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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 (Harvana)-122002.have changed my name to Zorawar

0040587846-4

I.VIJAY KUMAR.S/o LATE. JAMUNA PRASAD SETH, ADD:B-74/2,G.F, 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-16-5-1956 it is true and correct-0040587858-10 statment

I.Simran 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 Jasvindar Kaur

0070757141-1

0040587851-4

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

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

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 0040587858-1 Tarun Mittal.

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

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

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 0040587796-1 Gurnani.

I.Paval 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.

I,PATTUKARAN **THUNDILSULAIMAN** NAUSHAD.S/o SULAIMAN.R/o QUARTER.NUMBER.8, TYPE-IV **NEW POLICE-COLONY** SHALIMAR-BAGH, NORTH-WEST DELHI-110088, have NOWSHAD PATTUKARAN

THUNDIL SULAIMAN.

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

I,Nasib Ansari,S/o Khalail Ansari,Add-G-27/17, Chhuriya Mohalla, 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 Gauniyal in the school-record of my minor daughter Kshitija Gouniyal aged-16-years.The actual-name of mine is Mukesh Chander, which may be amended accordingly

I,Riya Gupta W/O Rakesh Kumar R/O,Gali.No-8,Near Indian Kids Public school Gautam-Colony Safiabad-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 0040587846-9 Gupta.

LKavitha 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 Puniabi 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-Vill-Tesupar.Post-Mohammadpur Hasanpur,PS Ghosi, District-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. 0040587851-

I HEMANT KLIMAR GLIPTA S/O BISHEMBER DAYAL GUPTA, R/o-295, PREM-NAGAR, WARD-18, changed my name to HEMANT 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.263957589122) inform that my Minor daughter Name Umang Mathur Wrongly in Passport but my Daughter actual Name is Umang for all purpose.

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

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.

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

0040587861-1

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 Goval 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, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Tonushree Chatterjee Singh.

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

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 0040587828-1 purposes.

I. Sarika Dhvani 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

L 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 0040587790-1 purposes.

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 0040587880-4 Kumar.

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.

I, Om Parkash s/o Bhushan Lal r/o Flat No.-68, Aakash Ganga Apartments, Pocket-4, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my minor son's name from Luxmi Narayan to 0040587794-1 NARAYAN.

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

0040587851-8

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

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.

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 Jovanti Upadhva 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 0040587851-5 I, Inderjeet Singh Malhotra S/o Avtar Singh R/o-1C/28, Namdhari Colony, Ramesh

changed my name to Inderjeet

0040587851-7

Nagar, N.Delhi-15 have

Kulvinder Singh and

amended accordingly.

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 Kulwinder 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

0070757125-1 l Saroj Chaudhary alias Saroj Choudhry alias Saroj Choudhary alias Saroj Chowdhary 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

Sukhvinder Kaur, which may be

0040587768-4

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

0040587801-1 purposes. 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 Saniay Kumar Sukhija, R/o J-1205 B-Bunglow, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Bhaarat 0040587846-6 Veer Sukhija.

I, Deepak Kumar S/O Prem Pal Singh, R/o House No-11B/1 M.S Block Ranaii Enclave. Najafgarh, DC Nangli Sakravati. South West, Delhi-110043, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Deepak 0070757167-1 Kadyan.

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

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.

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Surinder Choudhry alias Surender 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.

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

l Priyanka Cairae alias Priyanka Dixit D/o Sh. Shailaendra Cairae W/o Sh. Mohit Kant Dixit R/o 3316-B, Chander Lok Society, DLF Phase-4, Chakarpur (74), Gurgaon, Haryana-122002 have changed my name to Priiyanka Dixit for all purposes. 0040587768-2

I, Aishwary Karan S/O Ashok Kumar Ragahav, R/o 4B 104 AWHO, Gurjinder Vihar, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Aishwary Karan Singh.

0070757153-1

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

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

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l 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 vrs., D.O.B. 11.01.1998 R/o H.NO-19 KH NO-49/5/1 PARTAP VIHAR, RANHOLLA NANGLOI have changed my name to PINKY vide affidavit dated 09/10/2021 sworn before notary public RAKESH KUMAR JAIN REG NO 092/06 DELHI.

Both JAGRITI KUMARI and

one person only.

PINKY are same person and

I Champa Sharma D/o Sh. Amba Dutt Sharma W/o Sh. Himanshu R/o Kh.No.11/10, 10/6, 1st Floor, Street No.14, Blk-A, Kamal Pur Majra, Sant Nagar Village, Burari, Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Charu for 0040587768-6 all purposes.

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

0070757074-1 I Alka Rani W/O Vijay Kumar R/O 21 Duplex Flats, Gur Mandi, Model Town Delhi-110007 Have Changed My Name To Alka

Sharma

0070757168-1

I Abdul Hameed S/o Abdul Hakeem Saifi R/o H.No.226, Block No.15, Trilok Puri, Delhi- $110091\,have\,changed\,the\,name$ of my minor son from Mohd Athar Hameed to Mohammad Athar for all purposes.

0040587768-8

I, Asha Rathee, W/o Sh. Manjeet Singh R/o, Sankhol Tehsil-Bahadurgarh Distt.Jhajjar (Harvana), have changed my name to Asha Rani, for all

Purposes.

I. M. Kavitha W/O G. Dinesh Kumar R/o 188- H, Pocket- A3, D D A Flats, Mayur Vihar Phase-3, East Delhi-110096, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kavitha 0070757123-1 Dinesh Kumar.

I, Kiran Bala W/o Sanjay Kumar R/o 8555, Ganesh Dass Building, Bhargarh, Roshanara Road, Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007 have changed my name from Kiran Bala to Kiran Dubey for all future purposes.

0070757138-1

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I, Shruti Yadav D/O Suresh Yadavendra, R/o 2408 Sector- C, Pocket- 2, Vasant Kuni, Vasant Vihar, South West Delhi- 110070 . have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Shruti Singh. 0070757122-1

I, Jugal Malhotra S/o Sh. Roop Chand Malhotra R/o 40/24, Gali.NO.14, Baldev Nagar, Gurugram-122001 have changed my name from Jugal Malhotra, Jugal Kishore Malhotra to Jugal Kishore for all future purposes. 0040587737-1

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LOST & FOUND

I, Priyanka Rastogi W/o Nitin Rastogi, Lost Original Sale Deed regd. at SR-IV, Delhi, doc.No.261, Vol.No.2654 Book No.1, Page No.47to52 regd.on 18.01.1995 of Property Flat No.7/155-A. Plot-No.122. Nakul Gali, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. 0040587806-1

Lost Original Documents i.e. GPA Sale-Aggrement, Affidavit, Receipt, Possession-Letter and Will etc. Property No-189,190, Chander-Vihar, Block-A Nilothi-Extn,New Delhi- 110041 favouring Ajay Kumar,S/o Sh.Pashupati Gupta FIR-Lodge Vide-LR.NO.792037/2021. Founder-inform at above address.

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General Public is hereby informed that m client SH. NARENDRA KUMAR AGARWA NO LT. MAHESH CHAND R/O F-11 AXMI NAGAR DELHI-110092, hav SNEHA GUPTA W/O SH. ABHISHE AGARWAL and his Grand Daught ANUSHKA AGARWAL from all his movab and immovable assets due to ther ba habits and conduct. Anybod dealing wi ABHISHEK AGARWAL and his family will o ABHISHEK AGARWAL and his family will dis so his/her/ftheir own risk and responsibilities and my client will not be responsible for any act,deed, or dealing done by them. Surender Sharma, Advocate Ch.No. X-16A, Tis Hazari Court, Lawyers Chamber, Delhi-54

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BE IT KNOWN TO General Public
that my client Smt Raj Bala W/o Late Jagdish R/o H-1st/137 Madangir New Delhi-110062, have severed relations with her Son namel Nitin(Unmarried), S/o late Jagdish disowned her son from her movabl and immovable properties and also from other consideration of any kind my client shall not be responsible for any act/acts deeds done by him in

PRABHU DAYAL (Advocate)

Ch. No. 572, Saket Courts, New Delhi-17

Shanti Gaur Wio Sh. Dev Dutt Gaur aged about 74 years both residents of 565A, Shanti Niwas, Chirag Delhi, New Delhi-110017 have severed their relationship with their son, Ravil Dutt Gaur and with his wife Sonia Gaur and with their children due to continuous bad behaviour of Smt. Sonia Gaur including beatings and abusing given by her to my clients and my client's son don't oppose the same. My clients disowned their son, his wife and their children from their properties and Ravil Dutt Gaur and his family shall have no interest, title and rights in the assets either moveable or immovable of my clients.

moveable or immovable of my clients After this notice, no relationship i remained between my clients an their above mentioned son an daughter-in-law and their childrer

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Office at T-370J, GF, Chirag Delhi,
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Sarvesh Bhardwaj

PUBLIC NOTICE Know all men through this Public Notice that my client, Sh. Dev Dut Gaur S/o Late Sh. Nanu Ram Gau aged around 80 years and Smt Shanti Gaur W/o Sh. Dev Dutt Gau aged about 74 years both residents

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General public is hereby informed that one male Namely Niraj Kumar S/o Late Sh. Narender Singh R/o H.No. WZ-1552A Nangal Raya, New Delhi has been missing from the area of PS Mayapuri, Delhi since 06.09.2021. In this regard, a DD No. 38A, dated. 14.09.2021 has been registered at P.S. Mayapuri, Delhi. The description of the missing male is as under.

NIRAJ KUMAR

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Sd/- SHO Mayapuri Delhi

B-4, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016 S.No.: F. 7(514)/LBNSU/UWD/2020-21 Dated: 11.10.2021

Sealed percentage rate tenders are invited for the under mentioned work from the approved and eligible CPWD contractors. NIT No. 04/2021-22/LBSU/UWD (T.I.D. No.2021_SLBS_628202_3) Roof treatment of buildings of the University during 2021-22 (S.H. waterproofing, plastering, distempering, painting etc. complete) Estimated cost - Rs.16,96,372/-, Earnest Money- Rs.33,927/-, Time

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Conversion push by Christian missionaries: Akal Takht jathedar

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KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 12

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES are "running a campaign...for forced conversions" in the border areas of Punjab and the Shiromani Parbandhak Gurdwara 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 **CONTINUED ON PAGE4**

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One Rajasthan royal floated firm to buy UK house, another wound company up



Documents show Arvind Singh Mewar set up the Far East Trust with Asiacity Trust of Singapore

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 were their royal palaces currently being run as Mewar, records show, set

up the Far East Trust in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) in 2010 with Asiacity Trust of Singapore and gave his Udaipur Palace as his residence.

He is the Settlor of the Trust and a complex offshore **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



Prayer Meeting

At Tikonia village in Lakhmipur Kheri on Tuesday, where a prayer meeting was organised for the farmers who were killed on October 3. Vishal Srivastav RELATED REPORT PAGE 12

Selective outrage violation of rights, hurts country: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday slammed "selective outrage" over human rights, saving 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

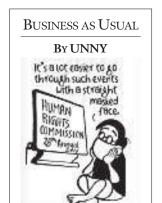
Speaking at the 28th Foundation Day of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Modi said: "Some people characterise human rights from their own perspective these days. They see human rights violations in some cases but not in other similar cases. We have to be wary of such people.' It was this that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



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-



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. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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 pharma giant Pfizer for EUA of its Covid

Meanwhile, wait for WHO on

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

AANCHAL MAGAZINE & NAVEEDIQBAL NEW DELHI, SRINAGAR,

OCTOBER 12

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 "whosoever 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 before 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-

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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 **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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New Delhi

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 acallegedly 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 **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



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MAHASAMUDRAM ACTOR SIDDHARTH

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had sought a first-class prison

cell for the MP at the Cuddalore

In a statement issued by

Ramesh before surrendering, he

had said that he was pained to

witness the "political propa-

ganda run by the Opposition"

against the DMK over the death

central prison.

EXPRESS AUDIO

The Air India Sale: What it means for Tata, and the government

Last week, as part of its mega privatisation push, the government sold off Air India to Tata Sons. The latter will now own a 100 per cent stake in the airline, which has been struggling for years, and has not made a profit since 2007.

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Panel gives ok, decks cleared for children to get Covaxin

Welcoming the SEC clearance, Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech said: "This represents one of the first approvals worldwide for Covid-19 vaccines for the 2-18 age group... We now await further regulatory approvals from the CDSCO (Central Standard Control Organisation) prior to product launch and market availability of

Covaxin for children."

The SEC decision will have significant public health implications, with schools and colleges reopening in a phased manner across the country. Once the DGCI shows the green flag, the next key decision would be to identify priority categories among those in the 2-18 age group, such as those with comor-

"Since this is happening for the first time, there is a possibility that certain conditions would be imposed by the drug regulator when it grants the EUA. There could be a mandate that the vac-

cination should take place only in health facilities or under a certain level of supervision," sources said.

Once the formal EUA approval is granted, the high-powered National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19 (NEGVEC) "will take a final call on which category of children will be prioritised for vaccination", sources said.

The Indian Express reported on October 4 that the final call on Covid vaccination of children, including guidelines on the categories to be prioritised as well as the timeline, would be taken in

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mulative 96.33 crore doses of Covid vaccines across the country, and is expected to touch the landmark of 100 crore in the next few days. According to official data, 73 per cent of the estimated adult population has received the first dose while 29 per cent is fully vaccinated.

India has administered a cu-

According to the data, over 11.08 crore cumulative doses of Covaxin have been administered so far across the country. However, Bharat Biotech is vet to receive an EUA from the WHO, which would enable Covaxin beneficiaries to travel abroad without strict restrictions.

Sources in the company said they expect a final decision by WHO "in the next few days". They said the world body's Strategic Advisory Group (SAGE) has completed its evaluation, and that another expert group will take it up in a meeting soon to examine technical

The SAGE on immunization held a meeting from October 4-7, and reviewed Covaxin on October 5. During the review, Bharat Biotech made a presentation for about 30 minutes on safety and efficacy data from clinical trial results as well as after marketing. In its highlights from the meeting, SAGE stated that "a policy recommendation will be issued when the vaccine is Emergency Use listed by

One Rajasthan royal floated firm to buy London house. another wound company up

structure was created around it with another BVI company $Malzie\,Holdings\,Ltd, and\,one\,in$ Guernsey, Channel Islands, called Grit Limited.

Mewar's daughter, Bhargavi Kumari Mewar, is also named in Asiaciti Trust documents as the beneficiary of another Guernsey entity, The Grit Trust.

Asiaciti's records show that Far East Trust and its subsidiary offshore structures were principally set up for the Mewar family to hold a property at Clarendon Mews in London.

As for the source of funds the Asiaciti Trust has noted it was, "family wealth derived over many generations and current boutique high-end hotel business.'

There is a special mention on the confidentiality required for the Far East Trust: "No correspondence should be sent to India, for confidentiality reasons. The client is contactable by phone and his advisors in the UK are available at all times...

On August 5, 2015, the property at Clarendon Mews was sold for 1.94 million pounds (approximately Rs 19.94 crore). Minutes of a Trust meeting -- attended by Arvind Singh Mewar—on June 8, 2015, suggest that after the property's sale, the trust may be wound up.

Asiaciti records also show that Arvind Mewar was categorized as a PEP although he didn't hold any public office but because of his ownership of "5star top end boutique hotels used by royalty, politicians and

Asiaciti Trust also issued instructions that Arvind Mewar's incoming payments be reviewed every six months "given the high profile nature of the client.'

In response to questions sent by The Indian Express. Arvind Singh Mewar replied: "I imagine the truth of conduct-

ing such an investigation is to bring out people who are genuine offenders than to just put cat among the pigeons and send everybody scuttling around the globe...I propose that offenders should be should be committed to do a self-assessment if there is any case of economic offence booked against them....condemning everybody without giving an opportunity to present their case today in our civilized world is hardly a step in the right direction...please do not rub such matters time and again for the loss of dignity of the tax payers who are normally great contributors to the economy of the nation. Let us develop a productive methodology without accusing everybody of high trea-

Records for Gaj Singh of Jodhpur figure in the Pandora Papers in connection with the 2018 liquidation of a BVI offshore entity, Atalante Perennity Inc., incorporated by Trident Trust via its Master Client, Fidinam in

Records show that while Trident Trust received all required documents such as liquidation plan; statement of assets and liabilities; shareholders resolutions, what was missing was the certified proof of address of the Beneficiary Owner (BO)

The emails begin with describing the BO as a PEP: "We are not going to get a utility bill in his name. He lives in a palace and part of it is also an hotel..."

Another email states: "Trident BVI is seeking an address proof or letter from Fidinam confirming the address of GSJ (Gaj Singh's initials) in connection with the subject company. Do we really need to ask for this for this gentleman? You can see his address if you type his name into Google. His home is Umaid Bhawan Palace in Jodhpur.'

The liquidation process appears to be on course with a Trident Trust staffer confirming in an email dated February 6, 2018: "Please note that a certified proof of address is not required for Jodhpur Gaj Singh as it is known to us that he lives at Umaid Bhawan Palace, he is former member of Parliament and the former Maharaia of Jodhpur."

The email continues, "Please be advised that the liquidation fee has been received with UBS Zurich... proceed with the liquidation."

In response to questions sent by The Indian Express, a representative of Gaj Singh said: "We have no idea of the company or Trust that you have mentioned in your email."

Arrested DMK MP to be probed for role in cashew factory worker's death

local police station," said an offi-

According to a senior officer the role of Ramesh and his presence during the alleged torture and murder of the worker is yet to be ascertained. "We will comment on that

after the detailed probe and questioning of the MP, which is likely on Wednesday," said the officer, adding, "It was the victim's son, who is also a dailywage labourer in Chennai, who filed the complaint naming Ramesh and his aides. The complainant was in Chennai when he received news of his father's death. The initial information was that his father consumed poison, but there were injuries on the body and the son filed a complaint of unnatural death. Ramesh's name was specifically mentioned in the complaint."

After Ramesh was remanded

fied. All Sikhs should support the SGPC in strengthening the campaign against forced conversions, which is a very serious challenge for us. We have to combat it. (The) SGPC campaign should be run all over India. Right now, we have been focusing on the areas

the discrimination that Dalits

face in villages. There is also illit-

eracy and poverty among Dalits,

which make them easy targets.

They are told that conversion

would help them settle in foreign

approach Dalits at their homes

to convince them. There is no

such effort from the SGPC. We

need SGPC preachers from the

Dalit community, and more Dalit

representation in the SGPC and

its institutions to stop such con-

current Akal Takht Jathedar is a

Dalit Sikh, "there is still much to

do to ensure equal rights". He

called for the recruitment of Dalit

Sikhs to key posts in SGPC, strict

orders to be issued from Akal

Takht against any discrimination,

and free education in all educa-

tional and professional institu-

migrant staff to

return to work

in Valley or face

many of the employees are stay-

ing in their own rented accom-

modation in places in South

Kashmir. It's not clear how they

will be provided security," an-

other minority member who got

employment under the PM

package said on the condition of

This was one among many is-

sues discussed with all DCs and

SPs of the Valley's districts in a

meeting on Saturday called by

Pandurang Pole, Divisional

Commissioner, Kashmir, to re-

view security arrangements and

identify government accommo-

dation for "protected persons". He told those present in the

meeting that the accommoda-

tion to the "protected persons"

through the Divisional

Commissioner's office provided

in 14 Srinagar hotels "be deemed

to have been dehired" from

Further, directions to provide

the "protected persons", the

PSOs and guards, accommoda-

tion in the concerned district, "be

adhered to in letter and spirit".

Pole did not respond to calls and

Commissioner, Kashmir) di-

rected that all the Deputy

Commissioners and SSPs (Senior

Superintendent of Police) shall

ensure one to one meeting with

the representative/leaders of all

the political parties within 2-3

days for the redressal of their ap-

prehensions regarding security,

accommodation etc. and con-

sider their genuine demands,"

the minutes of the meeting re-

The Divisional Commissioner

also directed that non-migrant

minority populations - labour-

ers, skilled labourers etc — in the

districts be identified and ade-

quate security measures be put

in place for them along with reg-

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Singh said that although the

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of the factory worker. The Opposition Pattali Makkal Katchi had on Saturday blamed the state police for delaying the arrest of the MP.

'Selective outrage' biggest violation of rights, hurts country: PM

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also spoke on the occasion. The PM said India's respect

for human rights originates from its long struggle Independence, when freedom fighters fought against injustice and violation of rights of their fellow citizens Highlighting what his gov-

ernment had done for the deprived and weaker sections of society, Modi stressed that human rights only matter when basic requirements have been fulfilled. "A poor person who has to seek recommendations to get a gas connection gets dignity when the connection reaches his home directly through the Uiiwala scheme," he said.

Similarly, Modi said, 26 weeks of paid maternity by law ensures human rights of not only women but their newborns. He also talked about meeting the demand of Muslim women for a law against triple talaq and said, "we also guaranteed (them) the freedom to do Hajj without mahram (a male guardian)". (Saudia Arabia changed the rules that had made this essential.)

Further, the PM said, rights and duties are two sides of the same coin and a discussion on rights must include a discussion on the duties of citizens.

In his speech, Shah said that since the Modi government had come to power, it had tackled poverty to address human rights. "It is the first time that transgenders are getting rights envisaged under the Constitution," he said.

Justice Mishra, who took over as chairperson of the NHRC in Iune, said that since its inception, it had resolved over 20 lakh cases and awarded compensation worth Rs 205 crore to victims.

Justice Mishra also praised the Home Minister for "ensuring peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir". "It is because of you that a new era has now begun in

Referring to Covid-19, the NHRC Chairperson said universal vaccination must also be a human rights goal for the world.

Christian missionaries running conversion campaign: Akal Takht Jathedar

October 12, 1920 – is believed to have played a key role in the formation of the SGPC.

"Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee has started a campaign 'Ghar Ghar Andar Dharamshal' to counter forced conversions, which is a dangerous attack on the Sikh religion," he said. Under the campaign, Sikh preachers have been visiting villages to distribute literature on their religion.

"Religion is a matter of spirituality. Forced conversion or luring someone can never be justi-

quits party role after Kerala rejig **SHAJU PHILIP** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 12

that are more affected," the INDICATING GROWING discon-Jathedar said. tent within BJP's state unit after Reacting to the Jathedar's the reshuffle last week, filmmaker-turned party leader Ali statement, Dr Kashmir Singh, who is based in Amritsar and Akbar Tuesday quit the party state heads the Dalits and Minorities committee - his decision to resign Organisation Punjab, said: from "all organisational responsibilities" came close on the suspen-"There are many reasons behind such conversions. One reason is sion of party leader A K Nazir.

Meanwhile, BJP minority morcha state committee member Syed Thaha Bafaky Thangal resigned from the party and its affiliated organisations, saying that the saffron party was insulting the entire Muslim community. Akbar and Nazir were the

BJP Muslim face

Muslim faces of BJP in north Kerala, where the community has a significant presence. Nazer was suspended from the party last week after he said the party was collapsing in the state under the present leadership and that elections are only a means of raising funds for the BJP in Kerala. Akbar said he would continue

as an ordinary BJP worker. However, he objected to the sidelining of Nazir, saying he is a Muslim who joined the BJP much before the present crowd. "He is not like me who joined the party five or six years back. He has a long tradition...I can't speak about Nazir while being a member of the party's state committee. I am not part of any group in BJP," said Akbar. He justified his decision to quit all the posts in the BJP saying he was not talking for himself but for the Muslims who got the "Sanghi title" years ago.

In a Facebook post, Akbar said it is very difficult for the common man to understand the kind of humiliation and abuses being faced by a Muslim, from his own family and community, while working for the BIP.

PUNE

Items 'stolen' from bungalow sealed by ED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, OCTOBER 12

A THEFT was reported at the bungalow of developer DS Kulkarni, who, along with several family members and associates, is facing prosecution for allegedly cheating thousands of investors of the DSK Group.

The bungalow, located on Senapati Bapat Road, is currently sealed after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) attached it under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in 2019.

official Chatushrungi police station said, "The complainant Bhagyashree Kulkarni, who is the daughterin-law of DS Kulkarni, got to know from the neighbours that some people were recently seen entering the bungalow from the back entrance. Because the bungalow is currently under attachment, the complainant had informed ED officials. On Monday. the bungalow was opened in presence of ED officials and the theft came to light."

According to the complaint, eight TV sets, a computer, a CD player, some silverware. a camera, a water heater and other items, totaling Rs 6.95 lakh, were among the things allegedly stolen, said Sub-Inspector Mohandas Jadha.

Senior Inspector Rajkumar Waghchavare said, "There were no security guards on the premises, possibly due to attachment by the ED. There are some security cameras installed at some points, we are checking whether they are functioning.'

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HC UPHOLDS ASTHANA APPOINTMENT

'Centre must have reasonable discretion to choose its officer'

SOFI AHSAN

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, intercadre 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

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.

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 intervener, 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.

son 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 prin-

ciple 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.

Pak-based 'terrorist' held from Laxmi Nagar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

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



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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

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

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 ini-

tially stop collecting waste that is

not segregated. Later, we will im-

pose 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 Baijal 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

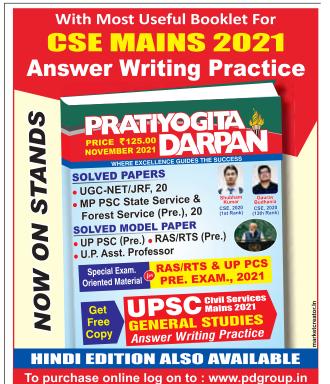
mestic hazardous waste – directly on those who generate it, including households. Violators are liable to pay Rs 200 as a fine.

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.



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AMID PROTESTS BY DELHI BJP

Issue guidelines for Chhath Puja: Sisodia to Union health minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

AMID DELHI BIP'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 Baijal, 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.

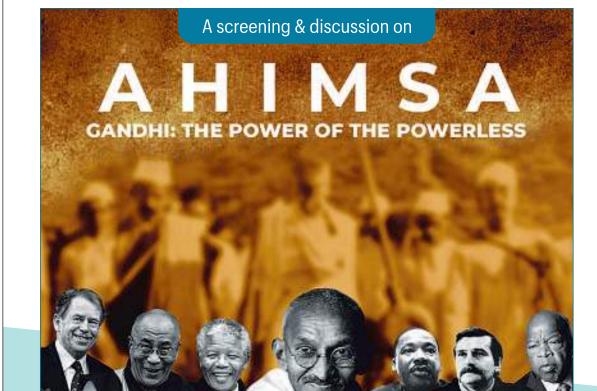
Delhi has been seeing an av-

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 BIP-headed MCDs. The issue has also become important as MCD



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New Delhi

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

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

FORMER INU 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 INU 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 Sharieel 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 some-

body'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 submit-

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.

BRIEFLY -

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New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Tuesday

pulled up the Delhi Police

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activists claim manhandled at protest, police deny

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

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. "They told us if you 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."

Women student AQI MODERATE SO FAR, SHOWS DATA

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

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE 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,

Delhi govt, **SAFAR** at odds

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.

The Delhi government

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.

Probe into 'collusion' between

Conservation 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 'mod-

wife booked for abetment Gurgaon: A 39-year-old

hanging;

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

Soon, driving licences to have QR codes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

DRIVING LICENCES and vehicle registration certificates in Delhi will soon be equipped with QR codes to allow for linking and validating the information with the Sarathi and Vahan webbased databases.

"The new driving licence will have an advanced microchip with features like Quick Response (QR) code and Near Field Communication (NFC). The new RC will have the owner's name on the front while the microchip and the OR code would be embedded at the back of the card," a statement issued by the government said.

The QR codes, the government said, will do away with the requirement of any manual intervention altogether.

"The QR code also has an added advantage of acting as a

The department will be able to retain records and penalties of the license holder for up to 10 vears on the VAHAN database as soon as a driver/ owner's smart card is confiscated. The new DLs will also help the government in maintaining records of differently-abled drivers, any modifications made to the vehicles, emission standards and the person's declaration to donate organs," the statement said.

safety feature on the smart card.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI OCTOBER 12 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 iail manual" in connivance with officials.

The ED had accused the brothers — who were arrested following complaints of siphon-

flouting the jail manual... making transfers of assets and dissipating the proceeds of crime... influencing witnesses, and attempting to derail the investigation".

ex-Unitech promoters, jail staff

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 iail 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 iail is all we want to say."

Chinmoy Biswal, the Delhi Police PRO, said both brothers were shifted from the central jail,

report on September 28 naming the jail officials. On October 6, the Supreme Court granted Asthana permission to conduct a "full-fledged criminal investigation" into the allegations of collusion and ordered the immediate suspension of jail officials named in his report.

The Police chief submitted a

"We have registered an FIR with the Crime Branch under sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act and the IPC. During the enquiry, names of 32 officials from Tihar jail number 7 have come up. They were found to be complicit with the Chandra brothers in this matter,' said Biswal. Police Tuesday said they have written to Director General at Tihar jail and Home Ministry to take further legal action in the case

Last week on Monday, Sanjay Chandra's wife Preeti Chandra and his father Ramesh Chandra were arrested by the ED in con-

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Tihar, to Arthur Road jail and ing homebuyers' money — of nection with the Unitech money Taloja central jail in Mumbai. engaging in illegal activities by laundering case. CR Park celebrates Pujo — with home delivered bhog, online broadcasts

ASHNA BUTANI

NEW DELHL 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.

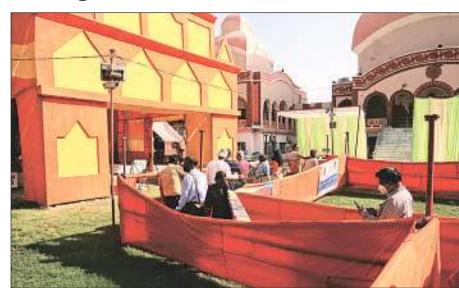
Boundaries to ensure that visitors come and go in a line along with a separate entrance and exit were in place, while sanitisers were at the entry point.

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



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

New Delhi

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 erickshaws.

The rituals were livestreamed 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."



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Punjab Buzz

RAIASTHAN 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

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 archeologist 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 cardiothoracic 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 USN Carrier Strike Group led by USS

ing 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

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

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

"Participated in the G20 Summit on Afghanistan. Stressed on preventing Afghan territory from becoming the source of rad-

icalisation 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 gains of the last 20 years and to restrict the spread of radical ideology," it said.

The summit was convened by Italy, the current chair of the G-20, that comprises 20 of the world's major economies, and was chaired by Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi.

The Prime Minister conveyed support for the important role of the UN in Afghanistan and called for a renewed backing of the G-20 for the message contained in the UNSC resolution on Afghanistan.

The MEA statement said Modi "emphasised the need to enhance our joint fight against the nexus of radicalisation, terrorism and the smuggling of drugs and arms in the region".

Modi highlighted the centuries-old people-to-people ties between India and Afghanistan. He also mentioned that India has contributed to promoting socioeconomic development and capacity building of youth and women in Afghanistan over the

Saraswati revival: Rs 215-cr dam proposed

SUKHBIRSIWACH 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 Sarasvati

river starting from Adi Badri (Yamunanagar) to Guhla Cheeka in the Kaithal district. Adi Badri is a place in the foothills of Shivalik 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 Dhuman Singh Kirmach believes the river existed over 5.000 years ago but disappeared underground because of geo-

graphical developments. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had earlier said: "My idea is to maintain the belief in Sarasvati 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.'

State Bank of India STRESSEDASSETSRECOVERYBRANCH

2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna- 800 001 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

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

available to re	vailable 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				
Gupta & Amritesh Kumar	W/o Sri Amritesh Kumar Gupta and Amritesh Kumar	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	12.10.2021	₹61,45,479.47 as on 31.05.2021 and expenses, costs, charges etc.				

Narayan Prasad. Kumar Gupta S/o Sri Deo Narayan 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.-Shastrinagar District-Patna, Area 1441 Sq.ft., Mauza-Khajpura, Present Thana Rajiv Nagar, Sub Registry Office-Patna Sadar, District-Patna, Tauzi 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. AUTHORISED OFFICER Date : 12.10.2021 STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA Place : 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

File. No. 347(Vol-II)/Admn/NDTL/2021-22

Date: 05.10.2021 ADVT No. 4.2021 Sub: Filing up of vacant post of Scientist E on deputation basis (including short term contract)

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.

in the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), New Delhi - regarding.

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.

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

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

Deputy Director(Admn)

Amit Khare appointed PM advisor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE 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 offi-

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cer 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.

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

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didates are advised to download the Admit Card for Physical Screening Test from the website i.e. www.hssc.gov.in of the Commission from 10.10.2021 and report at the venue as per schedule mentioned in the admit card for Physical Screening Test. The candidates are advised to download two copies of original admit card (not to be photostated) and to be brought at the time of PST. 2. While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inad-

vertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify

3. The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. www.hssc.gov.in also published in newspapers i.e Dainik Bhaskar, Dainik Savera, Punjab Kesari, Amar Ujala, Dainik

> Sd/ Secretary

Haryana Staff Selection Commission Dated: 09.10.2021

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New Delhi

The Physical Screening Test of the above candidates will be held on 13.10.2021. The can-

Jagran, The Indian Express and The Hindustan Times.

DMK set to sweep rural polls in 9 TN districts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAL OCTOBER 12

THE RULING DMK and its alliance is set to register a sweeping victory in rural local body elections held in nine districts in an ostensible boost to Chief Minister M K Stalin's image of a "good governance" delivery.

With a little more than 70 per cent of votes counted till late Tuesday evening, DMK was leading in nearly 1,100 seats of the total 1,381 panchayat union wards and all of the 140 district panchayat wards, indicating a likely victory of the ruling al-

Votes were being counted at 74 counting centres under CCTV surveillance from Tuesday

Among leading candidates, a significant presence was registered by those represented by the Vijay fans association under the brand of popular Tamil actor Vijay. While results are yet to be finalised, the association's 50 candidates were leading in nearly 150 seats contested in nine districts. The actor had repeatedly denied approval for these candidates or the use of his fans' association for political pur-

Meanwhile, elections in a Coimbatore triggered a social media storm over reports of the BIP candidate receiving a single vote. While BIP's rivals claimed that D Karthick, who is also a district level functionary of the BJF youth wing, had won only a single vote, sources in the locality said Karthick and his family lives in another panchayat and that he or his family members had no votes in the ward he contested. Vaiko's DMDK secured two votes in the same seat.

BJP slams Rahul, Priyanka, says they are silent on Dalit attacks

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

THE BJP on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on senior Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra over their alleged silence on atrocities against Dalits in Congress-ruled

atrocities against members of the Scheduled Caste (SC) communities in Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Jharkhand, the saffron party said that those who project themselves as champions of Dalit rights are ignoring such incidents.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters, party spokesperson Sambit Patra said, "Both Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra project themselves as champions of Dalit rights but why are they silent on atrocities against Scheduled Castes in Rajasthan and other states?"

He wondered why leaders from various political parties who went on a "political tourism" in Uttar Pradesh in the wake of violence in Lakhimpur Kheri, do not visit Congress-ruled states when incidents of atrocities against Dalits are reported from there.

Meanwhile, BJP general secretary Dushyant Gautam alleged that the Congress showed disrespect to Dalit icon BR Ambedkar and never gave him his due respect during its rule.

SP CHIEF KICKSTARTS 2022 UP POLL CAMPAIGN

'Baba CM', bull & bulldozer all will be swept away: Akhilesh

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 12

KICKSTARTING HIS party's 2022 election campaign with a "Vijay Rath Yatra" from Kanpur on Tuesday, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav lashed out at Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, saying that after next year's state

The "bull and bulldozer" remark was a dig at the stray cattle seized by the government and the unauthorised properties it has demolished during its tenure.

elections both the "Baba Chief

Minister" and his "bull and bull-

dozer" would be swept away.

"Yeh jo sarkar chal rahi hai yeh jo humara Baba Mukhyamantri hain..Yeh jane wale hain, laut ke nahi ane wale...Yeh Baba Mukhyamantri akele nahi jayenge, inke sath bull bhi chala jayega aur bulldozer bhi chala jayega... Jo Baba Mukhyamantri bulldozer leke ghum rahe hain [This government and our 'Baba chief minister' are going to go, and he is not going to go alone as the bull and bulldozer with which he roams will also go along with him]," Akhilesh told the gathering at Ghatampur, the first stop of the yatra after it began in Kanpur city.

The former chief minister alleged that the BJP had "crushed farmers" — an apparent reference to the violence in Lakhimpur Kheri on October 3 — and would "crush the Constitution" as well if it returned to power in Uttar Pradesh next year. "Therefore, the

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the BJP leadership.

Yediyurappa.

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 12

RAIDS were carried out by Income

Tax officials over five days at mul-

tiple premises across four states,

including ones linked to a former

aide of BS Yediyurappa, in what is

seen as a fresh bid to check the vet-

eran who is at loggerheads with

earthed Rs 750 crore in undis-

closed income in the raids, held

between October 7 and 11 on civil

contractors allotted irrigation

projects in Karnataka. Among

those raided was Umesh Ayanur,

a former Transport Department

employee who was made secre-

tary to the Chief Minister under

Sources said over the week-

Among others, the Opposition Congress and ID(S) have sug-

Allegations have been made of

end, Ayanur, who continued to be

in the CMO, was moved back to

gested that Yediyurappa was the

the Transport Department.

target of the searches.

OMKAR GOKHALE

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 12

THE MAHARASHTRA govern-

ment Tuesday moved a writ pe-

tition in the Bombay High

Court against the summons is-

sued by the CBI to state Chief

Secretary Sitaram Kunte and

Director General of Police

(DGP) Sanjay Pandey to appear

Officials claimed to have un-



SP chief Akhilesh Singh launches his party's rath yatra from Kanpur, on Tuesday. Express

Samajwadi Vijay Rath will go to people and throw the BIP out of power. This rath will go on continuously for restoring the rights and honour of farmers," he said.

At the rally, former Congress MP from Akbarpur Raja Ram Pal, who is a former Ghatampur MLA,

Targeting the BJP over the Lakhimpur Kheri violence in which at least four farmers and a iournalist were mowed down by a convoy of cars, one owned by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra, Akhilesh said the ruling party had failed to remove the minister while his son was arrested only because of pressure from Opposition parties. The

RAIDS ON BSY AIDE, OTHERS; OPP SAYS FORMER CM REAL TARGET

Searches led to Rs 750 cr

undisclosed income: I-T

BSY, Kumaraswamy

to Rs 18.500 crore.

widespread corruption in the

award of irrigation contracts un-

der Yediyurappa. The Congress

has claimed kickbacks amounting

searches were carried out on 47

premises linked to three major

contractors based out of

Bengaluru. It said the three "were

involved in suppression of their

income by resorting to bogus pur-

chases; inflation of labour ex-

penses; booking of bogus sub-

tions(against)these three groups

have resulted in detection of

undisclosed income of about Rs

750 crore. Out of this, an aggregate

amount of Rs 487 crore has been

Deshmukh FIR: Maharashtra moves HC

against CBI summons to Chief Secy, DGP

before it in connection with the

FIR registered by the agency

against NCP leader and former

state Home Minister Anil

Deshmukh. The two were sum-

moned to get details about al-

legations against Deshmukh

that he had posted IPS officers

summons to Kunte and Pandey

to appear before it this week. It

The CBI recently issued third

based on lobbying.

'The search and seizure ac-

contract expenses etc".

The I-T department said

SP chief claimed his party would ensure justice for farmers.

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi without naming him, Akhilesh said despite his and his party's big claims, neither the Ganga nor its tributaries had been cleaned. Modi had started his 2014 Lok Sabha campaign from Varanasi by seeking the blessings of "Ma Ganga".

Akhilesh said his party would soon release its poll manifesto and announced that his party, if elected to power, would bring back the freebies and social welfare schemes it had in place during its government tenure. Earlier in the day, he flagged off the yatra from the Ganga bridge in Kanpur.

admitted by the respective group

entities as undisclosed income."

Congress had named Avanur as

one of the 25 individuals calling

the shots in the Yediyurappa gov-

was among those to have alleged

corruption in the award of irriga-

tion contracts when Yediyurappa

was the CM, on Tuesday wel-

D Kumaraswamy said: "The rea-

son behind the I-T department

searches will be apparent to those

who understand politics. It has

been done to curb Yediyurappa."

tween Yediyurappa and Congress

leader Siddaramaiah, Karnataka

Congress working president Satish

Jarkiholi said the reason for the I-T

searches was that Yediyurappa "is

now seen as being in the

Congress leader V S Ugrappa

Opposition" rather than the BIP.

addressed a press conference.

where he said there was a "Rs

18,500 crore scam" with kickbacks

"going to the state and Centre".

came after the Mumbai Police is-

sued summons to CBI director

Subodh Jaiswal to appear before

the BKC cyber police station in

connection with the FIR regis-

Commissioner Param Bir Singh,

through his March 20 letter to

CM Uddhav Thackeray, had ac-

cused then home minister

Deshmukh of extortion.

Former Mumbai Police

tered in the data leak case.

Amid rumours of meetings be-

JD(S) leader and former CM H

comed the I-T searches.

BJPMLCAHVishwanath, who

In 2020, the Mysuru unit of the

Rally vs rally: **Question of**

tie-up

AKHILESH'S ESTRANGED uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav also launched his 'Samajik Parivartan Yatra' from Vrindavan on Tuesday - amid confusion whether the two parties will join hands in next year's UP polls. Shivpal had recently said he would wait until October 11 for Akhilesh's response on a tie-up.

Gorkhaland demand: Home ministry holds tripartite talks

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

THE UNION Home Ministry on Tuesday began tripartite talks with Gorkha representatives from the Darjeeling hills, Terai and Dooars region and the West Bengal government to resolve the longstanding demand for statehood in the North Bengal region.

The talks were chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah. "The Union Minister of Home Affairs said that the central government... is constantly making efforts to resolve issues related to the Gorkhas and of the region. The Union Home Minister listened to all the parties concerned and has decided to call for a second round of talks in the presence of senior officials of the Government of West Bengal in November 2021, said an MHA statement.

The state government was represented by its principal resident commissioner in Delhi, Krishna Gupta, at the meeting. 'The West Bengal government has been specifically asked to send their senior officials for the next round of talks. The all-round development and prosperity of the Darieeling hills, Terai and Dooars region is the top most priority of the Modi government," the MHA said.

The Gorkha delegation included Darjeeling BJP MP Raju Bista, Darjeeling MLA Neeraj Zimba, Kurseong MLA B P Bajgain, Kalchini MLA Bishal Lama, GNLF chief Mann Ghising, CPRM chief R B Rai, GoRaNiMo chief Dawa Pakhrin, ABGL chief Pratan Khati and SuMuMo Chief Bikash Rai.

The MHA held the last meeting on the issue in October last year. The Mamata Banerjee government had boycotted the

3 HCs get 17 new judges

Justice Kureshi

Rajasthan HC CJ

sworn in as

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

JUSTICE AKIL Abdulhamid

Kureshi on Tuesday took over as

the new Chief Justice of the

Rajasthan High Court, with

Governor Kalraj Mishra admin-

istering the oath of office at a cer-

emony held at Raj Bhawan in

Court, where the age of retire-

Justice Kureshi, whose par-

ent High Court is the Gujarat

High Court, was at the centre of

a two-year impasse within the

Supreme Court collegium over

the appointment of judges.

Justice Kureshi did not feature in

the list of nine appointments

made to the Supreme Court in

August despite being No. 2 in the

all-India list of seniority for

Nariman, who was part of the

collegium, had insisted that

Justice Kureshi's name be rec-

ommended before any other. A

week after Justice Nariman re-

tired on August 12, the SC col-

legium sent nine names to the

government, which were ac-

Justice Kureshi was born in

cepted within two weeks.

Former SC judge Rohinton

judges of High Courts.

ment is 65 years.

JAIPUR, OCTOBER 12

High Court.

New Delhi: The Centre on Tuesday appointed 17 Additional Judges in three High Courts and elevated three as Judges in Gauhati High Court.

Justice Kureshi was the Chief Advocates Chandra Justice of Tripura High Court be-Kumar Rai, Krishan Pahal, fore being transferred to Sameer Jain, Ashutosh Srivastava, Rajasthan in place of Justice Subhash Indrajit Mahanty, who has been Vidyarthi, Brij Raj Singh, Shree Prakash Singh and posted as Chief Justice of Tripura High Court. Kureshi, who took Vikas Budhwar have been the oath in English, is the 38th appointed to Allahabad HCas Chief Justice of the Rajasthan Additional Judges.Their names were recommended Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, by the Supreme Court Assembly Speaker C P Joshi, Collegium headed by CJI N V

Chief Secretary Niranjan Arya, Ramana on August 24. ministers and judges, among For Madras HC, the others, were present on the oc-Centre has notified the names of advocates Justice Kureshi is set to retire Sundaram Srimathy, D in March 2022, at the age of 62, if Bharatha Chakravarthy, R he not elevated to the Supreme Vijayakumar

Mohammad Shaffig. Those appointed to the Gauhati High Court are advocates Kakheto Sema, Devashis Baruah, and Arun Dev Choudhury; and judicial officers Malasri Nandi, and Marli Vankung. Additional Judges made Judges in Gauhati HC are Iustices Soumitra Saikia. Parthiviyoti Saikia and S Hukato Swu.

1960 in an illustrious Gujarat family. Justice Kureshi's grandfather Ghulam Rasul Kureshi was known to have been part of the 'Arun Tukdi' team whose members would walk the route of the Dandi March ahead of Mahatma Gandhi's arrival **FULL REPORT ON**

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Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra administers oath to Justice Kureshi in Jaipur on Tuesday. Express

to phase 2 of **Swachh Bharat** Mission, **AMRUT**

Cabinet nod

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

THE CABINET chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday approved the second editions of two flagship programmes – Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)

The Prime Minister had inaugurated the two schemes beginning of this month through a ceremony in New Delhi.

The Cabinet approved the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) till 2025-26, with focus on sustainability of Open Defecation Free outcomes, achieving scientific processing of solid waste in all cities, and managing waste water in cities with less than 1 lakh population in Census 2011.

On Atal mission, a government statement said, "The Cabinet understands that providing reliable and affordable water supply and sanitation services to urban households is a national priority. This will be achieved by providing functional tap connections to all households, undertaking water source conservation/augmentation, rejuvenation of water bodies and wells, recycle/re-use of treated used water and rainwater harvesting."

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation was launched in June 2015 to facilitate ease of living in 500 cities by providing tap connections and sewer connections, the statement said.

Non-bailable warrant against Khadse's wife

Mumbai: A special court on Tuesday issued a non-bailable warrant against Mandakini Khadse, wife of NCP leader Eknath Khadse, who was booked in connection with a land grab case. The court also rejected her anticipatory bail application stating that it was not maintainable before it.

and his wife to remain present before it after the ED filed a prosecution complaint (chargesheet) against them last month in an alleged money-laundering case. The court said that despite giving an undertaking that Mandakini would appear before it, she is 'wilfully avoiding' appearance. ENS

The court had directed Khadse

Cabinet committee approves subsidy rates for fertilisers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 12

THE CENTRE on Tuesday approved the rates of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) for phosphorous and potash fertilisers for the period October 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The financial implication of the decision will involve Rs 28.655 crore, according to an official statement.

The rate of subsidy was fixed at Rs 18.789 per kg for N (nitrogen), Rs 45.323 per kg for P (phosphorus), Rs 10.116 per kg for K (potash) and Rs 2.374 per kg for S (sulphur).

On June 16, the government had approved the NBS rates till the current kharif season, Now, it has extended it for the rabi season as well. The decision comes at a time when the sowing of rabi crops is about to pick

"This will enable smooth availability of all P&K fertilisers to the farmers during rabi season 2021-22 at the subsidised/affordable prices of fertilisers and support the agricultural sector by continuing the present subsidy levels and giving special packages of additional subsidy for DAP and three mostly consumed NPK grades," the statement said

"It will give Rs 438 per bag benefit on Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Rs 100 per bag benefit each on NPK 10-26-26. NPK 20-20-0-13 & NPK 12-32-16 so as to maintain prices of these fertilisers affordable to the farmers," it said.

While the total subsidy requirement will be Rs 35.115 crore, the total amount of rollover will be Rs 28.602 crore.

"Net subsidy required for Rabi 2021-22 after deducting savings will be Rs 28,655 crore. the statement said.

"The subsidy on P&K fertilizers will be provided based on the NBS rates approved by the CCEA to ensure smooth availability of these fertilizers to the farmers at affordable prices," it said.

Gandhi asked Savarkar to file mercy plea, won't tolerate maligning: Rajnath

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

HINDUTVA ICON Veer Savarkar filed a mercy petition with the British during his incarceration in Andaman jail on the suggestion of Mahatma Gandhi, but his contribution to freedom struggle was maligned by those adhering to a certain ideology and the same would not be tolerated any more, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Tuesday.

"A lot of falsehood was spread against Savarkar. It was repeatedly said that he filed multiple mercy petitions before the British government. The truth is he did not file these petitions for his release." Singh said at the launch of a book on Savarkar at Ambedkar International Centre where RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat also addressed the gathering.

"Generally, a prisoner has right to file a mercy petition. Mahatma Gandhi had asked that you file a mercy petition. It was on Gandhi's suggestion that he filed a mercy petition. And Mahatma Gandhi had appealed that Savarkar ji should be released. He had said the way we are running the movement for freedom peacefully, so would Savarkar," Singh said.

The book, Veer Savarkar: The Man Who Could Have Prevented Partition, has been authored by Uday Mahurkar and Chirayu Pandit and published by Rupa Publications.

Singh said Savarkar inspired people to break the shackles of slavery and agitated against untouchability among other social issues, including women's rights. However, his contribution to cultural unity of the country was ignored, Singh said.

He recounted how the hatred for him was such that when in 2003 a picture of Savarkar was being placed in Parliament, most political parties boycotted it, while a plague in his name in Andaman and Nicobar iail was removed when the government

Drawing parallels with the situation of a lion whose killing is narrated by the hunter as the lion cannot tell its story, Singh said Savarkar's story was narrated by those adhering to certain ideologies. "You can have difference of opinion, but to see him condescendingly is not right. The act of demeaning his national contribution will not be toler-



Rajnath Singh and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat at an event to launch a book on Savarkar, in Delhi. Anil Sharma

ated," Singh said.

The Defence Minister said Savarkar's criticism as a Nazi or Fascist was also not right. "The truth is he believed in Hindutva, but he was actually a realist. He be-

lieved uniformity of culture was important for unity," Singh said.

In his address, Bhagwat said the campaign to malign Savarkar's reputation began right after Independence.

"But the real goal is to malign the reputations of Swami Vivekananda, Swami Dayanand Saraswati and Yogi Arvind, who are next in line. Because they are the ones who first brought to the fore Indian nationalism. The target is not a person, but the idea of Indian nationalism which unites the entire world. And the people behind this are those whose shops will be shut after this happens," the RSS chief said, adding there was no difference between the nationalism of Savarkar and Vivekananda.

Agreeing with Mahurkar who, while introducing the book, argued that roads should not be named after rulers like Aurangzeb, Bhagwat said, "History has seen Dara Shikoh and Akbar; it has also seen Aurangzeb, who did the oppo-

site. So when Mahurkar ji says that his name should not be there and Dara Shikoh's should, I support him 100 per cent."

Earlier, Mahukar said: "We should embrace Akbar, But why should we name our roads after Aurangzeb or such rulers who heaped atrocities on us. We should name our roads after Muslims who have sacrificed for the country.'

Bhagwat said Hindu-Muslim unity before Independence was threatened by fundamentalism.

"The British realised that despite their diversity, the Indians can come together and oust them. So they widened the rift that had begun taking shape due to fundamentalism. Savarkar experienced this while he was in the Andaman jail. His Hindutva epic was written after he came

back from the Andamans," Bhagwat said.

He said when voices began rising in India that there were two nations based on religion. Savarkar had to shout that beyond religious differences was nationalism and so we are not different. "People were using goondaism to make everyone accept this theory and so [Savarkar had to use harsh words. The circumstances were such. In hindsight, we can say that it was important to speak loudly at that time and had all spoken like that Partition would not have happened." Bhagwat said.

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.



Registrar

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

POSSESSION NOTICE

(for immovable Property) Apendix - IV, [Rule 8(1)]

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of India

nder 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 Interes

(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

The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice

s hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that

the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herei

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

nereby 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 amoun Rs. 11035225.15/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lacs Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five & Paise Fifteen only) with future interest and

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) o

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Description of the Immovable Property

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Niketan Educational Foundation Situated at Village Rauna Sherpur, PS

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No.3056, (E) Plot No.3053, (S) Chour, (W) Plot No.3057.

The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general are

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 perecnt, 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

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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 en-

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hance 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.

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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 o

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

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Pawal Kumar Sotra S/O
Pardeep Kumar
16/359 Gali Hasli Guru ka
Khoo, Taran Taran, Punjab,
about 27/28 years
About 5'7"
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Wheatish
Black Eyes, Black Hairs

Contacts/Telephone Numbers: 0191-2547807. 0191-2561578

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■ 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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MANDI, DISTTEARNAL -132001, HARYANA

Commercial shop having an area of 32.77 Sq Yards situated at Gumthala tehsil Radaur Dist Yamuna Nagar vide sale deed No.1021 dated M/s Kanhiya Bartan and Crockery Main 14/07/2015 measuring 32.77 Sq.Yards in the name of Smt. Sudesh Ran Bazar Gumthala Rao Tehsil Radaur w/o Madan Lal Bounded as:, North: Shop of Harbans Lal, South: Gali

Yamunagar 135133 Prop: Sh Pankaj Kumar Shaream, East: Bazaar Shaream, West: Plot of Somnath slo Sh Madan Lal VPO Gumthala Rao Tehsil Radaur Yamunagar 135133 Guarantor: Smt Bimla Rani wlo Sh Jai Pal H No: 208 Ward No: 2 Radaur Yamunagar 135133 **Guarantor:** Smt Sudesh rani W/o Sh Madan lai VPO Gumthala Rac Tehsil Radaur Yamunagar 135133 CANARA BANK BADAUR (2055) BRANCH, Commercial Shop no 33 situated in New grain Market, Radaur Tehsil Redaur district Yamuna Nager vide sale deed no 1994 dated 19.11.2012

M/s New Surya Trading Co. Shop No 33 New , measuring 188.88 sq yards. Bounded as: North: Road and Fad, South: Grain Market, Radaur, Yamunagar Mr Gali Share-am, East: Shop no 32, West: Shop no 34 Shamsher Singh S/o Sh Alma Ram VIP Colony Near Radha Soami Satsang Bhawan Radaur, Yamuna Nagar Mr Bhag

Singh Sio Sh Atma Ram VIP Colony, Near Radha Soami Satsang Bhawan Radaur, Yamuna Nagar Land Measuring 00 Bigha 02 Biswas 10 Biswani Comprised In

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registered with the office of Sub Registrar, Karnal in the name of kanchan H.No.- 177 Phoosgarh Road Durga Colony, We Sh. Harish Kumar H.No. 1532, Shivaji Colony, Hansi Road, Behind Karnal-132001, Haryana Harish Kumar SPS School, Bounded as under:- North-House of other South:-House of H.No.-1532 Shivaji Colony, Hansi Road, Other, East:-Road, West:-House of Other

CANARA BANK, SIKRI BRANCH, 959, DELHI --Commercial property M/s Rawat Hardware And Electronic Store, Harpal MATHURA ROAD, 42 K.M. STONE, KANYANA-121004 road, Near New Public School, out of kh/kh no 55/65 Khasra no 125(2-4) 1.M/s Rawat Electricals Hardware & in M. Seekri, Bellabhgarh 121004 its outer four boundaries are:- North: Sanitary Store Through Authorized Santosh South: Mange Ram & Mem Singh, East: Other's property, West:

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CANARA BANK, RADAUR BRANCH. DISTT, YAMUNAGAR, HARYANA

per sale deed no.1713 dated 27/01/2029 measuring 330:00 sq.ft. in the M/s Shri Ganesh Trading Co Through name of Smt. Roshni Devi.
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CANARA BANK BARARA (4747) BRANCH, DISTT AMBALA, HARYANA

M/S Madan Collection Prop. Rajiv Kumar

135001. Prop:- Smt, Satinder Kaur, W/o Sh, Gurjit Singh, 5-Industrial Estate, Yamuna Nagar-135001 mt Of Double Storied Commercial Property/shop On Plot Bearing Part Of Khasra No. 506, Situated At Rajauli Road, Barara Distt. Ambala As Per Sale Deed No. 2746 Dated 04.03.2015, Measuring 39.05 Sq. Yards In Rajauli Road, Barara, Dist. Ámbaía. 2. Rajiv The Name Of Sh. Rajeev Kumar S/o Sh. Harish Charider

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Authorized Officer, Canara Bank Date: 12.10.2021 Place: Karnal

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

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

N 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

EDUMUDI 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, Mammooty 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 Mukkuthi*). 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

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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 hatepromoting content that the so-called "social" media are handling, it seems we are witnessing an incarnation of humanity. In this incarnation, 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

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GROWTH FIRST

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

LEKHA CHAKRABORTY

INTHE 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.

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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 A R Antulay from the poet 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.

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

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



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

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

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 pic-

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



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

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

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

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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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 "zeroclick" 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* documen-

tary, 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 "antinational", "seditious" 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

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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 prequalifying 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 delicencing 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

New Delhi

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

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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

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.

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 I 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.

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

Lakhimpur Kheri deaths: Driver of SUV in convoy arrested, say police Bihar man's killer among

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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 Rajva 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-

Experts object to move to seek states' view on GE crops plan

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS PUNE, OCTOBER 12

AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, objecting to the government's decision to consult states and Union Territories over a proposal to keep gene edited (GE) crops out of bio safety testing requirements.

result of a lack of communication between the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, the Ministry of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences. and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. They said the move would also be against the Prime Minister's dream of Make in India.

In the letter, the experts said that the Department of Biotechnology had proposed to keep GE crops using site-directed nuclease technology (SDN 1 and SDN 2) out of the bio safety testing requirements as it is at par with normal breeding methods. They said that this being a purely technical matter, the correct procedure would have been a discussion by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. "Instead, the GEAC has chosen the path of ambivalence and created confusion by referring the matter to the States thus relegating the issue to the back burner," the letter said.

The signatories to the letter included eminent rice breeder Gurudev S Khush. former IISc Bangalore director G Padmanaban. former ICAR director general RS Paroda, former ADG FAO Bangkok R B Singh and World Food Prize awardee Dr S K Vasal.





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,

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.

(Above) Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at the prayer meeting in Lakhimpur Kheri; (left)

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

"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 be-

Thousands pay last respects to dead farmers in Tikonia

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 ardas [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 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

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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

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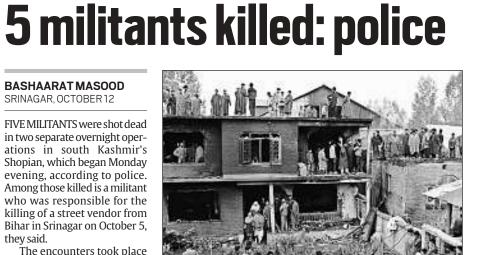
at Tulran, as the presence of terrorists got ascertained, they were given repeated opportunities to surrender. [However] they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party, which retaliated, leading to an encounter. Due to darkness, the operation was suspended," the police said in a statement on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

Early on Tuesday, repeated announcements were again made for the militants to surren $der\,but\,they\,again\,opened\,fire\,on$ 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 civil-



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.

OVERNIGHT ENCOUNTERS IN KASHMIR

In the second operation at Feeripora village, two militants searching for 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 selfstyled 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 identi-

Forces still 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 Armymen 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 Phalian 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 Iammu to receive the consignment, which had been seized by police. The packet dropped by the drone carried an AK rifle along with three maga-

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

GARGI VERMA RAIPLIR 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 thev

"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 Anusuiya 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.

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.

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

According to Hasdeo Aranya

Another block — Parsa — has

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 (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 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.

HC junks Goa govt quota decision on PG medical seats **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

PANAJI, OCTOBER 12

THE HIGH Court of Bombay at Goa on Monday struck down a Goa government notification reserving 41 per cent post graduate (PG) seats in the state quota for SC. ST and OBC candidates at Goa Medical College (GMC) and Goa Dental College (GDC) from the 2021-22 academic year.

Over 100 doctors and medical students had moved the court last year against the state government's decision.

The state's notification of May 4, 2020 reserving 12 per cent PG medical seats for STs, 2 per cent for SCs, and 27 per cent for OBCs was partly based on recommendations of the Goa Commission for SC/ST and the Goa Commission for OBC, both of which the court quashed and set aside.

In their 95-page judgment, Justice M S Sonak and Justice M S Jawalkar said, "Such a serious decision to reserve 41 per cent of the state quota seats to EXPLAINED In line with SC: 'Populist consideration

STRIKING DOWN reserva-

fied as Mehran Shalla and Adil

tion in PG medical courses in the state, the High Court of Bombay at Goa cited a 1980 ruling of Supreme Court in Dr Jagdish Saran versus Union of India case. The top court had then observed that "top technological expertise in any vital field like medicine is a nation's human asset.... If the best potential in these fields is cold-shouldered for populist considerations garbed as reservations, victims, in the long run, may be the people themselves.

PG courses at GMC ought to have (been) preceded by application of mind to a host of relevant considerations referred to in a

. Hon'ble Supreme Court on the subject as well as the considerations flagged by the Dean of GMC in his letter/notings...'

They were referring to the March 16, 2020, letter of GMC Dean Shivanand Bandekar to state under secretary (health) that the admission to PG courses in GMC had so far been without any reservation to SC, ST & OBC category... "The selection for PG seats was done purely on the merit (NEET-PG) score. This was because PG students deal with emergencies...in order to get quality service, no reservation is kept for any category as GMC is the only medical college in Goa..." he said in his letter.

Following the court's decision, the Congress attacked the ruling BJP for its inability to defend in court caste-based reservation in PG medical courses. "This government is anti-bahujan samaj... This reflects the RSS ideology that has been against SC, ST, OBCs," said Goa Congress president Girish Chodankar.

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 disdistricts between 2012 and 2016 and had been the Divisional Commissioner of Kashmir in 2019, when the Centre abrogated the special status of I&K. Despite being named in the

trict magistrate of several J&K

Gulmarg land scam, Khan was appointed advisor to then Lt Governor G C Murmu. Under Murmu's successor, Sinha, Khan held the key portfolios of Power Development, Rural Development, Relief and Reconstruction, Culture, Tourism, Planning and Industries and Commerce.

However, Khan was removed as advisor on October 5.

On Tuesday, CBI said it had conducted searches at 41 locations in J&K and outside. "During searches, incriminating documents including issuance of arms licences, list of beneficiaries, documents related to investment in FDRs and other sale proceeds, property documents, bank account details, locker keys, diary comprising incriminating details, arms license registers, electronic gadgets/mobiles and cash including old currency were recovered."

DIVYA A 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

Air India art collection likely to stay with govt the collection in the Capital.

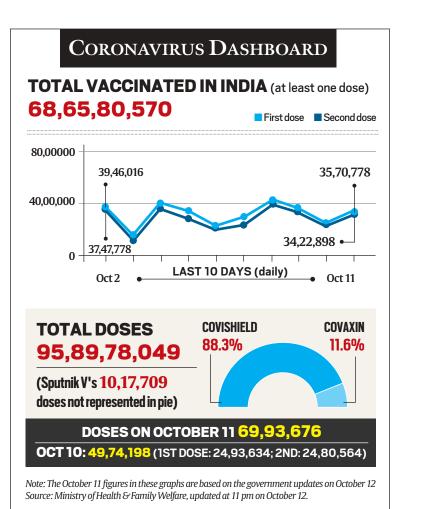
The focus shifted to the art collection in July 2018 when the proposed sale of Air India's Nariman Point building started to take shape."The Maharaja collection", as it is called, has over 4,000 works, including paintings by legendary artists such as Jatin Das, Anjolie Ela Menon, M F Husain and VS Gaitonde. 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 collection. 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

In fact, as Ministry of Culture offiicials 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.



TELLING NUMBERS

Lack of green space: a ranking of European cities by mortality

MORTALITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO LACK OF GREEN SPACE

Mortality ranking	City (country)	% of population below target NDVI*	Avoidable deaths per year (NDVI)
HIGHESTM	ORTALITY RATES		
1	Trieste (Italy)	73.95	145
2	Turin (Italy)	92.22	546
3	Blackpool (UK)	72.69	144
4	Gijon (Spain)	70.51	138
5	Brussels (Belgium)	78.47	426
LOWESTM	ORTALITYRATES		
866	Santa Lucía de Tirajana (Spain)	38.20	1
865	Paredes (Portugal)	14.76	1
864	Valdemoro (Spain)	39.89	1
863	Elche (Spain)	20.19	4
862	Lorca (Spain)	20.67	2

A STUDY in The Lancet Planetary Health ranks European cities with the highest and lowest rates of mortality attributable to lack of green space. Researchers from the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) analysed cities in 31 European countries, and concluded that up to 43,000 premature deaths could be prevented each year if these cities were to achieve the WHO recommendation that there should be a green space measuring at least 0.5 hectares at a distance of no more than 300 m from every home.

*NDVI = Normalised Difference Vegetation Index

The study used the indicator Normalised Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI). The team obtained data

from 2015 on natural-cause mortality and green space levels for each city. Using existing data on the association between green space and mortality, they estimated the number of deaths from natural causes that could be prevented if each city were to comply with WHO recommendations.

The study found that over 60% of the population has insufficient access to green space. This lack of green space is associated with 42,968 deaths, which could be prevented through compliance with the WHO recommendations, the authors said. Source: Barcelona Institute for

Global Health



SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

The EoDB rankings controversy

IMF MD Kristalina Georgieva is under scrutiny for her role in alleged rigging of the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business rankings when she was chief executive there. A look at the claims, and the findings.

UDIT MISRA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

ON TUESDAY, the executive board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) came out backing its Managing Director, Kristalina Georgieva, stating it has full confidence in her. The announcement aimed to quell weeks of increased questioning about Georgieva's role in allegedly rigging the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business rankings when she was the chief executive there.

What is the controversy around Georgieva?

Georgieva is a Bulgarian economist who held several high-profile positions in European politics. In January 2017, she was appointed the chief executive of the World Bank group. In January 2019, she took over as the interim president of the WB group after lim Yong Kim resigned three years before the end of his second term. In October 2019, she took over as Managing Director of the IMF.

The trouble started when in January 2018, Paul Romer, then the chief economist of the World Bank — he took over from Kaushik Basu — told The Wall Street Journal that the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) rankings were tweaked for political reasons. Soon Romer resigned. (Incidentally, Romer was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics later that year for showing how knowledge can function as a driver of long-term growth.) Romer's comments and resignation kickstarted a series of queries both inside and outside the World Bank about the integrity of EoDB rankings.
In August 2020, the World Bank sus-

pended its EoDB rankings after finding some "data irregularities". "A number of irregularities have been reported regarding changes to the data in the Doing Business 2018 and Doing Business 2020 reports, published in October 2017 and 2019. The changes in the data were inconsistent with the Doing Business methodology," it stated in a press release.

In particular, it was alleged that the EoDB rankings were tweaked to inflate the ranks for China (in EoDB 2018) and Saudi Arabia, UAE and Azerbaijan (EoDB 2020).

The World Bank initiated a full review and an independent investigation. One such effort was to engage WilmerHale, a law firm, in January 2021. In its report, submitted September 15 this year, Wilmerhale's investigations found that the World Bank staff did indeed fudge data to help China's ranking and they did so under pressure from Georgieva. In fact, at one point the report



summit in Paris in May. The IMF has come out in her defence. Reuters File

states that Georgieva "chastised" the World Bank's country director for "mismanaging" the Bank's relationship with China and "failing to appreciate the importance of the Doing Business to the country".

These findings are particularly damning because China is the third-largest shareholder in the World Bank after the US and Japan, and it is being seen as manipulating its way to higher rankings

WilmerHale did not find any evidence of wrongdoing with respect to the rankings of Saudi Arabia, UAE and Azerbaijan.

What are the EoDB rankings, and why do they matter? The EoDB rankings were started in 2002

to rank countries on a number of parameters to indicate how easy or difficult it is for anyone to do business in a country. Each year, the EoDB rankings mapped whether, and by how much, a country had improved on a number of big and small parameters, such as how long it takes to start a business, or how costly it is to get a construction permit, or how many procedures one has to go through to enforce a contract etc.

Given the apparently extensive nature of rankings and that the World Bank was doing it, the EoDB soon became the go-to metric for international investors to assess risk and opportunity across the globe. Billions of dollars of investments started becoming predicated on where a country stands on EoDB and whether it is improving or worsening. It also acquired massive political significance as leaders in different countries started using EoDB rankings to either claim success or perate the existing government.

How reliable are the rankings?

Even before this controversy, it was openly known that there are several gaps in the rankings. For example, in India, which had registered a massive jump in the last few years, all the data to construct the ranking was taken from just two cities — Mumbai and Delhi. Any ranking based on such a small sample ignored how remarkably the "ease" of doing business varied once one moved away from these two metros.

Such weaknesses were exploited in boosting China's ranking.

The WilmerHale report states that at one point, when Georgieva took direct control of China's ranking and was looking for ways to raise it, a junior member suggested that they just take the average of the two best performing cities — Beijing and Shanghai — as they do for several other countries (such as India) instead of taking a weighted average of several cities. By cherry-picking the top two cities, China's ranking would go up.

How can the ranking methodology be improved?

On September 1, the World Bank also published the findings of an external panel review of its EoDB methodology. It stated that "the current methodology should be significantly modified, implying a major overhaul of the project.

Some of the key recommendations are: A substantial methodological shift away from hypothetical case studies and in favour of more data collection from representative samples of "actual" business owners and operators on their de facto experiences of doing business.

■ Don't ignore the government functions that provide essential public goods to the private sector: transport and communications infrastructure, a skilled workforce, law and

■ Doing Business covers a diverse array of indicators that often have little meaning when aggregated with arbitrary weights. For some indicators, less is clearly better (e.g., delays in registering a business), while for others, optimal policy is far less clear (e.g., the optimal corporate tax rate).

■ Do not rank countries on their tax rates. From a societal standpoint, collecting taxes is necessary, and thus lower tax rates are not necessarily better.

Minority Shareholders" and "Resolving Insolvency." ■ Make the "Contracting with

■ Eliminate the indicators "Protecting

Government" indicator more relevant. ■ Restore and improve the "Employing

Workers" indicator, but do not rank countries based on this information. ■ Improve the transparency and over-

sight of Doing Business.

Is this the first time the head of the IMF and/or World Bank has been in a controversy?

No. In recent years, several heads of the World Bank and IMF have been found guilty of some wrongdoing or the other.

In 2011, Dominique-Strauss Kahn, then the MD of IMF, had to resign after he was arrested in the US following allegations of sexual assault. Rodrigo Rato, IMF's MD between 2004 and 2007, was jailed in Spain for a credit card scandal in 2017. Christine Lagarde, who was IMF MD between 2011 and 2017, has been found guilty of negligence in allowing the misuse of public funds in 2016 for a case dating back to 2011. Paul Wolfowitz, president of the World

Bank between 2005 and 2007, had to resign following ethical violations and his romantic links with a World Bank employee. The role of Jim Yong Kim, who was World Bank president until 2019, is also being questioned in the rankings controversy.

Why Lego plans to address gender bias, and how

DEEPTESH SEN

KOLKATA, OCTOBER 12

LEGO HAS announced it will work to remove gender bias from its toys and ensure children's creative ambitions are not limited by stereotypes. The announcement came after a survey found how gender biases were being reinforced through the creative play of children.

What are the findings of the survey?

The research, which was commissioned by the Lego Group and carried out by the Geena Davis Institute, surveyed nearly 7,000 parents and children aged 6-14 in China, Czech Republic, Japan, Poland, Russia, UK and US.

It found "girls are ready for the world but society isn't quite ready to support their growth through play". It found that 74% of boys (vs 62% of girls) believe that some activities are just meant for girls, while others are meant for boys. For example, 82% of girls believe it's OK for girls to play football and boys to prac-

tice ballet, compared to only 71% of boys. "However, despite the progress made in girls brushing off prejudice at an early age, general attitudes surrounding play and creative careers remain unequal and restrictive...." according to the findings as revealed by Lego.

Madeline Di Nonno, chief executive of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, told The Guardian: "Parents are more worried that their sons will be teased than their daughters for playing with toys associated with the other gender... But it's also that behaviours associated with men are valued more highly in society. Until societies recognise that behaviours and activities typically associated with women are as valuable or important, parents and children will be tentative to embrace them.'

Why is gender bias something Lego wants to address? In 2012, Lego came up with Lego Friends,

a range of products aimed at girls, which was criticised for promoting gender stereotypes.

Lego Friends had been released after the company had found in a survey that 90% of its consumers in 2011 were boys. Lego Friends was a new line of products designed for girls. Although the products did well commercially, it also faced a backlash. Thousands signed a petition complaining about the gender stereotypes in the products.

Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, an advocacy group, described Lego Friends: "Introducing LEGO Friends, just for girls and so jam-packed with condescending stereotypes it would even make Barbie blush. Bye-bye square, androgynous figures; hello, curves 'n eyelashes! And at the LEGO Friends Butterfly Beauty Shop, your little princess won't need to worry her pretty little head about icky boy things like building." Lego has also been accused of promoting

normative and problematic gendered stereotypes about the notions of beauty.

What is Lego doing to address gender bias and stereotypes?

"We know there is work to do which is why from 2021, we will work closely with the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media and UNICEF to ensure LEGO products and marketing are accessible to all and free of gender bias and harmful stereotypes.' On the occasion of the International Day

In a statement on its website, Lego said.

of The Girl (October 11), Lego, through its 'Ready for Girls' campaign, called on parents and children to "champion inclusive play". The company developed a 10-step guide and invited parents to share photos of their children's Lego creations against a pre-defined AR backdrop featuring the words 'Get the World Ready for Me'. It also made short films celebrating "in-

spiring and entrepreneurial girls from the United Arab Emirates, United States and Japan, each of which are already rebuilding the world through creativity".

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Why govt proposes to redefine forests, and the concerns this raises

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

LAST WEEK, the Ministry for Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) published proposed amendments to the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, easing diversion of forests and exempting certain categories of development from the need to take clearance from the Ministry. The Ministry has invited feedback from state governments and the general public within 15 days. After examining the feedback, it will draw up a draft amendment, followed by a second round of public consultation before an amendment Bill is finally drawn up and tabled in Parliament.

Why is the Act being amended now?

It has been amended only once before, in 1988. Ministry officials have said the current definition of forests has locked land across the country; even private owners cannot utilise their own property for non-forestry purposes.

Under the Act, any diversion of any forest land for any purpose, including assignment of leases, needs prior approval of the Centre.

In 1996, ruling in T N Godavarman Thirumulpad v Union of India, the Supreme Court had expanded the definition and scope of forest land to include all areas recorded as forest in any government record, irrespective of ownership, recognition and classification. Previously, the Act had applied largely to reserve forests and national parks. The court also expanded the definition of forests to encompass the "dictionary meaning of forests", which would mean that a forested patch would automatically become a "deemed forest" even if it is not notified as protected, and irrespective of ownership. The order was also interpreted to presume that the Act is applicable over plantations in non-forest land.

Ministry officials said the amendment is proposed to "streamline provisions of the Act". It has said the identification of forest land is subjective and arbitrary and that the

"ambiguity" has "resulted into lot of resentment and resistance particularly from private individuals and organisations".

The Ministry has also cited "strong resentment in the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways", which too require forest clearance. Officials said these clearances usually take several years, in turn delaying infrastructure projects.

What are the proposed amendments?

■ The Ministry has proposed that all land acquired by the Railways and Roads Ministries prior to 1980 be exempted from the Act. It says these lands had been acquired for expansion, but subsequently forests have grown in these areas, and the government is no longer able to use the land for expansion. If the amendment is brought in, these Ministries will no longer need clearance for their projects, nor pay compensatory levies to build there.

■ For individuals whose lands fall within a state-specific Private Forests Act or come

within the dictionary meaning of forest as specified in the 1996 Supreme Court order, the government proposes to allow "construction of structures for bona fide purposes" including residential units up to 250 sg m as a one-time relaxation.

Defence projects near international borders will be exempted from forest clear-■ Oil and natural gas extraction from

forested lands will be permitted, but only if technologies such as Extended Reach Drilling are used. ■ The Ministry has proposed doing

away with levies for non-forestry purposes during the renewal of a lease, saying the double levy at the time of awarding of the lease and the renewal is "not rational".

■ Strip plantations alongside roads that would fall under the Act will be exempted.

What are the concerns?

Activists and opposition leaders say the relaxation of forest rules will facilitate corporate ownership and the disappearance of large tracts of forests.

■ About the exemption of forests on private land, even former forest officials said many forests will disappear. For instance, 4% land in Uttarakhand falls under private forests.

■ Leaders such as Brinda Karat (CPM) have asked what will happen to tribals and forest dwelling communities — an issue the amendments do not address.

■ Environmentalists say exemption for Roads and Railways on forest land acquired prior to 1980 will be detrimental to forests as well as wildlife - especially elephants, tigers and leopards.

■ Environmentalists say one time exemption for private residences on private forest will lead to fragmentation of forests, and open areas such as the Aravalli mountains to real estate.

Do environmental groups note any positives?

They have welcomed the fact that the

consultation paper has been public, and the decision to make changes through an amendment using the parliamentary process. Environmental lawyer Ritwick Dutta said that over the last decade and a half, irrespective of which party has been in power, the standard procedure has been to change laws through office memorandums and letters and not through statutory process.

Environmental groups have also acknowledged that:

■The MoEFCC has pointed out where the pressure for forest land diversion has been coming from - Ministries such as Rail and Roads — and allowed a public debate on it.

It has proposed making forest laws more stringent for notified forests, making offences non-bailable with increased penalties including imprisonment of up to one year.

■ It has disallowed any kind of diversion in certain forests.

■ It has attempt to define and identify forests once and for all — something that has been often ambiguous.

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 gunbattle 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 intellingence 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

SALUTE THE SOLDIER



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continue to inspire us all. We salute the valor and supreme sacrifice of our brave soldier.

SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL

ABVP demands suspension of 6 policemen, says leaders 'beaten up' at police station

released late on Monday. They

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ABVP leaders staged a dharna

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6 DETAINED FOR GUJARAT GARBA EVENT

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

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

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, Mohmmad Umar and Sayed Saqib are said to have purchased passes to attend the event.

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

According to Adnan's uncle Sajid Shah, Adnan was as a volunteer at the event. Sajid said Adnan was stationed atleast 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 Saiid.

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.

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http://www.uktenders.gov.in पर दिनांक 14.10.2021 से उपलब्ध होंगी

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, Khera 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 a 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

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 sta-

tus, among other factors. An appeal filed by the woman's father said she was ar-

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rested in August under the 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.

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Sr. No.		Cost of Tender in Rs. Money Amount in Rs.		Tender form amount in Rs.	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)				
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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.

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Executive Engineer, Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai

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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.)	(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.

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU KASHMIR Office of The Executive Engineer P.H.E Division Budgam H.Q: Budgam. NOTICE INVITING E - TENDERS:



Short Terme- NIT No: 58/PHE/Bud/Civil of 2021-22.

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•	Providing of Tools and plant items for field staff of PHE Division Budgers. (under M&R) (Part A)	2.30	200/-	4,6001-	5 Days	MAR	14
2	Providing of Tools and plant terms for field staff of PHE Division Budgers. (under M&R) (Part 8)	2.34	200/-	4,6001-	5 Days	MSR	14
3	Providing of Tools and plant forms for field staff of PHE Division Budgars. (under MAR) (Part C)	2.76	200/-	4,5201-	5 Dayse	MAR	de

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The Bidding documents and other details can be downloaded from the website. https://documents.and.org/ From 11.10.2001 (10:00 AM) 16.10.2001 (quite 4:00 PM)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen (obscribeded from the website: year, attendprograms at the processor of the p 01 Date of publishing of Tender Notice 11.10.2021 From 11.10.2021 (10:00 AM) 02 Period of composition of bidding constrents To 16.10.2021 (upto 4:00 PM 03 Bid Submission Start Date 16.10.2021 (10:00 AM) Bid submission End Date 16.10.2021 (upto 4:00 PM) 16.10.2021 (at 10:00 AN) in the office of the Esecutive Engineer PHE

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Dated:- 05.10.2021

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER CIRCLE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GOPESHWAR

E Mail- sepwdgope@rediffmail.com No - 6061/ 219Yatayat-7/2021

Executive Engineer, ThE Division Budgam

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.uktenders.gov.in.

E-tender Notice (Short Term)

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 :-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.

Demand Draft of tender cost and GST Separately. Rs. 100.00 Non-Judicial Stamp paper duly signed and affixed Rs. 1.00 Revenue ticket for Bid Validity.

Required Category Registration Copy.

(Er. Mukesh Parmar) **Superintending Engineer** Seventh Circle, P. W.D. Gopeshwar

विन सरकार के मुख्यमंत्री घोषणा संख्या 38/2018 विभाग / GST के अन्तर्गत जनपद ऊधमरीह नगर उपक्रम में के विधानसमा क्षेत्र नानकमत्ता के मार्ग / सेत् अन्तर्गत प्राप्त झानपरगोढी के कार्यों हेत् पीपलगोला (बरकीडाँडी) मोटर श्रेणी A/A+ मार्ग का निर्माण कार्य एवं किल्मील में पंजीकृत 1 पर 60 मीटर रपान के पीवएसवसीव गर्डर पुल का निर्माण कार्य।

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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 Expression of Interest (EOI)

Dated: 12.10.2021

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 Reservce, Dehradun



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

SN - 6050/ 54Yatayat-7/202 E-tender Notice (Short Term)

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S. N.	District 2	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
	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. 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.

(Er. Mukesh Parmar) Superintending Engineer Seventh Circle.P. W.D. Gopeshwar

📵 NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY Corrigendum E-Tender No. EL-MWS-GKP-2021

22-89 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 a official e-tendering website http:// www.ireps.gov.in issued on dated 11.10.2021. Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/WS

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DR. B. BORDOAH CANCER INSTITUTE A Grant in Aid Institute of Department of Alamic Energy, Govt. of India And a Unit of Tata Memoral Centre (Mumba) Gopinath Nagar, Guwahati-781016, Assa No BBCI-TMC/Equip-433/NIT/3372/2021 Date: 12/10/2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER Sealed tender are invited from reputed manufacturers and authorized agents having a wellestablished set up in India with good ervices background for the supply installation & commissioning of 1.5 Testa MRI machine on buy back basis at Dr. B. Borooah Cander Institute. Guwahati 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 lender is 13/12/2021.

NOTICE No DUBA/Cons/434/MR/2021-(256) dated 07/10/2021. Mr. SAMIR ARVIND SHAH S/o SHAH ARVIND

PRABHUDAS, Resident of 202, Highland Heritage CST 427, M G Road Kandivali west, Mumbai 40006 MS, Present Address: B 3001 Alyarmook Bldg, Al Nahda

Shariah, UAE, and Miss POOJA CHADHA. D/o NARINDER CHADHA Resident of Girls Hostel, DAV Dental College, Yamuna Nagar 135001. Present Address: Fla No 301, AB Plaza 8, Al Mamza Dubai, UAE, Above mentione ndian Nationals are presentl residing in the UAE, have giver

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Jitender Singh Negi Marriage Officer, Consulat General of India, P.O. Box 737 Dubai, UAE Fax No.: 0097143970453 Email cons1.dubai@mea.gov.ir cons3.dubai@mea.gov.in Homepage wwwcgidubai.gov.in

Government of Uttarakhand "e" procurement e- tender Notice I. Name of the Work: Supply of General Use Ultrasound System under Quantity Contract For various hospitals in Uttarakhand as per details given in tender notice

on https://uktenders.gov.ln portal Date & Time of availability of bid documents in the portal: 12-10-2021 at

3:00 PM B. Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting: 18-10-2021 at 3:00 PM.

Last Date and Time for receipt of bids in the portal: 26-10-2021 at . Name and Address of the Officer Inviting the Bid: Director General, MH &

FW Uttarakhand, Dehradun . Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be

obtained from the website https://uktenders.gov.ln 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-mai

cmsd.uk@gmall.com **Director General** Medical Health & FW, Uttarakhand, Dehradun

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

SRDEN/HQ/MB acting for and on behalf of the President of India invite E-Tenders against following tenders Nos. Bidders will be able to submit the original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are no allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender toward tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manua payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc

are not allowed.					
Tender No.	86-DRM-MB-21-22				
Date	Date: 06.10.2021				
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	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				
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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 noobjection certificate (NOC) from the Civil Aviation Ministry. Akasa, which plans to operate as a lowcost carrier or an ultra low-cost carrier

(ULCC), expects to launch services by summer next year.

What is Akasa?

Jhunjhunwala, 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-

Jhunjhunwala'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

> 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 $merger\, of Z\!E\!E\!Lwith\, a\, large\, Indian$ 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

In an exchange filing, ZEEL said a deal was presented by Aroon **Balani and Bhavtosh** Vajpayee, representatives of Invesco

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.

tained 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.

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.

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

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

KARUNJITSINGH 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 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 able 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.

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 twomonth lockdown. However, re-

strictions on fare bands continues

"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, tain 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-

FM on US visit

Boston: In the US for a week-

long trip for the annual meet

of IMF and World Bank, Fina-

nce Minister Nirmala Sithar-

aman highlighted reforms by

the government as she met

Washington: India's econ-

omy is likely to grow by 9.5%

in 2021 and 8.5% in 2022, as

per projections by Internat-

ional Monetary Fund (IMF).

PFC Maharatna

New Delhi: The government

has accorded 'Maharatna'

status to state-owned Power

Finance Corporation (PFC).

Zostel on OYO

New Delhi: Zostel Hospitality

Pvt Ltd has written to Sebi

asking the regulator to reject

the draft red herring prosp-

ectus filed by OYO for the ini-

tial public offering (IPO) to

New Delhi: Reliance New En-

ergy Solar (RNESL) inked a

deal with Denmark's Stiesdal

for technology development

and manufacturing of the

latter's HydroGen Electrolyz-

ers. It also became a strategic

lead investor in NexWafe, in-

vesting \$29 million. **ENS**

raise Rs 8,430 crore. PTI

RNESL deals

institutional investors.

IMF forecast

BRIEFLY —



lowed capacity during the second wave of Covid-19 in the country. On October 10, domestic pas-

senger 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.

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 Spice-Jet. Mumbai Airport, which saw chaos and flight delays last week on account of sudden rise in traffic. preponed the resumption of its Terminal 1 to Wednesday from the earlier date of October 20.

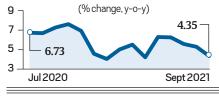
IndiGo said, "We are pleased with government's decision to allow airlines to operate with full cafrom October 18. It is a welcome move as we believe that with recent pent-up demand combined with the upcoming festive season. it will be great to operate flights on pre-pandemic levels. We are quite bullish about the overall growth and demand for domes-Full report on tic travel."

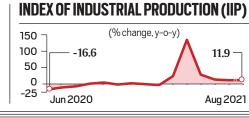
www.indianexpress.com

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)





Centrum, BharatPe get licence to set up Small Finance Bank Bank," it said in an exchange filing. **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU**

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 12

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has issued a Small Finance Bank (SFB) licence to the consortium of 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-

Rainish Kumar is BharatPe Chairman

Mumbai: Rajnish Kumar, former chairman of State Bank of India, has joined the board 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

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.

man, 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.

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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 "Desiltation 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

Superintending Engineer KWA-JB-GL-6-415-2021-22 PH Circle, Thiruvananthapuram

New Delhi

MAHARSHI DAYANAND SARASWATI UNIVERSITY, **AJMER**

NAAC Accredited B++ Grade State University (ADVT. No. 1/2021) Applications are invited on plain paper along with Curriculum Vitae for the post of Chair Professor, Maharshi Danayand 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 Shodhpeett M.D.S. University, Ajmer within 15 days of publication of this advertisement. Th application should be accompanied with a proposed vision statement and an Actior 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 DIRECTOR, DAYANAND SHODH PEETH

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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

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, if this regard, please keep referring to the website.

Place: Mumbai Date: 13.10.2021

Deputy General Manager (IT-ATM)



No.: KPCL/2021-22/PS/WORK INDENT 11744 Date: 08.10.202 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 o

'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 rganisations/contractors. Date of receipt of tenders: 25.10.2021 upto 16:00Hrs. All relevant details of the bids are available in the above nentioned e-portal. Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer(LT)-1, KPCL, RTPS, Shaktinagar-584170. Raichur District. Mobile No.: 94495 96537

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

7,500 crore) in the proposed electric mobility subsidiary of Tata TPG Rise Climate along with co-investors will invest in compulsorv convertible instruments to secure between 11 per cent to 15 per

cent stake in this company trans-

TPG Rise Climate along with its co-

investor ADQ of Abu Dhabi have

proposed to invest \$1 billion (Rs

lating 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 bat-

infrastructure to facilitate rapid \overline{EV} adoption in India. The electric vehicle subsidiary will invest in excess of Rs 16,000

tery technologies. Over the next 5

vears, this company will create a

portfolio of 10 EVs and in associa-

tion with Tata Power, catalyse the

creation of a widespread charging



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

NCHANDRASEKARAN 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 marketshaping 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

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**

पर बंबा- व्यक्तकार/थिय/२००१-१२/१४।७ पुनः निविदा सूचना अधीहस्ताक्षर कर्ता द्वारा संस्थान के निम्नलिखित विभागों में आवश्यक <u>उपकरणों / मेढिसिन / सर्जिकल</u> सामग्रियों के क्रय हेतु प्रतिष्टित निविदादाताओं से निम्नानुसार ई-निविदायें आमंत्रित की जा रही है। मेडिसिन विभाग में उपकरणों के क्रय इंडएन०टीड विभाग में उपकरणों के क्रम हेतु निविदा। हेतु निविदा। हेन्टल विभाग में उपकरणों के क्रय चर्म रोग विभाग में उपकरणों के क्रय हेतु निविदा। हेतु निविदा। चिकित्सालय में मेलिसिन सामधी चिकित्सालय में सर्विकल सामग्री हेत् हेतु ई-निविदा। ई-निविदा। उपरोक्त निविदाओं से सम्बन्धित अन्य समस्त सूचनाये उत्तराखण्ड सरकार की वैबसाइट http://uktenders.gov.in से दिनोंक 13.10.2021 अपराहन: 02:30 से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। प्राचार्य-राजकीय दून मेडिकल कॉलेज, देहरादून।

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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 BCECE 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 Post Graduate Dental Admission Counselling (PGDAC)-2021 in order to select candidates for admission to the FIRST YEAR of the following Post Graduate Degree/ Diploma Courses for the session 2021;

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

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

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: beeceboard.bihar.gov.in **Controller of Examination**

crore over the next 5 years in prod-







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.

TOPOFTHE _ WORLD



Nepal's former king Gyanendra. File

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 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

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 "hored" 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 REUTERS

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

HYUNG-JINKIM 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 US a "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.



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. AF

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 minis-

ter 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 ISI chief and the PM had subsequently taken the Cabinet into confidence over the issue. "The legal procedure will be

night to discuss the matter of the

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

Slow lockdown cost thousands of lives in UK: report

Parliamentary report was Britain's 1st comprehensive one on pandemic

DANICA KIRKA LONDON, OCTOBER 12

BRITAIN'S FAILURE to impose a lockdown in the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic cost thousands of unnecessary deaths and ranks among the country's worst public health blunders, lawmakers concluded Tuesday in the nation's first comprehensive report on the pandemic.

The deadly delay derived from the failure of British government ministers to question the recommendations of scientific advisers, resulting in a dangerous level of "groupthink" that caused them to dismiss the more aggressive strategies adopted in parts of Asia to limit infections, the report said.

It was only when the National Health Service risked being overwhelmed by rapidly rising infections that Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government ordered a lockdown: in late March 2020.

"Decisions on lockdowns and social distancing during the early weeks of the pandemic... rank as one of the most important public health failures the UK has ever experienced," states the joint report from the House of Commons' science and health committees.

Lawmakers said their inquiry was designed to uncover why the UK performed "significantly worse" than many other countries during the initial period of the pandemic. The UK recorded more than 137,000 Covid deaths, the



Britain's National Covid



THE PARLIAMENTARY report said the UK government was too late to enforce a lockdown and that it did not follow an aggressive-enough test and trace strategy in the early stages of the pandemic, leading to thousands of deaths. However, the report adds that the UK did get some things right, and praised the government for its early investment in vaccine research, and for its vaccination strategy that has resulted in around 80% of UK adults being fully vaccinated.

they did what they could with the information they had at the time. Cabinet minister Stephen Barclay told Sky News: "We were learning about it as we went through, and of course with hindsight, there's things we know about it now that we didn't know at the time." AP

New Superman

will be bisexual;

'not a gimmick,'

But government officials said

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

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 busi-

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.

At 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

'Chinese billionaire Jack 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**

REUTERS LOS ANGELES, OCTOBER 12 OUT, OUT and away! - for Superman on National Coming

writer says

Out Day. Superman Clark Kent and journalist Lois Lane, turns out to be bisexual in DC Comics' latest iteration of the superhero's adventures.

porter Jay Nakamura in issue five of the comic book 'Superman: Son of Kal-El', which will be released on November 9. "It's not a gimmick," the writer,

The young man kisses re-

Tom Taylor, said in an interview from Melbourne, Australia, wearing a T-shirt with a rainbowstriped Superman logo.

"When I was offered this job, I thought, 'Well, if we're going to have a new Superman for the DC Universe, it feels like a missed opportunity to have another

"We didn't want this to be 'DC Comics creates new queer Superman,"'Taylor said. "We want this to be 'Superman finds himself, becomes Superman and then comes out.' and I think that's a really important distinction there.

Mossad may have considered killing A Q Khan: report the Mossad, the Israeli spy agency. rectly identify his efforts to set up

HARINDER MISHRA JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 12

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



AQKhan

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

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 AQ 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 cora 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 straight white savior," he said. National Coming Out Day is observed on October 11 to support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

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

NICHOLAS BOGEL-**BURROUGHS& RICHARD FAUSSET**

HAMPTON, OCTOBER 12

CURTIS EDWARD Smith, a handyman and former logger, had done his share of odd jobs over the vears for Alex Murdaugh, a lawver 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 recalled Murdaugh telling him. He said Murdaugh had a loaded gun

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 house-

keeper 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 astonished 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-

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

ing death, but he was killed before he could stand trial. After the killing of Alex

boating under the influence caus-

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 Murdaughs' 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.

SPORT

Jordan backs NBA's stance on vaccination

REUTERS

CHICAGO BULLS great Michael Jordan said he was a "firm believer in science" and that backed the National Basketball Association's (NBA) stance on COVID-19 vaccinations ahead of the new season starting on October 19.

The NBA said unvaccinated players must comply with a long list of restrictions to play in games and take part in team activities such as practice. US media reported earlier this month that 95% of players have had at least one shot but some players, including Brooklyn Nets' Kyrie Irving, have not said publicly if they have been vaccinated, "Given the evolving nature of the situation and after thorough deliberation, we have decided Kyrie Irving will not play or practice with the team until he is eligible to be a full participant," Nets' general manager Sean Marks said in a statement.

Jordan, who played 13 seasons with the Bulls winning six championships and currently owns the Charlotte Hornets, said he was not concerned by the league's protocols.

"Not at all. I'm total in unison with the league," Jordan said on NBC's Today show. "I'm a firm believer in science and I'm going to stick with that and hopefully everybody abides by whatever the league sets the rules. I think once everybody buys in, we're going to be fine."

The new season is going ahead despite concerns over the contagious delta variant of the novel coronavirus that has hit those who are unvaccinated particularly hard.

Get vaccinated to play Australian Open, minister tells players

Melbourne: Tennis players planning to compete in the Australian Open at Melbourne Park should get vaccinated for COVID-19 to give themselves the best chance of playing the Grand Slam, an Australian government official has said. Victoria state, of which Melbourne is the capital, has introduced a vaccine mandate for all professional athletes but authorities have yet to clarify whether athletes from overseas or other Australian states must also vaccinate. Victoria sports minister Martin Pakula urged players to leave no room for doubt.

"If I was an ATP or WTA player, I'd be getting vaccinated," Pakula told local radio station SEN. "That will give them the best opportunity to play in the Australian Open with the more minimal restrictions that might be in place for

Both the women's WTA and men's ATP tours have urged players to get vaccinated but some have expressed reservations, including Australian Open men's champion Novak Djokovic, who is opposed to vaccine mandates. Tennis Australia, which organises the Grand Slam, has not disclosed any arrangements for players for the tournament in January.

Fast and courageous

Gavit, whose arm was amputated elbow down, wants to challenge himself and other able-bodied athletes

ANDREW AMSAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

TEENAGER DILIP Gavit has taken part in only one para-athletics tournament in his nascent career. The 18-year-old, whose right arm is amputated from below the elbow, feels the level of competition in para championships isn't up to his standards.

"It's too easy for me. There's no thrill in winning there," Gavit puts it plainly. It may sound like Gavit is an over-confident youngster but that's far from true. The Maharashtra athlete firmly believes this kind of confidence and resilience is needed to compete against non-disabled athletes in open events.

At the 400m nationals in Delhi, Gavit reached the U20 finals finishing second in his heat with 49.89s on the clock. He was sorely disappointed on finishing fifth in the U20 race clocking, 49.85s. "My finish wasn't good. The moment I go home, I will watch my video and ask my coach how to improve my pace in the last 100m," says Gavit, who led the pack for the first 200m of the race on Tuesday.

Gavit, who has four national-level medals in open competitions, was targeting to finish within 48s. If he had, the Maharashtra runner would have walked away with the gold around his neck. "He is capable, He's really talented, and I know he will achieve the mark soon," says his coach and guardian, Vaijnath

Gavit says his right arm had to be amputated when he was around four after he got injured after falling off a tree. "My parents took me to an ayurvedic practitioner instead of a proper hospital. They just applied some medation and bandaged my arm," he says.

But matters got worse as the wound got further infected and septic, and by the time professional help was finally sought it was too late. "If my parents had gone to a proper doctor in the first place, they could have saved my arm," says Gavit while shaking his head.

Steady beginnings

Gavit, always fascinated with running, started taking part in school-level events and gradually progressed. Nasik-based coach Vaijnath spotted young Gavit at a local meet about six years back. "I'll be honest. It wasn't like that he was a great runner at that time nor did I see something special in him. I just wanted the young child to have a fair chance at the sport, and that could happen only with good formal coaching," says coach Kale.

When coach Kale approached Gavit's parents, they had just one condition. "They asked me if I could take care of all his expenses, then I could train him. I agreed," says Kale, who has

Gavit now stays with coach Kale's family in Nasik. "My sir has two children and now I



At the 400m nationals in Delhi, Dilip Gavit reached the U20 finals, finishing second in his heat in 49.89s. Andrew Amsan

Hima Das tests positive for COVID-19

New Delhi: Star athlete Hima Das, who is in Patiala to resume her training, has tested positive for COVID. After failing to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics, the 2018 U-20 World Champion in 400m took a short break to nurse her hamstring injury.

"Hima returned to Patiala on 10th. On 8th and 9th she was in Guwahati and she just had mild exhaustion. We thought it was nothing to worry about. She must have tested positive during compulsory tests at Patiala," a local coach said.

Hima's media manager said there is nothing to worry about on the health front. The national camp for athletics is slated to begin in the last week of October but Hima arrived earlier to get a headstart. The rest of the campers are yet to

am like the eldest son. Coach sir is everything to me. I trust him blindly. If he asks me to leave running and try jumping, I will do it without asking a question," says Gavit, who gets a little emotional while talking about his mentor.

Coach Kale, a former corporate employee, trains around 25 children at his academy in Nasik. Gavit is the only athlete that stays with him at his residence. "I do this out of the love report to the National Institute of Sports in Patiala, Punjab. "She is there. She wants to train and get back into form," says 400m chief coach Galina Bukharina.

Hima was in decent shape in the runup to the Olympics and clocked 23.21s at Federation Cup in March, missing the 200m Olympic qualifying mark of 22.80s.

But a grade one hamstring tear derailed her campaign. In a last-ditch effort, against the doctors' advice, Hima ran the 200m despite the injury at the Inter-State event where she finished way off the podium mark. "Hima now wants to train hard and do well in the Commonwealth and Asian Games, says coach Galina.

ANDREW AMSAN

I have for the sport. I wish I had someone who would have guided me when I was an athlete,"

For Gavit, who doesn't own a mobile phone, has no social media accounts, dislikes watching TV, life revolves around athletics. He says he won't rest until he bags a Paralympic medal for the country. But will he continue to participate in open competitions?

"Of course. This is where the real fun is. I don't consider myself disabled. In fact, I am in no way inferior to the other athletes," says Gavit. His run even caught 400m chief coach Galina Bukharina's attention, "I had a runner in America like him. He got an implant (with a prosthetic hand) and his timings improved massively. If this boy can find a sponsor who can help him with that, trust me, he will run much faster," said the seasoned coach.

Dabas, Chaudhary fastest

PTI adds: Ayush Dabas of Haryana and 16year-old Rupal Chaudhary of Uttar Pradesh emerged as the fastest male and female quarter-milers in the third National Open 400m Championships here on Tuesday.

Dabas ran his second sub-47 second onelapper in a fortnight, backing up his 46.58 second effort in National U-23 Championships here on September 28 with a victory in 46.86 seconds in the men's final on Tuesday.

He was pushed by Tamil Nadu's Surendar Selvamani who was the only other sprinter to stop the clock below 48 seconds.

Yet, it was 16-year-old Rupal who was the cynosure of all eyes, with her girls U-18 triumph coming in a personal best time of 53.73 seconds. She bettered her previous best of 55.37 seconds, clocked during the National Junior Athletics Championships in Guntur in

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

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA MALE, OCTOBER 12

DESCRIBING INDIA'S inability to score goals as "an old problem", head coach Igor Stimac on Tuesday said the team cannot be dependent on just one player to find the opposition net, in an apparent reference to talismanic striker

going SAFF Championships and both came through 37-year-old Chhetri, who equalled legendary Pele with his 77th strike in the match against Nepal. "I'm quite happy with our performance in

India have so far scored two goals in the on-

last three games — looking at the way we played, at possession numbers. We dominated them and our goalkeeper wasn't much disturbed," Stimac said at the media conference ahead of India's last round-robin league match against hosts Maldives.

"But there is an old problem which is following us and that's converting chances. We cannot be dependent on just one player and need to be more confident in front of goal," he

Currently at third spot with five points from three matches, India need nothing less than a win against Maldives to stay in reckoning for the final of the regional tournament. A draw or a loss will knock India out and that will be the worst result for the country in recent memory, which could also raise doubts about Stimac's continuation at the helm of affairs.

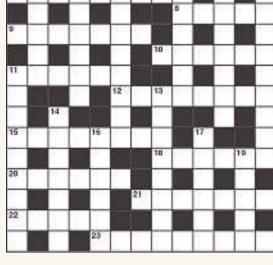
The worst performance for seven-time champions India before this edition was the third-place finish in 2003 and the country has either won or finished runners-up in 11 previous editions.

The situation is a bit easier for Maldives as they need just a draw, and hence, it's clear what we need to do in tomorrow's game," said the Croatian. The head coach said the win against Nepal has boosted the confidence of his players. "The best motivation is to win games. It wasn't easy to have two back-to-back draws in the first two games. Hence, it was a kind of a relief for all the players to beat Nepal. They needed confidence."

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IGOR STIMAC, INDIA HEAD COACH REFERENCES SUNIL CHHETRI AHEAD OF MATCH VS MALDIVES

CROSSWORD 4559



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- 11 Despite having a stony stare she may be amused (6)
- 12 Missing some exercise for boxers (8) 15 Number meet for break round
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- your place (6) 21 Go for a spin?
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- 23 They suffer periodic reversals
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JUMBLED WORDS

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Solutions Crossword 4558: Across: 1 Beggars, 4 Sites, 7 Unto, 8 Ordained, 10

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- off(9)11 Suspects water vapour causes
- oxidation(9)
- 13 It may be simple to engage one's attention (8)
- 14 Rise for the workers? 16 Airmen crashed in the sea
- 17 Former arrangement to change for the better (6)
- 19 Nerve broken? Not at all

Typesetter, 12 Co-star, 13 Hatred, 15 Behind time, 18 Famously, 19 Cant, 20 Ratty, 21 Stays in. Down: 1 Blunt, 2 Gatepost, 3 Strata, 4 Shake hands, 5 Tank, 6 Seduced, 9 Estate duty, 11 Ordinals, 12 Conifer, 14 Titles, 16 Eaten, 17 Smut.

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the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get

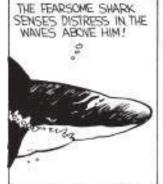
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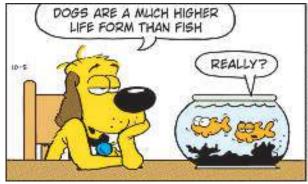








MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





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Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s 3s = Medium: 4s: 5s = Very Hard; 6s

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) complex. By all means trust in

partners who claim to have your interests at heart, but keep one eye open for a whirlwind confrontation which could blow up, apparently from nowhere. It's a day for unusual solutions, and even stranger decisions.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) With others' help you really can improve your

financial situation. But do you really want to become wealthier or is it a deeper sort of fulfilment that attracts you? You may not be entirely clear about your next move, though. But then it's good to have an open mind.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You could not have

known until now just how far you are about to travel, but even so, it's unlikely that your

journey will be completed before another five or six months have passed. You're obviously half-way through a long-term cycle, but only just setting out on a major emotional phase.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Mars is positively aspected to your chart, while the Sun

makes friendly noises, adding up to a passionate configuration that is right up vour street. Indulge your fantasies while you can, leaving 'real' life to look after itself. Your attitude to partnerships is poetic

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) You're coming

heavily under the sway of the Moon. This may make you feel slightly wobbly, emotionally, especially this

evening when events may not go according to plan. At the same time you must listen to your intuition. You will be able to make the most of your many hopes and schemes very soon, so don't lose heart.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) There are some



New Delhi

major professional issues to be faced, and it may be

necessary to take a tougher line than you've so often done in the past. Now is the time to make a bold start in rectifying silly mistakes. After all, if there's one thing you're good at, it's patching up problems.

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

seems to be

finances, and it is increasingly clear that before the week is out you will be forced to rearrange your budget. Perhaps more emphasis should be given to your long-term savings and security, and you'd better cut

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

down on unnecessary costs.



This is an outcome to be desired for the simple reason that you are much harder on yourself than with the people who really SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Partners and loved ones who have been taken aback by your determination must be reassured if you wish to

maintain harmonious relationships. Your ability to soothe them will be impressive. In love, it's time to take unusual options, or miss an amazing chance.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) You may not be entirely happy with

the current direction that events seem to be taking. However, don't panic just yet. Changes which take place soon will sweep current doubts clean away. Although you're perfectly open and honest at the moment, there are still feelings you're keeping to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Colleagues who have put a foot out of line

at work will learn to regret their impudence. This is the time for you to flex your professional muscles, remembering

are not, in themselves, sufficient to guarantee a successful outcome. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

that confrontational tactics

are increasing their power over your dreams, enhancing your vision and sense of destiny. Seldom have the

The Sun and Pluto

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.

Answer: What do you despise ? By this you are truly known. - Michelangelo SOLUTION: SEEDY, SKIMP, SLUDGE, SIMPLY

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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

TUSHAR BHADURI OCTOBER 12

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 Cupwinning captain Morgan is woefully short of runs himself, but his tactical nous, biggame experience and motivational skills often give KKR an edge. Their overseas players are not icons, but essentially utility men who could do **Chakaravarthy, could be** a job under the given circum- effective. iplT20.com/file stances. That's why there is

more rotation among KKR's foreign contingent than may be the case with other teams.

KKR spinners, including

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 Chakravarthy is KKR's highest wickettaker 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



The wickets at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium have aided spinners and made it difficult for batsmen to free their arms. ipIT20.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 - Prithvi Shaw, Shikhar Dhawan, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant - but tapers off to-

wards 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 troika would hope to exploit it.

Delhi need to optimise Ashwin's potential

SANDIPG OCTOBER 12

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 thriftier (6.03 runs per over to 6.05).

Yet, for all these glittering numbers, Delhi Capitals have been disinclined to thrust newball 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 ploy 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. ipIT20.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 rethink Ashwin's role.

Not a Powerplay player There seems to be blatant confusion, out-

wardly 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 eath 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 underoptimising 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 spinnerfriendly 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 17member 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 Aragones 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 Ian. 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**

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

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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 Oatar 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

"We got what we wanted, to qualify as

quickly as possible," Flick said.

He has overseen five wins in five games since taking over from Joachim Löw after the summer's European Championship.

'Of course, the first half was a bit wild," Flick added. "The precision was missing, as was often the case in the (previous) game against Romania. But you have to say once the first goal went in, we followed it up and were consistent. So from that point of view we can be satisfied."

The remaining qualifiers against Liechtenstein and Armenia in November he can use to experiment.

Germany won't find out until April which opponents it will face in Qatar. They will be much tougher. The top-ranked teams Belgium, Brazil, England, France, Italy, Argentina and Portugal are likely with host Oatar to be seeded first in the group stage draw, while Germany is ranked 14th behind



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

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North Macedonia 0-4 Germany Kai Havertz 50' Timo Werner 70',73' Iamal 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 open-

ing 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.

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