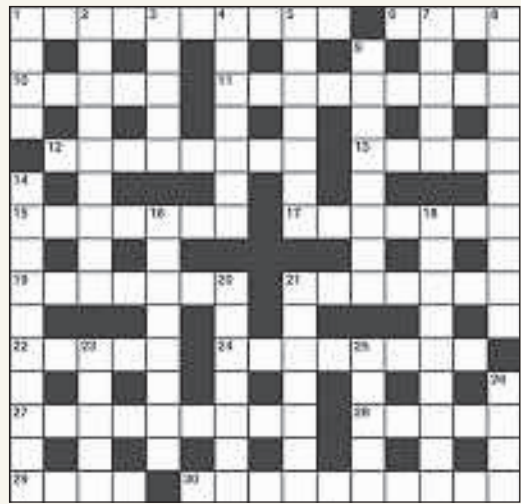
CSK are standing by Harbhajan. "Harbhajan Singh informed us he won't be available due to personal reasons. Team Chennai Super Kings is supportive of his decision and stands by him and his family during these testing times," CSK chief executive Kasi Viswanathan stated through the franchise's official Twitter handle.

It is learnt that the team management will have a meeting to "reassess the road ahead", in terms of seeking a replacement. The three-time IPL champions still have Imran Tahir, Ravindra Jadeja, Mitchell Santner, Piyush Chawla and Karn Sharma as their frontline spinners.

Harbhajan joined CSK from Mumbai Indians in 2018 and over the past couple of seasons he accounted for 23 wickets in 24 matches. He, in fact, had a strong season in 2019, taking 16 wickets at an economy rate of a little over 7. Overall, Harbhajan is one of the most successful bowlers in the IPL with 150 scalps, only behind Lasith Malinga (170) and Amit Mishra (157).

Harbhajan, one of India's finest off-spinners ever with 417 Test wickets, didn't attend CSK's pre-departure camp in Chennai and also didn't travel with the team to Dubai. Several members of the CSK contingent, including two cricketers, had tested coronavirus positive in Dubai ahead of the IPL in the United Arab Emirates. The team then suffered another blow, as Raina decided to return home due to personal reasons.

CROSSWORD 4216



- ACROSS**
- Extensive property (10)
 - Feathered, they skim the water (4)
 - I held out for foreign capital (5)
 - Promote a murderer and cause uproar (5,4)
 - Paper that's bought to be thrown away (8)
 - Lad that is treated right may become perfect (5)
 - More than one player is in new boots (7)
 - Old woman, maybe a grandma (7)
 - Change gears, points and lubricants (7)
 - Aviation spirit (7)
 - I complain when she returns (5)
 - One is not expected to live on them (4,4)
 - Insulting attack (9)
 - It's said in France to be the same (5)
 - Port area (4)
 - Just now - or just Christmas? (7,3)
- DOWN**
- Limits one's ambitions (4)
 - Musketeer's call for a non-share policy? (3,3,3)
 - What he does is appropriate (5)
 - Clergymen curse at changes (7)
 - Put it in log when working (7)
 - Unable to sleep because of an all-night party (5)
 - People having it agree - not to marry? (6,4)
 - He may not like women. Bet Alice can change him (8)
 - Ghastly woman author with blue veins (10)
 - Meetings that have no standing? (8)
 - Very pleased with the lamp indeed (9)
 - At least he's private (7)
 - Effusive oil producers? (7)
 - Bid for a chest without a top (5)
 - Left port with cargo (5)
 - Reproduction is some matter for printers (4)

Solutions Crossword 4215: Across: 1 Reserve, 5 Regal, 8 Tailoring, 9 Fan, 10 Rare, 12 Smashhit, 14 Drawer, 15 Metric, 17 Sets free, 18 Beta, 21 Rue, 22 Aftermath, 24 Defoe, 25 Legends. Down: 1 Rotor, 2 Ski, 3 Room, 4 Enigma, 5 Register, 6 Gift horse, 7 Lunatic, 11 Roast beef, 13 Selfsame, 14 Desired, 16 Mental, 19 Ashes, 20 Drag, 23 Ann.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

Nobody ever did, or ever will, escape the _____ of his choices. - Alfred A. Montapert (12)

GSEEE AHHCNU
EYNOS EINUCQ

SOLUTION: NONSEY, HAVNCH, QUINCE. Answer: Nobody ever did, or ever will, escape the consequences of his choices.

Difficulty Level 3s

Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4221

