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It is for general information that I,RAKESH KUMAR,S/O ROSHAN LAL,R/O H.NO.-13/1-C-251, RADHA-VIHAR, SABOLI-EXTN. NORTH-EAST,DELHI-110093, declare that name of my wife has been wrongly-written as SEEMA in my minor son's HARSH aged-14-years School-Records.The actual-name of my wife is SEEMA DEVI,which may be amended accordingly.

0040587840-10

I,Zorawar Inder Singh Kalra,S/o Jaspal Inder Singh Kalra,R/o A-52/4,DLF Phase-1,Gurugram (Haryana)-122002,Have changed my name to Zorawar Kalra.

0040587846-4

I,VIJAY KUMAR,S/O LATE, JAMUNA PRASAD SETH, ADD:-B-7/2,G.G. GALI,NO.02, GYAN-MANDIR-ROAD, JAITPUR-EXTN PART-1,NEW DELHI-110044, Changed my name to VIJAY KUMAR SONI.

0040587840-7

I,Urmila Singh,W/o-JC-341386Y, Sub- Rakesh Kumar Singh,R/o-126(A),Vinay Vihar Colony, Indira Nagar,CIMAP,Lucknow, UP-226016,inform that in my husband office-record my name and D.O.B, wrongly-mentioned as Urmila Devi and 1-1-1976 instead-of Urmila Singh and 1-10-1976 respectively.

0040587846-3

I,Sushila , spouse of Vinod Kumar, resident of B-79, Jeevan Park,New Delhi-110059 have changed my name from Sushila to Sushila Kumari as per Affidavit dated 28-06-2021

0050185383-1

I,Sonia Gupta,W/o Rohit Gupta, R/o KG-3/167, Second-Floor, Vikas Puri Delhi-110018 have changed my minor son's name,from Vasu Gupta to Tushar Gupta.

0040587840-3

I,Shrish Kumar Arya S/o Rishi pal R/O D-35, Gali-no.1, West Kamal Vihar, Karawal-Nagar, Delhi-110094,changed my name to Shrish ARYA.

0040587840-1

I,Smt. Birmi Devi,W/o Shri Raj Mal,R/o,H.No.14/293 Shastri-Nagar Gali.No.5,Bahadurgarh Distt.-Jhajjar Haryana inform that my date-of-birth is-16-15-1956 it is true and correct-statement

0040587858-10

I,Silman Kaur W/o-Gurdev Singh R/o-WZ-61B,Gali.No.4, Guru Nanak Nagar,Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-18 Have Changed My Name to Jasvinder Kaur

0070757141-1

I,Santosh Bawta,W/o Vijender Rawat R/o-VPO- Chimanpura,Teh-Kotputli, Distt-Jaipur,Rajasthan-303105,inform that in my husband's service-records,my name & D.O.B. is wrongly-recorded as Santosh Devi-05/05/1986 whereas my correct-name & D.O.B.is Santosh Bawta-06/04/1985.

0040587851-4

I,Sanjay Sukhija S/o Nebh Raj Sukhija R/o J-1205 B- Bunglow, Palam-Vihar, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Sanjay Kumar Sukhija.

0040587846-7

I,Ritu Kalra,W/o Amit Gaba R/o C-66-A, Shivaji Park Punjabi Bagh New Delhi - 110026,Have changed my name to Kashish Gaba,for future purposes.

0040587852-2

I,Rita,W/o Sh.Naresh R/o-266,Lal Chand Colony,Nai Basti, Bahadurgarh,Distt.Jhajjar (Haryana), have changed my Son's name,from Tarun to Tarun Mittal.

0040587858-1

I,Rajpal singh,S/o ramprasad Address-gali no-08,hunanum-nagar kheri road bharat colony kheri kalan(113) faridabad haryana-121002,Have changed my name to Mahendra Singh.

0040587840-2

I,REKHA ANEJA W/O ISH KUMAR R/O BFH-52,3rd-FLOOR, SHALIMAR BAGH,DELHI-110088. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO REKHA.

0040587851-2

I,RAJESH, S/O,KEWAL KRISHAN, ADD-2F-19 NH-2,FARIDABAD-121001 HARAYANA,have changed my name toRAJESH MEHTANI, permanently.

0040587840-4

I,Preeti Devi W/o sandeep kumar R/o-Flat.No-1-2 MRC Heights,Unione-Residency Baharampur, Ghaziabad-201009 uttar-Pradesh,have to change my name from Preeti Devi to Priti Sachan,for all future purposes

0040587830-1

I,Prashant Gurnani R/o 16/568, Gali no-17, Joshi Road, Karol Bagh, ND-05 changed my minor son's name Manav to Manav Gurnani.

0040587796-1

I,Payal Rani Saini W/O Parveen Kumar R/O H.No-1,VPO Jounti Delhi-110081, have changed my name to Payal Rani,For all,future purposes.

0040587880-2

I,PATTUKARAN THUNDILSULAIMAN NAUSHAD,S/O SULAIMAN,R/O QUARTER,NUMBER.8, TYPE-IV NEW POLICE-COLONY SHALIMAR-BAGH, NORTH-WEST DELHI-110088,have changed my name to NOWSHAD PATTUKARAN THUNDIL SULAIMAN.

0040587840-6

I,PRAVEEN KUMAR GARG S/O RAMA NAND R/O 156/233, KEWAL PARK,AZADPUR,DELHI-110033,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PARVEEN KUMAR GARG.

0040587880-1

I,Nasib Ansari,S/o Khalail Ansari,Add-G/27-17, Chhuriya Mohadd, Tughlakabad-Village, New Delhi-110044,,Changed my to Naseem Ansari.

0040587840-8

I,Mukesh Chander,S/o Sh. Ramesh Chander,R/o-33, Paryatan-Vihar,B-4,Opposite-Dharmshila Hospital, Vasundhara-Enclave,Delhi-110096,declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Mukesh Chander Gaunilay in the school-record of my minor daughter Kshitija Gounilay aged-16-years.The actual-name of mine is Mukesh Chander,which may be amended accordingly

0040587858-4

I,Riya Gupta W/O Rakesh Kumar R/O,Gali.No.8,Near Indian Kids Public school Gaurind-Colony Safabad-Road Narela,Delhi-110040,changed my name to Daya Kanta.

0040587880-3

I,Sonia Gupta,W/o Rohit Gupta, R/o KG-3/167, Second-Floor, Vikas Puri,Delhi-110018,have changed my minor daughter's name,from Nitya Gupta to Asha Gupta.

0040587846-9

I,Kavitha Dinesh,W/o P. Dinesh, R/O C-4/5A,Back-Portion, II-Floor,Model Town-III,Delhi-110009,Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name,From Abhigna Siddarth To D. Abhigna Siddarth.

0040587852-1

I,Kanchan Lata,W/O Brij Bhushan Arora R/O,H.No-C-29,Bhagwan Dass-Nagar East Punjabi Bagh,Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Kanchan Lata Arora.

0040587840-5

I,JC-386172P, Sub- Raj Kishor, serving in the Indian Army,(Corps of Signals), married to Smt.Sudha Devi, D/o-Shri Chandrapal,Vill.-Gondaha, Post/PS-Chandpur, Distt.- Fatehpur(UP),inform that my wife's D.O.B.-01-01-1982 wrongly-mentioned in my service-record,that as per Adhar and 10th class documents of my wife Correct D.O.B. is 01-01-1978.

0040587846-2

I,JC-385815P, Sub- Moti Chand Yadava,S/o- Suryabali Yadav,R/o-VIII-Tesupar,Post-Mohammadpur Hasanpur,PS-Ghosti,Distict-Mau,UP,,inform that in my service record my wife's name and D.O.B wrongly-mentioned as Rambha Devi and 06-11-1978 instead-of Rambha Yadav and 11-07-1974, respectively,for all future purposes.

0040587846-1

I,Imlesh, W/o Sanjeev Sharma Add-H.No.8-B, Street.No.5, sadatpur extn,Karawal Nagar,Delhi-110094, changed my name to Imlesh Sharma.

0040587840-9

I,ISH ANEJA S/O RAM NATH R/O BFH-52,3rd-FLOOR,SHALIMAR BAGH,DELHI-110088.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ISH KUMAR.

0040587858-5

I,HEMANT KUMAR GUPTA,S/O BISHEMBER DAYAL GUPTA,R/O-295, PREM-NAGAR-WAD-18, BULANDSHAHR, U.P-203001, have changed my name to HEMANT KUMAR.

0040587858-5

I,Gulshan Kumar Manchanda, S/o Late.Shri Moten Dass currently,R/o E-7/5,Malviya-Nagar,New Delhi-110017,have changed my name to Gulshan Manchanda,S/o Late.Shri Motan Dass,for all,future purposes.

0040587851-3

I,Dinesh Kumar S/o Shri Jagdish Singh R/o 251,Village Mohammadpur Majri Delhi-81, (UID No.855862876784) inform that my Name wrongly Neeta in my Passport but my actual Name is Neeta Kumari for all purpose.

0040587817-1

I,Dhirender Singh Negi,S/o Sh.Arjun Singh Negi,R/o Flat.No.202,Type-2, Second-Floor,Karkardooma-Court, Karkardooma Court-Complex,Distict Court (KKD)Shahdara,North-East Delhi,Delhi-110032,have changed the name of my minor daughter Suti Negi aged-12-years and she shall hereafter be known as Avni Negi.

0040587858-3

I,Devinder Kumar R/o-A-79-B, Old Slum Quarters Paschim Puri, New Delhi-63,changed my minor son's name from Siddharth to Siddharth Kumar.

0040587858-2

I,Chuni Lal Pahwa ,S/o-Dev Dass Pahwa,R/O-A-134,Subhadra Colony,Sarai Rohilla,North West Delhi-110035,have changed my name to Chunni Lal Pahwa for all purposes.

0040587858-9

I,Brij Bhushan,S/O Kesho Dass Arora,R/O H.No-C-29,Bhagwan Dass Nagar East Punjabi-Bagh Delhi-110026,have changed my name to Brij Bhushan Arora.

0040587846-8

I, Vaibhav Verma S/o Devki Nandan R/O H.No.286, Sector-30, Faridabad-121003, Haryana have changed my name to Vaibbhav Verma for all purposes.

0040587851-9

I,Neelam W/o Vineet Negi R/o 29 Balmukand Khand Giri Nagar Kalkaji New Delhi 110019 have changed my name to Neelam Negi

0040587861-4

I,Bharat Bhushan,R/o-H.No.2371/1, Gali.No.5,Near-Air Force Moad,Jawahar, Colony, Sec-22,Faridabad, Haryana-121005,inform that my,daughter correct name is Yukti instead of Yukti Goyal, both name are same,person.

0040587858-7

I,Bharat Bhushan,R/o H.No.2371/1,Gali.No.5,Near-Air Force Moad,Jawahar, Colony,Sec-22,Faridabad, Haryana-121005,inform that my,daughter correct,name is Yati instead of Yati Goyal,both name are same,person.

0040587858-8

I, Tonushree Chatterjee , W/O Sudhanshu Kumar R/o Flat No-506, Tower- CS2, Supertech Capetown, Sector- 74, Noida, Capetown Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Tonushree Chatterjee Singh.

0070757129-1

I, TUFAN SINGH,S/O HARI MANGAL SINGH,R/O FLAT.NO.E-703, HOMES,121, SECTOR-121, NOIDA, GAZETABUDH NAGAR,U.P-201303, Changed my name to ANJAN SINGH

0040587858-6

I, Satish Mahajan S/o Shri G.D.Mahajan R/O D-50, Surajmal Vihar, Delhi-110092, Have changed my name Satish Kumar Mahajan To Satish Mahajan for all future purposes.

0040587828-1

I, Sarika Dhyani W/o Sumit Dobhal R/O E-33, Srijan Vihar, Nyay Khand-2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Sarika Dobhal for all purposes.

0040587824-1

I, SEIFUDDIN AHMED S/O AZIMUDDIN AHMED R/O F-524, Jaitpur Extn.-Part-2, BADARPUR, DELHI-110044, have changed my name to SAIFUDDIN AHMED, for all purposes.

0040587790-1

I, Raj Kumar, S/o Hari Prasad, R/O RZ-13A, Gali No-25A, Indra Park, Palam Colony, Palam Village, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Ram Kumar.

0040587880-4

I, RAJNI CHAWLA W/O VINOD KUMAR CHAWLA born on 30-04-1962 residing at WZ-1024, Rani Bagh, Delhi have changed my name to RAJNI BALA CHAWLA vide affidavit dated 08-10-2021

0050185365-1

I, Prithamjyot Singh S/O Inderjeet Singh R/o-1C/28, Namdhari Colony, Ramesh Nagar, N.Delhi-15 have changed my name to Pritham Jot Singh.

0040587851-6

I, Om Parkash s/o Bhushan Lal r/o Flat No.-68, Akash Ganga Apartments, Pocket-4, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my minor son's name from Luxmi Narayan to NARAYAN.

0040587851-8

I, Neha Devi W/o 14938617M Rank Nk Name:-Bikram Singh R/o-Village-Roia, PO- Bharkatiya, Tehsil& Distt. Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand-262520 have changed my name to Neha Nagarkoti.

0040587851-3

I, Neeta Kumari W/o Shri Dinesh Kumar R/o 251 Village Mohammadpur Majri Delhi-81, (UID No.855862876784) inform that my Name wrongly Neeta in my Passport but my actual Name is Neeta Kumari for all purpose.

0040587818-1

I, Mohd. Shabir Ali S/o Sher Mohammad, R/o 1260, Phool Garhi, Hapur, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 245101, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Shaabir.

0070757161-1

I, Vikas S/o-Abhay Singh, H.No.355, Sector-10, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, Have Changed My Name to Vikas Yadav, for all Purposes.

0040587846-5

I, Jayanti W/o Sh. Dharmanand R/O D-2/448, JJ Colony, Madanpur Khadar, New Delhi-110044 have changed my name from Joyanti Upadhyia to Jayanti for all purposes.

0040587829-1

I, Jasneet Kaur Malhotra W/o Inderjeet Singh R/o-1C/28, Namdhari Colony, Ramesh Nagar, N.Delhi-15 have changed my name to Jasneet Kaur.

0040587851-5

I, Inderjeet Singh Malhotra S/o Avtar Singh R/o-1C/28, Namdhari Colony, Ramesh Nagar, N.Delhi-15 have changed my name to Inderjeet Singh

0040587851-7

I, Gurmukh Singh S/O Kulvinder Singh, R/o H.No-76, Gali No-18, Block- G2, Sangam Vihar, Pushpa Bhawan S.O, South Delhi-110062. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Kulvinder Singh and Sukhvinder in my 10th Class Certificate No- 1326825 and 12th Class Certificate No-546075. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Kulvinder Singh and Sukhvinder Kaur, which may be amended accordingly.

0070757125-1

I Saroj Chaudhary alias Saroj Choudhary alias Saroj Choudhary D/o Late Sh. Roshan Lal Buddhiraja W/o Sh. Surinder Chaudhary R/o 420, Kohat Enclave, Pitampura, North West Delhi, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Saroj Chaudhary for all purposes.

0040587768-4

I, Dr Mukesh Bhardwaj R/o 23, Vidya Vihar Apartment, Sector 9, Rohini, Delhi-85 have changed my minor son's name from Divyam Bhardwaj to Aarav Bhardwaj for all purposes.

0040587801-1

I, Dilsher, S/o Zumrati Mian, R/O D-969, Street No.10, Bhajanpura, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Mohammad Dilsher.

0070757082-1

I, Bharat Kumar Sukhija,S/o Sanjay Kumar Sukhija,R/o J-1205 B-Bunglow, Palam Vihar,Gurgaon(Haryana),have changed my name to Bhaarat Veer Sukhija.

0040587846-6

I, Deepak Kumar S/O Prem Pal Singh, R/o House No- 11B/1 M.S Block Ranaji Enclave, Najafgarh, DC Nangli Sakravati, South West, Delhi- 110043, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Deepak Kadyan.

0070757167-1

I, Balwinder Singh Bindra alias Bacvinder singh alias Balvinder Singh S/O Randhir Singh Bindra, R/O CC-17 B, Shalimar bagh, Notth West Delhi-110088, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Balvinder Singh Bindra.

0070757127-1

I Tanpreet Kaur W/o Shri Gurpreet Singh R/O B-104, Ground Floor, Fateh Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Sheena Sahni for all purposes.

0040587768-9

I Surinder Chaudhary alias Surinder Choudhry alias Surernder Kumar alias Surinder Kumar S/o Late Sh. Chaman Lal Chaudhary R/o 420, Kohat Enclave, Pitampura, North West Delhi,Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Surinder Chaudhary for all purposes.

0040587768-5

I Satish Kumar S/o Late Sh. Dori Lal R/o K-1849, Jahangir Puri, Adarsh Nagar, North West Delhi, Delhi-110033 have changed the name of my minor son from Kavya Sagar to Arun Kumar Sagar for all purposes.

0040587768-3

I Priyanka Cairae alias Priyanka Dixit D/o Sh. Shailaendrar Cairae W/o Sh. Mohit Kant Dixit R/O 3316-B, Chander Lok Society, DLF Phase-4, Chakarpur (D/7), Gurgaon, Haryana-122002 have changed my name to Priyanka Dixit for all purposes.

0040587768-2

I, Aishwary Karan S/O Ashok Kumar Ragahav, R/O 48 104 AWHO, Gurjinder Vihar, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-120301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Aishwary Karan Singh.

0070757153-1

I Parveen Kumar/Parveen Kumar Malhotra S/o Devi Ditta Malhotra R/o B1/591K UGF Janakpuri New Delhi have changed my name to Praveen Kumar.

0070757073-1

I Mohd Rizwan S/O Akhter Ansari R/O A-67, Sarojini Naidu Park, Shastri Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110031 have changed my name to Mohd Rizwan Ansari for all purposes.

0040587768-7

I Madhur S/O, Geeta Rani R/o D-7/4, Third Floor, Ardee City, Sector 52, Gurgaon-122011 have changed my name to Madhur Singla for all purposes.

0040587859-1

I Kirtika Chowdhary S/O, Hemu Chaudhary R/O A 428 Chhatrapur Enclave Phase 1 Street 6, New Delhi 110074 have changed my name to Kartik Chaudhary for all purposes.

0040587800-1

I Kailash Kumari alias Kailash Parmar alias Anu Makhija D/o Late Sh. Govind Parmar W/o Sh. Mahender Makhija R/o House No.5A/60, Block-A, NH-5, N.I.T. Faridabad, Haryana-121001 have changed my name to Anu Makhija for all purposes.

0040587768-10

I JAGRITI KUMARI ALIAS PINKY D/O RAJAN PRASAD W/O BHEEM KUMAR URAON aged about 23 yrs., D.O.B. 11.01.1998 R/o H.NO-19KH NO-49/5/1 PARTAP VIHAR, RANHOLLA NANGLOI have changed my name to Anand Makhija for all purposes.

0040587768-10

I JAGRITI KUMARI ALIAS PINKY D/O RAJAN PRASAD W/O BHEEM KUMAR URAON aged about 23 yrs., D.O.B. 11.01.1998 R/o H.NO-19KH NO-49/5/1 PARTAP VIHAR, RANHOLLA NANGLOI have changed my name to Anand Makhija for all purposes.

0040587768-1

I Champa Sharma D/o Sh. Amba Dutt Sharma W/o Sh. Himanshu D/R Kh.No.11/10,10/6, 1st Floor, Street No.14, Blk-A, Kamal Pur Majra, Sant Nagar Village, Burrari, Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Charu for all purposes.

0040587768-6

I Annd Kishor, S/o Mohan Ram R/o D11, Tower 13 Type 3 Kidwai Nagar East New Delhi have changed my name to Anand Kishor.

0070757074-1

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Conversion push by Christian missionaries: Akal Takht jathedar

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR
AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 12

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES are “running a campaign...for forced conversions” in the border areas of Punjab and the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) has launched a drive to counter this, Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh said Tuesday.

“Christian missionaries have been running a campaign in the border belt for forced conversions over the past few years. Innocent people are being cheated or lured to convert. We have received many such reports,” the Akal Takht Jathedar, who is the head priest of the Sikh community’s highest temporal seat, said in a statement.

Giani Harpreet Singh hails from the Dalit Sikh community. And his remarks came on the day when Dalit and Sikh organisations in Amritsar observed the 101st anniversary of the restoration of Dalit Sikhs’ right to uninterrupted entry and offering of ‘Karah Prasad’ at Golden Temple and Akal Takht. That event — on

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RITU SARIN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

GAJ SINGH of Jodhpur, a former Member of Parliament, and Arvind Singh Mewar of Udaipur, both former Maharajas of erstwhile princely states, figure in the Pandora Papers for offshore entities they set up years ago, records investigated by *The Indian Express* show. Both are categorized as PEPs

(Politically Exposed Persons) and they had to clarify that their place of residence currently being run as luxury hotels.

Mewar, records show, set up the Far East Trust in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) in 2010 with Asiatic Trust of Singapore and gave his Udaipur Palace as his residence.

He is the Settlor of the Trust and a complex offshore

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PRAYER MEETING

At Tikonia village in Lakhimpur Kheri on Tuesday, where a prayer meeting was organised for the farmers who were killed on October 3. Vishal Srivastav

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Selective outrage violation of rights, hurts country: PM

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday slammed “selective outrage” over human rights, saying it hurt the country and was “dangerous” for democracy. Speaking about his government’s achievements, he also said that human rights only matter to people after their basic needs are met.

Speaking at the 28th Foundation Day of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Modi said: “Some people characterise human rights from their own perspective these days. They see human rights violations in some cases but not in other similar cases. We have to be wary of such people.” It was this that was the



PM Modi at the NHRC event on Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

biggest “violation” of rights, Modi said. “The biggest human rights violation is when rights are seen from the lens of politics, and political loss or gain. This selective outrage harms the image of the country and we need to be cautious of such individuals.”

In his speech, NHRC Chairperson and former Supreme Court judge Justice Arun Mishra also spoke about the “selective” defining of hu-

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man rights, adding that “one cannot glorify terrorists and terrorism” in the name of rights. “History will not forgive us if human rights defenders do not criticise political violence,” he said.

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2-18 AGE GROUP

Panel approval is in, Covaxin for children is one step away

After expert committee’s OK, over to regulator, Drug Controller General

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

THE DECKS are being cleared for children to be included in India’s Covid vaccination drive with the Government’s Subject Expert Committee (SEC) Tuesday recommending the grant of Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) for Bharat Biotech’s Covaxin in the age group of 2-18 years.

The SEC’s recommendation to the Drug Controller General of India (DGCI) means that India is just one step away from formally clearing the vaccine for children. Sources told *The Indian Express* that the DGCI is expected to approve the SEC’s recommendation soon, potentially bringing an additional 25 crore beneficiaries under the vaccination umbrella.

Bharat Biotech is also expecting a decision soon on its separate application for EUA of Covaxin in adults from WHO.

Globally, the SEC’s green signal is the first by an expert panel of a national regulator for the 2-18 age group. On October 26, the US expert panel is expected to discuss a request from pharmaceutical giant Pfizer for EUA of its Covid

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OVER 11.08 crore cumulative doses of Covaxin have been administered across India. Yet, Bharat Biotech is yet to receive an EUA from the WHO, which would enable beneficiaries to travel to foreign countries without stringent restrictions.

vaccine in the age group of 5-12 years in that country.

So far, India has approved Zydus Cadila’s vaccine for children aged above 12 years. Pfizer’s double dose has been recommended for 12 years and above in the US, and a single dose for the same age level in the UK. Moderna’s vaccine has also been approved by the UK regulator for those above 12 years old.

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After attacks, J&K to migrant staff: get to work or face action

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THE DIVISIONAL Commissioner of Kashmir Saturday directed Deputy Commissioners of all 10 districts in Kashmir to ensure that migrant employees need not leave the Valley and that “whoever will be absent shall be dealt as per Service Rules”.

While a couple of Deputy Commissioners, who did not wish to be named, said they will wait for a government order be-

fore acting, the employees who had left the Valley feeling unsafe after a Sikh school principal and Kashmiri Hindu teacher were killed last week by terrorists, said the administration was being “insensitive”.

Those who have returned to Jammu are still cautious about getting back to work in the Valley, with some deciding to stay back for now. Siddharth Raina (name changed), who had returned to Srinagar in 2015 with a job in the J&K Education Department un-

der the Prime Minister’s package and returned to Jammu last week, said most of them are teachers and are conducting online classes for students.

“Employees came to Jammu fearing threat to their lives. Instead of allaying their fears, assuring security, and making necessary arrangements, the administration threatens them with action as per Service Rules,” said an employee who had returned to the Valley in 2015 after he got a job under the Prime Minister’s package.

“The orders may have been issued with good intent. But

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TN factory worker’s death: Role of DMK MP to be probed

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 12

THE ALLEGED murder of a factory worker over a few kilograms of stolen cashewnuts has landed a DMK MP in trouble, with the MP and five of his aides now under arrest. The MP, TRVS Ramesh, who surrendered on Monday before a judicial magistrate court, is likely to be questioned by the state CB-CID on Wednesday.

Ramesh and the others are accused of allegedly killing K Govindarasu, a 60-year-old daily-wage labourer working in the cashew unit owned by the MP in Panruti, near Cuddalore, on September 20.

After the case was transferred from the local police to the CB-CID, five employees of Ramesh’s cashew unit — the MP’s personal assistant Natarajan, manager Kandavel, and senior employees M Allah Pitchai, K Vinoth and Sundararajan — were arrested on Saturday. Ramesh, who had gone into hiding, surrendered on Monday, after which he was remanded in two-day judicial custody.

Official sources said the accused allegedly tortured Govindarasu for allegedly trying to steal a few kilograms of cashew from the processing unit. “He was caught by the security guards with the cashewnuts while he was leaving for home. But there is no complaint or evidence of theft against Govindarasu at the

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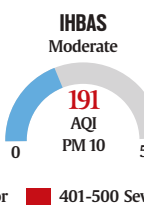
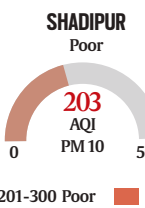
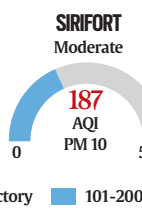
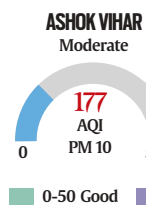
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‘Centre must have reasonable discretion to choose its officer’

SOFIAHSAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

DISMISSING THE PIL challenging IPS Officer Rakesh Asthana's appointment as Delhi Police Commissioner, the Delhi High Court Tuesday said the Executive, which is responsible for the law and order situation, must have a "reasonable discretion" to select an officer it finds more suitable for the post of Commissioner of Police in the national capital.

It also said the petitioner or intervenor has not been able to make out a case for court's interference against the appointment or even remotely demonstrate "that there is any blot in the service career of" Asthana.

"It ought to be kept in mind that Delhi, being the capital of India, has a unique, special and specific requirement. It has witnessed several untoward incidences and extremely challenging law and order situations/riots/crimes, which have an international implication, which in the wisdom of the central government necessitated appointment of an experienced officer possessing diverse and multifarious experience of heading a large para-military security force apart from other factors," said the division bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh.

The court passed the verdict on a PIL filed by lawyer Sadre Alam, who sought to quash Asthana's appointment, inter-cadre deputation, and extension of service. Centre for Public Interest Litigation through advocate Prashant Bhushan also argued against Asthana's appointment in the case. A 1984 Gujarat-cadre officer and former DG BSF, Asthana on July 27 was deputed to the AGMUT cadre and granted extension of service for one year beyond his date of



Rakesh Asthana. Prem Nath Pandey

The court said it has no reason or material on record to reject the Centre's stand that while a sufficient number of officers are available to constitute a zone of consideration for creating a panel for appointment as DGP in the states, the same is not the case in the AGMUT cadre. "On account of unavailability of sufficient number of officers in the pool in respect of various segments of AGMUT cadre, we cannot but agree with Respondent No. 1 (Centre) that the State Cadres have to be treated differently from the AGMUT cadre, for the purpose of empanelment of respective heads of the police force," reads the judgment.

It further said Asthana has been appointed following the statutory procedure prescribed under the Delhi Police Act, 1978, and Transaction of Business of GNCTD Rules, 1993, and no appointment made to the post in the past has been challenged on the ground that such procedure is in violation of SC's directions. "Therefore, applying the principle of contemporanea expositio, if a procedure has been followed by the central government since 2006, with the clear understanding as aforesaid and appointments of as many as 8 Commissioners of Police, Delhi, have been made following statutory regime under the Delhi Police Act, 1978, read with Transaction of Business of GNCTD Rules, 1993, which has withstood the test of time, without any demur/objection/challenge in any court or forum of law, the same gains weightage," the court said.

The court said the Centre can grant relaxation on inter-cadre deputations and such a power has been exercised in Asthana's case. Regarding the grant of extension, it said the Centre has previously exercised power in cases of 9 IPS officers.

Rejecting arguments made by Alam and CPIL, the court said the Prakash Singh case directions on appointment of DGPs are applicable only to states and have no application for Union Territories falling under the AGMUT cadre. "The peculiar set up of Union Territories and lack of a pool of sufficient officers in appropriate pay level, with requisite experience, in AGMUT cadre, as highlighted by learned Solicitor General and not disputed by the petitioner and intervenor, lead to an inevitable conclusion that application of UPSC guidelines, flowing from the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, to Union Territories, will create an anomalous situation, which would be completely unworkable," it said.

retirement, which was July 31. He was also appointed Delhi CP from July 27 up to July 31, 2022. The Centre in a written reply to the plea said Asthana has been brought in to provide "effective policing" on recent law and order situations. Since AGMUT cadre comprises Union Territories and small Northeastern states, requisite experience — "of working and supervising central investigating agency, para-military force and police force of a large state having diverse political and law and order problem" — was found lacking in the present pool of available officers, it said in the reply.

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DELHI POLICE Tuesday said they had arrested a Pakistan-based "terrorist" who was planning an attack in the capital during the festive season. The terror suspect was apprehended from East Delhi's Laxmi Nagar where he was allegedly living under a fake name. Police said they recovered an AK-47 rifle, a hand grenade, two pistols and ammunition from his hideouts in the city.

The man, Mohd Ashraf Ali (45), was allegedly planning a terror strike during festivals this month, said police. "Based on the number of arms, ammunition and maps recovered from his hideouts, he was planning an attack. Though he wasn't targeting anyone specifically, we suspect he was going to orchestrate terror strikes in different parts of Delhi," said an officer.

A team of the Special Cell led



Police claimed the suspect, Mohd Ashraf Ali (45), planning a terror attack during the festive season. Praveen Khanna

by Inspector Vinod Badola, under the supervision of ACPs Lalit Mohan Negi and Hriday Bhushan, arrested Ali from his house Monday night.

Pramod Singh Kushwah, DCP (Special Cell), said, "Our team was looking into several terror modules for two months and received an input about an active sleeper cell headed by a Pakistani national. We identified Ali and found he was living under the

name of Ali Ahmed Noori in Delhi."

Police claimed Ali posed as a 'peer maulana' to hide his identity. He was interrogated at length and police conducted raids at his hideouts and houses in Kalindi Kunj and trans-Yamuna area, and recovered an AK-47 rifle, a hand grenade, two pistols and over 110 rounds of bullets. Kushwah's team also found a forged Indian passport

and other IDs from his home.

DCP Kushwah said Ali has confessed to his role in recent terror strikes in Jammu and Kashmir: "He mentioned he was part of multiple terror strikes in Kashmir and other parts, but we can't reveal those as we have to verify his claims. We know he was a sleeper cell who was active from 2009 to 2017 when he participated in several attacks."

Ali hails from Pakistan's Punjab province and moved to India in 2004-05. He married a woman in Rajasthan, but they separated within 3-5 months. He doesn't have family in India, said police. "He has been acting as the head of sleeper cells in India and was assigned to carry out terror strikes during the festive season. In 2004, he received training from ISI in Pakistan. He then came to India via the Siliguri border. He studied religious texts to become a peer maulana and win the trust of people. He also got married to 'mix' in society and for

documents," said DCP Kushwah.

For the last 17 years, Ali has been heading 'Tilawat' (prayer meetings) at factories near his house. He also worked with a maulvi in Laxmi Nagar. Police claimed he worked with religious persons to use their accounts and receive money from his ISI handlers in India without raising suspicion.

An investigating officer told *The Indian Express* that Ali used draft mails to communicate with his associates in Pakistan: "We checked his phone and other systems and found he shares his email ID and password with his Pakistani handlers. If they wish to communicate, one of them writes a mail and saves it in the draft section. The other person then opens the drafts and reads the messages. This way, no messages are directly sent or received but saved on the cloud."

Police are interrogating him further to identify his associates and arrest them.

From Nov 1, East & North MCDs to collect only segregated waste

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

IN A bid to reduce the pressure on Delhi's landfills, the North and East MCDs will only collect segregated waste from households under its jurisdiction starting November 1. North MCD commissioner Sanjay Goel said: "After November 1, we will initially stop collecting waste that is not segregated. Later, we will impose fines on violators."

Commissioner of the East MCD Vikas Anand said from November 1, it would be mandatory for households to segregate waste. He added that the civic body plans to impose a penalty on violators after a month. The South MCD claims it is conducting segregation in 37 wards in parts.

The solid waste management by-laws, notified by L-G Anil Bajjal in 2018 places the onus of waste segregation — into wet waste (biodegradable), dry waste (non-biodegradable), and do-



Delhi sends over 5k tonnes of waste to 3 landfills every day

mestic hazardous waste — directly on those who generate it, including households. Violators are liable to pay Rs 200 as a fine.

The aim behind waste segregation is to reduce pressure on landfill sites. Delhi sends over 5,000 tonnes of waste to three

landfills every day. Experts said of the municipal solid waste generated, around 50% is compostable waste, and 20% is recyclable. The overflowing Ghazipur landfill collapsed in September 2018, killing two.

Anand said he has directed officials to organise public awareness campaigns with RWAs and market associations on benefits of waste segregation and its positive impacts.

Goel said the civic bodies would paste red stickers on premises of regular defaulters. He has directed officials to ensure segregated waste is transported separately in different coloured bins for wet and dry waste up to the processing facility by the concessionaires.

AMID PROTESTS BY DELHI BJP

Issue guidelines for Chhath Puja: Sisodia to Union health minister

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AMID DELHI BJP'S protests against the Delhi government for not allowing Chhath puja celebrations in the city because of Covid, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has written to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya to hold a meeting with health experts and come out with guidelines to celebrate the festival.

"I request the Centre to hold a discussion with health experts and other related persons and come out with guidelines to celebrate Chhath soon so that all North Indians who celebrate the festival can do so keeping in mind their beliefs as well as safety," Sisodia wrote.

In September, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), which is headed by L-G Anil Bajjal, had come out with an order banning the celebration of Chhath in public places.



Delhi BJP staged a protest outside Kejriwal's house, Tuesday. Police used water cannons to control the crowd. Abhinav Saha

"Fairs, melas, food stalls, jhoolas, rallies and processions will not be permitted during festivals in Delhi. Chhath puja celebration shall not be allowed in public places and people are advised to celebrate the same at their homes," the DDMA had said in an official order. Chhath celebrations start in the second week of November.

Delhi has been seeing an av-

erage of around 40 cases per day over the past few weeks. The positivity rate has remained between 0.05% and 0.07%.

The Delhi BJP has been attacking the AAP-led Delhi government continuously for the past week over the ban. A protest was also held outside the house of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday over the issue.

BJP MP Manoj Tiwari, who

participated in the protest, meanwhile, was hospitalised after sustaining injuries.

BJP leader Rahul Trivedi, who was present at the protest site, said that Tiwari received injuries during the protest when the water cannon was deployed to control the crowd. He was rushed to Safdarjung Hospital and has sustained injuries on his ear, Trivedi said.

According to estimates, over 30% of Delhi's population is originally from Purvanchal and the festival has gained significance over the years. Political parties have also worked hard to woo Purvanchali voters before the pandemic hit. The government actively engaged with the population and increased the number of ghats set up across the city and along river banks to celebrate the festival. The arrangements were made both by the AAP government as well as the BJP-headed MCDs. The issue has also become important as MCD polls are due early next year.

Police painting all UAPA accused with same brush, Khalid's lawyer tells court

ANAND MOHAN J

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

FORMER JNU student Umar Khalid's lawyer told a Delhi court that police "wished to paint every accused with the same brush".

Senior advocate Trideep Pais made his arguments while arguing for Khalid's bail in a UAPA case filed in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots before Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat, who adjourned the matter for further hearing to November 2.

Pais began his arguments by stating that there are 17 differ-



Former JNU student Umar Khalid

ent allegations against Khalid and he will show how "UAPA is not made out" and the "allegations are implausible".

Pais told the court that "out of the blue comes an allegation" that a WhatsApp group comprising Muslim students was made under his direction. "Constituting a group of Muslim students, is it

terror? No," he told the court.

Pais submitted that Khalid never sent a single message on this group. "No communication between me and Sharjeel Imam... Just being in a group is not a crime."

Pais relied on an extract of Sharjeel Imam's speech to submit that he was critical of Khalid and Swaraj Abhiyan leader Yogendra Yadav. He submitted that the allegation that Imam was following instructions by Khalid seemed like a film script. Pais argued that Sharjeel "clearly doesn't seem like a person who wants to do something on somebody's dictation".

"Here is a man who says your

political correctness and secularism is not something I profess... This is what Sharjeel is saying... the script is nicely tied up. Can we paint these people in one brush? It looks like a film script. It is a bit of a joke," Pais submitted.

He told the court that the police "wish to paint every accused with the same brush crumbles when you look at chargesheet".

"Do you have the sense of consistency in chargesheet? Did you get statements of witnesses from that group? Where do you get it from? You get it from your mind. Half of it is the fertile imagination of the IO and scriptwriters of this chargesheet," Pais argued.

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Women student activists claim manhandled at protest, police deny

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TWO WOMEN activists of the All India Students' Association have alleged they were manhandled and their clothes pulled by the Delhi Police on October 10 during a protest outside the Home Minister's residence against the Lakhimpur Kheri violence. A protest called by several women's and student organisations at the Police HQ will be held Wednesday demanding that personnel responsible be punished. One of the activists claimed male protesters were detained and put in buses first, and a woman protester was detained in a separate bus. "My comrade and I were then separated by women cops and taken to two different sides of the road. While they were detaining me, my kurta was deliberately lifted all the way up...I was also groped and pinched..." she alleged, adding that she was also hit on her private parts. She claimed police finally took them to Mandir Marg police station from where they were not allowed to go for MLC or file an FIR, we will file a counter FIR against all of you. We had some first-year students with us who had come for their first protest so we didn't want them to get caught in this," she claimed. Another AISA activist alleged she was groped and pinched, and repeatedly hit on her genitals. A senior officer from New Delhi district denied the charges: "There was a protest outside HM's residence. 12 protesters were detained; they were taken in buses, but they resisted. At the station, a case was registered and the students were let go. No such complaint has been received at any police station. None of the protesters were hurt... nobody came to us for MLC or FIR registration."

AQI MODERATE SO FAR, SHOWS DATA

Avoid pvt vehicles, use public transport once a week: CM appeal to curb pollution

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

A 'red light on, gaadi off' campaign, launched last year to encourage people to turn off their engines at signals, will begin on October 18, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Tuesday. He also asked people to avoid using their vehicles at least once a week and use either public transport or try carpooling. "Experts have said this will help to reduce pollution levels and save fuel," he said. With the monsoon receding, pollution has started to increase in the capital. Kejriwal attributed this to stubble burning in neighbouring states. "Delhi's own pollution is in the safe limit all year. But at this time of the year, pollution increases. The governments of neighbouring states have not helped their farmers, who are forced to burn stubble, NASA satellite data shows stubble burning has begun and pollution in Delhi has increased," he said. According to System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR), however, at present there is no impact of



The city's AQI dipped over the past 10 days, moving from the satisfactory level to the moderate level. Archive

stubble burning on Delhi's air quality. Explaining Delhi's 'moderate' AQI, the SAFAR forecast for Delhi said PM10 is the main pollutant, and under very dry conditions, local dust gets resuspended leading to high PM10. This condition is leading to 'moderate' AQI in Delhi, and this

will remain for the next three days, the forecast said. The city's AQI dipped over the past 10 days, moving from the satisfactory level to the moderate level. The AQI on Tuesday was 179, veering close to the poor category. Gufran Beig, scientist,

EXPLAINED
Delhi govt, SAFAR at odds

The Delhi government and the forecast by SAFAR, which comes under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, were at odds with each other last year as well, with the former attributing the entire increase in pollution in October and November to paddy stubble burning, but SAFAR pointing out that Delhi's air continues to be bad even on days when the contribution of farm fires was under 10%. Scientists have been using a Chemistry Transport Forecast Model, which uses data points such as number of farm fires in the region, wind direction, temperature, mixing height and wind speed to determine the percentage of PM2.5 carried to the city because of farm fires.

founder and project director of SAFAR, said once the monsoon withdraws, low wind and colder temperature conditions begin, which will not allow pollutants to disperse. Withdrawal, however, was delayed this year. Wind speed and its direction need to be towards Delhi from stubble burning sites for a deterioration in air quality and this has not happened yet, he said. When stubble burning impacts air quality, PM2.5 levels will be significantly higher, Beig said. Kejriwal, meanwhile, said neighbouring states have not cooperated in stopping paddy stubble burning: "We reached out to neighbouring states to use the bio-decomposer solution multiple times but they haven't adopted it. We don't know if they will help in the fight against pollution. We need to try and reduce our own pollution further to prevent pollution from outside from affecting our health." He said people will have to become the "government's eyes and ears" and report instances of pollution, whether of garbage burning or industrial pollution, on the Green Delhi mobile app.

A report of the Petroleum Conservation Research Association states that turning off vehicle engines at red lights can help reduce pollution by 13% to 20%, Kejriwal said. The government has recently launched a 10-point winter action plan to deal with pollution in the winter season. It includes measures to mitigate dust pollution and prevent stubble burning. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), meanwhile, held its first meeting of the sub-committee for implementation of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in NCR on Tuesday via video conferencing. In the meeting attended by representatives of CPCB, state pollution control boards of Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, IMD and commission for air quality management in NCR, it was agreed that in addition to actions under 'poor' to 'moderate' category, some of the actions under 'very poor' category should commence from October 15, though AQI is expected to remain in 'satisfactory' to 'moderate' category'.

BRIEFLY

HC pulls up police in cases regarding juveniles


New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Tuesday pulled up the Delhi Police for not producing juveniles apprehended in petty offences before the Juvenile Justice Boards within 24 hours. It has directed the authorities to inform it about the steps taken to implement the court order directing closure of inquiries in all such cases, alleging petty offences against children, which have remained pending and inconclusive for more than one year.

Woman found hanging; ex-sarpanch, wife booked for abetment

Gurgaon: A 39-year-old woman allegedly committed suicide at her house Monday morning. Police have booked the former sarpanch of village Sukhrali, his wife and some members of their family for abetment of suicide after the woman's husband filed a complaint alleging that the accused had been harassing her over a money related dispute. The deceased has been identified as Kusum Dahiya.

Constable shot dead at CRPF camp

New Delhi: A Delhi Police head constable was allegedly shot dead by his subordinate at the CRPF camp in Tughlakabad Monday. The deceased, HC Vakil Singh (35), sustained gunshot injuries and died during treatment. Esha Pandey, DCP (Southeast), said a group of police personnel were being briefed about Parliament duty when Constable Aman Kumar attacked Singh. Kumar was arrested and a case of murder has been registered at Govindpuri police station. **ENS**



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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of State Bank of India has taken possession of the following properties u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act., 2002 Public at large is informed that e-Auction (under SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the charged property/ies in the below mentioned case for realisation of Bank's dues will be held on **"As is where is, As is what is and Whatever there is"** Basis. The Auction is schedule on **25.11.2021**. The other details of the Auction are as under :-

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower(s)	Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI notice)	Description of the property:	Name of Mortgage/ Guarantor	Date of Demand notice under SARFAESI act.	Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold EMD Bid Increment Amount
1.	M/s Sriram Rice Mill; Prop: Mr. Devendra Prasad s/o- Baban Prasad Add.:Ahilrauli, Arrah Buxar Main Road, Buxar - 802101, Bihar	₹ 1,38,94,544 as on 04.11.2020 with further interest + cost & other charges etc.	1) All that plot of land measuring 01 Katha 07 Dhur under Khata No. 80, Plot No. 2135 and located at Mouza- Ahirouli, Thana- Buxar, Thana No. 335, Pragana- Bhojpur, Sub-Registry and District at Buxar, Bihar. This plot of land is registered in the name of (i) Mr. Harendra Kumar, (ii) Devendra Prasad and (iii) Nagendra Kumar all sons of Baban Prasad vide Sale Deed No. 1942 dated 08/03/2010. Boundaries of this plot of land are:- North:- Ara Buxar Road, South: Bhuneshwar Singh, East: Sachidanand Choubey, West: Chandradeep Upadhyay & others.	Sri Harendra Kumar, Devendra Prasad Mr. Nagedra Kumar, Smt. Fulkumari Devi W/o Baban Prasad	04.11.2020	₹ 1,94,00,000/- ₹ 19,40,000/- ₹ 10,000/-
2)	All that plot of land measuring 03 Katha 12 Dhur under Khata No. 80, Plot No. 2135 and located at Mouza- Ahirouli, Thana- Buxar, Thana No. 335, Pragana- Bhojpur, Sub-Registry and District at Buxar, Bihar. This plot of land is registered in the name of (i) Mr. Harendra Kumar, (ii) Devendra Prasad and (iii) Nagendra Kumar all sons of Baban Prasad vide Sale Deed No. 1942 dated 08/03/2010. Boundaries of this plot of land are:- North:- Bhuneshwar Singh, South: Dhanji Yadav (Kabealand), East: Sachidanand Choubey, West: Chandradeep Upadhyay & others.					
3)	All that plot of land measuring 13 Dhur under Khata No. 80, Plot No. 2135 and located at Mouza- Ahirouli, Thana- Buxar, Thana No. 335, Pragana- Bhojpur, Sub-Registry and District at Buxar, Bihar. This plot of land is registered in the name of (i) Mr. Harendra Kumar, (ii) Devendra Prasad and (iii) Nagendra Kumar all sons of Baban Prasad vide Sale Deed No. 4181 dated 05/05/2010. Boundaries of this plot of land are:- North: Mokirahem, South: Sachidanand Choubey, West: Chandradeep Upadhyay & others.					
4)	All that plot of land measuring 6.25 decimal under Khata No. 30, Khesra No. 2134 part and located at Mouza- Ahirouli, Thana- Buxar, Thana No. 335, Pragana- Bhojpur and District at Buxar, Bihar. This plot of land is registered in the name of Smt. Fulkumari Devi w/o Baban Prasad vide Sale Deed No. 10352 dated 03/10/2012. Boundaries of this plot of land are:- North: Road (NH-84), South: Ram Kumar Tiwari & Deokumar Tiwari, East: Harendra Sah, West: Jagdish Upadhyay. (Property Id for e-auction:SBIN85906276231)					

e-Auction Terms And Condition

1. **Date & Time of e-auction : 25.11.2021; Time : 120 Minutes. Form 12:00 Noon to 02:00 PM. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each.**

2. The auction sale will be **"online through e-auction"**. The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website **https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp**.

3. The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (**https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp**) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction.

4. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through NEFT/ Transfer After generation of Challan from (**https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp**) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Transfer the bidder has to visit Indian Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques, etc will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest.

5. MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help) : 033-40645207, 40609118, 40645316, 40602403, 40067351, 40628253. SBI contact no (for property related enquiry): 9709119255, 9402506404.

6. **The General Terms and Conditions of e-auction sale is available on the website: https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/ auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others.**

7. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest act, 2002.

This publication is also a 30 days notice to all the borrower/guarantors require under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

NB: 30 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice then this E-auction sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service. The other terms and conditions of the e-Auction are published in the following websites. 1. **https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others.**

Date : 12.10.2021
Place : Buxar

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Probe into ‘collusion’ between ex-Unitech promoters, jail staff

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE DELHI Police's Crime Branch has initiated a probe against 32 Tihar jail officials and former promoters of Unitech Ltd Sanjay Chandra and Ajay Chandra for allegedly "colluding" inside the jail, said police Tuesday. Police have booked them under sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act and the IPC. The Supreme Court on August 26 directed Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana to investigate the charges in a report by the Enforcement Directorate, which had stated that the Chandra brothers, who were lodged in Tihar jail, were having a free run and were "flouting the jail manual" in connivance with officials. The ED had accused the brothers — who were arrested following complaints of siphoning homebuyers' money — of "engaging in illegal activities by

flouting the jail manual...making transfers of assets and dissipating the proceeds of crime...influencing witnesses, and attempting to derail the investigation". The court had also said the ED's report on conduct of the Chandra brothers and connivance of jail staff in flouting orders and undermining jurisdiction of the court have raised some "serious and disturbing" issues. The court directed that the jail authorities "have acted absolutely in connivance with them... We have lost faith in the Tihar jail authorities. They are sitting in the capital city and enforcing the orders of the Supreme Court and this is happening under their nose. Absolutely shameless of the Superintendent of the Tihar jail is all we want to say." Chinnmoy Biswal, the Delhi Police PRO, said both brothers were shifted from the central jail, Tihar, to Arthur Road jail and Taloja central jail in Mumbai.

CR Park celebrates Pujo — with home delivered bhog, online broadcasts

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

BARRICADES FOR visitors, home delivery of bhog, and live broadcasts of the pujo on YouTube and Facebook, are common to most pujo pandals in the city this year. At CR Park's Kali Mandir, the pandals and the idols were just as ornate as ever. However, instead of walking around, visitors could only enter in a line, pay their respects, and leave in a line. Boundaries to ensure that visitors come and go in a line along with a separate entrance and exit were in place, while sanitisers were at the entry point. Most visitors were dressed in new clothes, as they would any other year. But instead, neither did they did linger to participate in *anjali* and other rituals nor eat *bhog* inside the temple complex. They prayed and then walked ahead. Many stopped to take photos with the pandal in the background. While *bhog* is made inside the complex, 14 different collection points have been set up in CR Park. Prodip Ganguly, Secretary, CR Park Kali Mandir Society, said people pre-book the bhog and then pick it up from one of the distribution points. "Around 20 people are involved in making and packing the *bhog*. One person is in-charge of each of the centres," he said. On Tuesday afternoon, around 600 were delivered in tiffins.



At a Durga Puja pandal in CR Park, Tuesday. Abhinav Saha

On their Facebook page, the committee shared a list of guidelines that were made keeping the DDMA guidelines in mind. They asked visitors to maintain social distance, wear masks throughout the *Darshan*, and follow the signboards. No offerings are allowed this year. Inside the temple complex, a board with photos of all the residents of CR Park who died of Covid was put up. Above the photos, it read, "homage to departed souls of CR Park during pandemic". At D Block in CR Park, the pujo was celebrated in full swing, but with just as many guidelines. The committee com-

pleted their 25th year and since it was their silver jubilee, they said that they did not want to compromise. At least 40 workers were hired to make, pack and deliver *bhog* to those in nearby areas. The *bhog*, which comprised khichdi, three types of sabzi, chutney and payesh, were distributed to the houses in e-rickshaws. The rituals were live-streamed on their Facebook and YouTube channels. Inside the Kali Mandir complex and inside the D block ground, a tank has been made for immersion. The Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC) tanks

were made because the DDMA guidelines do not permit the *visarjan* process outside their complexes. For 'barir pujos' too, which are celebrated on a smaller scale with friends and families, a lot of planning and organisation was required this year. In Block E of CR Park, the Roy family was glad that they could organise the pujo after a one-year gap due to the pandemic last year. Dattaa Roy, one of the organisers said, "This year, when we sent out invites, we asked people to tell us when they would come and at what time so that it does not get crowded all at once."



PUNJAB BUZZ

RAJASTHAN MINISTER Harish Chaudhary (above), who was one of the AICC observers who oversaw the change of guard in Punjab, is said to be in Chandigarh meeting party leaders. There is a buzz that he could succeed Harish Rawat as the AICC in-charge of Punjab. Rawat has to focus on his home state of Uttarakhand, which goes to polls around the same time as Punjab. But the elevation of Rajasthan minister Raghu Sharma as AICC in-charge of Gujarat has complicated matters. Already, Rajasthan leader Jitendra Singh is the AICC in-charge of Assam. Sharma, who is close to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, is the second leader from the state to be given charge of a state. The question now is will the party make a third leader from Rajasthan an AICC in charge of a state. Chaudhary is not in the Gehlot camp.

SEARCH BEGINS

THE GOVERNMENT has initiated the process of picking a new chairperson for Indian Council of Social Science Research (IC-SSR), nearly two years after the post was left vacant due to the death of its former head Braj Bihari Kumar. UGC Chairman Prof Rajnish Shukla, BJP Rajya Sabha MP Rakesh Sinha and archaeologist Prof Vasant Shinde are the members of the search-cum-selection committee set up to shortlist a panel of names for the post. In the absence of a full-time chairperson, Prof Kanak Sabhapati has been serving as the acting chairperson of the council.

RETURN OF THE OPD

BASED ON a Health Ministry directive, three central government-run hospitals – Safdarjung, Ram Manohar Lohia and Lady Hardinge – started OPD services on Sunday for a few specialties on a trial basis. On Tuesday, AIIMS Delhi, which operates the busiest OPD in the country, also joined the bandwagon. The busy cardi thoracic centre is going to operate an ‘Anti-Coagulation Clinic’ on Sunday. From next week, consultants from the Department of Cardiology can send patients for follow-ups.



US Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Michael Gilday with Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh in Delhi. Praveen Khanna

60% Navy forces in Indo-Pacific region now: US Navy chief

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

US NAVAL Chief of Operations, Admiral Michael Gilday, on Tuesday kicked off his 5-day visit to India by meeting his Indian counterpart Admiral Karambir Singh, Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and other senior government officials.

Gilday's trip comes amid the second phase of the Malabar exercise being held in the Bay of Bengal among navies of India, US, Japan and Australia.

Asked about what the US intends to do to counter China's aggressive modernisation of its Navy, Gilday said they will not try to outspend it, but partners like India in the region will be the key to ensure that the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) is stable. Given the importance of the region, 60 per cent of US Navy's forces are now in the Indo-Pacific, he said.

He is scheduled to visit the Western Naval Command (at Mumbai) and Eastern Naval Command (at Visakhapatnam), and will also embark on the USS Carrier Strike Group led by USS Carl Vinson, which is participating in the Malabar Exercise. He will be accompanied by an Indian delegation. "For me this is a natural partnership between US and India. Two high-tech democracies with mutual interests. Whether that's free and open maritime commons, regional stability, economic stability, respect for international institutions and rule of law, and our pushback on global authoritarianism and any threat to the above. India and US have a long healthy positive relationship," Gilday said.

"Our navies continue cooperation in the Indo-Pacific to sustain an inclusive and free and open rules-based order, that's actually the cornerstone of peaceful and secure Indo-Pacific."

"During his discussions in India, he said, the focus was on the Indian Ocean as a strategic waterway, and what it means "not just for India and the region, but also the globe." He said a million ships transit the Indian Ocean, including 61 per cent of the container traffic, 40 per cent of global trade and 60 per cent of global GDP. Global economy, he said, "floats on sea waters".

ED making selective disclosures to media, Deshmukh tells high court

Mumbai: FORMER MAHARASHTRA Home Minister Anil Deshmukh Tuesday told the Bombay HC that he wanted to "dispel the impression that he was running away from the proceedings" against him by the ED in an alleged money laundering case and is willing to cooperate with the probe. A division bench of Justices Nitin M Jamdar and Sarang V Kotwal was hearing Deshmukh's plea seeking quashing of ED summons. The HC adjourned hearing to Wednesday.

G-20 SUMMIT ON AFGHANISTAN PM flags terror threat, calls for unified response

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE
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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that "every Indian feels the pain of Afghan people" and called on the international community to forge a unified response to bring about desired changes to the situation in Afghanistan. He also stated that Afghanistan's territory must not become a source of radicalisation and terrorism, regionally or globally.

In a virtual address at the G-20 Extraordinary Summit on Afghanistan, Modi also pressed for "urgent and unhindered" humanitarian assistance to Afghan citizens and underlined the need for having an inclusive administration that includes women and minorities, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

"Participated in the G20 Summit on Afghanistan. Stressed on preventing Afghan territory from becoming the source of radicalisation and terrorism. Also called for urgent and unhindered humanitarian assistance to Afghan citizens and an inclusive administration," Modi tweeted. "A unified international response based on UNSC Resolution 2593 is necessary to improve the situation in Afghanistan."

The UNSC resolution, adopted on August 30 under India's presidency of the global body, talked about the need for upholding human rights in Afghanistan, demanded that Afghan territory should not be used for terrorism, and that a negotiated political settlement should be found for the crisis.

"The Prime minister called on the international community to forge a unified international response without which it would be difficult to bring about the desired change in Afghanistan's situation," the MEA said in a statement. "Modi also pitched for an inclusive administration in Afghanistan which includes women and minorities in order to preserve the socio-economic

SARASWATI REVIVAL: RS 215-CR DAM PROPOSED

SUKHBIR SIWACH
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER

THE HARYANA government proposes to spend Rs 215 crore on the construction of a dam for the revival of the Saraswati river.

According to the state government proposal, the dam, with a capacity of 224-hectare metre, will be constructed on Haryana's border with Himachal Pradesh. A portion of the Som river water, officials said, would be diverted to the dam from where it would flow into the stream of Saraswati river starting from Adi Badri (Yamunanagar) to Guhla Cheeka in the Kaithal district. Adi Badri is a place in the foothills of Shivlik range, 90 km east of Kurukshetra. The proposal to construct the dam is part of a larger project worth Rs 388 crore, which also includes the construction of a barrage and reservoir.

Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board vice-chairman Dhumant Singh Kirmach believes the river existed over 5,000 years ago but disappeared underground because of geographical developments. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had earlier said: "My idea is to maintain the belief in Saraswati so that the faith of people remains attached to it."

The Opposition has criticised the BJP for exploiting people's sentiments over matters of faith. Kirmach told *The Indian Express*: "The Central Water Commission will design the draft for the proposed dam which will be built in Sirmaur district of Himachal Pradesh. An MOU with the Himachal government will be finalised soon."

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Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of said Act read with rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount and interests thereon.

The borrower attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Account/ Borrower & Address	Name of Proprietor/ Partners/ Guarantors/Owner of property etc.	Description of the property mortgaged/charged	Date of Demand Notice & Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding
Smt. Amrita Gupta & Amritesh Kumar Gupta	Smt. Amrita Gupta W/o Sri Amritesh Kumar Gupta and Amritesh Kumar Gupta S/o Sri Deo Narayan Prasad.	Equitable Mortgage of Immovable Properties: Immovable properties (Flat along with Car Parking Space) in the name of Smt. Amrita Gupta W/o Sri Amritesh Kumar Gupta and Amritesh Kumar Gupta S/o Sri Deo Narayan	28.06.2021 & 12.10.2021	₹61,45,479.47 as on 31.05.2021 and expenses, costs, charges etc.
Prasad, Deed No. 872, dated 02.02.2018 Flat No.-303 of Block-C on Third Floor in "Terrace Gardenia" which is situated at Sheo Shambhu Nagar Colony, Ashiana Digha Road, Khajpura, Patna, Present P.S.- Shastri Nagar, District-Patna, Area 1441 Sq.ft., Mauza-Khajpura, Present Thana Rajiv Nagar, Sub Registry Office-Patna Sadar, District-Patna, Taazi No.5173, 5586, 5587, Thana No.27, Khata No.30,49,137,140,150,151,157, Khesra Survey Plot No.486, 490, 491, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533. Boundaries as follows: Flat No.303: North-Stair then Flat No.304, South-Lift then Flat No.302, East-Corridor then Flat No.306, West-Set Back. Boundries as follows Car Parking of Flat No.303: North-Parking Space No.403, South-Parking Space No.103, East-Staircase, West-Set Back.				
Date : 12.10.2021			AUTHORISED OFFICER	
Place : Patna			STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA	

**National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)**
(Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Department of Sports, Government of India)
East Gate No. 10, JLN Stadium Complex, New Delhi – 110003

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ADVT No. 4.2021
Sub: Filing up of vacant post of Scientist E on deputation basis (including short term contract) in the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), New Delhi - regarding.

The National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, is a premier scientific institute and one of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)-accredited Laboratories dedicated to human sports dope testing & allied research. This is the only Laboratory of its kind in the country having state-of-the-art facilities. It is equipped with the latest and sophisticated analytical equipment including LC-Orbitrap-HRMS, LC-MS/MS, GC-MS/MS, GC/C/IRMS, etc. The Laboratory is pursuing research in the advanced areas of dope science and establishing collaborations with National and International Institutes. The Laboratory engages Research Associates for further strengthening of the research activities. Approximately, 10% of the budget of the Laboratory is dedicated for R&D.

2. Applications are invited from eligible and willing officers of Central Government/State Government/Public Sector Undertaking/Autonomous Organisation/Central/State Universities for filling up the following post on deputation basis (including short term contract) in the Office of National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) New Delhi as details below.

Sl No.	Name of the Post	PML	No. of Post
1	Scientist E	13 (Rs. 1,23,100 – 2,15,900)	1 (One)

3. The key responsibilities of Scientist E would be:

- ❖ To manage, supervise and lead the team of about 35 dedicated Scientists/Technical Staff in a highly specialized analytical environment related to anti-doping testing, metabolism, pharmacokinetics and using state of the art bioanalytical instruments.
- ❖ To ensure compliance to national and international regulatory requirements of the International Organization for Standardization ISO/IEC 17025 Standard and the International Standard for Laboratories (ISL) of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- ❖ To ensure the development and maintenance of reliable and validated scientific methodologies to detect all compounds in the WADA Prohibited List.
- ❖ To enhance laboratory reputation by accepting ownership for assigned duties; explore opportunities to add value to laboratory operations.

4. For detailed advertisement containing Qualification, Experience, application format and other terms and conditions are available on NDTL website: www.ndtlindia.com.

5. The Candidates who have earlier applied in response to the Advt. No. 03/2021 dated 7-13 August, 2021 Employment News and Advertisement No. 3/2021 dated 6 August, 2021 in the leading Newspapers, need not apply again.

Last date for receipt of application: 30 days from the date of appearance of advertisement in the Employment News.

Sd/xxx
Deputy Director(Admn)

Amit Khare appointed PM advisor

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

FORMER HIGHER Education Secretary Amit Khare, who retired from the IAS last month, was on Tuesday appointed as advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a contract basis. As Higher Education Secretary, the 1985-batch Jharkhand cadre officer had helped shape the new National Education Policy (NEP).

According to an official order issued following the approval of the appointment committee of the cabinet, Khare, as advisor to the PM in the Prime Minister's Office, will enjoy the rank and scale of a secretary to the Union government on contract basis "initially for a period of two years or until further orders, whichever is earlier". Khare, who holds an MBA from IIM Ahmedabad, had taken charge as the Higher Education Secretary in December 2019. He served as Information and Broadcasting Ministry Secretary between May 2018 and December 2019.

The IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 were issued under Khare.

Haryana Staff Selection Commission
Bays No. 67-70, Sector- 2, Panchkula-134154
(www.hssc.gov.in)
Result of Written examination (Knowledge Test) and notice to candidates for PST (Physical Screening Test) for the post of Sub Inspector (Female) Advt. No.3/2021, Category No. 02

On the basis of written examination held on 26.09.2021 for the post of Sub Inspector (Female), against Advt. No. 03/2021, Category No. 02 of Police Department, Haryana, Panchkula, the Commission has decided to call the following candidates for Physical Screening Test. The candidates bearing following Roll Nos. have been Shortlisted for PST (Physical Screening Test) and further subject to the fulfillment of their eligibility conditions as per advertisement and relevant service rules.

Advt. No. 03/2021, Cat. No.02, Sub Inspector (Female) (Total 65 Posts)

3212000035	3212000127	3212000222	3212000224	3212000251	3212000252
3212000285	3212000695	3212000728	3212000839	3212000875	3212000884
3212000915	3212000944	3212001030	3212001202	3212001334	3212001359
3212001427	3212001437	3212001473	3212001501	3212001697	3212001816
3212001958	3212002003	3212002012	3212002070	3212002305	3212002398
3212002463	3212002562	3212002669	3212002694	3212002857	3212002984
3212003051	3212003224	3212003289	3212003526	3212003550	3212003602
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3212005675	3212005728	3212005931	3212006006	3212006009	3212006034
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3212010366	3212010464	3212010478	3212010523	3212010673	3212010862
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3212011770	3212011889	3212012083	3212012155	3212012189	3212012211
3212012655	3212012666	3212012789	3212013203	3212013233	3212013267
3212013300	3212013347	3212013365	3212013373	3212013717	3212013961
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3212015571	3212015834	3212015841	3212015863	3212015898	3212015979
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3212020525	3212020569	3212020723	3212020732	3212020760	3212020959
3212020968	3212020975	3212021093	3212021132	3212021297	3212021331
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3212031468	3212031520	3212031527	3212031540	3212031671	3212031709
3212031764	3212031842	3212032080	3212032099	3212032111	3212032205
3212032360	3212032377	3212032412	3212032466	3212032588	3212032615
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3212036807	3212036918	3212036991	3212037081	3212037149	3212037177
3212037215	3212037297	3212037358	3212037439	3212037465	3212037512
3212038826	3212039323	3212039444	3212039488	3212039649	3212039688
3212040125	3212040235	3212040254	3212040557	3212040574	3212040643
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The RSS chief reiterated that all those living in India and sharing India's values were Hindus. "Our method of prayers may be different, but our ancestors are the same," Bhagwat said.

India needs 5,630 GW solar capacity by 2070 for net zero emissions: study

New Delhi: India's total installed solar power capacity will need to increase to 5630 gigawatt (GW) by 2070 in order to achieve net zero emissions, according to a new report released Tuesday by independent think tank Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW).

Consequently, the total corresponding land requirement for India's power generation assets, especially solar, would be approximately 4.6 percent, says the

report – titled 'Implications of a Net-zero Target for India's Sectoral Energy Transitions and Climate Policy'. In a first such assessment of different scenarios to achieve net zero emissions, CEEW has said that India would

also need to develop the requisite recycling capacities to handle the solar PV waste generated. At present, India has 100 GW of installed renewable energy capacity, of which solar comprises 40 GW, and it aims to enhance the RE capacity to 450 GW by 2030. The report further highlighted that in order to achieve net-zero by 2070, usage of coal, especially for power generation, would need to peak by 2040 and drop by 99 percent between

2040 and 2060. A recent IPCC report released earlier this year has underscored the importance of achieving net-zero globally to limit the total rise in temperatures to 1.5-2 degrees in the coming decades. **ESHAROY**

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NEW CASES: 15,437
ACTIVE CASES: 2,08,205
TOTAL VACCINATION: 95,89,78,049

DAILY DEATHS 228	TOTAL DEATHS 4,51,191	WEEKLY CFR 0.89%	OVERALL CFR 1.34%
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TESTS TODAY: 12,77,539 | TOTAL TESTS: 58,63,15,582
WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 1.36% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 5.80%

STATES REPORTING MOST CASES				
STATE	NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY POSITIVITY	TOTAL VACCINATION
■ Kerala	7,823	97,160	11.49%	3,67,62,521
■ Maharashtra	2,069	30,525	1.76%	8,85,55,166
■ Mizoram	1,430	13,422	14.70%	11,76,291
■ Tamil Nadu	1,289	15,842	0.95%	5,22,01,097
■ West Bengal	768	7,672	2.20%	6,49,27,930

STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS				
STATE	TODAY'S DEATHS	TOTAL DEATHS	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Kerala	106	26,527	0.68%	0.57%
■ Maharashtra	43	1,43,216	2.11%	2.19%
■ Tamil Nadu	18	35,814	1.11%	1.35%
■ Andhra	12	14,268	0.65%	0.70%
■ Karnataka	11	37,906	1.18%	1.27%

Note: Data as on Oct 12; vaccination numbers as of Oct 11. Deaths include those from previous days.

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Bank of India

Anugrah Narayan Puri Branch, Gaya

POSSESSION NOTICE
(for immovable Property) Appendix - IV, [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas,

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Bank of India** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 24.05.2021** Calling upon the **borrower M/S Shanti Niketan Academy, Secretary- Sri Hari Prapanna** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 11035225.15** (Rupees One Crore Ten Lacs Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five & Paise Fifteen only) with future interest and incidental charges w.e.f. the date of notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this the **12th day of October 2021**.

The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of India** for an amount **Rs. 11035225.15/-** (Rupees One Crore Ten Lacs Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five & Paise Fifteen only) with future interest and incidental charges w.e.f. the date of notice.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time, available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property
EQM of Lease deed no.-21847 dated 24.02.2012 in the name of Shanti Niketan Educational Foundation Situated at Village Rauna Sherpur, PS- Bela Ganj, Thana No.-433, Distt.-Gaya Total Area-2.21 acre, bearing **1. Khata No.-50**, Plot No.-3051, Area-42 decimal, Boundary- (N) Arun Kumar Singh and Kumar Satyashil, (E) Arun Kumar Singh, (S) Arun Kumar Singh and Kumar Satyashil, (W) Plot No.-3053. **2. Khata No.-50**, Plot No.-3051, Area-79 decimal, Boundary- (N) Chour, (E) Arun Kumar Singh and Kumar Satyashil, (S) Plot No.-3053, (W) Arun Kumar Singh. **3. Khata No.-261**, Plot No.-3055, Area-1.00 Acre, Boundary- (N) Plot No.3056, (E) Plot No.3053, (S) Chour, (W) Plot No.3057.

Date : 12.10.2021
Place : Gaya

Authorized Officer
Bank of India

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Free Coaching for UPSC Civil Services (Preliminary-cum-Main) 2022 (for Minorities, SC, ST and Women Candidates)

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Entrance Test (Objective & Essay) : 29th October 2021
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Director

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Online applications are invited for the following position on Deputation Basis

S. No.	Name of the Post	Pay Scale as per 6 th CPC	Pay Matrix Level as per 7 th CPC	No. of Posts (may vary)
1	Director	PB-4, ₹ 37400-67000 + GP Rs.8700	13	05

All other details such as Eligibility Criteria, Qualifications, Experience, Procedure for online submission and General Terms and Conditions of appointments will be available at AICTE's website (<https://www.aicte-india.org/bulletins/advertisements>) from 13.10.2021. Interested candidates may apply online for the above post on or before 02.11.2021 by uploading the requisite supporting documents. The Council reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of vacancies or to cancel the advertisement without assigning any reason there to.

Advt. No. Admn. (Estt.)/01(10)/2021 **Member Secretary, AICTE**

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Interested candidates can apply through **ONLINE** mode only latest by **05:00 PM of November 16, 2021**.

Advt.No.1/2021 **Registrar**

JAMMU AND KASHMIR POLICE
DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU
0191-2561578 (O), 0191-254780 (F), email- sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in

LOOK OUT NOTICE

SHO P/S City, Jammu intimated that accused namely **Pawal Kumar Sotra S/O Pardeep Kumar R/O 16/359 Gali Hasli Guru ka Khoo, Taran Taran, Punjab** is evading his arrest in case FIR No. 43/2020 U/S 376 IPC of P/S City, Jammu since the commission of crime.

It is therefore requested that Hue and Cry Notice of above mentioned accused is being published for the information of Police establishments / Public in general having any clue related to the whereabouts / present location of above named accused, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact / Telephone numbers.

Description Roll:
Name : Pawal Kumar Sotra S/O Pardeep Kumar
Address : 16/359 Gali Hasli Guru ka Khoo, Taran Taran, Punjab
Age : about 27/28 years
Height : About 5'7"
Build : Medium
Complexion : Wheatish
Characteristics : Black Eyes, Black Hairs

Contacts/Telephone Numbers:
1. DPO, Jammu : 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578
2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D : sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
3. PCR Jammu : 0191-2542000
4. SP City North : 0191-2547038
5. SDPO City North : 0191-2566621
6. SHO P/S City : 0191-2545923/7051142550
7. Mobile No. of I/O : 9469001836

For Sr. Superintendent of Police, Jammu

DIP-7961

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(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

सिंडिकेट Syndicate

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MEGA E-AUCTION OF PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 UNDER RULES 6(2), 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank of respective branches will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is " E auction arranged by the service provider M/s CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED Contact: Mr. Pakhare DD (9480691777/8553643144).

Email id: eauction@cscl.co.in through the website www.indianbankseaauction.com, www.canarabank.com, www.tbapi.in

Sr. No.	Branch Name/ name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Brief Description of Property/ies	Possession Type	Total Liabilities in Rs.	Reserve Price (Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (Lakh)	Bid increase amount (Rs.)	Name of Authorised Officer & Contact Details	Earnest Money Collection A/c details along with IFSC Code of Branch	Date of E-Auction Date of EMD
20.	CANARA BANK BARWALA (1818) BRANCH, DISTT PANCHKULA, HARYANA M/s Mahinder Cloth House Prop Sh Mahinder Pal S/o Late Sh Jagan Nath Raiwari Road VPO Barwala Distt and Teh Panchkula Guarantor:- Smt Anita Rani, Sh Naresh Kumar	Vacant Plot at Mauja Sharell, Barwala, Hadbast no 246, Sub Tehsil Barwala, District Panchkula, measuring 6.5 marla in the name of Smt Anita Rani W/o Sh Mahinder Pal.	Symbolic	as on 22.04.2021 Rs. 50847.04 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery if any).	Rs. 8.50 lakhs	Rs. 0.85 lakhs	Rs. 1000	Ms. Teena Singh Ph. No. 7496918138, 9129498955 Mail ID: cb16189@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Barwala (16189) Branch, Dist. Panchkula, Haryana A/c No 205272946 IFSC Code CNRB00018138	15.11.2021 12.11.2021
21.	CANARA BANK SECTOR -11, PANCHKULA (18201) BRANCH, DISTT PANCHKULA, HARYANA M/s Mukul Cab Pvt Ltd having directors Mr Balwan Singh Thakur r/o H No 383 Ghatiwala Green Valley Kalka Pinjore, Pinjore 134102, and Mrs Mamta Thakur W/o Balwan Singh Thakur r/o H No 383 Ghatiwala Green Valley Kalka Pinjore, Pinjore 134102 M/s MNB Tour and travels having its partners Mr Balwan Singh and Mrs Mamta Thakur. Guarantor:- Smt Anita Kumari w/o Shakti Singh R/o Vikas Vihar Colony Raipur Rani Panchkula 134204 Guarantor:- Smt Neena Devi w/o Jaswinder Pal Singh Balthai Hoshiapur Punjab, Hoshiapur 144529	Plot in New Green Valley Ghat Wala Bilna, Village Bilna, Pinjore, Tehsil Kalka, Dist Panchkula vide 1. Sale deed no 2741, Khewat/Khatoni no 71/124, Khasra no 116(2-13) Share 15/1060(0-0-15) Khewat no 80/173 Min Khasra no 77(4-4) Share 37/1680(0-1-17) Khewat/Khatoni no 162/244 Khasra no 79(8-2), Share 88/3340(0-4-8) in the name of Smt Anita Kumari, Total Share :-7 Biswa. 2. Sale deed no 2742 Khata no 71/124 Khasra no 116(2-13) Share 7/1060(0-0-7) Khewat/Khatoni no 80/173 Min Khasra no 77(4-4) Share 37/3240(0-1-17) in the name of Sh Balwan Singh Thakur, Total Share :-3 Biswa. 3. Sale deed no 2743 Khata no 71/124 Khasra no 116(2-13) Share 10/1060(0-0-10) Khewat/Khatoni no 80/173 Min Khasra no 77(4-4) Share 28/1680(0-1-8) Khewat/Khatoni no 162/244 Khasra no 79(8-2), Share 64/3240(0-3-4) in the name of Smt Neena, Total Share :-5 Biswa	Symbolic	as on 22.04.2021 Rs. 3418470.10 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery if any).	Rs. 55.00 lakhs	Rs. 5.50 lakhs	Rs. 1000	Ms. Teena Singh Ph. No. 74969181301, 9129498955 Mail ID: cb16201@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Sector -11, Panchkula (18201) Branch, Dist Panchkula, Haryana A/c No 205272946 IFSC Code CNRB00018201	15.11.2021 12.11.2021
22.	CANARA BANK RADAUR (2055) BRANCH, DISTT YAMUNAGAR, HARYANA M/s Kanhiya Baidan and Crockery Main Bazar Gumhala Rao Tehsil Radaur Yamunagar 135133 Prop: Sh Panjaj Kumar s/o Sh Madan Lal VPO Gumhala Rao Tehsil Radaur Yamunagar 135133 Guarantor:- Smt Sudesh Rani W/o Sh Madan Lal VPO Gumhala Rao Tehsil Radaur Yamunagar 135133	Commercial shop having an area of 32.77 Sq Yards situated at Gumhala tehsil Radaur Dist Yamuna Nagar vide sale deed No.1021 dated 14/07/2015 measuring 32.77 Sq.Yards in the name of Smt. Sudesh Rani w/o Madan Lal Bounded as:- North: Shop of Harbans Lal, South: Gali Shaream, East: Bazaar Shaream, West: Plot of Somnath	Symbolic	as on 29.04.2019 Rs. 422817.89 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery if any).	Rs. 20.00 lakhs	Rs. 2.00 lakhs	Rs. 1000	Ms. Teena Singh Ph. No. 8572802055, 8572802055 Mail ID: cb2052@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Radaur (2055) Branch, Dist Yamunagar, Haryana A/c No 205272946 IFSC Code CNRB0002055	15.11.2021 12.11.2021
23.	CANARA BANK RADAUR (2055) BRANCH, DISTT YAMUNAGAR, HARYANA M/s New Surya Trading Co. Shop No 33 New Grain Market, Radaur, Yamunagar Mr Shamsheer Singh S/o Sh. Alma Ram V/P Colony, Near Radha Soami Satsang Bhawan Radaur, Yamuna Nagar Mr Bhag Singh S/o Sh. Alma Ram V/P Colony, Near Radha Soami Satsang Bhawan Radaur, Yamuna Nagar	Commercial Shop no 33 situated in New grain Market, Radaur Tehsil Radaur district Yamuna Nagar vide sale deed no 1994 dated 19.11.2012, measuring 188.88 sq yards. Bounded as:- North: Road and Fard, South: Gali Share-am, East: Shop no 32, West: Shop no 34	Symbolic	as on 09.04.2021 Rs. 4372956.13 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery if any).	Rs. 67.70 lakhs	Rs. 6.77 lakhs	Rs. 1000	Mr Armit Panhar Ph. No. 8572802055 Mail ID: cb2055@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Radaur (2055) Branch, Dist Yamunagar, Haryana A/c No 205272946 IFSC Code CNRB0002055	15.11.2021 12.11.2021
24.	CANARA BANK PINJORE (8021) BRANCH, DISTT PANCHKULA, HARYANA 1. Mr. Gurdas (Borrower) House no 23, village Raipur, P.O Chikan Tehl Kalka Panchkula, Haryana-134102. Mrs. Kashimio (Borrower) Wife of Tara Chand Village Raipur P.O Chikan, Panchkula Haryana-134102.3. Mr. Tara Chand (Guarantor) S/o Balak Ram Village Raipur P.O Chikan Panchkula, Haryana-134102	Land Measuring 00 Bigha 02 Biswas 10 Biswani Comprised In Khewat/Khatoni No 20/31-, Khasra No-94(0-11), 95(1-16), 96(0-16), Kite 3 Rakba 03-bighas 03-biswas Its 2/315 Share I.e. 00bigha 00 Biswas 08 Biswani Land And Ii) Khewat/Khatoni No 21/32 To 35, Khasra No. 97 Min(3-0), 97 Min (0-19) 97 Min (1-7), Kite 4, Rakba 05-bighas 17 Biswas Its 1-1/56 Share I.e. 00 Bighas 00 Biswas 15 Land Iii) Khewat/Khatoni No. 22/36-37, Khasra No. 101 Min (0-2-11), Kite 2, Rakba 04 Bigha 11 Biswas Its 23/3640 Share I.e. 00 Bigha 00 Biswas 11.5 Biswani Land And Iv) Khewat/Khatoni No. 23/38, Khasra No. 103 (2-0), Kite 1, Rakba 02-bighas 0 Biswas Its 1/160 Share Which Is Equal To 0 Bighas, 0 Biswas 5 Biswani, V) Khewat Khatoni No. 24/39, Khasra No. 312/104(0-10), Kite 1, Rakba 00-bighas 10 Biswas Its 3/400 Share I.e. 00bighas 00 Biswas 1.5 Biswani Land And Vi) Khewat/Khatoni No. 25/40, Khasra No. 313/104(3-8), Kite 1, Rakba 03-bighas 8 Biswas Its 9/1360 Share I.e. 00 Bighas, 00 Biswas 10 Biswani Situated at Village Abdulapur Hadbast No 115, Tehsil Kalka Distt Panchkula.	Symbolic	as on 09.04.2021 Rs. 13,97,489.91 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery if any).	Rs. 16 lakhs	Rs. 1.60 lakhs	Rs. 10,000	Mr. Upendra Kumar Pandey Ph. No. 88572820021 Mail ID: cb021@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Pinjore (8021) Branch, Dist Panchkula, Haryana A/c No 205272946 IFSC Code CNRB0000021	15.11.2021 12.11.2021
25.	CANARA BANK, KARNAL MAIN BRANCH, ADDRESS :- THAKRAL BUILDING, GOBIND NADAR NEAR SUBZI MANDI, DISTT.KARNAL-132001, HARYANA Kanchan W/o Harish Kumar (Borrower) H.No.- 177 Phadsagar Road Durga Colony, Karnal-132001, Haryana. Harish Kumar H.No.-1532 Shivaji Colony, Hansi Road, Behind SPS Public School, Karnal-132001, Haryana	All that part and parcel of the property Land & Building measuring 102.86 Sq. Yds. In covered area 500 Sq. Ft. I.e. Khewat No. 2086 min. Khatoni No. 3304, Khasra No. 1535 min. Vide No. 7352/1 dated 31-10-2017 registered with the office of Sub Registrar, Karnal in the name of Kanchan W/o Sh. Harish Kumar H.No. 1532, Shivaji Colony, Hansi Road, Behind SPS School, Bounded as under:- North- House of other South- House of Other, East- Road, West- House of Other	Physical	05.03.2020: Rs. 13,97,223.37/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery if any).	Rs. 17.00 lakhs	Rs. 1.70 lakhs	Rs. 1000	Prabha Dayal Meena Ph. 0184-2271861, 7496918250 Mail ID: cb18250@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, Karnal Main Branch, A/c No 205272434 IFSC Code CNRB0002434	15.11.2021 12.11.2021
26.	CANARA BANK, SIKRI BRANCH, 808, DELHI - MATIURA ROAD, 42 KM STONE, HARYANA- 121004 1.M/s Rawat Electricals Hardware & Sanitary Store Through Authorized Signatory Sh. Arjun Singh, V. P.O Seekri, Harfala Bhanakpur Road Near New Public School Pan BCAPS2584N Ballabgarh - 121004 Sh. Arjun Singh, V. P.O Seekri, Harfala Bhanakpur Road Ballabgarh - 121004 Guarantor 2.Sh. Rambir Singh, V.P.O Seekri Harfala Bhanakpur Road Ballabgarh- 121004	Commercial property M/s Rawat Hardware And Electronic Store, Harpal road, Near New Public School, out of kh/kh no 56/66 Khasra no 125(2-4) in M. Seekri, Ballabgarh 121004 Its outer four boundaries are:- North: Santosh South: Mangra Ram & Mem Singh, East: Other's property, West: Road	Symbolic	as on 05.08.2019: Rs. 27,80,251.13 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery if any).	Rs. 71.00 Lakhs	Rs. 7.10 Lakhs	Rs. 1000	Sudhir Kumar Srivastava Ph. 8572802033, 8572802055 Mail ID: cb5951@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, Sikri branch, Haryana, A/c No 205272434 IFSC Code CNRB0005951	15.11.2021 12.11.2021
27.	CANARA BANK, RADAUR BRANCH, DISTT. YAMUNAGAR, HARYANA (1) M/s Shri Ganesh Trading Co Through its Proprietor Rampal S/o Sh. Piru Ram, Shop No.61, New Grain Market Radaur, District Yamunagar, (2)S h. Rampal, S/o Sh. Amer Nath Village Khurdban, District Yamunagar, (3)Smt. Roshni Devi W/o Sh. Rampal Village Khurdban District Yamunagar.	EMT of shop No.61, New Grain Market, Radaur, Distt- Yamuna Nagar. as per sale deed no.1713 dated 27/01/2029 measuring 330.00 sq.ft. in the name of Smt. Roshni Devi.	Symbolic	as on 09.05.2021 Rs.2712294.40- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 15.10 lakhs	Rs. 1.51 lakhs	Rs. 1000	Mr. Armit Panhar Ph. No. 8830621834, 8572802055 Mail ID: cb2055@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, Radaur Branch, Dist Yamunagar, A/c No 205272946 IFSC Code CNRB0002055	15.11.2021 12.11.2021
28.	CANARA BANK, YAMUNAGAR BRANCH, DISTT. YAMUNAGAR HARYANA M/s Navyug Engineering Corporation, 5-Industrial Estate, Yamuna Nagar-135001. Prop:- Smt. Salinder Kaur, W/o Sh. Gurjit Singh, 5-Industrial Estate, Yamuna Nagar-135001	Factory land and building measuring 885.6 sq.Yards conveyance deed no.9342 dated 26.01.1993 in the name of M/S Navyug Engineering Corporation situated at plot no. 5, Industrial Estate Phase -1, Yamuna Nagar	Symbolic	as on 22.04.2021 Rs. 56,80,087.40 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 158 lakhs	Rs. 15.80 lakhs	Rs. 10000	Mr. Armit Panhar Ph. No. 8572802080 Mail ID: cb2080@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Yamunagar Branch, Dist. Yamunagar, Haryana, A/c No 205272946 IFSC Code CNRB0002080	15.11.2021 12.11.2021
29.	CANARA BANK BARARA (4747) BRANCH, DISTT AMBALA, HARYANA 1.M/S Madan Collection Prop. Rajiv Kumar Rajauli Road, Barara, Dist. Ambala. 2. Rajiv Kumar (Prop.) Rajauli Road, Barara Dist. Ambala.	Emt Of Double Storied Commercial Property/Shop On Plot Bearing Part Of Khasra No. 508, Situated At Rajauli Road, Barara Distt. Ambala As Per Sale Deed No. 2746 Dated 04.03.2015, Measuring 39.05 Sq. Yards In The Name Of Sh. Rajeev Kumar S/o Sh. Harish Chander	Symbolic	as on 15.04.2021 Rs. 11,42,183.63 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 46.00 lakhs	Rs. 4.60 lakhs	Rs. 10000	Ms. Teena Singh Ph. No.88572804747, 88572805000 Mail ID: cb4747@canarabank.com	Canara Bank Barara(4747) Branch, Dist Ambala, A/c No 205272946 IFSC Code CNRB0004747	15.11.2021 12.11.2021

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UNQUIET FRONT

India faces another winter of harsh forward deployment in eastern Ladakh. As positions harden, it may be for longer

HERE IS ONLY one silver lining in the war of words after the 13th round of India-China corps commander level talks on the Chinese incursions at the Line of Actual Control in Eastern Ladakh: The talks have not broken down altogether. Neither side has said there will be no more talks, and the Indian statement included the line that the “two sides have agreed to maintain communications and also to maintain stability on the ground”. The disagreement came over the Indian demand that China must vacate PP15 at Hot Springs in the Gogra sector. In July this year, the two sides had agreed on and carried out a disengagement close by at PP17, also known as Gogra Post. Like PP17, the one at Hot Springs does not offer itself to either side as a launchpad for a military strike. From a military standpoint, it is illogical that the People’s Liberation Army disengaged from one but is not ready to hear about the other, unless the idea is to signal an intention to let the situation at the LAC in Ladakh fester. It is intriguing that the Chinese statement after this round came from the PLA’s Western Command headquarters in Chengdu rather than from Beijing, as has been customary until now. The acrimonious end was definitely not in keeping with the recent agreement at Dushanbe between Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar and his counterpart Wang Yi that the two sides should resolve the remaining issues at the earliest. The Ministry of External Affairs said it put forward “constructive suggestions”, but the Chinese side did not agree, and did not come up with any “forward-looking proposals” either. The PLA accused India of making “unreasonable and unrealistic demands”.

India now faces another winter of harsh forward deployment in eastern Ladakh. And going by the hardening positions on both sides, it may not be just for one more year. Army chief MM Naravane has acknowledged that the rapid pace of infrastructure construction on the Chinese side of the LAC to the so-called friction points worries him and that it means the PLA are “here to stay”, and that this means India will stay there as well. It is even more worrying that India now has what he described as a “kind of LoC situation” along the LAC. The LAC is certainly quieter than the western front. But going by recent developments, at Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh where there was a minor stand-off between Chinese and Indian troops, and in Barahoti in Uttarakhand, where the PLA reportedly tried to make some incursions, nothing can be taken for granted.

The trust deficit between the two countries has increased even though trade between the two sides is clocking astonishing numbers. The limits of the Boycott China campaign stand exposed. The challenge for India is to keep pushing China for results at the LAC and a broader resolution of the boundary question via talks, and equip the military better to stand guard at the LAC.

ORDER OF REASON

Granting bail in UAPA cases, Assam courts push back against misuse of terror law, syndrome of process as punishment

IN A WELCOME pushback, the judiciary in Assam has granted bail to 14 people arrested under the UAPA for social media posts that allegedly supported the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. The courts were either not convinced that the prosecution’s case added up to a cognisable offence; or found the evidence insufficient to make out that the accused, even if they wrote an objectionable Facebook post, supported a terrorist organisation. In still others, they granted bail at the “motion stage”. In doing so, they cut short what has become a familiar syndrome of “process as punishment” in UAPA cases — prolonged imprisonment without bail, sometimes running into over a year, without even the commencement of a trial. It was this process that degenerated into a spectacle of inhumanity in the incarceration and death of Stan Swamy; and continues in the plight of public intellectuals jailed for over two years in the Bhima Koregaon case, and journalist Siddique Kappan’s imprisonment. The decisions of the Gauhati High Court and the lower courts in Assam are a welcome departure from the excessively harsh interpretation of Section 43D(5) of the UAPA following the Supreme Court’s 2019 Watali judgment, which held that courts must accept the state’s case without examining its merits while granting bail.

Earlier this year, the Delhi High Court, too, while granting bail to anti-CAA-NRC activists Natasha Narwal, Devangana Kalita and Asif Tanha, jailed for over a year under UAPA, had sounded a dissenting note. “In its anxiety to suppress dissent, in the mind of the state, the line between the constitutionally guaranteed right to protest and terrorist activity seems to be getting somewhat blurred,” it had said. Indeed, in the hands of a “strong” executive that governs with a heavy hand, that would rather “police” political disputes, draconian provisions of a law like the UAPA have been used, time and again, to squeeze out dissent and difference, to criminalise the protestor and the protest.

In recent times, the judiciary has a mixed record in coming to the defence of the citizen ranged against the might of the state. For instance, the Delhi HC’s attempt to raise the bar when it comes to bail under UAPA was met with a rap on the wrist from the Supreme Court. In this backdrop, the decisions by the courts in Assam are a welcome affirmation of judicial reason — and they must deter the state from turning terror laws into weapons against justice.

THE COMPLETE ARTIST

For Malayalam cinema, Nedumudi Venu set a benchmark for excellence that lives on

NEDUMUDI VENU, THE celebrated actor who died in Thiruvananthapuram aged 73 on Monday, was a complete artist. In over four decades and five hundred plus films, mostly in Malayalam, he performed every conceivable character on screen and, however small the role, left an indelible impression. For Malayalam cinema, Venu set the benchmark for excellence, a fact acknowledged by his peers Kamal Haasan, Mammootty and Mohanlal and younger artists such as Manju Warrier, Prithviraj and Parvathy Thiruvothu.

The artist was shaped by the cultural milieu of his village. Nedumudi near Alappuzha was surrounded by the waters of Vembanad lake and numerous rivers. The rhymes and rhythms that emerged from the vast paddy fields and several waterways as well as the classical performance traditions of temples contributed to his making as an actor. The theatre of Kavalam Narayana Panicker was the finishing school, where Venu excelled as the lead in plays such as *Avanavan Kadamba* and *Deivathar*. He was also associated with performances that took modernist Malayalam poetry to the streets, as a reciter, performer, and percussionist. Kavalam’s plays provided the entry point to cinema — G Aravindan cast him in *Thambu* in 1978. Soon, he became an integral part of Malayalam cinema, the favourite of a new set of scriptwriters and directors, including Bharatan, KG George, Fazil, P Padmarajan, Mohan, Lenin Rajendran, Priyadarshan, who started making films in the 1980s. They recognised his potential and found roles for him that varied from romantic lead (*Palangal*) to rustic thief and charlatan (*Kallan Pavitran*, *Thakara*) and comic hero (*Poochakkoru Mulkuthi*). He played father, grandfather, uncle, brother, husband, son, but no two characters of his were similar. As he aged, he kept evolving, compelling new script writers to imagine different roles for him.

Venu’s comic timing, his ability to transcend age and physique and live in the character endeared him to both filmmakers and audiences. Six Kerala state awards and three national awards are acknowledgement of his contributions as an actor. But Venu’s master class in acting extends to every single role, including in many forgettable films, that he got to play.

Big Tech and our kids

Tech giants have invaded terrain where family and school reigned. This poses challenges



KRISHNA KUMAR

DURING A RECENT discussion in the US Congress, it was frankly acknowledged that for the big social media companies, profit is a higher priority than children’s mental health. A whistleblower of Facebook, Frances Haugen, said that her former employer company is “operating in the shadows”. She also accused it of hurting children and harming democracy by promoting social divisions.

Haugen tried to reveal the technical depths of the problem that the young consumers of Facebook face. For instance, she tried to explain how the company entices its customers to linger on content, enabling advertisers to target more accurately, and so on. How far her audience grasped the complex details is hard to say, but they seemed to agree with her that the existing legal restraints on hi tech giants like Facebook will have to be tightened further. Such a hope has been entertained numerous times in the past.

As expected, Facebook’s public face, Mark Zuckerberg, quickly accused Haugen of drawing a “false picture”. Digital giants have habitually exuded full confidence in their ability to address any problem that parents and teachers might bring up on behalf of children. One among Haugen’s charges is the impact Facebook makes on its teenage clients’ self-image. This is also not a new charge. Interestingly, the damage it refers to has never been translated into compensatory amounts to which the victims should be entitled. Nor has an attempt been made to assess how much harder the teacher’s duty — to nurture children’s sanity and intellectual growth — has become as a result of their participation in social media.

The problem that systems of education across the world face is far wider. Maria Ressa, this year’s Nobel prize winner for peace, put it accurately in an interview she gave a year ago to the BBC. Listing the factors that led to the decline of liberal democracy in the Philippines, she mentioned the behaviour modification effects of social media and other offerings of the internet. She pointed out how manipulation of people’s minds is strategised to numb the capacity to distinguish between propagated narrative and reality.

Behaviour modification is an old theme in

Haugen has alerted the world to the scale at which false facts, hoaxes and rumours circulate through social media and serve as sources of profit for the companies that control these media. Her whistleblowing revelations are corroborated by Facebook’s own claims of clean-up activity. In a recent edition of Global Community Standards Enforcement Report, Facebook stated that it had removed 6.3 million pieces of bullying and harassment, 6.4 million pieces of organised hate speech, and 2.5 million pieces of self-injury content. Similar clean-up measures were taken on the photo-sharing platform Instagram.

training courses in the field of education. I am not surprised when it is mentioned as one of the aims of education. Other ways of looking at education have gained some space, but the lure of behaviourism has not faded. It received a sudden booster during the corona pandemic when the entire system of education embraced online teaching and pushed children into web wilderness. Few among parents knew how to perform their protective role. Even as schools closed down, the global Sadar Bazaar of digital offerings had finally, fully opened for India’s children.

Two salient questions directly concern education. One is how children can be protected from inappropriate content. Different varieties of such content — ranging from hateful material to pornography — are not just freely available now, its providers focus on children because they believe, along with many others, that “catching them young” guarantees long-range benefits. The second question is to save children from the effects of addiction to the digital media. When he was serving as education secretary, the late Sudeep Banerjee blocked the “one laptop per child” scheme because he was sure it would turn children into morons. He was worried about the addictive effects of digital inducement at an early age. The situation now is far worse than he could ever have imagined, and the pandemic has exacerbated it by compelling children to learn online.

Tech giants and their academic support armies have invaded the terrain where the family and school once reigned. Together, these two old institutions strove to protect childhood from predatory threats. Today, when digital industries have successfully invaded both home and school, no one knows how to protect children from exposure to things they ought not to see and messages they must not receive. Apart from pornographic material, there is falsehood and hateful propaganda of different kinds. Haugen has alerted the world to the scale at which false facts, hoaxes and rumours circulate through social media and serve as sources of profit for the companies that control these media. Her whistleblowing revelations are corroborated by Facebook’s own

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The West took a long time creating a template of protected childhood. Europe took almost two centuries to put in place the legal and institutional structures required to keep children safe from exploitation. The functioning of these structures depended on consensus between state and society, including industrial houses, over the vulnerability of childhood as a stage of human life. Despite the elaborate legal framework that now exists in Western countries and in India as well, it has not been easy to bring justice to children caught in social misfortunes of different kinds. Protecting children has become far harder in the digital era. Predatory activity apart, the injurious potential lurking in communication networks has greatly increased with children’s own participation in these networks. Haugen’s revelations point towards a reality the world has done its best to ignore since the advent of social media about two decades ago.

If Harold Innis were alive today, he would have added a chapter to his 1951 classic, *The Bias of Communication*. His study of global history had led him to the conclusion that culture is a function of modes of communication. Seen from his perspective, digital platforms subtly shape — and not merely transmit — the expression of human emotions and thoughts. Considering the vast scale of injurious hate-promoting content that the so-called “social” media are handling, it seems we are witnessing an incamation of humanity. In this incamation, grown-ups behave like urchins throwing stones at passing vehicles. Maria Ressa and Frances Haugen are correct in saying in their different ways that if this behaviour becomes profitable, it can’t be good for society and democracy.

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GROWTH FIRST

RBI is grappling with multiple challenges. For now, it has made its priority clear



LEKHA CHAKRABORTY

IN THE recent Jackson Hole economic symposium and the FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) meeting, US Fed Chair Jay Powell specified the likelihood of tightening US monetary policy by reducing the balance sheet of the Fed, and also a possible hike in the policy rate by early 2022. This has repercussions for the rest of the world, especially emerging economies like India. However, the recent meetings of the Monetary Policy Committee have revealed that the RBI has chosen not to be hawkish, given domestic growth concerns.

Pressure was mounting on the RBI to move away from its accommodative stance, not only due to the impending taper tantrum but also because commodity prices and energy prices are soaring globally. Central banks have treated inflationary pressures as “transitory”, attributing them to supply chain disruptions. The RBI is also concerned about inflationary pressures, though it did not join other central banks in raising interest rates. Any attempt to do so — to tackle a possible capital flight and spiralling inflation — can hurt the economic recovery. Therefore, the MPC unanimously decided to maintain the status quo.

But the RBI’s challenges go beyond the repo rate decision. As part of the economic stimulus, it had engaged in an emergency bond purchase programme to infuse liquidity into the economy. However, it has not announced anything specific about the liquidity normalisation procedure, except abstaining from announcing a further G-sec Acquisition Programme (G-Sec). Another decision to absorb excess liquidity was to tweak the monetary policy corridor — the space between the

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reverse repo rate and the upper bound of the overnight marginal lending facility. Tightening the corridor can reverse the “nudging” RBI engaged in by tweaking the reverse repo to help the pandemic-hit economy. However, there was no upwards revision in the reverse repo rate. The limited calibration was with regard to the cut-off yield of the variable rate reverse repo (VRRR), at 3.99 per cent now. The RBI has chosen to remain “accommodative” rather than moving towards a “neutral” stance.

Mounting foreign exchange reserves have increased the liquidity in the economy, and in turn, can increase high-powered money in the system. Operation Twist — the simultaneous buying (long term) and selling (short term) of bonds to postpone the refinancing risks — was another method to infuse liquidity, as a part of the monetary stimulus package to tackle the pandemic. However, there are now concerns about a delay in policy normalisation in financial markets. This is primarily because of the repercussions on the call money market with the overnight call money rates now being below the policy rate. Another concern is the impact of this liquidity on the possibility of fuelling bad credit.

The RBI is grappling with multiple challenges — global macroeconomic challenges, which can trigger a capital flight, inflationary pressures and an uneven economic recovery. In this policy dilemma, it has chosen to give priority to economic growth by keeping the rates status quo.

Pressure is also mounting to keep control on the fiscal deficit, which flared up to 9.5 per cent of GDP in the revised estimates for

2020-21. This is a tricky situation because any normalisation on the fiscal stimulus front is equally detrimental to the economy during a pandemic. When the efficacy of monetary policy, despite its heavy lifting, has been inconclusive, fiscal dominance is crucial. Steps towards controlling the fiscal deficit through expenditure compression can have negative repercussions on growth. North Block’s articulation that a high deficit during the pandemic can be substantiated through enhanced capital infrastructure spending is thus welcome.

To add to these policy uncertainties, the recent debates on “greening” the RBI have created controversies over the efficacy of the monetary policy reaction function to integrate climate change variables. The green bonds strategy can open up a political economy question that may limit the degree of freedom the RBI needs to maintain price and financial stability. Economists also suggest letting the greening of macro policy be “fiscal” in nature.

However, the assumption that climate change cannot affect financial stability has also been questioned by policymakers. Christine Lagarde of the European Central Bank, for instance, is vocal about greening the monetary policy. If these assertions are to be provided space, the operational independence of our central banks may need a relook beyond the narrow mandates of the monetary policy committee decisions.

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OCTOBER 13, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

ANTI-GRAFT CAMPAIGN

FIVE ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING the Citizens for Democracy and Lok Sevak Eangh, founded by Jayaprakash Narayan, decided at a meeting in New Delhi to launch an all-India campaign against corruption. This was in commemoration of Jayaprakash Narayan’s birth anniversary on Sunday. The meeting passed a resolution, prevailing on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to remove AR Antulay from the post of Chief Minister of Maharashtra. The other organisations which also sponsored the anti-corruption movement were the People’s Union for Civil Liberties, Delhi Voters Council and the Hindustan Andolan.

VISA ISSUE

THE GOVERNMENT HAS said that it was not involved at this stage in the issue concerning China’s refusal to grant a visa to the Speaker of the Arunachal Assembly, T L Rajkumar. Rajkumar is a member of the Indian parliamentarians’ delegation, which is to leave for Beijing later this month to attend a conference on population control. Answering questions, an official spokesman said the government was, however, aware that the Chinese government had refused visa to Rajkumar. The delegation has been told to take up the matter with the United Nations which has sponsored the conference. UN authorities were in touch with

the Chinese government in this connection, the spokesman said.

PURGE IN EGYPT

EIGHTEEN EGYPTIAN OFFICERS with “fanatic religious tendencies” have been dismissed from the army in the wake of Sadat’s assassination by Muslim fundamentalists, official sources said. The dismissal was the first reported move by the government to purge the army of religious extremists. “Eighteen army officers have been posted into civilian positions because of their fanatic religious tendencies,” said the statement released by official sources who would not be publicly identified.

THE IDEAS PAGE

Chatting with Corbett's Ghost

About tigers, walking in the forest and why he may not be worried if the national park doesn't carry his name



RANJIT LAL

FOR OVER 40 years, I've lived next door to a historical cemetery in north Delhi, so, let's put it this way: I have contacts with and sources in the netherworld. I was thus able to engage in an enlightening conversation with the spirit of the great Jim Corbett, on wide-ranging ecological issues — and particularly on what he thinks about the recent proposal to rename "his" park as the Ramganga National Park. Excerpts:

RL: This is a wonderful privilege, Mr Corbett: I've been reading your books since I was 14 years old and still have a copy of your *Man-Eaters of Kumaon*, which is now looking like it has indeed been mauled by a man-eater.

Corbett: Thank you.

RL: Mr Corbett, you left India in 1947, your detractors say, fled — because you didn't believe we Indians could manage without you Brits. But you'll have to admit we've come a long way since then...

Corbett: You know, I may be buried in East Africa but I left my heart behind in India.

RL: Mr Corbett, I last visited your park several years ago and was stunned by what I saw. Such progress!

Corbett: What do you mean?

RL: I mean when you drive along the Kosi River, you have all these glittering resorts, with jacuzzis, swimming pools, spas and gyms, cheek-by-jowl on the river-side of the road, belting out bhangra rap at jackhammer decibels through the night. There are custom-designed weddings where the bride and groom may arrive by helicopter, baraats of 1,000 drunks roaring up and down the road running over chital... And, on the other side of the road, you have the brooding, glowering jungle, dark and primitive. The diversity of India, sir!

Corbett: Ah yes, I'd heard about this. In my time it was just a simple beautiful landscape, which I tried to describe in my books.

RL: There was no tourism in your time either. Now it's all organised beautifully. You pay and it's delivered. Whatever you want: tiger, elephant, sambar, sighting almost guaranteed! The guards patrol the jungles, the ridges and valleys and report any sighting and within minutes, like dung beetles homing in on an elephant patty, Gypsies crammed with chattering, excited tourists land up begging for selfies with the tiger. Of course, precautions are taken and they are not allowed to put a foot out of the vehicle, and helipads may be built if VIPs wish to visit. Thousands of tourists throng Corbett every year and getting a booking to stay inside is virtually impossible.

Corbett: What? So how do people get a feel of the wild if they can't walk in the jungle?

RL: Oh sir, there's the Discovery Channel and National Geographic et al, all of which show footage of nature red in tooth and claw. You know with programmes called "Animal Fight Club"...? You get the picture...

Corbett: Uh...I think. What is the attitude of villagers towards the tiger these



CR Sasikumar

days? In my time both usually left each other alone. I think I wrote about how village women while collecting fodder would often see a tiger on the jungle path ahead and just wait for it to get across before going on their way. Even when the tiger would take one of their cattle they'd say "that's all right...the animal has to eat too." [He smiles] Though they did appreciate whatever compensation they could get. They were terrified of the man-eaters and so grateful when I took them down, poor beasts.

RL: These days, sir, everyone is in much more of a hurry. So, to encourage the tiger to cross, they might now shout and throw stones at it. Cow slaughter is forbidden, though tigers usually ignore this rule. There are even suggestions that we should try and turn tigers into vegans.

Corbett: Oh, that wouldn't work: Tigers keep herbivore numbers healthy, otherwise they would consume all the foliage and kill the forests, without which we'd be left without air or water. What's the situation with man-eaters?

RL: They are either lynched or, if trapped, get life imprisonment in zoos where people can get their cheap thrills by gaping and jeering at them.

Corbett [shudders]: What a terrible punishment.

RL: Ah sir, but these are not gentlemen tigers — these are rogues. They've either been shot at or harassed beyond belief or

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got into a tangle with a porcupine and have suppurating injuries, which is why they turned man-eater — as you yourself have explained.

Corbett: Do you now have a similar punishment for people who commit these sorts of "crimes"?

RL: No sir; usually only for those who don't. And you'll be happy to hear the kind of plans that are being thought of for the future: Expressways and elevated highways running through the park so people can zip through in no time, and watch wildlife through the sun-roofs of their SUVs... It appears that the ultimate goal is to turn our national parks into something akin to Singapore's famous "night safari".

Corbett: God help us!

RL: Sir, the park which you helped create was first called the Hailey National Park, then the Ramganga National Park and, finally, Corbett in honour of your good self. It was where our famous Project Tiger took off from! Now they want to change the name back to the Ramganga National Park: Your take on this? Do you feel insulted?

Corbett: [Heaves a huge sigh of relief, a look of hope in his eyes]. They have my blessings! I would never rest in peace knowing that a park of the kind you have just described is associated with my name.

RL: Thank you, sir!

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The era of utopian romance around tech businesses, when it was claimed that they were connecting people for the betterment of humanity, is long past."
— THE GUARDIAN

Why we need saboteurs

Revelations about corporate greed and government surveillance confirm fears about use of technology



AAKASH JOSHI

ON THE FACE of it, there is little that connects Joseph Marie Jacquard, a 16th-century French weaver and merchant, a documentary about Anthony Bourdain, the late chef, writer and TV personality, and whistleblower Frances Haugen's revelations about the degree to which Facebook is aware of, and causes, deep social and political harm. But it was Jacquard's success that led to Bourdain being resurrected. Coupled with what we now know about Facebook and government encroachment on individual rights, this act of transcendent necromancy should scare us all.

Haugen's revelations underline three basic points. First, those running social media are not ill-intentioned per se. But their moral ambivalence towards the consequences of their products and the agnosticism that is built into the design of the algorithms has made it so that they may as well be. Take, for instance, the effect of Instagram on the mental health of adolescent girls, or the role WhatsApp and Facebook have played in promoting ethnic violence in places as diverse as Myanmar, parts of Africa and India. Haugen has provided documents that show that the corporation that runs all three apps was well aware of these consequences — and yet, it did little to stop them.

Second, there is no "good" way, no market-based solution that offers a plausible way out. The apps are so deeply intertwined with how we live and work (just look at the crippling effect a seven-hour shutdown of all of Facebook's apps had on October 5) that a competitor is likely to fill in the space vacated by any one company.

Finally, it is naive to believe in any substantial form of self-regulation. Simply put, social media's entire architecture is based on maximising screen time and the data so collected. What the algorithm does is find what will keep people hooked the most, and for the longest — the actual content doesn't matter. Expecting social media giants to regulate the very thing that their profits are based on is like asking drug dealers to prioritise rehab clinics.

If self-regulation is out, is government regulation the answer? Unfortunately, the actions of even democratically-elected governments often inspire little confidence. Take just two recent examples — the Pegasus snooping scandal and the Arsenal Consulting findings. From both, it seems clear that for many governments, including ours, the use of technology to breach individual rights is not incidental to a larger goal — as in the case of social media companies — but an intrinsic part of how they function.

Forget the fact that the Government of India appears to be the only national government that has not been shaken by the Pegasus scandal. What is more significant is that governments can now deploy "zero-click" spyware that can easily bypass security mechanisms. And that such capabilities have been deployed against journalists, political friends and opponents, defence per-

sonnel, businessmen — citizens with an inalienable right to privacy and dignity. As Subhasis Banerjee wrote ('Guardrails of privacy', IE, July 27): "... what if a malware injection and surveillance attempt as sophisticated as Pegasus altogether bypasses the data protection architecture and regulatory oversight?... Pegasus was apparently also designed to self-destruct on detection attempts, though, according to the Amnesty report, it did not entirely succeed and left traces. While one always theoretically understood the possibilities, that such James Bond-like tools actually exist and are used by governments is certainly an eye-opener."

Unfortunately, the Pegasus scandal is only the tip of the iceberg.

In July 2021, a *New York Times* documentary, *Roadrunner: A film about Anthony Bourdain*, opened to near-universal critical acclaim. But director Morgan Neville's revelation that the film has snippets of dialogue in Bourdain's voice, created using AI after he passed away, has made many uncomfortable. In essence, it showed us how close we are to raising the dead: Between voice cloning technology, advanced robotics that is on the verge of creating human-like androids and the sheer amount of our personalities that has been poured into sites and apps, it will soon be possible to create a simulacrum of deceased loved ones. But fears about how leaps in technology can fundamentally change the human condition are not merely about esoteric life-and-death questions.

Imagine spyware as sophisticated as Pegasus that can escape detection, combined with the ability to create authentic voice and facial features. The dangers flagged by the Arsenal Consulting revelations — that evidence was likely planted on the computers of academics, lawyers and activists in the Bhima Koregaon case — become all the more frightening. What if a doctored video is used to jail activists? Or to establish the chanting of "anti-national", "seeditious" slogans?

Given that governments have at least as much interest in maintaining power as corporations do in making profits, they can hardly be expected to be impartial arbiters of the limits of technology.

Perhaps there really are no solutions to the challenges of the internet age. The apple has been eaten and the sin is so systemic that there's nothing to be done. Or, maybe, the response to the power of software lies in the first battles against it.

In 1804, Joseph Marie Jacquard invented the Jacquard Loom, which simplified and, to a degree, automated the weaving of complex fabrics. It was arguably the first software ever created, the progenitor of Facebook, Pegasus and voice-recreation AI. While those in power at the time — profit-makers and politicians — welcomed the Loom, others saw it as evil, as taking away jobs and agency. These objectors threw their wooden shoes ("sabots", in French) at the infernal machine. From the sabots came the first saboteurs and acts of sabotage. But these were also acts of assertion against a world changing — at least for them — for the worse.

Today, it is impossible to throw a shoe at the ephemeral global network. But perhaps, because of its ability to undermine democracy, agency, mental health, privacy and individuality, we need saboteurs more than ever.

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Powering the discom

Political will is needed to ensure turnaround in finances

STATE-OWNED DISTRIBUTION utilities (discoms) continue to be in fragile financial health. Their precarious financial position is due to the high level of aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) losses, the levy of inadequate tariffs when compared to the cost of power supply, and insufficient subsidy support from state governments. Their overall debt burden, despite the implementation of the UDAY scheme, is estimated to increase to around Rs 6 lakh crore in the ongoing financial year. Moreover, their annual cash losses are estimated to be about Rs 45,000-50,000 crore (excluding UDAY grants and regulatory income). And considering the highly subsidised nature of power tariffs towards agriculture and certain sections of residential consumers, the overall subsidy dependence is likely to be roughly Rs 1.30 lakh crore this year at the all-India level.

In its budget 2021-22, the Union government had announced the launch of a "reforms-based and results-linked" scheme for the distribution sector with the objective of improving the financial health and operational efficiency of discoms. Subsequently, the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme was notified in July with an overall outlay of Rs 3.03 lakh crore. This is inclusive of a budgetary grant/support of Rs 97,631 crore, spread over a five-year period. Under the scheme, AT&C losses are sought to be brought down to 12-15 per cent by 2025-26,

from 21-22 per cent currently, while operational efficiencies of discoms are to be improved through smart metering and upgradation of the distribution infrastructure, including the segregation of agriculture feeders and strengthening the system.

The scheme has two parts — Part A with an outlay of Rs 3.02 lakh crore, pertains to the upgradation of the distribution infrastructure and metering related works, while Part B, with an outlay of Rs 1,430 crore, is for training and capacity building, besides other enabling and support activities. Upon fulfilment of the pre-qualifying criteria and achievement of the basic minimum benchmarks, evaluated on the basis of proposed action plans by the discoms, they will be given financial assistance. Discoms and their state governments will have to sign a tripartite agreement with the central government in order to avail benefits under the scheme.

The action plan to be submitted by the discoms will be divided into two parts. The first part will contain an analysis of the reasons/root cause for losses, the steps proposed for reducing losses, the gap between costs and revenues, and the time required for implementing the changes. An inter-ministerial monitoring committee will finalise the "Results Evaluation Framework" based on the agreed-upon action plan, incorporating the result parameters. For this, the base year

has been set at 2019-20 and the path to be taken by the parameters that are to be monitored — AT&C losses, the ACS-ARR (average cost and revenue) gap, infrastructure upgradation, consumer service, hours of supply, and corporate governance — will be set up for the five-year period ending in 2025-26. Only those discoms that meet all the pre-qualifying criteria will be eligible for the release of funds. A loss-making discom will not be eligible unless it draws up plans to reduce its losses, approved by the state government and filed with the central government.

The second part of the action plan will comprise listing out the work plan for loss reduction and further strengthening of the distribution systems. The state/discom will be able to access funds for addressing infrastructure constraints in the distribution system. Priority will be given to work necessary for AT&C loss reduction.

As far as the agricultural sector is concerned, the use of solar power projects to supply electricity to these consumers through the agriculture feeder route is likely to result in savings. This is because of a combination of high tariff competitiveness offered by solar power, lower technical losses due to proximity to load centres, and the ability to meet demand during the day when sunlight is available.

A continuing area of concern affecting discom finances is the significant delay in the

process of tariff determination in many states. As of now, only 19 out of 28 states have issued tariff orders for 2021-22, indicating sluggish progress. In fact, tariff orders have not been issued for the past two years in Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Kerala and West Bengal. Further, there is upward pressure on the cost of power supply for distribution utilities, considering the dominant share (around 70 per cent) of coal in the fuel mix for energy generation, the strengthening of imported coal prices and the possibility of domestic coal price revisions by Coal India. As a consequence, a cost-reflective tariff determination process, coupled with the timely pass-through of power purchase costs, remains critical for the utilities.

On the whole, while the focus on improving the operational efficiency, and ensuring the financial sustainability of discoms is indeed welcome, timely implementation of the reforms is critical to achieving the milestones. In addition, the delicensing initiative proposed by the central government can effect significant changes in the distribution segment, facilitating competition and placing emphasis on the quality and reliability of power supply and consumer services. However, strong political will and support from state governments are needed to ensure movement on all these issues.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BROADEN CIRCLE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'European booster shot' (IE, October 12). In the contemporary geopolitical milieu, it becomes imperative for India to constructively engage with the other players on the global stage. Aligning itself with a few while ignoring the others is likely to do more harm than good. The importance of the smaller states, in terms of both their geopolitical and economic clout, becomes ever more significant in the backdrop of aggressive nations, like China, establishing their military and logistical facilities in countries like Djibouti (overlooking the Strait of Bab al-Mandab), Sri Lanka, etc., which act as strategically placed choke points. The South and the Central Asian region too is in a state of flux since the take over of Afghanistan by the Taliban.

Vinay Saroha, Delhi

ABANDON COAL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Spectre of shortage' (IE, October 12). The aphorism "act locally think globally" is a challenge to resolve the dwindling supply of coal for power plants. This has an impact on industries, including the production of electricity, given that coal combustion accounts for 40 per cent of global CO2 emission from energy use. Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Leaders' Climate Summit reiterated the government's resolve

to protect lives and livelihoods from the increasingly disastrous effects of climate change. An article, 'The future of coal in a carbon-constrained climate' in 'Nature' stated that the power sector must stop using coal without carbon capture and storage by 2050 if the Paris Agreement climate goals to be achieved. It also argued for expanding the notion of "just transition" by providing quality jobs, and equitably balancing the regional economic futures while limiting the adverse impact on consumers and energy-driven industries. There is an urgent need to seek alternatives for coal because its use is a recipe for the climate crisis.

LR Murmu, Delhi

SIMPLISTIC STUDY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Paying farmers not to burn crop will work' (IE, October 12). Yes, it will indeed work in the short-run, by the authors' own admission. Also, the cash transfer policy to discourage stubble burning might be effective, but in a hypothetical setting. It is likely that explicit biases in randomised control trials, and its implicit simplicity, used as the method to carry out their study, might have made the authors resort to quick conclusions. For, the problem cannot be studied by obviating the socio-historical factors.

G Javaid Rasool, Lucknow

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI
UGC: PhD not mandatory for associate prof recruitment

New Delhi: Citing the Covid-19 pandemic, the University Grants Commission (UGC) announced Tuesday that PhD will not be mandatory for recruitment as assistant professors till June 2023. In 2018, the UGC had stipulated that PhD shall be mandatory for direct recruitment from July this year. However, candidates from across the country appealed to the government to put the implementation of the rule on hold due to difficulties in completing their PhDs due to the prevailing circumstances. On Tuesday, the UGC issued a circular saying it has decided to extend the date of applicability of PhD as mandatory qualification from July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2023. A gazette notification has also been issued in this regard. **ENS**

Panel for school curriculum holds first meet

New Delhi: The national steering committee to revise school curriculum, set up last month, held its first meeting on Tuesday. Led by ex-ISRO chief Dr K Kasturirangan, the panel members met in the presence of school education secretary Anita Karwal and NCERT officials and discussed provisions of the National Education Policy 2020 and the expectations from the framework that will be developed within the next three years. **ENS**

100 schools to be affiliated with Sainik School body

New Delhi: The Cabinet on Tuesday approved the new system of affiliating schools to the Sainik Schools Society. As part of the move, 100 government and private schools, taking in students from Class 6, will now be affiliated to the society from the next academic year. The affiliated schools will work independently from the 33 Sainik schools across the country, and will push capacity from 3,000 students now to 5,000 additional students. Those who want their schools to be affiliated with the society will have to submit their proposals to the Ministry of Defence. The public-private partnership in education sector will help "tap into existing infrastructure available" with reputed schools. **ENS**

Karnataka: 2 groups clash after teenager teased by classmate

Bengaluru: A clash broke out between two local outfits in the Ilkal town of the Bagalkot district of Karnataka after a 15-year-old Class 9 student allegedly teased his friend for wearing a skull cap on Monday evening. Four people, including two juveniles, were taken into custody over the clashes.

Bagalkot Dy SP Chandrakant Nanda Reddy said, "The situation is under control and we have arrested four persons. Four others have been detained and efforts are on to nab others." **ENS**

WEEK AFTER REMOVAL AS ADVISOR TO J&K LT GOVERNOR

CBI searches Baseer Khan residence

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

THE CBI on Tuesday conducted searches at Baseer Ahmad Khan's residence in Srinagar on Tuesday, a week after he was removed as adviser to Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

The CBI conducted the search at Khan's residence as part of a probe into the fake gun licence scam, in which top J&K bureaucrats are allegedly involved. Khan had served as the dis-

Lakhimpur Kheri deaths: Driver of SUV in convoy arrested, say police

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 12

THE SPECIAL Investigation Team (SIT) probing the killing of eight people in Lakhimpur Kheri on Tuesday arrested the driver of one of the SUVs that was part of the convoy which ran over a group of protesting farmers on October 3, the police said.

While four protesters and a journalist were run over, three others were killed in the subsequent violence.

The accused, Shekhar Bharti, was behind the wheel of one of three vehicles involved in the incident, police said. They said it was owned by Ankit Das, a close aide of Ashish Mishra, Union minister Ajay Mishra's son, and nephew of former Rajya Sabha MP and UPA minister Akhilesh Das, police said.

On Tuesday, the SIT also took custody of Ashish Mishra, who is lodged in Lakhimpur Kheri jail. A local court Monday sent Ashish to three-day police custody.

In the morning, Ashish was brought to Lakhimpur Kheri Crime Branch office for interrogation. The SIT had decided to "confront" him with witnesses and question him at length on any conspiracy behind the incident. The SIT claims that more people may be called for questioning if they come across any conspiracy during investigation.

Besides Ashish, and now Shekhar Bharti, the two others arrested are Luvkush Pandey and Ashish Pandey. "We are yet to ascertain the motive behind the incident," an officer said.

On Sunday, the SIT had arrested Ashish for allegedly not co-



(Above) Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at the prayer meeting in Lakhimpur Kheri; (left) Ashish Mishra was arrested on Saturday. Vishal Srivastav/file

operating with the investigation.

On Tuesday, defence lawyer Awadesh Kumar Singh said, "Police had allowed us to be present at a distance when the questioning was going on." Singh also said he had filed a surrender application in a Lakhimpur Kheri court on behalf of Ankit Das, and another driver identified as Lateef. The court had sought a report from local police on the petition, he said.

In a release, Lakhimpur Kheri police said Shekhar Bharti, who is from Lucknow, was produced before a local court, which sent him to judicial custody. Police have sought 14-day custody, and the court will hear that petition on Wednesday, the release stated.

According to police, the SIT is trying to collect information on an SUV of Mahindra Scorpio make, which they say was part of the convoy involved in the incident.

According to the investigators, a Mahindra Thar vehicle, which belonged to Ajay Mishra, was leading the convoy. It was followed by a black Fortuner and a Scorpio. The Thar and the Fortuner were damaged and set on fire by angry people at the spot after the farmers were run over; those in the Scorpio had sped off, according to police.

"We have so far received more than 50 video clips from people, (but) none of them contains the Scorpio's registration number," a senior officer associated with the probe said. "One of our major concerns at present is to identify the third vehicle and its occupants. The four people arrested did not give any detail about the Scorpio."

In a video that emerged on social media last week, a man with injuries on his head is heard claiming that the black Fortuner belonged to Ankit Das.

Thousands pay last respects to dead farmers in Tikononia

ASAD REHMAN
LAKHIMPUR KHERI, OCT 12

AT TIKONIA in Lakhimpur Kheri, thousands gathered on Tuesday to pay their last respects to four farmers and a journalist who died on October 3 after a convoy of cars, one owned by Union Minister of State Ajay Mishra, ploughed through a group of protesting farmers. People came to attend the "antim ardhas [final prayers]" for the five men from Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, and Haryana.

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), which is leading the protest against the three farm laws, had announced the day before that a 'Shaheed Kisan Diwas' would be observed on Tuesday.

Prominent leaders such as Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) national spokesperson Rakesh Tikait, and RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary also attended the prayer ceremony and paid their respects to the five.

Swaraj India president Yogendra Yadav also attended the prayer meeting. Priyanka did not speak on stage as it was announced that politicians could not only pay their respects and would not be allowed to address the gathering. The farmer leaders thanked the politicians for sharing their grief and standing by the families of the victims.

OVERNIGHT ENCOUNTERS IN KASHMIR

Bihar man's killer among 5 militants killed: police

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

FIVE MILITANTS were shot dead in two separate overnight operations in south Kashmir's Shopian, which began Monday evening, according to police. Among those killed is a militant who was responsible for the killing of a street vendor from Bihar in Srinagar on October 5, they said.

The encounters took place when a joint team of J&K Police, Army and paramilitary forces cordoned off Tulran and Feeripora after specific inputs about presence of militants in the two villages.

While three militants were killed in the encounter at Tulran, two were killed at Feeripora.

"During the search operation at Tulran, as the presence of terrorists got ascertained, they were given repeated opportunities to surrender. [However] they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party, which retaliated, leading to an encounter. Due to darkness, the operation was suspended," the police said in a statement on Tuesday.

Early on Tuesday, repeated announcements were again made for the militants to surrender but they again opened fire on the joint search party. "In the ensuing encounter, three terrorists were killed," the police said.

The three militants were identified as Danish Hussain Dar of Kapren Shopian, Yawar Hussain Naikoo of Pahlipora and Mukhtar Ahmed Shah of Sindbal in Ganderbal. The police said they belonged to The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Toiba.

The police said Shah was involved in the targeted killing of Virender Paswan, a *paani puri* vendor from Bihar. Paswan was shot dead on the evening of October 5 at Lalbazar neighbourhood of Srinagar. After killing the street vendor, Shah had shifted to south Kashmir, the police said.

With Shah's killing, two of the four recent cases of targeted killings in the Valley have been solved, the police said. On Monday, they said, a militant responsible for the killing of a civilian in Hajin village of Bandipore



People inspect a partially damaged house at the site of the encounter in Shopian's Tulran village. Shuaib Masoodi

was shot dead in a gunfight.

In the second operation at Feeripora village, two militants were killed. "The search operation at Feeripora Shopian also remained suspended throughout the night and resumed in the early hours," police said.

Around 10 am, police said, contact was established with the hiding militants and they were asked to surrender. However, they started firing indiscriminately at the search party, leading to an encounter. "In the ensuing encounter, two terrorists were killed," police said.

The militants killed in Feeripora were identified as Ubaid Ahmad Dar of Kapren and Khubaib Ahmad Nengroo of Braripora. Both belonged to Lashkar-e-Toiba.

PTIADDS: Security agencies have identified a group of four militants, led by 25-year-old Basit Ahmed Dar from Kulgam, who they believe were responsible for the civilian killings in Srinagar last week.

Officials said the group was involved in the killing of Kashmiri Pandit businessman Makhan Lal Bindroo, who owned a chain of medical shops, school principal Supinder Kaur and teacher Deepak Chand. They said Dar had been under the scanner earlier also as he worked with Abbas Sheikh, the self-styled chief of TRF. The officials said security agencies gathered CCTV footage and joined the dots to zero in on the squad. Two of the other militants were identified as Mehran Shalla and Adil.

Forces still searching for militants behind Poonch killings

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

SECURITY FORCES are still looking for the group of militants behind the biggest shootout in Poonch area in 17 years, that left four Army men dead Monday.

Sources said that except for a 15-minute exchange of fire on Tuesday, there has been no contact with the militants, who are believed to be hiding in the dense forests along the Mughal Road that connects Poonch in Jammu to Shopian in Kashmir.

In a separate development, the police said they had arrested a Lashkar militant involved in the October 1-2 dropping of weapons using drones from the other side of the border.

Irfan Ahmed Bhat, of Verinag in Anantnag, was arrested from Mandal Phalan area in Jammu along the international border.

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu, Mukesh Singh said Bhat had confessed he was in touch with "handlers" across the border and was associated with the Lashkar. Singh said Bhat had come to Jammu to receive the consignment, which had been seized by police. The packet dropped by the drone carried an AK rifle along with three magazines and 30 rounds, police said.

Chhattisgarh: 300-km march to save state's 'lungs' from mining

GARGI VERMA
RAIPUR, OCTOBER 12

AROUND 350 people from tribal communities of 30 villages in Chhattisgarh's Sarguja and Korba districts have been walking for the last nine days to reach state capital Raipur. The march — of more than 300 km — is to register their protest against coal mining projects, and what they allege is "illegal" land acquisition.

"If we don't walk now, our children will have nowhere to live," Shakuntala Ekka, one of the protestors marching to Raipur from Madanpur said.

The march from Fatehpur, in Ambikapur of Sarguja district, started on October 3. It is expected to end October 13, when the protesters reach Raipur and seek meetings with Governor Anusuya Uike and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel with their demands.

The villagers have been protesting against the ongoing and proposed coal mining projects in Hasdeo Aranya region, which they say threaten the forest ecosystems — the state's "lungs". The region is rich in biodiversity and is catchment area for Hasdeo and Mand rivers, which irrigate the northern and central plains of the state.

According to Hasdeo Aranya Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, a joint platform of protesters from the two districts, despite their protests, six coal blocks have been allocated in the region, of which two have become operational for mining: Parsa East and Kete Basan (PEKB) block, and Chotia-I and -II block.

Another block — Parsa — has received forest and environment clearance, even as villagers alleged that land acquisition



Villagers have been protesting against ongoing and proposed coal mining projects in Hasdeo Aranya region. Express

process began without gram sabha consent. The protesters said land acquisition has also begun without consent of grama sabhas in three other blocks: Kete Extension, Madanpur South, and Gidhmudi Paturiya.

"Governments — both at the Centre and in the state — have been going against people. For environment clearance in Parsa, forged documents and wrong information has been submitted to the ministry," Umeshwar Singh Armo, a leading member of the Samiti, alleged.

On December 24, 2020, the Centre had issued a notification under Section 7 of Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957, giving thousands of villagers in the region a 30-day period to submit objections, if any, over rights on any parcel of land. On February 8, Union Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi said the ministry received more than 470 objection letters, including those from the state government. Joshi said that under the 1957 law, there is no "provision regarding any consent from Gram Sabha".

"Valid compensation under

regulations of The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and Chhattisgarh Ideal Resettlement policy 2007 will be paid," he had said.

Protesting villagers, however, said compensation is not enough. "Money and our homelands are not equitable; any amount eventually ends but our homes have been here for years," Armo said.

Of the two operational mines, PEKB is being mined by the Adani Group as Mine Developer and Operator (MDO) with Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL); and Chotia block is mined by Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) of the Vedanta Group. Parsa and Kete Extension blocks were allocated to RRVUNL with Adani Group as the MDO, and Gidhmuri Paturiya block to Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Limited, with Adani Group as MDO.

Madanpur South block has been allocated to Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation, with Aditya Birla Group as MDO.

Air India art collection likely to stay with govt

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

WHILE AIR India has gone back to its original owner, the Tatas, its art collection built by JRD Tata is still staying with the government. Officials said the deal entails only the airline and Air India's non-core assets, such as land, building and other belongings, remain with the government. Sources in the Ministry of Culture said they will try to expedite the process of formal handover and consequent display of

the collection in the Capital.

The focus shifted to the art collection in July 2018 when the proposed sale of Air India's Nariman Point building started to take shape. "The Maharaja collection", as it is called, has over 4,000 works, including paintings by legendary artists such as Jatin Das, Anjolie Elia Menon, M F Husain and V S Gaitonde. As per an understanding between the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Ministry of Culture back then, the collection is supposed to be handed over to the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA)

in Delhi as charity, without any monetary considerations since it was "just a transfer from one arm of the government to another".

The works haven't been opened for several decades after the airline's fortunes started dipping and they were packed and tucked away in the Nariman Point building storehouse. Some of the works from the collection have been lost, stolen or damaged over time. In fact, the management of the national carrier came under fire for not being able to protect this priceless col-

lection. In June 2017, artist Jatin Das learnt that his 1991 oil painting acquired by Air India, 'Flying Apsara', was for sale in the open market for Rs 25 lakh. Investigations pinned the blame on a former Air India executive and a complaint was also filed against him for stealing government property. Subsequently, it was reported that the airline was "examining how many more former or serving Air India officials could be in possession of such paintings".

In fact, as Ministry of Culture officials made several trips to

Mumbai between 2017 and 2019 to assess the modalities before a formal MoU could be signed and artworks could be shipped to Delhi, things got delayed because of authentication issues. A senior official, who was part of several such trips, tells the Indian Express, "We are trying to figure out if the artworks are original or duplicate... The collection is huge and expensive, it will take time." Now that the airline's deal is through, the Ministry of Culture plans to renew its efforts for a speedy takeover of the artworks.

3 Maoists killed in gun battle with security forces in Odisha

AISHWARYA MOHANTY
BHUBANESWAR, OCTOBER 12

THREE MEMBERS of the banned CPI (Maoist), including two women, were killed in an exchange of fire with security forces in the Tulasipahad reserve forest area in Malkangiri district, near the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border, police said on Tuesday. Their identities and ranks are yet to be verified, police sources said.

According to sources, the gun-battle lasted for over an hour. The Maoist strength was estimated to be between 15-20 members and

the group was being led by senior Maoist leader Suresh. No casualties were reported from the security forces' side.

Odisha DGP Abhay said the forces launched a combing operation in the early hours of Tuesday based on intelligence inputs on the movement of Maoist forces in the region.

"During the combing operation, the extremists, hiding in the forest, opened fire at the security forces. In retaliation, our jawans opened fire as well. Three Maoists sustained bullet injuries and succumbed at the spot," said the DGP.

6 DETAINED FOR GUJARAT GARBA EVENT ABVP demands suspension of 6 policemen, says leaders 'beaten up' at police station

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SURAT, OCTOBER 12

A DAY after six leaders of the Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) were allegedly detained over a garba event at the Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU) campus, members of the outfit on Tuesday handed over a memorandum to the Surat district collector, demanding the suspension of six policemen for allegedly assaulting its leaders.

According to ABVP members, they were conducting a garba event in an open ground near VNSGU boys' hostel campus on Monday evening when police reached there and stopped the event, claiming permission was not taken and Covid protocols were not followed.

After a heated exchange, police detained six students. The six leaders were

released late on Monday. They alleged on Tuesday that they were beaten up at the police station and their mobile phones were taken away.

On Tuesday afternoon, the ABVP leaders staged a dharna outside the VNSGU administrative building and later handed over a memorandum to Collector Ayush Oak, demanding the suspension of Umra police station inspector KI Modi, sub-inspector Bipin Parmar, three constables and woman sub-inspector NV Chaudhary.

Himalaysinh Zala, one of the detained leaders, said, "Inspector KI Modi and staff members beat us with wooden sticks in different rooms. They stopped when students came to the station..."

Investigating officer KF Baloliya said, "We have started an inquiry into the incident... Police police acted after getting a call about the garba event... We will take details..."

4 held at garba event in Indore released on bond

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, OCTOBER 12

FOUR MEN who were arrested after members of the Bajrang Dal objected to their presence at a garba event in Indore, were granted bail and released on Tuesday evening after they furnished bail bonds of Rs 50,000 each.

The four men, identified as Adnan Shah, Mohammad Umar, Abdul Qadir and Syed Saqib, were booked under Section 151 of the CrPc. While Adnan and Abdul Qadir studied at Oxford college where the garba event was organised, Mohammad Umar and Syed Saqib are said to have purchased passes to attend the event.

Additional Superintendent of Police, Prashant Chaubey, said: "The four men have been released on bail."

According to Adnan's uncle Sajid Shah, Adnan was a volunteer at the event. Sajid said Adnan was stationed at least 250 metres away from the main ground but a few members of Bajrang Dal asked for his ID. "Adnan told them his real identity, which is when they slapped him, caught hold of other youths and handed them to the police who arrested them. But one thing which all of us, including Adnan, are not able to understand is why were they targeted?" said Sajid.

Bajrang Dal's local coordinator Tarun Devda has also submitted an application to Gandhi Nagar police station demanding action against organisers of the garba event as it was made into a commercial event. Devda has also alleged that there were around 3,000 people assembled at the event while the permission was only given for 800 people.

Mundra port drug haul: NIA conducts searches in Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at multiple locations in the National Capital Region (NCR) in connection with its probe into the Mundra port drug haul case.

"Today searches were conducted at five places including residential premises and godowns at Lajpat Nagar, Alipur, Khara Kalan in Delhi and Noida in Uttar Pradesh in connection with the seizure of semi-processed talc stones with contraband drugs imported by M/s Aashi Trading Company, During searches, various incriminating documents, articles and items were seized by NIA," the NIA said in a statement.

Besides sections of the IPC and Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, the NIA has also invoked Section 17 (punishment for raising funds for terrorist act) and Section 18 (punish-

ment for conspiracy to commit terror acts) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

On October 9, NIA conducted searches across the country. The case is related to the seizure of 2,988.21 kg of heroin at Gujarat's Mundra port by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) last month. The heroin was found in two containers, which were declared as containing "semi-processed talc stones", that landed at Mundra Port from Afghanistan via Iran's Bandar Abbas Port, in the name of Aashi Trading Company of Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

The case was transferred to NIA on October 6. The NIA said it had registered a case in the matter following an order from the Ministry of Home Affairs. The NIA FIR has named Machavaram Sudhakaran, Durga P V Govindaraju and Rajkumar P as accused among others. "Pursuant to registration of the case, requisite actions as per law for expeditious investigation of case have

been initiated," the NIA said.

Sudhakaran and Govindaraju, a Chennai-based couple, own the company which was shipping the contraband. Govindaraju is the proprietor of the firm M/s Aashi Trading Company, registered in Andhra Pradesh's Vijayawada, that was importing the talc from a firm called M/s Hasan Husain Ltd. Rajkumar, from Coimbatore, worked in Iran and was allegedly "coordinating with foreign suppliers". Till date, nine people have been arrested in the case, including four Afghans and an Uzbek national, according to an release issued by the Press Information Bureau (PIB). All the arrests have been made by the DRI. The Narcotics Control Bureau and the Enforcement Directorate are also probing the case.

Last month, a special court for NDPS in Gujarat directed the DRI to investigate if the "Mundra Adani Port, its management and its authority gained any benefits" from the import of the consignment.

Sessions court upholds order to detain HIV positive woman in protection home

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 12

A SESSIONS court has upheld a lower court's order to detain a woman, rescued allegedly from prostitution, in a protection home for two years as she is likely to 'pose a danger to society' due to her HIV positive status, among other factors.


An appeal filed by the woman's father said she was ar-

rested in August under the Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act due to a misunderstanding. The plea further said that the magistrate directed her two-year detention in a protection home only because she is HIV positive.

The appeal further said the woman is an actor and her father is a police officer. It said that the family has the financial ability to maintain her and her detention in a protection home is not required.

"As the victim is undisputedly suffering from HIV, which can be easily transmitted through sexual intercourse, the setting of the victim at large is likely to pose danger to the society, due to which, the factual scenario in the case at hand is different from the factual scenario in the above authority relied upon (the HC order). The care and protection of the victim can also be ensured, by detaining her..." the court said.

HOME DEPARTMENT (PORTS & TRANSPORT)
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**गृह विभाग (बंदरे व परिवहन)
महाराष्ट्र मॅरिटाइम बोर्ड**
इंडियन मर्कण्टाइल चेंबर्स, ३रा मंजल, १४ रामजीबाई कामनी मार्ग,
बेलार्ड एस्टेट, मुंबई-४०० ००१
दूरध्वनी क्र. : ०२२-२२६५८३७५, फॅक्स क्र. : ०२२-२२६१४३३१


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Main Portal : <https://mahatenders.gov.in>
Departmental Portal : www.mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in
DIGITALLY signed E-Tender for following work is invited by Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai, from Registered with Government of Maharashtra in appropriate class and having experience in execution of Marine related civil works, for following work in B-1 Tender Form.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender in Rs.	Earnest Money Amount in Rs.	Blank Tender form amount in Rs.	Time limit for Completion of work
1	Strengthening of existing Vengurla Bunder Road (Ch-190m to 550m) at Vengurla, Tal. Vengurla, Dist. Sindhudurg.	3,92,06,968/-	3,93,000/-	2,360/-	18 Months (Including Mansoon)

The details can be viewed online and downloaded directly from the Government of Maharashtra E-Tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> on sub Portal of Home Department www.mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in from 13.10.2021 at 1001 hours (IST) onwards. The right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason is reserved.


Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai.

DGIPR-2021/2022/2316

**M.P. HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (2nd Call)
Online Percentage Rate bids for the following works are invited from registered Contractors/ firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria.

S. No.	System E-Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract & EMD & Cost of Tender form	Completion period	Date of Purchase & submission of bids	Date of opening of tenders Envelop A & B Envelope C
1.	2021_MPHID_163664	Construction of New Work, Renovation Work, Barrier Free and Development Work at Govt. Kamlaraje Girls P.G. College, Gwalior (M.P.)	Rs. 840.27 Lacs & Rs. 840500/- & Rs. 236000/- (I/c GST)	15 Months I/c Rainy Season.	Dt. 14.10.21 10:30 AM & Dt. 08.11.21 upto 17:00 PM	Dt. 09.11.21 17:30 PM Envelop A, B & Dt. 17.11.21 Envelope C

Full Details of above Tenders can be seen on www.mptenders.gov.in Amendments in NIT if any shall be published on Website only.
Email : eedn2hbngwl@mp.gov.in
<https://www.mptenders.gov.in> (S.K. SHARMA)
Visit us : www.mphousing.in E.E., Division No. 2, Gwalior
M.P. Madhyam/102275/2021  Tele : 0751-2470150

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**
Office of The Executive Engineer P.H.E Division Budgam
H.Q. Budgam.


NOTICE INVITING E - TENDERS:
Short Tenme- NIT No: 58/PIHE/Bud/Civil of 2021-22.
Pg. 1st

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir: Sr. E.E. (Public) are invited in Single Cover System on 'Item rate basis' from Registered/Approved/Reputed 18P (Tools & Plants) Dealers/Suppliers for the following works:
Table I

S. No.	Name of work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (in Rs.)	Amount of earnest money (in Rs.)	Time for completion (in Days)	Major head of account	Tender Call
1	Providing of Tools and plant items for field staff of PHE Division Budgam. (Part A)	2.38	200/-	4,600/-	5 Days	M&R	1 st
2	Providing of Tools and plant items for field staff of PHE Division Budgam. (Part B)	2.38	200/-	4,600/-	5 Days	M&R	1 st
3	Providing of Tools and plant items for field staff of PHE Division Budgam. (Part C)	2.38	200/-	4,600/-	5 Days	M&R	1 st

Position of funds - Demanded : Position of TS - Submitted : Position of AA: Submitted :
The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://uktdenders.gov.in>
From 11.10.2021 (10:30 AM) to 16.10.2021 (upto 4:00 PM)
S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT under M.H 0215 is to be placed in favor of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (as specified in the table II) (Page 10). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 90 Days after opening of bid. Bid will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam) on 16.10.2021 at 11:00 a.m. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day of the same time and venue.

Mo:- PHE Bud/4638-88
Dated:- 08.10.2021
C.D.P.E-10435021
(Er. Najeeb A Taimoor)
Executive Engineer, PHE Division Budgam.

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**
7TH CIRCLE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GOPESHWAR
E Mail- sepwdgope@rediffmail.com

No - 606/1 219Yatayat-7/2021 Dated 11/10/2021
E-tender Notice (Short Term)
Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, P.W.D., Gopeshwar invites bid ON BEHALF OF Hon.ble Governor of Uttarakhand by e-tendering under two bid system for the following works. Information regarding bid will be available from -16-10-2021 on <https://www.uktdenders.gov.in>.

S. N.	District	Name of Work	Amount on Earnest Money (Rs. Lakhs)	Cost of e-tender document	Validity of tender	Completion Period (in months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Chamoli	Improvement & Painting Work on Pokhari-Harishankar Motor Road (Km 4.85 - 9.15) in Badrinath Constituency of Chamoli District Under State Sector.	5.80	5000+ 18% GST	60 Days	18 month	Registered in State Govt./ Central Govt./ Public undertaking Category A for Road works.

Before opening of Bid upto 3:00 P.M., following documents to be submitted physically to this Office or Office of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, P.W.D., Pokhari along with On-Line submission of the same :-
1- F.D.R. of Earnest which must be pledge in the name of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, P.W.D., Pokhari and must be of financial Year 2021-22.
2- Demand Draft of tender cost and GST Separately.
3- Rs. 100.00 Non-Judicial Stamp paper duly signed and affixed Rs. 1.00 Revenue ticket for Bid Validity.
4- Required Category Registration Copy.

-Sd/
(Er. Mukesh Parmar)
Superintending Engineer
Seventh Circle, P. W. D. Gopeshwar

**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता,
वतुर्थ वृत्त, लोक निर्माण विभाग, देहरादून (उपम सिंह नगर)
Phone/Fax : 05944-240921, Mail- sepwdusa@gmail.com**

पत्रांक- 2824 / 23 एम-04 / 2021 दिनांक : 08 / 10 / 2021
राष्ट्रीय प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक निविदा (e-tendering)
महागण्डिम राज्यपाल उत्तराखण्ड की ओर से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, वतुर्थ वृत्त, लोकनिर्माण देहरादून (उपम सिंह नगर) द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा ई-बिड सिस्टम के अन्तर्गत निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा से सम्बन्धित सभी सूचनायें वेबसाइट <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> पर दिनांक 14.10.2021 से उपलब्ध होंगी।


क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	घरोरहर बनवाइ (ताख मे)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (रु. में)	निविदा की वेबसा (वेबसा)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	फर्म / ठेकेदार की श्रेणी
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	द्वितीय वर्ष 2021-22 में पाठ्यक्रमी घोषणा संख्या 38 / 2018 के अन्तर्गत जनपद ऊधमसिंह नगर के विधानसभा क्षेत्र नामकमला के अन्तर्गत ग्राम झानपुरगोदी के पीपलगोला (बरकीडाडी) फोटर नाम का निर्माण कार्य एवं फिनिशिंग पर 60 मीटर स्लान के आकरसीसी पीपलसीसी गार्डर पुल का निर्माण कार्य।	11.50	5000.00 18% GST	120 दिन	18 माह	मोन्द / राज्य सरकार के विभाग / उपक्रम में मार्ग / सड़क कार्य हेतु श्रेणी A/A+ में पंजीकृत

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR/CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
RAJAJI TIGER RESERVE, DEHRADUN, UTTARAKHAND**
5 / 1, Ansari Marg, Dehradun-248001
Phone : 0135 2621669, Fax : 0135 2620933
e-mail: director.rajaji@gmail.com

Letter: 1476/4-31 Dehradun Dated: 12.10.2021
Expression of Interest (EOI)
The Expressions of Interest are invited from the firms having interest and experience in field of landscaping and development of heritage sites to submit a project for the upgradation of Chaurasi Kuti in Rajaji Tiger Reserve. The details can be obtained from the office of Director/Conservator of forest, Rajaji Tiger Reserve, 5/1, Ansari Marg, Dehradun, during office hours or from the departmental website www.forest.uk.gov.in. The interest should reach to this office latest by 29.10.2021.

Director/Conservator of Forest,
Rajaji Tiger Reserve, Dehradun


**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**
7TH CIRCLE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GOPESHWAR
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
SN - 6050/ 54Yatayat-7/2021 Dated 11/10/2021
E-tender Notice (Short Term)
Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, P.W.D., Gopeshwar invites bid ON BEHALF OF Hon.ble Governor of Uttarakhand by e-tendering under two bid system for the following works. Information regarding bid will be available from 16-10-2021 on <http://www.uktdenders.gov.in>.

S. N.	District	Name of Work	Amount on Earnest Money (Rs. Lakhs)	Cost of e-tender document	Validity of tender	Completion Period (in months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Chamoli	Under State Sector Foot trek, surface repair & Railing Reconstruction work of Ghanghriya to Shri Hemkund Sahib trek in Joshimath Block of Badrinath Constituency of Chamoli District.	3.60	5000+ 18% GST	60 Days	18 month	Registered in State Govt./ Central Govt./ Public undertaking Category B & above for Road works.


Before opening of Bid upto 3:00 P.M., following documents to be submitted physically to this Office or Office of Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, P.W.D., Gopeshwar along with On-Line submission of the same :-
1- F.D.R. of Earnest which must be pledge in the name of Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, P.W.D., Gopeshwar and must be of financial Year 2021-22.
2- Demand Draft of tender cost and GST Separately.
3- Rs. 100.00 Non-Judicial Stamp paper duly signed and affixed Rs. 1.00 Revenue ticket for Bid Validity.
4- Required Category Registration Copy.
5- Above tender is being invited in the anticipation of approval from State Govt.

-Sd/
(Er. Mukesh Parmar)
Superintending Engineer
Seventh Circle, P. W. D. Gopeshwar

**NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY**
Corrigendum
E-Tender No. EL-MW-S-GKP-2021-22-09 of Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur (Electrical department) will be open on 21.10.2021 (15:30 Hrs) which was to be open on dated 14.10.2021. It may be seen at official e-tendering website <http://www.irops.gov.in> issued on dated 11.10.2021.
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/WS CPRO/EL-54 Gorakhpur
About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955

**DR. B. BOROOGH CANCER INSTITUTE**
A Grant-in-Aid Institute of Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India And a Unit of Tata Memorial Centre (Mumbai)
Gopeshwar Nagar, Gwalior-751016, Azam
No BECI-TMC/Equip-433/NIT/33/2021
Date: 12/10/2021
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Sealed tender are invited from reputed manufacturers and authorized agents having a well-established set up in India with good services background for the supply, installation & commissioning of 1.5 Tesla MRI machine on buy back basis at Dr. B. Boroogh Cancer Institute, Gwalior on buy back basis. For detail NIT document, visit Institute's website <http://www.bbcionline.org/tenders.php>. The pre-bid meeting for the same will be held on 27/10/2021. The last date of submission of tender is 13/12/2021.
Director

NOTICE No: DUBA/Cons/434/MR/2021- (256) dated 07/10/2021.
Mr. SAMIR ARVIND SHAH
S/o SHAH ARVIND PRABHUJAS,
Resident of 202, Highland Heritage CST 427, M G Road, Kandivali west, Mumbai 400067 MS, Present Address: B 3001, Alaymark Bldg, Al Nahda, Sharjah, UAE, and
Miss POOJA CHADHA, D/o NARINDER CHADHA, Resident of Girls Hostel, DAVC Dental College, Yamuna Nagar, 135001, Present Address: Flat No 301, AB Plaza 8, Al Mamzar, Dubai, UAE. Above mentioned Indian Nationals are presently residing in the UAE, have given notice of intended marriage between them under the Foreign Marriages Act, 1969, if anyone has any objection to the proposed marriage, he/ she should file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the Act/ Rules within THIRTY days from the date of publication of this notice.
sd/-
Jitender Singh Negi,
Marriage Officer, Consulate General of India, P.O. Box 737, Dubai, UAE.
Fax No.: 0097143970453
Email: cons1.dubai@mea.gov.in, cons3.dubai@mea.gov.in
Homepage: www.cgindia.gov.in

**Office of the Director General, Medical Health & F.W.,**
Danda Lakhotund, Sahasradhara Road, P.O. Gujra, Dehradun, Uttarakhand
email: dghealth.uttarakhand@gmail.com Phone no: 0135-2608763 Fax no: 0135-2608746
Bid Identification No.: 15P/Store/25/2021/ 22536 Dated: 12-10-2021
Government of Uttarakhand "e" procurement e- tender Notice

1. Name of the Work: Supply of General Ultrasound System under Quantity Contract For various hospitals in Uttarakhand as per details given in tender notice on <https://uktdenders.gov.in> in portal.
2. Date & Time of availability of bid documents in the portal: 12-10-2021 at 3:00 PM
3. Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting: 18-10-2021 at 3:00 PM.
4. Last Date and Time for receipt of bids in the portal: 26-10-2021 at 3:00 PM.
5. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting the Bid: Director General, MH & FW Uttarakhand, Dehradun
6. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website <https://uktdenders.gov.in>
7. Portal Registration: The contractor/bidder intending to participate in the bid is required to register in the portal using his/her active personal/official email id as his/her Login id and attach his/her valid digital signature certificate (DSC) to his/her unique login id.
For any other queries the bidders are asked to contact through e-mail cmsd.uk@gmail.com
Director General
Medical Health & FW, Uttarakhand, Dehradun

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TENDER NOTICE
SRDEN/HQ/MB acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders Nos. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No. Date	86-DRM-MB-21-22 Date: 06.10.2021
Name of work	Safety related miscellaneous track activities in the section of SSE/P. Way/MB under ADEN/HQ/ MB.
Tender Closing Date, Time	04/11/2021, 16.00 Hrs.
Advertised Value (Rs.)	59,06,925.25
Earnest Money (Rs.)	0.00
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	0.00
Bidding Start Date	21.10.2021
Period of Completion	12 months
No.: 75-W/2/3/WA/Publication Dated: 11.10.2021	2324/2021
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GOLD

₹46,286



RUPEE

₹75.52



OIL

\$82.61



SILVER

₹60,369

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of October 11

SENSEX: 60,284.31 ▲ 148.53 (0.25%) NIFTY: 17,991.95 ▲ 46.00 (0.26%) NIKKEI: 28,230.61 ▼ 267.59 HANG SENG: 24,962.59 ▼ 362.50 FTSE: 7,113.92 ▼ 32.93 DAX: 15,140.88 ▼ 58.26

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
CIVIL AVIATION

Post NOC, what's next for Akasa amid industry turbulence?

PRANAV MUKUL

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

RAKESH JHUNJHUNWALA-BACKED aviation venture SNV Aviation, which is planning an airline under the Akasa brand, has received a no-objection certificate (NOC) from the Civil Aviation Ministry. Akasa, which plans to operate as a low-cost carrier or an ultra-low-cost carrier (ULCC), expects to launch services by summer next year.

What is Akasa?

Jhunjunwala, who will hold a 40 per cent stake in the company, has onboarded aviation industry veterans such as former Jet Airways CEO Vinay Dube and ex-IndiGo president Aditya Ghosh to run the airline. While Dube is the CEO of the airline, Ghosh is ex-

pected to be on the board as Jhunjunwala's nominee. The investor will pump in \$35 million and plans to have a fleet of 70 planes over the next four years. The airline said it plans to offer flights across India starting in the summer of 2022.

How is India's airline space shaped?

Currently, InterGlobe Aviation Ltd-run budget airline IndiGo is India's largest carrier with over half the share in the domestic passenger market, followed by Air India, SpiceJet, GoAir, Vistara and AirAsia India. GoAir, which has filed papers for its initial public offering (IPO), recently rebranded itself to GoFirst and plans to revamp its business model to become a ULCC.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

'REJECTED DEAL CITING GOVERNANCE CONCERNS'

Invesco tried for merger of ZEEL with large Indian group: Goenka

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 12

IN A new twist to the ongoing battle for the control of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL), the company on Tuesday revealed that Invesco Developing Markets Fund pushed for the merger of ZEEL with a large Indian group (strategic group) as early as February this year.

However, ZEEL MD and CEO Punit Goenka said he rejected the deal citing "governance concerns".

As per the deal presented to Goenka, after completion of the merger, the "strategic group" would have held a majority stake in the merged entity and Goenka would have been appointed as the MD & CEO of the merged entity, ZEEL said. "Punit Goenka expressed his apprehension to Invesco that as the merging entities of the strategic group were overvalued, it would result in a loss to the stakeholders of the company," the company said in an exchange filing. ZEEL said a deal was presented by Aroon Balani and

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Bhavtosh Vajpayee, representatives of Invesco, to Goenka in February 2021, involving the merger of the company and certain entities owned by the strategic group.

However, ZEEL did not disclose the name of the strategic group which is believed to be strong player in the media and entertainment business. "In my view, the valuation attributed to the entities belonging to the strategic group was inflated by at least Rs 10,000 crore. When I conveyed the reasons to Balani and Vajpayee, I was told that that the deal would be consummated with or without me even though they believed that I was best suited to lead the merged company," Goenka said in a note to the ZEEL board.

"Balani and Vajpayee maintained that I should have no objections to the deal for the following reasons: no dilution for the promoter group as the promoter group would get additional shares to retain its existing 3.99 per cent even in the merged entity and additional 4 per cent stake would be issued through ESOPs in the merged entity," Goenka said in the note. "This would result in total promoter shareholding of 7-8 per cent at no cost to promoter group or me and I would continue to run the business as the MD and CEO of the merged entity," he said.

According to Goenka, Invesco's stance in their Open Letter, released on Monday, that they "will firmly oppose any strategic deal structure that unfairly rewards select shareholders, such as the promoter family, at the expense of ordinary shareholders", runs contrary to the very deal Invesco was proposing itself a few months ago. Invesco had last month sought an EGM for the removal of Goenka and appoint six directors as the deal with the strategic group apparently failed to materialise.

"On account of governance concerns in relation to the deal and considering my fiduciary duties to the board and shareholders of the company, I expressed my inability to take the deal to the board and other stakeholders of the company," Goenka said in the note to the ZEEL board.

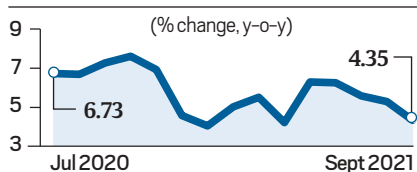
"During our discussions, in lieu of stock options, I offered that the promoter group would infuse additional cash in the merged entity against which the merged entity would issue warrants to the promoter group, at the same value which the strategic group attributed to the company," he said. This proposal was rejected by Invesco.

"I believe that the manner in which Invesco conducted itself leads to violations of various laws including securities laws. At an appropriate stage, various regulatory and investigating authorities may also need to be involved," Goenka said. Meanwhile, shares of Network18 Media and Investments jumped 20 per cent to Rs 73.05 on Tuesday amid speculation about an impending merger deal.

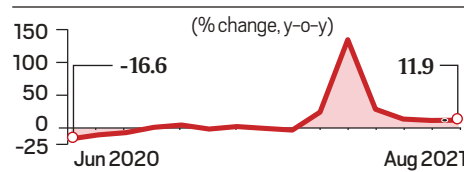
Retail inflation eases in Sept; Aug industry output rises

Retail inflation fell to a 5-month low to 4.35% in September on lower food prices, and industrial output grew 11.9% in August on low base, National Statistics Office (NSO) data showed

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)



INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (IIP)



Centrum, BharatPe get licence to set up Small Finance Bank

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 12

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has issued a Small Finance Bank (SFB) licence to the consortium of Centrum Financial Services, the small business lending arm of the Centrum Group, and Resilient Innovations Private Limited (BharatPe), a fintech company. "A new bank license has been issued after a gap of nearly 6 years, and we thank the RBI for the confidence shown in the abilities of Centrum and BharatPe," Centrum said. The new SFB has been incor-

Rajnish Kumar is BharatPe Chairman

Mumbai: Rajnish Kumar, former chairman of State Bank of India, has joined the board of fintech firm BharatPe as its chairman. **ENS**

porated as 'Unity Small Finance Bank', it said.

"Unity as a name has tremendous significance on many counts for both Centrum and BharatPe. It is the first time ever that two partners are uniting equally to build a

Bank," it said in an exchange filing. The proposed business model is one of collaboration and open architecture, it said. Centrum's MSME and microfinance businesses will be merged into Unity Small Finance Bank.

Jaspal Bindra, executive chairman, Centrum Group, said "We are delighted to receive the license and excited to partner with BharatPe to create this new age bank, with a strong team. We aspire to be India's first digital bank." "We will ... capture this opportunity and build India's first truly Digital Bank ground up," said Ashneer Grover, co-founder and MD, BharatPe.

FROM OCTOBER 18

Domestic flights: As demand soars, govt lifts capacity curbs

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

THE MINISTRY of Civil Aviation on Tuesday allowed airlines to operate 100 per cent of their scheduled capacity October 18 onwards, removing a key restriction imposed when domestic flight operations resumed in May 2020 after a two-month lockdown. However, restrictions on fare bands continues to be in place.

"After a review of the current status of scheduled domestic operations vis-a-vis passenger demand for air travel ... it has been decided to restore the scheduled domestic air operations with effect from 18.10.21 without any capacity restriction. The airlines/airport operators shall, however, ensure that the guidelines to contain the spread of COVID are strictly adhered to and COVID appropriate behaviour is strictly enforced by them during the travel," the ministry noted in an order.

Currently, airlines are operating at a capacity of 85 per cent. It was gradually relaxed to this level following the 33 per cent cap in May 2020 and a slight dip in al-



File

lowed capacity during the second wave of Covid-19 in the country.

On October 10, domestic passenger numbers clocked at 3.04 lakh, crossing the 3 lakh per day mark for the first time since February 28 this year, when 3.14 lakh passengers had traveled on domestic flights. Industry executives have pointed out that the capacity restrictions were well past serving their purpose, and this comes as a positive for the industry ahead of the festival season.

"We are already witnessing significant demand for forward bookings for the upcoming season, and the industry is operating at a 70 per cent plus capacity for the last few days, so it was expected that the government would relax the restrictions. But it's also about time the fare bands are done away with. These restrictions were brought in to prevent

airlines from overheating and selling far below costs after the lockdown was lifted but there's real demand now and a fare floor and a ceiling make no sense," an executive at a low-cost airline said. India's two biggest airports, Delhi and Mumbai, have also geared up for the rebound in air traffic by announcing reopening of terminals. Delhi Airport said operations at Terminal 1 would resume from October 31, almost 18 months after closure, with IndiGo and SpiceJet. Mumbai Airport, which saw chaos and flight delays last week on account of sudden rise in traffic, prepone the resumption of its Terminal 1 to Wednesday from the earlier date of October 20.

IndiGo said, "We are pleased with government's decision to allow airlines to operate with full capacity without any restrictions from October 18. It is a welcome move as we believe that with recent pent-up demand combined with the upcoming festive season, it will be great to operate flights on pre-pandemic levels. We are quite bullish about the overall growth and demand for domestic travel." Full report on www.indianexpress.com

TPG Rise, ADQ to invest \$1 bn in Tata Motors EV unit

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 12

TATA MOTORS Ltd (TML) and TPG Rise Climate on Tuesday entered into a binding agreement whereby TPG Rise Climate along with its co-investor ADQ of Abu Dhabi have proposed to invest \$1 billion (Rs 7,500 crore) in the proposed electric mobility subsidiary of Tata Motors.

TPG Rise Climate along with co-investors will invest in compulsory convertible instruments to secure between 11 per cent to 15 per cent stake in this company translating to an equity valuation of up to \$9.1 billion.

The new electric vehicle (EV) company will leverage all existing investments and capabilities of Tata Motors and will channelise the future investments into electric vehicles, dedicated BEV platforms, advanced automotive technologies and catalyse investments in charging infrastructure and battery technologies. Over the next 5 years, this company will create a portfolio of 10 EVs and in association with Tata Power, catalyse the creation of a widespread charging infrastructure to facilitate rapid EV adoption in India.

The electric vehicle subsidiary will invest in excess of Rs 16,000 crore over the next 5 years in prod-



"... committed to play a leading role in the government's vision to have 30% EV penetration rate by 2030"

N CHANDRASEKARAN
CHAIRMAN, TATA MOTORS

ucts, platforms, drive trains, dedicated EV manufacturing, charging infrastructure and advanced technologies.

N Chandrasekaran, Chairman Tata Motors, said, "I am delighted to have TPG Rise Climate join us in our journey to create a market-shaping electric passenger mobility business in India. We will continue to proactively invest in exciting products that delights customers while meticulously creating a synergistic ecosystem. We are excited and committed to play a leading role in the Government's vision to have 30 per cent electric vehicles penetration rate by 2030."

RBI bars audit firm Haribhakti & Co for 2 yrs

Mumbai: The RBI has debarred auditing firm Haribhakti & Co from undertaking any audit assignments in any entities regulated by the RBI for two years from April 1, 2022. It is the first case of a CA firm debarment under section 45MAA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Haribhakti was the auditor for Srei Infrastructure Finance and Srei Equipment Finance. **ENS**



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I.A.S. Association Building, Near Patna Airport, Patna-14.

POST GRADUATE DENTAL ADMISSION COUNSELLING (PGDAC)-2021 for MDS in Govt./ Private Dental colleges of Bihar

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Advt. No.- BCECEB(PGDAC)-2021/02 Dated : 12.10.2021

NOTICE

The list of candidates of NEET-MDS 2021 which has been provided by National Board of Examination (NBE) through Health Department, Govt. of Bihar to the BCECEB Board has been uploaded on Board's website (bceceboard.bihar.gov.in).

Online application in prescribed form from the qualified, eligible & interested NEET-MDS 2021 candidates for admission to First year of the different Post Graduate Degree / Diploma courses in Govt./ Private Dental colleges of Bihar State are invited on the basis of the above mentioned list for appearing in the FIRST YEAR of the following Post Graduate Degree/ Diploma Courses for the session 2021;

- (i) MDS Course in Govt. Dental College i.e. Patna Dental College, Patna.
- (ii) MDS Course in Private Dental Colleges viz. Mithila Minority Dental College & Hospital, Darbhanga and Buddha Institute of Dental Science, Kankarbagh, Patna.

2. The online Registration and submission of Application Form will start from 13.10.2021 and close on 18.10.2021 (10.00 P.M.).

3. Eligibility criteria for counselling, Fee payment procedure, instructions and other details are available in the prospectus of PGDAC-2021 and the related detailed Advertisement No. BCECEB(PGDAC)-2021/01 Dated 12.10.2021 which can be downloaded from the Board's website : bceceboard.bihar.gov.in.

Controller of Examination

PowerMin allows utilities to import 10% coal to ease supply issues

States selling power instead of supplying consumers may have it 'reallocated': Govt

KARUNJIT SINGH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

THE POWER Ministry on Tuesday allowed power producers using domestic coal to import up to 10 per cent of their coal requirement to boost low stocks, sources said. The move could bolster coal inventory at thermal power plants within a week, they added.

India's coal fired power plants are facing severe shortage, with an average of just 4 days of inventory against a recommended level of 15-30 days, due to a sharp uptick in power demand and supply side issues caused by monsoon rains.

"We have allowed that they (power generators) use imported coal for blending upto 10 per cent," a government official said, noting that despite elevated international coal prices, this level of blending would only lead to a 20-22 paise per unit (kilowatt-hour) rise in the price of power. The official noted that power generation companies could sell power on exchanges or agree to higher rates with buyers under power purchase agreements (PPAs) to pass on the cost to distribution companies (discoms) that are currently trying to meet any shortfall in power supply by buying power on exchanges. In 2020, the Centre had advised generating companies to cut coal imports. Global coal prices are hitting record highs due to a coal shortage in China.

Purchase bids on the Day Ahead Market (DAM) on the India Energy Exchange (IEX) on October 12 were for 430,778 MWh (megawatt hour) up from 174,373 MWh a month ago. Purchase bids far outstripped supply leading to the average market clearing price Rs 15.85 per unit up from Rs 2.35 per unit a month ago.

"Normally it takes 20-25 days (to get imported coal), but if there are some ships on the move and generators can contact them and get it earlier also, potentially in seven days," the official said, noting that the sharp uptick in power demand was expected to cool off in the second half of the month, easing the pressure on coal stocks.

Separately, the Centre said on Tuesday that it had observed that some states were imposing load shedding in some areas and selling power on exchanges at higher



Power plants are facing severe coal shortage due to rise in power demand and supply issues due to rains. **File**

Trying to raise coal supply to 2 MT/day: Joshi

New Delhi: Union Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi said Tuesday the government is making full efforts to meet power producers' coal demand and stressed that steps are being taken to ramp up coal supply to 2 million tonnes per day, from the current overall dispatch of 1.95 MT per day. **PTI**

prices. Referencing the 15 per cent generation capacity of central generating stations that is left as "unallocated power," it said that states found selling power on exchanges or not scheduling unallocated power may have their unallocated power "temporarily reduced or withdrawn and reallocated to other states."

A number of states, including Delhi, have raised the issue of potential blackouts as a result of low coal inventory at thermal power plants. The Central government, however, said on Tuesday that there had been no power outages in Delhi due to power shortage, adding that NTPC and Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) had been directed to supply the declared capacity under PPAs with Delhi to ensure that discoms in the Capital get adequate supply.

In a tweet, NTPC noted that Delhi discoms scheduled only 70 per cent of the power made available by NTPC between October 1 and October 11. Discoms can requisition less than the normative capacity available to them under legacy PPAs, favouring purchases from alternative sources which may be more economical.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 26/2021-22/KWA/PHC/D3/TVM. State Plan-2021-22- Preparation of Detailed Project Report for the work "Desilting of Aruvikkara Dam - Reservoir" in Thiruvananthapuram district. EMD : Rs. 50,000. Tender fee : Rs. 5,000/- . Last Date for submitting Tender : 15-11-2021 03:30:pm. Phone : 0471-2322303. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.
KWA-JB-GL-6-415-2021-22
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MAHARSHI DAYANAND SARASWATI UNIVERSITY, AJMER
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Applications are invited on plain paper along with Curriculum Vitae for the post of Chair Professor, Maharshi Dayanand Chair (UGC) along with demand draft of Rs. 1000/- in favour of Director, Maharshi Dayanand Shodh Peeth, M.D.S. University, Ajmer. The application should reach the Director, Maharshi Dayanand Shodhpeeth, M.D.S. University, Ajmer within 15 days of publication of this advertisement. The application should be accompanied with a proposed vision statement and an Action Plan which would focus on the future development of Maharshi Dayanand Chair for the next 5 years. Please visit <https://www.mdsuajmer.ac.in/> for qualifications and other details.
DIRECTOR, DAYANAND SHODH PEETH REGISTRAR

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IT-ATM Department, State Bank of India, Global IT Centre, 2nd Floor, MTNL Building, Sector 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
State Bank of India has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Consultant as Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) for PCI DSS Certification (RFP No. SBI/GITC/IT-ATM/2021/2022/795 dated 13.10.2021). Kindly visit Bank's website <https://bank.sbi/>. Check "Procurement news" section for detailed RFP document. For future announcements, if any, in this regard, please keep referring to the website.
Place: Mumbai Date: 13.10.2021
Sd/- Deputy General Manager (IT-ATM)

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: KPCL/2021-22/PS/WORK INDENT 11744 Date: 08.10.2021
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Two Cover System) (Through e-procurement Portal Only)
Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement Portal: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from Agencies for the work of "Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Two Numbers 2,20,000 Cubic Mtrs/Hr. Capacity Centrifugal fans of DIDW type for Evaporative cooling system of Unit-2 along with Suitable discharge dampers, drive motors, essential power transmission pulleys and other required accessories" from reputed firms/ organisations/contractors. Date of receipt of tenders: 25.10.2021 upto 16:00Hrs. All relevant details of the bids are available in the above mentioned e-portal. Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer (LT)-1, KPCL, RTPS, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur District. Mobile No.: 9449596537.



MEANWHILE

SWISS UNVEIL VR SOFTWARE OF UNIVERSE

Researchers at one of Switzerland's top universities are releasing open-source beta software that allows for virtual visits through the cosmos including up to the International Space Station, past the Moon, over galaxies and well beyond. The programme pulls together what the researchers call the largest data set of the universe to create 3-D, panoramic visualisations of space.

TOPOF THE WORLD



Nepal's former king Gyanendra. *File*

NEPAL

Democracy without monarchy won't work: Former king

NEPAL'S FORMER king Gyanendra Shah said on Tuesday that democracy without the monarchy and monarchy without democracy will remain irrelevant for the country. The remarks came in his customary address to the people on the occasion of Vijaya Dashami. The comments come in the wake of a series of pro-monarchy rallies across Nepal, and fears from opponents of the monarchy that negotiations were going on for its restoration. The former king said Nepalese society could not be delinked from "sanatanik" ideals and contribution of "our ancestors". However, he added, the political culture and way of governance today do not conform with that.

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

North Korea's Kim vows to build 'invincible' military, slams US

HYUNG-JIN KIM
SEOUL, OCTOBER 12

NORTH KOREAN leader Kim Jong Un reviewed powerful missiles developed to launch nuclear strikes on the US mainland, as he vowed to build an "invincible" military to cope with what he called persistent US hostility, state media reported Tuesday.

In an apparent continued effort to drive a wedge between Washington and Seoul, Kim also used his speech at a rare exhibition of weapons systems Monday to stress that his military might isn't targeted at South Korea.

"The US has frequently signalled it's not hostile to our state, but there is no action-based evidence to make us believe that they are not hostile," Kim said Monday, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

Calling the USA "source" of instability on the Korean Peninsula, Kim said his country's most important objective is possessing an "invincible military capability" that no one can dare challenge.

The exhibition, which KCNA says was meant to mark the 76th birthday of the ruling Workers' Party on Sunday, was the first of its kind since Kim took power in late 2011, according to Seoul officials. **AP**



Kim Jong Un (right) visits an exhibition of weapons in Pyongyang on Monday. *AP*



BUS ACCIDENT, FLOODS LEAVE 29 DEAD IN CHINA

The Yellow River overflows near the Lianbo Village in Hejin City, northern China's Shanxi Province. Chinese authorities said Tuesday that 14 people died after a bus plunged into a rushing river during heavy flooding that has caused 15 other fatalities in the north. The crash occurred Monday after heavy rains caused flooding that destroyed homes and covered vast expanses of farmland in two provinces near the capital Beijing. Official news website The Paper said the bus driver ignored warnings not to attempt to cross the bridge that was almost covered by the surging floodwaters. *AP*

AMID REPORTS OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVT AND MILITARY

Will follow law in appointing ISI chief: Pak minister

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 12

PAKISTAN'S INFORMATION Minister Fawad Chaudhry said on Tuesday that the law will be followed in the matter of the appointment of the chief of the spy agency ISI, amid reports of differences between the civilian government and the powerful military over the key posting.

The Pakistan Army last week announced that Lt Gen Nadeem Ahmed Anjum was appointed as the new Director General of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)



Pakistan Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry

in place of Lt Gen Faiz Hameed who was appointed as Peshawar Corps Commander.

However, the notification of his appointment has not been issued

by the office of Prime Minister Imran Khan, giving air to reports about differences between the civilian government and the Army over the key appointment.

As per law, the prime minister has the legal right and prerogative to appoint the ISI chief in consultation with the army chief.

Despite speculation on social media over the delay in notification, the government kept silent on the issue until Chaudhry addressed the matter at a press conference after a Cabinet meeting.

He said that Imran Khan and Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa had a "long sitting" last

night to discuss the matter of the ISI chief and the PM had subsequently taken the Cabinet into confidence over the issue.

"The legal procedure will be followed in the appointment of the new DG ISI, for which both (Bajwa and Khan) are in agreement," he said. Chaudhry also said that the PM and the military leadership were in close coordination. "Both are in agreement over this and the prime minister has the authority over it," he said.

The minister rejected suggestions regarding differences between the civilian and military leadership on the matter. **PTI**

USA

Indian-origin doctor among two dead in plane crash

A TWIN-ENGINE plane owned by an Indian-origin cardiologist crashed in the US state of California, killing two persons, including the physician, and causing a fire that engulfed nearby homes and left a swath of destruction, according to media reports. Dr Sugata Das, who worked as an interventional cardiologist at Yuma Regional Medical Center (YRMC) in Arizona, owned the small plane, according to the centre. However, there's no confirmation whether Das was the pilot at the time of the crash on Monday, KYMA.com, a CBS/NBC-affiliated TV station, reported Tuesday. **PTI**

BRAZIL

Bolsonaro 'bored' by questions on Covid-19 deaths

BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT Jair Bolsonaro said on Monday that he did not want to be "bored" with questions about the milestone of 600,000 Covid-19 deaths that Latin America's biggest country passed a few days ago. Bolsonaro's poll numbers have fallen due to his handling of the pandemic, rising inflation and a weak economy. Brazil has the world's second highest Covid death toll after the US. On Monday, a journalist asked Bolsonaro about the country's death toll. "In which country did people not die? Tell me!" he responded. "Look, I didn't come here to be bored." **REUTERS**

'Chinese billionaire Jack Ma reappears in HK'

KANE WU & JULIE ZHU
HONG KONG, OCTOBER 12

ALIBABA GROUP founder Jack Ma, largely out of public view since a regulatory clampdown started on his business empire late last year, is currently in Hong Kong and has met business associates in recent days, two sources told Reuters.

The Chinese billionaire has been keeping a low profile since delivering a speech last October in Shanghai criticising China's financial regulators. That triggered events that resulted in the shelving of his Ant Group's mega IPO.



Alibaba Group founder Jack Ma

While Ma made a limited number of public appearances in mainland China after that, as speculation swirled about his whereabouts, one of the sources said the visit marked his first trip to the financial hub since last October.

Alibaba did not immediately respond to requests for comment outside of its regular business hours. **REUTERS**

Board backs IMF chief after review of data-rigging claims

Washington: The International Monetary Fund's executive board on Monday expressed its full confidence in Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva after reviewing allegations that she pressured World Bank staff to alter data to favor China.

But US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen put Georgieva on notice that she would closely monitor the IMF's follow-up and evaluate any new facts or findings, and called for proactive steps to reinforce data integrity and credibility at the IMF.

The Fund's 24-member board

and Treasury issued separate lengthy statements after a week of marathon meetings over Georgieva's actions as World Bank CEO that threw into question her continued leadership of the IMF.

Issue was a damning report prepared by the law firm WilmerHale for the World Bank's board about data irregularities in the bank's now-cancelled "Doing Business" report. Georgieva has denied the claims.

She welcomed the board's endorsement and said she was glad members had agreed the allegations were unfounded. **REUTERS**

Girls' schools functioning in northern Afghanistan despite ban elsewhere

REUTERS
KABUL, OCTOBER 12

WHILE GIRLS across most of Afghanistan remain at home while brothers go to high school, classes in some northern areas have been open for all students, highlighting regional differences starting to emerge two months after the Taliban seized power.

Secondary schools remain closed for girls in much of the country, but in Mazar-i-Sharif, close to the border with Uzbekistan, local authorities have taken a different approach. Zabihullah Noorani, head of the culture and information di-



Girls' education has become one of the most sensitive issues for Western countries dealing with Afghanistan. *File*

rectorate in the northern province of Balkh, said lessons in many schools were continuing for both boys and girls.

"In places where schools are

open, they are open, no obstacle or barrier to them," he said. "Here, there is no obstacle or barrier for girls' education."

"My view and the views of all other Islamic Emirate officials and leadership is that our women sisters have the right to study just like men," he said, using the term employed by the Taliban for their government.

Girls' education has become one of the most sensitive issues for Western countries dealing with Afghanistan since the Taliban government ordered schools above sixth grade to open for boys but told girls to stay home until conditions permitted them to return to class.

Officials deny there has been an outright ban, but as the weeks have passed there has been no sign of all girls going back to school and no clear indication of when they might restart their education.

Maryam, a 15-year-old in the 10th grade from Mazar-i-Sharif, said she had been going to school without interruption, despite strict clothing requirements imposed by the Taliban. "We were told by the Taliban several times to wear a hijab, wear a scarf, that only our eyes should be visible and we should even wear gloves," she said by telephone. "These restrictions have made some girls lose interest, but still we girls are happy that at least we are going to school." **REUTERS**

Mossad may have considered killing A Q Khan: report

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MOSSAD'S FORMER chief Shabtai Shavit would have sent a team to assassinate Pakistani nuclear scientist A Q Khan if his true intentions were interpreted correctly, according to an Israeli investigative journalist.

In an opinion piece in *Ha'aretz* daily, Yossi Melman wrote that Khan got Pakistan the bomb, stole and sold atomic secrets, profited from a shady global proliferation



A Q Khan

network, helped Iran go nuclear, aided Libya's Muammar Gaddafi's reactor ambitions — and still passed away from natural causes, and not at the hands of

the Mossad, the Israeli spy agency.

Khan, known as the "father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb" built under the clandestine enrichment programme and infamous for his controversial role in nuclear proliferation, died at a hospital in Islamabad on Sunday after a brief illness. He was 85.

In his piece titled "How Pakistan's A Q Khan, Father of the 'Muslim Bomb', Escaped Mossad Assassination", Melman wrote that Mossad had noted Khan's extensive travels throughout the Middle East but could not cor-

rectly identify his efforts to set up a shady proliferation network.

According to Melman, then Mossad chief Shabtai Shavit "said had he and his colleagues correctly interpreted Khan's intentions, he would have considered sending a Mossad team to kill Khan and thus 'change the course of history', at least in the context of Israel-Iran relations."

Israel considers Iran's nuclear programme an existential threat and has vowed to foil the Islamic Republic's nuclear ambitions "with all options on the table". **PTI**

examined is the death of Stephen Smith, 19, whose body was found on a rural road in 2015. He died of blunt force trauma to the head, but there were no signs to suggest that he had been hit by a car.

Smith had been a classmate of Alex Murdaugh's older son, Richard Alexander Murdaugh Jr., who goes by Buster.

The second case under scrutiny happened in 2019, when, witnesses said, Alex Murdaugh's son Paul drunkenly crashed the family boat into a bridge, throwing several of his friends into the water. The body of one of them, Mallory Beach, 19, was found a week later. A grand jury indicted Paul Murdaugh on a charge of

boating under the influence causing death, but he was killed before he could stand trial.

After the killing of Alex Murdaugh's wife and son, investigators began re-examining yet another mysterious death associated with the family: that of Gloria Satterfield, the housekeeper who had worked for a quarter-century for the Murdaugh family.

Early one morning in February 2018, Satterfield fell on the front stairs of the Murdaugh's isolated house. Maggie Murdaugh found her bleeding and called 911, said Eric Bland, a lawyer for Satterfield's sons. He said the Murdaughs told the family that she had tripped over their dogs. **NYT**

A POWERFUL LAWYER ASKED A HANDYMAN TO KILL HIM AFTER 5 PEOPLE IN HIS ORBIT DIED IN RECENT YEARS

Unsolved Murdaugh murders expose years of South Carolina mysteries

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CURTIS EDWARD Smith, a handyman and former logger, had done his share of odd jobs over the years for Alex Murdaugh, a lawyer and scion of one of the most powerful legal families in the South Carolina Lowcountry.

But Smith said he was reluctant to do the last job Murdaugh asked for when the two men met at the side of a rural road one Saturday in September.

"I want you to shoot me in the back of the head," Smith re-

called Murdaugh telling him. He said Murdaugh had a loaded gun in his hand.

The unsettling tale grew stranger still when, 10 days later, state law enforcement agents arrested Smith, 61, accusing him of collaborating with Murdaugh in a botched scheme to kill him. Murdaugh hatched the plan to make his death look like a murder, the police said, in the hope that his elder son would receive a \$10 million life insurance payment at a time when Murdaugh's life was unravelling in spectacular fashion.

That unravelling is now at the centre of a sprawling saga of mysterious deaths — including the unsolved killing of Murdaugh's

wife and younger son — and allegations of multimillion-dollar swindles and abuses of trust and power. The drama has sent a shock through South Carolina, where Alex Murdaugh and his family have dominated the legal profession in a rural swath of the state for more than a century.

In recent weeks, a dizzying series of criminal investigations and lawsuits has emerged, accusing Murdaugh of betraying friends, colleagues and clients. The police have opened previously closed cases, including one involving the death of a former classmate of Murdaugh's son and another involving a housekeeper who had long been



Alex Murdaugh at a court in Varnville, South Carolina. *AP*

thought to have fatally tripped and fallen on the front steps of the Murdaugh family's home.

"Where does it stop?" said John P. Freeman, an emeritus professor of law and ethics at the University of South Carolina.

"You can't talk to anybody in South Carolina who isn't talking about this case and is not just astounded by what's going on."

Murdaugh, 53, through his lawyers, has insisted that he had nothing to do with the fatal shoot-

ings in June of his wife, Margaret, 52, and their younger son, Paul, 22, whose bodies he discovered on the family's 1,700-acre hunting estate. Last month, however, he was arrested on charges related to the faked suicide attempt.

To some here, the Murdaugh name has come to stand for a domination of the legal system so pervasive that people asked if it had the power to skew the trajectory of justice in the family's favour.


That is one of the questions investigators are asking now as they examine not only the killing of Murdaugh's wife and son, but at least three other deaths that preceded that tragedy.

One of the cases now being re-

Fast and courageous

Can't depend on just one player to score goals: Stimac

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

 The Sun and Pluto are increasing their power over your dreams, enhancing your vision and sense of destiny. Seldom have the planets been more encouraging to the mystical and spiritual qualities of your sign. And, if you do nothing else, you should develop your artistic skills.

IPL-QUALIFIER 2

Avengers versus DC

KKR have peaked at right time after a poor start in the first half; Delhi Capitals can't afford another slip-up in second knockout game

Kolkata, more than the sum of their parts

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IT'S FAIR to assume that not too many people would have predicted Kolkata Knight Riders to be in the position they are right now - one win away from the title clash - when the UAE leg of the Indian Premier League commenced a little more than three weeks ago. Five losses in the seven games during the Indian summer had pushed them to seventh position on the table, and prompted head coach Brendon McCullum to chastise his players for being "paralysed a little bit by fear."

McCullum and KKR skipper Eoin Morgan made their names by playing fearless cricket, also a feature of teams that they led. But turning words into action is easier said than done.

However, what has transpired in the Arabian desert over the last few weeks is a transformation in the way a team plays. Results are not always an accurate yardstick of change, but tell the story in this case.

Five wins in their next seven fixtures took KKR into the Playoffs in fourth place - they were certainly helped by a sudden decline in Mumbai Indians' fortunes - and after beating Royal Challengers Bangalore in the Eliminator, they now just have to overcome Delhi Capitals to book a place in Friday's final against Chennai Super Kings and have a shot at their third IPL title.

No superstars

One look at the KKR squad would show that there are no megastars there. Not many would have heard of Venkatesh Iyer before the UAE leg of the tournament, but he has turned into a revelation. His opening combination with Shubman Gill has been one of the main reasons for the turnaround. World Cup-winning captain Morgan is woefully short of runs himself, but his tactical nous, big-game experience and motivational skills often give KKR an edge. Their overseas players are not icons, but essentially utility men who could do a job under the given circumstances. That's why there is more rotation among KKR's foreign contingent than may be the case with other teams.

This also ensures that the side is not too dependent on a few players. Their highest run scorer this season is Rahul Tripathi with 383 runs, and he is the 12th-highest overall. Varun Chakravathy is KKR's highest wicket-taker with 16 scalps and he comes in 10th. This is in stark contrast to the case with Punjab Kings and RCB, for whom KL Rahul and Glenn Maxwell respectively have been the main contributors by far.

With KKR, the team is indeed the star. So, in the Eliminator against RCB, Sunil Narine is promoted in the batting order after a stellar spell with the ball and his cameo tilts the balance in their favour. Nitish Rana is not a big name, but has been sent at the crucial No. 3 slot. With bowling stocks featuring an abundance of spin and fast bowling resources, Morgan has the luxury of matching



KKR spinners, including Chakravathy, could be effective. [iplT20.com/file](#)



The wickets at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium have aided spinners and made it difficult for batsmen to free their arms. [iplT20.com/file](#)

them with match situations and the batsmen in the middle. Shakib Al Hasan is one of the premier all-rounders in world cricket, but doesn't always get a game with KKR. When he did play in the Eliminator, the Bangladesh star took the team home in a tense chase.

All these factors have ensured that KKR have not felt the absence of Andre Russell, who has missed the last several games. In previous seasons, the team was overly reliant on the West Indian for batting impetus. In the games he played before getting injured, he was given the responsibility of bowling a full quota of overs, and often at the death. But the likes of Lockie Ferguson and Tim Southee, and Prasidh Krishna and Shivam Mavi among Indians, have risen to the occasion.

KKR and DC have won once each in their face-offs this season, but the Kolkata franchise prevailed in the recent encounter where sparks flew between Morgan and Ravichandran Ashwin over the nebulous Spirit of Cricket after the latter took a run despite a throw hitting his batting partner. Delhi topped the league phase but have lost their last two games, while Kolkata have won their last two. The Capitals' pace attack is enviable but they couldn't prevent RCB and CSK to seal last-over wins. Steve Smith has been rare in his appearances and Marcus Stoinis has missed most of the UAE leg with injury. Their batting is largely built around Indian talent - Pritivi Shaw, Shikhar Dhawan, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant - but tapers off towards the lower-middle order.

As far as tactics are concerned, with a young captain in Pant, it's more a case of head coach Ricky Ponting pulling strings from the dugout. The venue is the same as the one for the Eliminator and KKR's last league match, which should give them confidence. Significantly, they beat DC there when the two teams met a fortnight ago. The pitch there is not the easiest and their spin trioika would hope to exploit it.

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Delhi need to optimise Ashwin's potential

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DAYS AFTER MS Dhoni retired from international white-ball cricket last year, Suresh Raina and Ravichandran Ashwin caught up on Facebook to sing paeans of the former India captain. Amidst laughter and banter, anecdotes and nostalgia, Raina dwelled on one of Dhoni's masterstrokes - using Ashwin in the Powerplay overs. "If you see your Powerplay bowling average (economy rate), it has always been below six. You have always provided us with breakthroughs, that's why MS believed in you," he said.

Smiling wistfully, Ashwin looked away as if his mind was travelling back to a time when spinners rarely took the new ball or even bowled in the first six overs of a T20 game. Dhoni, ever the non-conformist, changed the norm, deputing new-ball duties to not only Ashwin but also a host of other spinners, even part-timers like Raina.

Ashwin, though, was the most successful. No spinner has snaffled more wickets in the Powerplay (42) or possesses a better strike rate (22 balls per wicket) in the IPL; only Sunil Narine has been thriffter (6.03 runs per over to 6.05).

Yet, for all these glittering numbers, Delhi Capitals have been disinclined to thrust new-ball duties to their premier off-spinner. In the UAE instalment of the Indian Premier League, his services were rendered just three times, for an over apiece.

They have, rather, relied on their phalanx of fiery fast bowlers, the fire and ice combination of Anrich Nortje and Kagiso Rabada, and the effervescence of Avesh Khan. Skipper Rishabh Pant has either opened with Nortje or Avesh or Rabada and Avesh, in which case the third seamer is reserved for the death overs. Avesh has been a constant, and often bowled half of his overs in the Powerplay, whereas the overs of South Africans have been scattered. The play has worked, as whenever Capitals were in strife, Pant could summon one of them and expect them to re-



No spinner has taken more wickets in the Powerplay (42) or possesses a better strike rate (22 balls per wicket) than R Ashwin in the IPL. [iplT20.com/file](#)

verse the tide with a wicket or two.

Somewhere in the latter half of the Powerplay, a spinner would surface. Of late, it has been Axar Patel and not Ashwin. Capitals weigh Axar's run-stemming graft as pricier than Ashwin's wicket-taking verve - Axar's economy rate has been 6.52 this IPL while Ashwin's has been 7.44.

In general, the left-arm spinner has been a more productive wicket-taker too, 15 scalps at 18.26, compared to Ashwin's five at 60. As a consequence, Ashwin has bowled two overs fewer than Axar despite playing a game more. Three times in the last seven games, Ashwin could not complete his full quota of overs either - he bowled only two in Qualifier 1 against Chennai Super Kings and just one against Royal Challengers Bangalore in the previous game. Seldom has Ashwin been made to look as peripheral as he had been in the last two games. At such a crossroads the captain should not only be concerned about the form of his lead spinner but also his own utilisation of Ashwin. T20 is a fast game, where there is little scope to pause and revise, but Pant and Capitals ought to re-think Ashwin's role.

Not a Powerplay player

There seems to be blatant confusion, outwardly at least, on how to optimise his vaunted skills. In the last three games, Ashwin was introduced twice in the ninth over and once in the eighth, suggesting that Pant considers him as a middle-overs enforcer, tasked to stifle the batsmen. Versatile as Ashwin is, he could adjust to any roles, and he did bowl sumptuously against CSK and Kolkata Knight Riders.

But as a wicket-taking, tone-setting force, he is best used inside the Powerplay. It's also where his carrom ball could wreak havoc, where he could harness more over-spin, and where he could make the ball skid with the seam-up grip. Ashwin has produced the carrom ball in the middle overs too - induced an edge from Kane Williamson no less, only for Pant to reprieve him - but the lethargic surface sucks considerable venom off it.

Capitals have under-utilised him in the death overs too, bowling him only once during the UAE sojourn, the last over against Mumbai Indians, in which he leaked 13 runs and grabbed a wicket. In the last six years, Ashwin has conceded fewer boundaries per ball, dropping from one in nine balls to one in six; his economy rate from 7.6 to 7.4 and strike rate from 18.56 to 12, according to cricket data miners, The Analyst.

However, the emergence of Avesh, more than Nortje and Rabada, has restricted Ashwin's role, and thus, the influence he could wield on a match.

Last year, Avesh featured in a solitary game; this year he has played in all 15 of DC's games. But at the same time, Nortje, Rabada and Axar are undroppables, leading to the eventuality of one bowler ending up under-optimising or playing out of position. In this season, it has been Ashwin.

Interesting, hence, would be to see how Capitals use him in Sharjah, a spinner-friendly surface with spinner-unfriendly dimensions.

For all the dilemmas, if Capitals could fully unlock Ashwin's potential, they could unleash a massive big-game influencer.

BRIEFLY

There's no player who does not want to play Ashes: Woakes

London: England are "desperate" to go to Australia for their five-test Ashes series later this year, all-rounder Chris Woakes said, despite some players having expressed concerns about COVID-19 protocols for the tour. Woakes was named in England's 17-member squad for the series that begins in Brisbane on Dec. 8 after the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) confirmed the tour subject to critical conditions being met before they travel. Cricket Australia, the ECB and Australian authorities have been negotiating for months over touring conditions in a country where international arrivals must isolate in quarantine hotels for 14 days, regardless of their COVID-19 vaccination status. "There's no player that does not want to be part of the Ashes," Woakes told the *BBC*. "Behind the scenes there are still things being ironed out between all sorts of levels. I think the players are relatively relaxed and guys are desperate to go. But we want to be under the best sort of conditions possible so we can still live our lives outside of cricket." **REUTERS**

Barcelona set to play in front of full house

Madrid: Barcelona will be able to play in front of capacity crowds from Friday, the regional government confirmed as it lifted restrictions that have limited fan numbers at the Camp Nou stadium due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Catalonia's regional President Pere Aragonès said in a news conference on Tuesday that outdoor sporting venues will be able to be at 100% capacity, a move that the Barcelona welcomed. "Barcelona thanks everyone's efforts and applauds the Government's decision to apply a measure that practically allows us to return to normality," a club statement on Twitter read. Barcelona have not been able to play in front of a capacity crowd since football was first shut down in March 2020 due to the pandemic. A crowd of up to 99,354 will be able to watch Ronald Koeman's Barca side host Valencia on Sunday with the Clasico against rivals Real Madrid taking place at the Camp Nou on Oct. 24. **AP**

Curbs on length of golf clubs introduced

London: Organisers running professional or elite amateur golf competitions will have the option of reducing the maximum length of golf clubs to reduce hitting distances, the Royal and Ancient (R&A) and United States Golf Association (USGA) said on Tuesday. The rule will allow competitions to limit the maximum length of a golf club, excluding putters, to 46 inches from the current limit of 48 inches and will come into effect on Jan. 1. The proposal was announced in February and was part of the latest updates to the Distance Insights Report published last year that said increased hitting distances changed the challenge of the game and risked making courses obsolete. "We have taken time to consult fully with the golf industry, including players, the main professional tours and equipment manufacturers, and have considered their feedback carefully," said Martin Slumbers, the R&A's chief executive. "We believe this is the right thing for the game at this time and it will provide tournament organisers with the flexibility to choose for themselves within the framework of the rules." **REUTERS**

QATAR 2022

Germany first to qualify for World Cup but players cautious about revival talk

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BERLIN, OCTOBER 12

GERMANY REMAINS a work in progress under new coach Hansi Flick, amid signs he can turn it into a title contender at next year's World Cup. Flick's team became the first to qualify for the tournament in Qatar after a 4-0 win in North Macedonia on Monday. It was Germany's seventh win from eight qualifying games and it went some way to atoning for the surprise loss at home to the same opponent in March.

But the quality of rivals in European qualification Group J is keeping celebrations and expectations in check. None of Romania, North Macedonia, Armenia, Iceland or Liechtenstein are ranked among FIFA's top 40 nations.

"We got what we wanted, to qualify as



Under new manager Hansi Flick, Germany has won five out of five but will face much tougher opposition at the World Cup.

SCORELINE

North Macedonia **0-4** Germany
Kai Havertz 50'
Timo Werner 70', 73'
Jamal Musiala 83'

Spain, Mexico, Denmark, the Netherlands, Uruguay and the United States.

Flick's team was again prone to mistakes in Skopje on Monday, when passes did not always reach their intended targets and the visitors failed to score in the first half despite 14 attempts at goal. "(North Macedonia) is not a bad team," midfielder Leon Goretzka said. "They defended most of the time, were physically strong, and quick to counter. They did well while they still had strength. You have to tire them out."

Flick has not made major changes since he took over from Löw. Löw had already recalled Thomas Müller for the European Championship and the experienced Bayern Munich forward has stayed to become de facto team leader under Flick, especially since Toni Kroos retired in the summer.

The 32-year-old Müller set up both opening goals against North Macedonia.

Flick also has some outstanding young talent coming through in Jamal Musiala (18), Karim Adeyemi (19) and Florian Wirtz (18). Adeyemi set up Musiala for Germany's fourth goal on Monday, when the Bayern forward became the country's second youngest ever goal-scorer. Germany won the World Cup in 2014 - the high point under Löw - but its title defense ended meekly in a group stage exit in 2018. Asked if Germany was back on its way to becoming a top team, Goretzka sought to keep expectations down and said

there was much room for improvement.

"We should stick to baking small rolls," Goretzka said. **AP**

Just a week to acclimatise

Players from the European leagues will only be released to their national team a week before the start of the 2022 World Cup, French sports daily *L'Equipe* reported on Tuesday. *L'Equipe* is citing a letter sent by European governing body UEFA to the 55 national federations in Europe. It says that the players will be freed from club duties on Nov. 14, 2022. The World Cup is usually held during the northern hemisphere summer, when most of the European leagues are in close season. However next year's edition in Qatar is being held from Nov. 21-Dec. 18 as the weather will be cooler in the host country. UEFA declined to comment when contacted by *Reuters*.