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Fertiliser stocks dip

before sowing starts first week of November," he adds.

The desperation is more for potato, where sowing is already underway in Punjab and extends from mid-October to early-November in UP. The fertiliser requirement, per acre, for it is around 110 kg urea, 90 kg DAP and 80 kg MOP.

Harjinder Singh from Malliwal village in Shahkot tehsil of Punjab's Jalandhar district plans to cultivate potato on 85 acres. "I have just 30 bags (each of 50 kg) of DAP and 10 bags of 12-32-16 (a complex fertiliser containing 12% nitrogen or N, 32% phosphorus or P and 16% potassium or K). This will suffice for hardly a fourth of my area," he complains.

The picture projected by farmers — there are viral media videos of lathi charges and even trucks being raided — is consistent with the stocks position of key nutrients, as per the government's own data.

Opening stocks for this month were less than half of their year-ago levels in the case of DAP and MOP, and also lower for urea and NPKS complexes.

The main reason for the precarious stocks is surging global prices.

The Narendra Modi government, on October 12, approved an increase in the subsidy on DAP besides that on three NPKS complexes. The decision was taken to make it viable for fertiliser firms to import and also stop them from raising MRP too sharply, especially given the state elections.

But the main concern is availability: Has the higher subsidy come too late?

"There would certainly be incentive to import now. I expect ships to start arriving by end-October. The government should undertake

24/7 surveillance so that the imported material is moved directly to the consumption centres rather than being stocked. Secondly, some kind of rationing is required," industry expert G Ravi Prasad told *The Sunday Express*.

Boom in Ed-Tech

sector is way above last year's amount, the overall global scenario has been comparatively slower on this front.

According to CB Insights data, ed-tech companies across the world raised \$8.27 billion till September 24 this year, and are expected to raise a total of \$11.03 billion by the end of this year, compared with \$12.63 billion raised last year. Most of this fundraising activity has come from early-stage start-ups, as seed, angel and Series A deals.

Almost half of the amount raised by ed-tech in 2021 so far, was cornered by Byju's. The company has raised over \$1.5 billion this year. In 2021 alone, Byju's, which is valued at \$18 billion, was involved in four out of the five biggest M&A deals in the ed-tech sector.

"While much of the ed-tech boom that we are witnessing in India is outside of the school, more akin to private tutoring, there is a real opportunity in these start-ups and companies getting involved with governments and education boards to formulate curriculum suited for a digital world," a Bengaluru-based partner at an early stage venture capital firm said.

Industry experts have also pointed out the opportunity to look at the education sector as a for-profit sector that has spurred investment activity. "With ed-tech start-ups like Byju's, Unacademy or even a lot of smaller ones, PE and VC funds have a chance to make high returns," a VC fund manager said.

ISKCON temple

Bangladesh to ensure the safety of all Hindus & bring the perpetrators to justice," ISKCON said.

Bangladesh authorities have imposed a nationwide vigil while officials said that investigations have thrown up crucial evidence.

The elite anti-crime Rapid Action

Battalion (RAB) said it expects to arrest some of the key perpetrators of the attacks on temples. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said: "We expect developments of the investigations in the next one or two days."

Colonel KM Azad of RAB said: "The violence appeared to be part of a plot against inter-faith harmony and the perpetrators were involved in identical incidents earlier."

2 more killed in J&K

popular medical store in Srinagar on October 5. The same day, another street vendor from Bihar, Virender Paswan, was shot in Srinagar, while a local, Mohammad Shafi, was attacked at Hajin in Bandipore. Two days later, suspected militants barged into a school in Srinagar and killed two teachers — the principal, a Sikh, and a Hindu resident of Jammu.

There were reports of Kashmiri Pandits leaving the Valley soon after, with the killings reviving fears of a repeat of the 1990s.

Director General of Police Dilbag Singh has said the recent killings are aimed at damaging communal harmony. Union Home Minister Amit Shah had held a high-level security review after the school shootout, and top R&AW, NIA and Intelligence Bureau officers have been stationed in the Valley since to oversee operations to trace the militants behind the killings.

Before the fresh killings on Saturday, IGP Kumar denied that the incidents were the result of a security lapse. "(The militants) attacked soft targets, whom we had not provided security. It is not possible to provide security to every soft target," he said.

On politicians talking about this (among others, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said there was an intelligence failure), Kumar, responding to a question, said: "It is the job of politicians to speak *ultra-pultra*. I know how to handle it and we will do it."

Rahul Dravid

aware about Dravid agreeing to replace Shastri.

"Look, our ultimate goal is to win the World Cup and I honestly have no idea exactly what's happening on that front yet. We haven't had any detailed discussions with anyone," he said.

Over the past few weeks, the BCCI has been checking the availability of several potential coaches before putting out a formal advertisement, but the response they have been lukewarm.

Initially, the BCCI wanted Dravid to come on board as interim coach, to get more time for head-hunting. In Dubai, India's batting great, who has worked with the national u-19 side, was requested to take charge of the senior team until 2023.

"Dravid is the best choice at the moment. He knows the players and has had a crucial role in creating a system where players have had a smooth transition into the senior team... The discussion has been positive and we are hoping to see him on board when we advertise for a coach," a BCCI source said.

Poonch operation

The four personnel had been missing ever since a fierce gunbattle with militants Thursday evening in the forests near Bhata Durian village along the Bimber Gali-Surankote road.

Army PRO Lt Colonel Devender Anand said the bodies found Saturday had been identified as those of Subedar Ajay Singh and Naik Harendra Singh.

He said they were part of the search operations launched by security forces to flush out militants hiding in the forests.

"Relentless operations continued to neutralize the militants and to re-establish communication with the soldiers," he said, adding "Subedar Ajay Singh and Naik Harendra Singh were killed in action in the fierce fight and their bodies were recovered on Saturday evening."

Officials said the militants are from the same group which had engaged security forces in the forests of Chamred in Poonch and adjoining Pangai in Rajouri district Monday. A JCO and four jawans were killed in the gunbattle.

Singhu lynching

arrived at Singhu with a contingent of Nihang Sikhs in December last year, was reportedly honoured by the Nihangs before police took him away. Police officers said he had named four more people. He was remanded on Saturday to seven days' police custody.

Narain Singh, who "surrendered" at village Amarkot in Amritsar, allegedly attacked Lakhbir on the leg. Like Sarabjit and Lakhbir, Narain is a *Mazhabi* (converted) Sikh.

Police said preliminary post-mortem had showed 37 injuries on Lakhbir. Police first came to know what had happened when videos went viral of men dressed in Nihang robes questioning an injured Lakhbir at the Singhu protest site over the "desecration". A case of murder was registered at the Kundli

Sonia to stay, clamour for Rahul's return

As per the schedule for organisational elections approved by the top decision-making body of the party on Saturday, Gandhi will continue as interim president for nearly a year more, with polls for the post of AICC president to take place between August 21 and September 20, 2022.

Meanwhile, one leader after another made their wish clear Saturday as to who they wanted as the next president: Rahul Gandhi. When some like Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and AICC general secretary Harish Rawat asked him to take over immediately without waiting for the organisational elections, Rahul reportedly said he would "consider" it and can't be "bullied".

What was clear was that Rahul, who had resigned as Congress president after the party's 2019 Lok Sabha election debacle, was now less reluctant to return to the helm. However, even as he is running the party for all practical purposes, he reportedly wants the takeover through "due process" and organisational elections.

"He does not want to take over just because some CWC members have asked him... If somebody wants to contest against him... they can do so," a leader close to him said.

In her address to the CWC, Sonia Gandhi was blunt: "I am, if you will allow me to say so, a full-time and hands-on Congress president," she said, adding that the party leadership in the last two years has "never let issues of public importance go unaddressed".

Sources said it was senior leader A K Antony who began the chorus for Rahul. Almost every other leader -- including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Ashok Gehlot, Bhupesh Baghel -- echoed Antony.

Rahul's assertiveness was reflected in his statement at the meeting that the media in Delhi "cannot dictate the party's politics",



Rahul Gandhi at the CWC meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. Praveen Khanna

and that it was he who had informed Channi about the decision to appoint him as CM. "He broke down," Rahul said.

With party leaders clearly lining up behind the Gandhis, the G-23 leaders appeared much mellowed. The last CWC meeting, held in the wake of the party's defeat in the Assembly elections in May, had seen two of them, Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma, questioning the electoral strategy. On Saturday, Azad, Sharma and the third G-23 member present, Mukul Wasnik, were on the defensive as several leaders followed Sonia Gandhi's lead and attacked them.

Another important take-away from the CWC meeting was the lack of a discussion on Opposition unity, though the Congress urged all "democratic parties and forces" to join hands against the Modi government.

Seeking Rahul's return as Congress president, Channi said he was "our property... Congress property". Priyanka said Rahul was their leader. Tariq Hameed Karra asked Rahul to be "kind" to his mother and not "burden" her further. One leader said Rahul replied he would take a "conscious decision".

Sonia Gandhi said: "I have always appreciated frankness. There is no need to speak

Arrested, Kolkata's Nilesh Parekh went offshore

Chicory Holdings was set up in October 2010 with UAE-based Trinity Group Partners as administrator of the company. According to the BVI company formation document, Parekh owns 50,000 shares of \$1.5 each and the purpose of the firm is to "register a subsidiary, branch, representative office, limited liability company, free zone company" with accounts in the UAE.

"The company will invest in and hold assets in UAE or anywhere else in the world and hereby authorizes Mr Nilesh Parekh signing solely to represent the company and sign on behalf of the company on any and all documentation related to the investment, holding and sale/transfer of assets," said a resolution approved by Chicory Holdings in 2011.

The Indian Express team went to three addresses related to Nilesh Parekh in Kolkata but he was not available at any.

While opening the offshore firm, Parekh listed his house address at Manikanchan building in Ballygunj, Kolkata. At this address, a person who identified himself as the domestic help of Parekh said he had no knowledge about Nilesh Parekh's whereabouts.

Parekh, his brothers Kamlesh and Umesh, along with the Indian firm, Shree Ganesh Jewellery, are accused of defrauding — a consortium of 25 Indian banks of Rs 2672 crore and diverting export proceeds of over Rs 7000 crore.

Shree Ganesh was declared a wilful



Document which shows Nilesh Parekh is director of Chicory Holdings Limited in the BVI

defaulter by banks as early as 2015. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is probing two separate cases against Parekh.

In July 2020, the agency issued a show-cause notice to Parekh and Shree Ganesh "for resorting to unauthorized foreign exchange dealings, holding of foreign exchange outside India and wilfully siphoning off Rs 7220 crore as export proceeds".

The ED is also investigating the company under the PMLA for allegedly diverting the sale proceeds of gold exports to related firms in the UAE, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Sources said the company has huge outstandings from three UAE firms Al Marhaba Trading FZC; Sparkle Jewellery LLC; and Astha Jewellery LLC. All these firms are promoted by Parekh and his brothers. The ED alleged that Parekh has deployed funds siphoned from India in

to me through the media. So let us all have a free and honest discussion. But what should get communicated outside the four walls of this room is the collective decision of the CWC... The entire organisation wants revival of the Congress. But this requires unity and keeping the party's interests paramount. It requires self-control and discipline."

While Gandhi did not name anyone, it was clear she was hinting at the G-23 leaders. A fortnight ago, Kapil Sibal, among the most vocal of the G-23 leaders, had said at a press conference that, "In our party, at the moment, there is no president, so we don't know who is taking these decisions. We know and yet we don't know."

As other leaders too attacked the G-23 without naming them, Azad and Sharma replied that they had never questioned Gandhi's leadership. Sharma said he was party to the CWC decision that had asked Gandhi to take over after Rahul had stepped down. Sharma also pointed out that Rahul had abruptly resigned at the time.

As per the schedule approved by the CWC, a Congress membership drive will be held between November 1 and March 31, 2022, which will be followed by elections to presidents and office-bearers at the block committee, district committee and PCC levels from April 16, culminating in the election of AICC president between August 21 and September 20 next year.

On the forthcoming Assembly elections in five states, Gandhi said "our preparations began a while back... If we are united, disciplined and focus on the party's interests alone, I am confident that we will do well."

In her concluding remarks, Gandhi struck a conciliatory note, saying she was very happy at the frank discussions and that the meeting was held in an atmosphere of cordiality and bonhomie.

immovable and movable properties abroad.

The CBI, too, is investigating the Parekh brothers for allegedly defrauding 20 public sector banks including State Bank of India. Sources said that the Parekh family left India before Shree Ganesh was declared a wilful defaulter in 2015.

The Parekh brothers now run an exclusive high-profile diamond lounge in Dubai named Aastha Lounge that was inaugurated in 2018.

In May 2017, Nilesh Parekh was arrested by the CBI at the Mumbai airport while returning to the country from Dubai. Subsequently, in June 2018, Parekh was arrested by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) for diverting imported duty free gold of over 1700 kg.

The DRI alleged that between 2005 and 2015, Parekh imported 35,746 kg of duty-free gold through his firm in Manikanchan Special Economic Zone in Kolkata but exported only 34,041 kg of finished jewellery. As a result, 1,705 kg of imported duty-free gold was unaccounted for. Parekh is currently out on bail.

Last year, the government approached the Supreme Court to vacate its interim relief granted to 44 people accused in various high-value economic offenses arguing that it affected the ability of investigative agencies to probe these cases. That list includes Nilesh Parekh.

WITH PARTHA PAUL, KOLKATA

Singh Bahadur in the 18th century. This *misl* is of Rangrata Sikhs... This act was against sacrilege. Police and governments have failed to stop it."

Senior police officers have reportedly conveyed to the Nihangs that "there will be no compromise on law and order". Separately, the district administration has pressed upon farmer organisations the need to identify the perpetrators.

Khattar, who has vowed strictest action against those guilty, said Saturday: "What happened was very sad and condemnable." Saying the investigation would reveal the truth, the CM said if the SKM was distancing itself from the incident, they must "completely break away from the Nihangs. Then we can say the SKM has done its part."

Chautala also questioned the SKM. "Although one person has taken responsibility for the crime, there are around 40 heads of different organisations at Singhu border who should also take responsibility."

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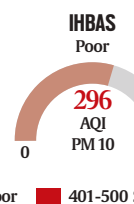
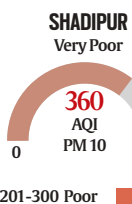
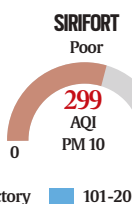
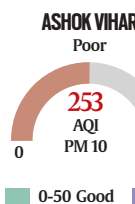
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‘No one helped... he (accused) looked like my son’s age’: Govt officer dragged on road by snatchers in South Delhi

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

A SENIOR government officer travelling with her minor son suffered injuries after two men on a scooter snatched her bag and dragged her on the road when she wouldn't let go. Vidushi Kapoor (47) is posted as the Deputy Labour Commissioner at J&K House and holds additional charge of Deputy Direct officer in the J&K Information Department. She told *The Indian Express* that the men convinced her to exit her vehicle saying there was a tyre puncture and fuel leakage. The in-

cident took place around 11.30 am in South Delhi's Sangam Vihar. Kapoor was heading to Faridabad from her Vasant Kunj residence at the time.

While no arrest has been made so far, police suspect the men are part of the infamous 'thak-thak gang', which earned its name since its members often knock on a car's windows to distract their target. In many cases, they follow vehicles on a two-wheeler and signal the driver to get out of the car to check for tyre pressure or fuel leakage.

Kapoor told *The Indian Express*, "I wasn't expecting all this... I was just driving with my son. These boys stopped me and

signalled me to check the tyre and fuel. I trusted them and parked my car near Batra Hospital. When I stepped out, I saw some tar or oil on the headlight but fuel wasn't leaking. I was confused. My son called my husband from inside the car. Meanwhile, two boys came on a scooter. I asked them for help but they didn't say anything and snatched my bag."

Kapoor, who has been living in Delhi for almost six years, said she has only heard stories of such incidents. "We hear that these incidents happen with our colleagues but don't know what to expect. I went with my instincts and pulled the bag, but they were on a scooter. They started their ve-

hicle and I fell to the ground. I was still holding the bag but they were speeding. There was so much traffic on the road but nobody helped. I feel the public is also responsible for incidents like these. There were bike riders who could have chased the accused. My son was screaming for help but nobody came forward. It was as if everything was normal..."

She said she was dragged on the main road for 100-200 metres. "I was shocked that they kept dragging me. In the end, I couldn't hold the bag and had bruises all over. There was a lot of traffic on the road at that time; it was scary. The pillion rider looked like a boy my son's age.

Yet, they were so confident. I guess these incidents keep happening because these boys don't fear the law and the public never acts against them," she said.

Kapoor suspects the accused might have been following her from Vasant Kunj. "They might have planned it seeing a woman and her son or may have been following me. They didn't know who I was, but it was scary. I am also not very aware of the area. I

have lived in Saket for some time. I felt this was safe..." she said.

The bag had around Rs 2,000 in cash, ATM cards and official IDs. Kapoor lodged a complaint at Sangam Vihar police station.

Benita Mary Jaiker, DCP (South), said, "We received information that the officer had a bag on her shoulder that was snatched by the accused. A case of robbery has been registered. We are investigating the matter."

Airport sees surge in fliers during festive season

New Delhi: The Delhi airport saw a sharp surge in passenger count as people resumed travelling during the festive season after a significant break owing to Covid.

Between October 9 and

October 13, the number of travellers in a day ranged from 1,19,000 to 1,38,500. This is around half of the pre-Covid footfall, which was between 2 lakh and 2.5 lakh a day. **ENS**

New tradition: Ramlila celebrated at Assembly

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

PARTICIPATING IN the 'Sampurn Ramlila' celebrations at the Delhi Legislative Assembly Saturday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said it was the continuation of a new tradition, where all festivals and traditions will be celebrated on the assembly premises.

The CM said that the Vidhan Sabha was considered a "boring and dull" place where various politics and debates took place, but Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel broke the mould by attempting to add a measure of love and peace to its proceedings through the event.

"I wish to congratulate the speaker heartily for his attempts in the Vidhan Sabha to celebrate every festival, irrespective of religion. The Vidhan Sabha is somewhere where there is a lot of politics, disagreements but this is a great initiative to in-



At the Vidhan Sabha on Saturday. Prem Nath Pandey

crease the feeling of love and peace among members," he said.

On Dussehra on Friday, Kejriwal had attended the Ramlila at the Red Fort, keeping with tradition.

Talking about the festival on Saturday he said, "This attempt to celebrate every festival here has made it harmonious, lively and beautiful. The initiative to celebrate Ramlila and then Dussehra here is remarkable. This is the victory of good over evil, of justice and righteousness over injustice..." he said.

FORM NO. CAA 2
[Pursuant to Section 230(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules 6 and 7 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016]
BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
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Notice is hereby given that by an Order dated 04 October 2021, the National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench has directed a Meeting to be held of the Unsecured Creditors of Mothi Spinner Private Limited ("the Company") for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modification, the Scheme of Arrangement (Demerger) amongst Mothi Spinner Private Limited and Chendhoor Murughan yarn Tex India Private Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors ("Scheme").

In pursuance of the said order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of Mothi Spinner Private Limited, the Company, will be held on **Saturday, 20th November, 2021 at 10.30 AM at the registered office of the Company at No. 100, Komarapalayam Road, Pallipalayam, Erode, Tamil Nadu - 638006**, at which time and place, the Unsecured Creditors are requested to attend.

Copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement (Demerger) and of the statement under section 230 can be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Company. Persons entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, may vote in person or by proxy, provided that all proxies in the prescribed form are deposited at the registered office of the Company at No. 100, Komarapalayam Road, Pallipalayam, Erode, Tamil Nadu - 638006, not later than 48 hours before the meeting. Forms of proxy can be had at the registered office of the Company.

The Tribunal has appointed Mr. C. Thirumurthy as the Chairperson and Mrs. B. Veena, Practising Company Secretary (Membership No. F10050, Certificate of Practise No. 12919) as a Scrutinizer of the said meeting. The above mentioned Scheme, if approved at the meeting, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Tribunal.

Dated this 16th October 2021

Sd/ C. Thirumurthy
Chairman appointed for the Meeting

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Advertisement of Notice of Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of Chendhoor Murughan yarn Tex India Private Limited

Notice is hereby given that by an Order dated 04 October 2021, the National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench has directed a Meeting to be held of the Unsecured Creditors of Chendhoor Murughan yarn Tex India Private Limited ("the Company") for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modification, the Scheme of Arrangement (Demerger) amongst Mothi Spinner Private Limited and Chendhoor Murughan yarn Tex India Private Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors ("Scheme").

In pursuance of the said order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of Chendhoor Murughan yarn Tex India Private Limited, the Company, will be held on **Saturday, 20th November, 2021 at 12.30 PM at the registered office of the Company at 422 Sekkumedu Vedyarasampalayam, Aghraharam (PO), Pallipalayam, Erode, Tamil Nadu-638008**, at which time and place, the Unsecured Creditors are requested to attend.

Copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement (Demerger), and of the statement under section 230 can be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Company. Persons entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, may vote in person or by proxy, provided that all proxies in the prescribed form are deposited at the registered office of the Company at No. 422 Sekkumedu Vedyarasampalayam, Aghraharam (PO), Pallipalayam, Erode, Tamil Nadu 638008, not later than 48 hours before the meeting.

Forms of proxy can be had at the registered office of the Company.

The Tribunal has appointed Mr. C. Thirumurthy as the Chairperson and Mrs. B. Veena, Practising Company Secretary (Membership No. F10050, Certificate of Practise No. 12919) as a Scrutinizer of the said meeting. The above mentioned Scheme, if approved at the meeting, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Tribunal.

Dated this 16th October 2021

Sd/ C. Thirumurthy
Chairman appointed for the Meeting

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STUBBLE BURNING AROUND CAPITAL INCREASES

Yearly ritual begins as air quality slips to poor

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

DELHI'S AIR quality slipped to the 'poor' category on Saturday. With an increase in the impact of stubble burning on air quality in the national capital, PM2.5 levels have also risen.

The Central Pollution Control Board's AQI bulletin released at 4 pm on Saturday indicated that Delhi's AQI stood at 284, with PM10 and PM2.5 as the main pollutants. The figure is an average of AQI over the past 24 hours from the 36 monitoring stations. According to the National Air Quality Index, AQI between 201 and 300 is categorised as 'poor'.

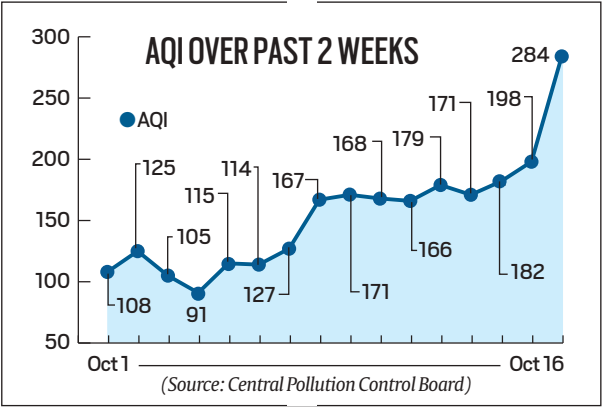
In terms of health impact, the CPCB categorises 'poor' AQI as causing "breathing discomfort to

most people on prolonged exposure".

The System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) under the Union Ministry of Earth Science and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, said in an update on Saturday that the impact of stubble burning on Delhi's air quality was 'high'.

The contribution of stubble burning to PM2.5 levels in Delhi has grown to 14%, the highest so far for this season. This figure had remained below 5% so far, SAFAR data indicates.

As of 5 pm on Saturday, the AQI at some monitoring stations in the city was in the 'very poor' category. At the Anand Vihar station, the AQI was 336, with PM2.5 as the prominent pollutant. The Delhi Pollution Control



Committee's station at Okhla Phase 2 also saw an AQI of 'very poor' at 308, while the station at Bawana recorded a poorer AQI of 315.

PM2.5 was the lead pollutant at these two stations as well. Till

Friday, SAFAR updates had indicated that PM10 was the lead pollutant, mostly due to resuspension of dust.

According to the SAFAR update on Saturday, meteorological conditions favoured the intrusion

of stubble burning-related air mass into Delhi. Winds coming from the northwest direction were favourable for this intrusion. The wind direction, however, is likely to shift to the easterly direction on Sunday, and rainfall is likely. The AQI is likely to remain in the 'poor' category on Sunday, but could improve and move into the 'moderate' category for the three days after that, the update said. A PM2.5 level of 125 micrograms per cubic metre on Saturday is likely to rise to 138 micrograms per cubic metre on Sunday, according to the SAFAR forecast.

Over the past few days, the national capital's air quality has been falling steadily, but the AQI has so far remained within the 'moderate' category, which lies between 100 and 200. On



In Lady Shri Ram College, Ramjas College, Hansraj College, SRCC and Kirori Mal College, most courses are still open for admission. Archive

DU releases third cut-off list, most courses still open in premier colleges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

PLENTY OF seats are still up for grabs at the Delhi University's top colleges — barring Hindu College and Miranda House — with most courses still open for admissions across disciplines as per the third cut-off released by the university Saturday. However, the dip in cut-off has been marginal.

At the Hindu College, only two non-science courses were open in the second list — Economics at 99.25% and BCom (Hons) at 99%. In the third list too, only these remain open with a marginal dip of 0.25 percentage points each in the cut-off. All science courses also remain closed except BSc (Programme) Physical Science with Electronics at 96.33%.

Similarly, Miranda House had also closed multiple programmes in the second list. In addition to them, even Economics has closed now. The non-science courses that remain open are Bengali (70%), History (99%), Philosophy (97.25%) and Sociology (98.25%). Among these, Philosophy has reopened after being closed in the second list. All science programmes were closed at Miranda House in the second list, but BSc (Programme) Physical Science with Computer Science has opened up in the third list at 97%.

However, in several other premier colleges — Lady Shri Ram College, Ramjas College, Hansraj College, SRCC and Kirori Mal College (KMC) among others — most courses are still open for admission.

At LSR, for example, a majority of the courses are open. The only courses which are closed are Maths, Hindi, Philosophy and Sanskrit. The cut-off for the open courses, however, is still very high. For Psychology, the cut-off is 99.25%, down from 99.5%. For Economics, Political Science and Journalism, the college has kept a 99% cut-off. While the cut-off for Economics and Political Science has dipped by 0.5 percentage points, the Journalism cut-off has been kept the same as in the last list.

At Ramjas College, Political Science, BCom and Botany are the only courses to remain closed in the third list. The college had announced a 100% cut-off for Political Science in the first list. Economics and BCom (Hons) are open at 98.75%, History at 98.25% and English at 98%. In all these

courses except History, the cut-off has dipped by 0.25 percentage points. For History, the dip is 0.5 percentage points. Popular science courses like Physics, Maths and Chemistry are also open at 98.33%, 98% and 96.66%.

At Hansraj College, Computer Science, Anthropology and two BA Programme combinations had closed in the second list. Now Sanskrit and another BA Programme combination have also closed.

Courses like Economics and Philosophy are still open at the same cut-off of 99% and 96.75%, respectively. The cut-offs for English (98%) and History (98.25%) are each down by 0.5 percentage points. Physics, Chemistry and Maths also continue to remain open with a cut-off of 98.66%, 97.66% and 98.25%, respectively.

At KMC, English and BSc (Prog) Life Sciences, which had closed in the second list, have reopened at 98% and 96%, respectively. Geography (98.5%), Political Science (98.75%), Physics (97.66%), Chemistry (96.66%) and Maths (97.75%) are still open.

SRCC had released a 100% cut-off for Economics and BCom (Hons) in the first list. Both courses still remain open at 99.5% and 99%, respectively.

Except for Computer Science at Hansraj College for unreserved, all other science programmes which had begun at 100% in the first cut-off list continue to remain open in the third list. Computer Science remains open at both Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College and Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies at 97% and 97.25%, respectively.

Popular programme Physics has closed for various categories in ten colleges but continues to remain open at Ramjas College, Hansraj College at 98.66%, Sri Venkateswara at 97.33%, and Kirori Mal College at 97.66%. Computer Science has closed in 11 colleges but remains open in colleges such as DDU, SSCBS, Atma Ram Sanatan Dharm at 97%, IP College at 96.5%, and SGTB Khalsa College at 96.5%. Statistics is closed for unreserved seats in six out of the ten colleges in which it is offered. However, it is open at LSR at 98.75% and Ramjas and KMC at 98.25%.

Even though many science programmes continue to be open in the third list, the only course which remains with a 99% cut-off is BSc (Honours) Computer Science at Hansraj College for OBC seats.

BRIEFLY

28 detained after clash between two groups

New Delhi: At least seven persons were injured after two communities clashed with each other over a road accident in Delhi's Dwarka. The incident took place Friday night. The Delhi Police has registered a case of rioting and detained 28 persons in connection with the case. A group of men were on their way home after Dussehra celebrations when their tempo allegedly hit a few persons standing on the road. According to the police, the two parties got into a heated argument and attacked each other with sticks and swords.

Greater Noida Authority to build guesthouse for workers

Greater Noida: The Greater Noida Authority will build a 180-bed guesthouse-cum-shelter home, out of which 84 beds will be for labourers. According to officials, in the industrial area of Greater Noida, a large number of labourers come looking for jobs and are unable to afford expensive rents.

4 held for killing Tillu associate

New Delhi: Days after gangster Tillu Tajpuriya's associate was shot dead by unknown assailants in Rohini, the Delhi Police arrested four men in connection with the murder. The deceased, Deepak alias Radhe, was involved in cases of robbery, attempted murder, extortion. He was found dead in Rohini on Monday. ENS



SMOKING TROUBLE OUT

A worker fumigating the premises of a residential area at Mandir Marg after the city last week reported the highest number of dengue cases in three years. Praveen Khanna

Man held for posing as woman, extortion from doctors, teachers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

A 24-YEAR-OLD man from Rajasthan's Bharatpur district has been arrested by the Delhi Police's Cyber Cell for allegedly posing as a woman on social media and extorting money from doctors, retired police officers and teachers.

Police said the accused would either cheat the victim by engaging them in 'sex chats' or morph their photos into inappropriate photos/videos.

The man, Hakimuddin, managed to extort more than Rs 1.9 lakh from one of the people he targeted in September. Police said at least nine other complaints have been lodged against him in connection with what some officers called a 'sexortion racket'.

According to police, the accused had 'employed' several young people to work for him. His associates would create fake social media profiles and target "rich-looking men", said an officer. The complainant, a retired vice-principal from a school in Delhi, approached the police on September 21.

Police said the man received a friend request on Facebook. The

accused then made a video call to the complainant that had pornographic content playing on the other end. The complainant later received a morphed explicit video of himself and was threatened to pay money. He told police he paid Rs 1.96 lakh to the accused.

Based on his complaint, an investigation was conducted.

KPS Malhotra, DCP (Cyber Cell), said, "We analysed the phone numbers used for calling the complainant. They were issued from Assam but were being used in Bharatpur. We also traced the bank transactions and identified the money trail."

The social media accounts of the accused were also checked and police zeroed in on his location. Police arrested Hakimuddin and identified three of his associates, who are absconding.

During interrogation, police found that the Special Cell had earlier booked the accused in a cheating case. "Most gangs operating from Bharatpur follow the same modus operandi. In some cases, to threaten the victims, the accused sometimes pose as police officers and even change their display photo on social media to convince them," said DCP Malhotra.

Covid to pollution, teachers push for relief from non-teaching role

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

WITH SCHOOLS open for classes IX to XII since September 1 and pre-board examinations around the corner, government school teachers and principals are pushing for teachers to be relieved by district administrations from non-teaching duties.

Since the onset of the pandemic, teachers have been deputed to various Covid-related duties — including at the airport, vaccination centres, oxygen centres, and in tracing work.

On October 5, the Director of Education wrote to all education officials and heads of schools to direct all teachers of classes IX to XII to report back to school. Pre-board examinations in Delhi government schools are scheduled to begin on October 21 and the first-term board examinations from mid-November.

"There are 14 regular teachers from my school, including Post Graduate Teachers who teach senior secondary students and Trained Graduate Teachers, who teach secondary students, who are yet to be relieved of their duty by the district administration. It

is difficult because we need hands on board when classes IX to XII students come to school. We also have three vaccination sites at the school so there are additional teachers who have to be placed on duty there," said a head of a school in Northwest Delhi.

In schools functioning as vaccination centres, teachers need to be assigned duty every day. "We need to depute 10 teachers every day, which also has to include PGT and TGT teachers because all the pressure can't be exerted on a few primary teachers. So every teacher is deputed there two to three times a week," said a teacher in a school in East Delhi.

There has been a pushback from the Government Schools Teachers' Association against all non-teaching duties, especially after an order from the office of SDM Rohini for constituting five teams of two teachers each to "carry out inspections/drives to ensure adherence to dust control measures specially in construction activities and pollution caused by burning of garbage, plastic, rubber, firecrackers".

In response to this, the association has threatened a "strong protest" if all teachers are not relieved from such duties soon.

FOLLOWING HIGH COURT ORDERS

As CP's encroachments are removed, street vendors are an anxious lot

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

FOR SHAKUNTALA (55), a mehendi designer who has been working outside Hanuman Mandir at Connaught Place for 19 years, Karwa Chauth is the most lucrative time of the year. But she has been told by officials that she and other mehendi designers will not be allowed to work from Sunday onwards.

Following a Delhi High Court order to remove all illegal encroachments at Connaught

Place, officials of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and the Delhi Police carried out a drive to remove illegal hawkers in the market on Wednesday.

Shakuntala claimed that she and 16 others were allowed to set up their stall outside the Mandir in 1991. However, they never got official licenses.

Ever since the lockdown, Shakuntala says that her business has been adversely affected. She used to stay in Janakpuri earlier, but she now stays with her children in Gurgaon to save the amount spent on rent. She spends

around Rs 150 a day to travel and does not make a profit on most days. It is only during the festive season that her earnings go up to Rs 4,000 a day. She saves up that amount and stretches it over the next year.

"Without work, I get bored and anxious at home. Plus I do not want to be a burden on my children as they are older now and they are starting their own families," she said.

For Mathura Bai (46), it is not only a matter of her livelihood. Discriminated because of her disability, she said that with "rozgar



(employment)", people refer to her as Mathura bai, while without it, they call her derogatory names. She was among 20 vendors in front of Palika Bazaar who were evicted on Thursday. She sells clothes in front of Gate 4 of Palika Bazaar. She added that times have been difficult since the lockdown, and things were only just starting to look up. She said her husband left years ago, and

'Livelihood of many vendors from low-income groups is at stake.' Archive

she has been running her family ever since.

Arbind Singh, the national co-ordinator of the National Association of Street Vendors of India, said this is a problem common to many markets.

He highlighted Chapter 3 of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 which states, "No street vendor shall be evicted or, as the case may be, relocated till the survey specified under sub-section (1) has been completed and the certificate of vending is issued to all street ven-

dors." He said that the livelihood of many such vendors, who are from low-income groups, is at stake.

Atul Bhargava, president of the New Delhi Traders Association (NDTA) which filed the petition, said, "I am not against anyone's livelihood. Last we counted, there were around 250 vendors, of whom around 65 were legal. The corridors are made for walking, and a huge part gets taken up by illegal vendors. We do not mind if they are given an alternate place to set up their stalls."

Congress forms panels for UP Assembly polls

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 16

THE CONGRESS has announced new panels for the coming Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. The party has also expanded its state committee by appointing three new Vice-Presidents, 12 General Secretaries and 31 Secretaries. To head its 20-member state Election Campaign Committee, the party has chosen a Dalit face and former MP P L Punia, while former MP from Varanasi Rajesh Mishra is the chairman of the 15-member Election Strategy and Planning Committee. Former MP from Ayodhya and former state president Nirmal Khatri has been made the chairman of Election Coordination Committee. The “Charge-sheet” Committee will be headed by Acharya Pramod Krishnam. “It will prepare a charge-sheet against the government for failing to keep its promises,” said a party leader.

India has earned label of electoral autocracy under Modi govt: CWC

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

LAUNCHING A scathing attack on the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre on Saturday, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and the Congress Working Committee (CWC) alleged that India earned the “label of an electoral autocracy” under this government. The party said there is a rapid deterioration in internal and external security of the country and argued that there are “unbridled and unchecked” “state-sponsored attacks” on people from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and minorities communities, and on women. On the economic situation, the party said the “financial situation is in a terrible shape”, as there is a continued slide in the economy. In her address to the CWC, Sonia said the “only answer the government seems to have for economic recovery is selling off



Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi at the CWC meet on Saturday. Praveen Khanna

national assets built with great effort over the decades. The public sector has had not just strategic and economic objectives — it has had social goals as well as, for instance, empowerment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and development of back-

ward areas. But all this is in jeopardy with the Modi government’s single-point agenda of ‘becho, becho, becho (sell, sell, sell).’ There was no specific mention of the Air India stake sale. The CWC has decided to hold a “public awareness campaign” in the second half of November to protest the rise in prices. It also decided that a training programme for leaders and workers at all levels should be held to make them aware of the party’s “ideology, policies, expectation of a Congress worker, grassroot messaging, election management, failure of present government and countering the propaganda.” Sonia accused the government of having damaged the broad domestic consensus that always existed on foreign policy. A resolution passed by the CWC said the “assault on democratic institutions completes the sad and shameless narrative of the Modi government.” It stated, “India is no longer re-

garded as a democracy, it has earned the label of an electoral autocracy. Parliament has been contemptuously disregarded. The judiciary has been debilitated by not filling vacancies in the courts and tribunals. Independent watchdog bodies like the Information Commission, Election Commission and the Human Rights Commission have been debased and rendered virtual ciphers. The media has been threatened into meek submission through raids and false cases...” The party slammed the government for refusing to engage with the protesting farmer groups and criticised notifications issued by it, empowering “officers of Central Security Forces to search any place and arrest...” In a separate resolution, the CWC slammed Modi and accused him of “shamelessly” refusing to remove Ajay Mishra as Union Minister of State for Home Affairs after the “brutal mowing down of farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri.”

CWC is ‘parivar bachao working committee’: BJP

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

THE BJP on Saturday mocked the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting, held earlier in the day, as “parivar bachao working committee”, alleging that it offered no answers to the issues of the party’s internal rift and its leadership’s failures, and instead indulged in spreading lies. BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia also criticised the CWC for not reacting to the murder of a Dalit man at the Singhu border, one of the sites for the farmers’ protests, and questioned if the Opposition party stood with the “Talibani mindset” behind the killing. “It will not be wrong to say that it was less of a Congress Working Committee and more of a parivar bachao working committee (save family working committee),” he said, alleging that Sonia’s opening remarks did not touch on a host of issues facing the party.

AFGHANISTAN SITUATION
India moves to host meet next month

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

WITH SECURITY concerns pertaining to Afghanistan dominating Delhi’s mind, moves are afoot to organise a conference on the country’s current situation and the future outlook. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval’s team is taking the initiative to hold an in-person meet with key countries in the region and the world. The Sunday Express has learnt that the country’s top security establishment, the National Security Council Secretariat, is taking the lead in organising the conference and feelers are being sent to Afghanistan’s neighbours such as Pakistan, Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and key players including Russia, China, US and European partners like the EU, France, Germany and the UK. Representatives from the UN are also expected to be invited. It is learnt that Pakistan’s NSA Moeed Yusuf is also likely to be invited for the conference, and if that works out it will be the first such high level visit from Pakistan since 2016. New Delhi is exploring dates in November for the conference, and this could be India’s way to get a seat at the table to decide the

future course of action on Afghanistan. “When you are not at the table, you are on the menu... this conference is India’s attempt to set the table, be on the table and decide the agenda,” a source told The Indian Express, underlining the need to actively engage with the world to protect India’s security interests. Until the fall of Kabul, India had not engaged with the Taliban through publicly-announced official channels. For Delhi, this is an important play since the government has made it clear that it has redlines on the new Taliban dispensation in Afghanistan — that it should not allow safe havens for terror on its soil, the administration should be inclusive and rights of minorities, women and children must be protected. But so far, the signs from the Taliban have not been encouraging. This has been the assessment shared by New Delhi with its interlocutors in the last month or so — ever since the Taliban formed its cabinet. It’s not yet clear whether representatives of the Taliban will be part of the conference in New Delhi. This comes days after India accepted a Russian invitation to join the Afghanistan talks in Moscow on October 20.

Pawar on Fadnavis jibe: Uddhav said no, but I chose him for CM post

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, OCTOBER 16

NCP CHIEF Sharad Pawar on Saturday said that when his party, Congress and Shiv Sena decided to join hands to form the Maharashtra government in 2019, Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray didn’t want the chief minister’s post but it was he (Pawar) who announced that Thackeray would be the chief minister. “There were three names before me. Uddhav was saying no, but I said he will be the CM. The Sena had more numbers than the other two parties. Therefore, it is wrong to criticise Uddhav by saying that he intended to become the CM,” Pawar said at a press conference in Pimpri-Chinchwad on Saturday. “...(Shiv Sena founder) Balasaheb Thackeray



Sharad Pawar at a press conference Saturday. Express

and I might have political differences but we were close,” he added. “I thought why shouldn’t the son of a person, who had contributed for Maharashtra, become the CM,” the NCP chief said. Pawar’s response came after BJP leader and former CM Devendra Fadnavis alleged that Thackeray harboured ambitions of becoming the CM so the Sena broke its alliance with the BJP after the 2019 Assembly polls. — WITH INPUTS FROM PTI

Sasikala visits Jaya memorial for first time since revenge vow; to tour TN this month

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 16

FORMER AIADMK general secretary V K Sasikala visited the memorial of late party chief J Jayalalithaa on Saturday for the first time since her release from jail in Bengaluru in February this year. In what can be seen as an indication of her willingness to return to politics, Sasikala said she told the former CM at her memorial everything that had transpired within the party so far, “and assured her of a better future for the party”. Sasikala’s last visit to the memorial was in 2017, before surrendering herself as a convict in the disproportionate assets case. She had then taken a vow by hitting the marble slabs of the memorial. Saturday’s visit holds significance since AIADMK begins celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the party’s foundation on Sunday.



VK Sasikala pays tribute at former Tamil Nadu CM J Jayalalithaa’s memorial at Chennai’s Marina Beach on Saturday. PTI

Sasikala’s visit in a charged environment, followed by hundreds of followers holding flags of both Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) of her nephew T T V Dhinakaran and of the AIADMK, was also a prelude to her statewide tour, likely starting from Tanjavur on October 27. After paying tearful tributes at Jayalalithaa’s memorial, Sasikala told the media, “Amma (Jayalalithaa) was inseparable when it came to my life... Here I was relieving myself from all the pains I had gone through in the last five years. I told her what had hap-

pened so far, and assured her a better future for the party. I am sure Amma and Thalaivar (AIADMK founder MG Ramachandran) will save the party and our cadres.” A close aide told The Sunday Express that Sasikala will meet party functionaries on Oct 27 at Tanjavur, where she will also attend a family function. “In the next three days, she will address party meetings at Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, and Ramanathapuram. At each place, indoor meetings are being planned for not less than 1,000 people, leaving no doubt about her larger political plans,” the aide said.

EXPLAINED

With a little 'help' from DMK govt

BESIDES MULTIPLE corruption cases being pursued by the DMK government against ex-CM Palaniswami and his close associates, a widening gap between EPS and his former deputy CM OPS is likely to favour Sasikala. Politically, DMK also favours Sasikala’s return to politics, as it would help them destroy Palaniswami’s dominance in western Tamil Nadu. The DMK also calculates Sasikala will help slow down BJP’s growth and control of AIADMK, as she is a tougher leader to control than either EPS or OPS.

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With the vision of promoting the thought of ‘eating right to avoid ailments’ and “Let food be thy medicine”, **Baidyanath Research Foundation 1917’s Vedic Kitchen** provides organic products that are free from added pesticides, tastemakers, growth promoters, artificial sweetening, antibiotics and polishing, to inculcate healthy eating and lifestyle practices among the Indian populace



THE HEALTH benefits of consuming organic foods are well-established. In recent times, the trend of shifting to organic food has caught the public fancy, especially due to COVID-19. With the world still in the grip of COVID-19, the thought of keeping yourself and your family safe is the one that keeps on manifesting in our minds. Even Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked the nation to focus on building and maintaining a strong immunity system. People who buy organic usually cite three reasons for their decision. First, they find it much safer. Fruits and vegetables labelled as organic are generally free from chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Further, livestock raised under organic practices aren’t fed antibiotics or growth hormones, also known as growth promoters. Second, organic farming practices are considered being kinder to the environment. These practices are designed to be more sustainable, emphasizing conservation and re-

ducing pollutants. A few studies have suggested that these practices are much healthier, making organic foods richer in nutrients compared with their traditional counterparts. The key difference between organic and conventional farming practice is that conventional farming relies on chemical intervention to fight pests and weeds and provide plant nutrition, meaning inclusion and implementation of synthetic pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Organic farming practice instead relies on natural principles like biodiversity and composting to produce healthy, abundant food. Organic farmers also depend on other natural processes and

cycles that are adaptable to those local conditions. Further, Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) are not allowed in organic practice. Talking about effects on environment, conventional and organic farming practices have contrasting repercussions on our surroundings and people. Conventional agricultural practice leads to increased greenhouse gas emissions, soil erosion, water pollution, and threatens human health. Organic cultivation leads to a smaller carbon footprint, conserves and builds soil health, replenishes natural ecosystems for cleaner water and air, all without toxic pesticide residues.

Therefore, organic eating has long been hailed as a healthy habit. As discussed, organic foods have greater advantages over conventional produce and, consequently, lead to enriching lives for both consumers and organic farmers. Since the onset of COVID-19, people have started to realize the importance of strong immunity to overcome the effects of infections. Recently, a shift has been observed in their consumption behavior, which indicates that they now prefer to go organic. Our immune system acts as a shield against the foreign bodies such as virus, bacteria and toxins etc., and thus it is essential to ensure its effectiveness by con-

suming pure and safe produce over the conventional ones that come laden with chemical pesticides, chemical fertilizers, or chemical preservatives. The demand for organic food has seen tremendous increase since the pandemic started to surge last year. Therefore, the Indian food market is currently seeing a surge of organic food lovers, and this trend has led to more organic stores and brands being opened in the country. Supported by 100 years of expertise, the house of Baidyanath recently launched ‘Vedic Kitchen’, to provide a range of high-quality

food products like Organic Spices, Organic Pulses and Organic Flours — all certified organic, natural and packed without artificial colours and additives. The company’s products maintain the highest standards of organic certifications and health and safety regulations. Its strong quality control and organic practices ensure that all nutrition is retained in its products. The company sources its products from organic farms that do not use pesticides and other chemicals. Organic food in India is certified by the government’s NPOP (National Program for Organic Production) — identified by the ‘Jaivik Bharat’ logo. At Vedic Kitchen, the entire multi-step process from farm to table is certified by third-party agencies and independent accreditation bodies, supported by regular checks, testing and inspections. Baidyanath has over 100 years of expertise in the field of Ayurveda and life sciences and, therefore, Baidyanath Research Foundation 1917 brings to you the organic way to healthy well-being in modern life through its newly launched, Vedic Kitchen. Vedic Kitchen supports organic agriculture and uses only natural in-puts, no chemicals or additives are permitted in its entire product line. The company supports organic agriculture at the grassroots level by promoting organic farming programs and sustainable cultivation.

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EXPRESS NETWORK

Manmohan has dengue, health improving: AIIMS official

New Delhi: Former prime minister Manmohan Singh has been diagnosed with dengue but his health condition is improving, AIIMS officials said Saturday.

The 89-year-old Congress leader was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences here Wednesday evening after he complained of weakness following a fever.

"He has been diagnosed with dengue but his platelet count is now increasing and his condition is improving," an AIIMS official said Saturday.

Singh has been admitted to a private ward in the cardio-neuro centre of the hospital.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya met Singh on Thursday. A row erupted over the visit as he allegedly took along a photographer against the wishes of the family. **PTI**

NSCN-IM firm on separate flag, constitution

Kohima: Hardening its stand on peace talks with the government, the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM) has said its position on the demand for a separate Naga national flag and constitution is unchanged as these are emblematic of the Naga political struggle and identity.

Meanwhile, A K Mishra, the representative of the Union government, held a meeting with the Working Committee members of Naga National Political Groups, an umbrella organisation of seven outfits opposed to NSCN-IM, in New Delhi on Friday. **PTI**

Lakhbir Singh cremated — kin present, most villagers not

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR
AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 16

LAKHBIR SINGH, the Dalit Sikh killed allegedly by Nihangs at Delhi's Singhu border on Friday, was cremated at his native village Cheema Khurd in Punjab's Tarn Taran district on Saturday evening in the presence of family members even as most villagers and relatives stayed away.

Police security was provided to avoid any untoward incident at the time of cremation.

There was a controversy over the cremation, as local residents had earlier declined to give space for Singh's cremation in the village. However, they agreed later on the condition that there will be no religious ritual during the cremation.

Sarpanch Awan Kumar said, "Earlier, villagers were opposed to Lakhbir Singh's cremation (in the village), as he had brought bad name to the village. He caused pain to his family and children when he was alive, and shamed the whole village with his act before his death. Later, we had left it to his sister to decide whether to bring the body back (to the village). The village had decided to boycott the cremation due to Singh's involvement in the sacrilege case."

Some Sikh organisations had also opposed Lakhbir Singh's cremation.

Sources said the Punjab government and the local administration swung into action and convinced the villagers and Sikh organisations to soften their stand. "It was decided that villagers will not attend (the



The second person held over the Singhu killing, Narain Singh, is presented before the media in Amritsar. A Nihang, he was arrested by the Amritsar Rural police. **PTI**

cremation), and there would be no religious cremation," the village sarpanch said.

"It is painful that no last prayer was read during the cremation. Some Nihangs and villagers objected to the last prayer (being read)," Lakhbir's brother-in-law Sukhchain Singh said. "Even if Lakhbir had committed a mistake, even then the last prayer should have been allowed. We demand action against the persons involved in his murder. There should be a proper investigation into why Lakhbir was killed in this manner. The truth should come out."

According to Sikh rituals, a priest is to remain present during cremation and read the Kirtan Sohla from the Guru Granth Sahib and read the prayers. The Guru Granth Sahib is then installed at the home of the deceased for its full recitation in three, seven or 10 days, according to wishes of the fam-

ily concerned.

All the rituals related to the dead is to conclude with the bhog and last prayers on the last day of recitation of the Guru Granth Sahib, as per rituals.

Post-cremation, Lakhbir's wife and children returned to her maternal home. Most other family members and close relatives stayed at the home of the deceased until the end of all rituals on Saturday evening.

"Lakhbir Singh lived a low-profile life in his village. But his murder made him a household name in a tragic way. No one should meet such an end... it doesn't matter how the person lived," a villager who did not want to be named said.

"It is still a mystery for us: how and why did Lakhbir Singh go to Delhi? Who took him to Delhi? Why did he join the Nihangs there? Nobody is answering these questions," Sukhchain Singh said.

Cremation 'not allowed', chief of Scheduled Castes panel speaks to Punjab DGP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

VIJAY SAMPLA, Chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, on Saturday spoke to the Punjab DGP, seeking strict action against villagers for "not allowing" the cremation of the body of the Dalit farm worker who was found dead at the Singhu border on Friday.

"This is against the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The villagers are not allowing the last rites of the deceased. I have spoken to the DGP and asked him to take cognisance of the matter and take strict action against the perpetrators," he told *The Sunday Express*.

The victim, from Tarn Taran district, was allegedly targeted by a group of Nihang Sikhs for allegedly desecrating the Guru Granth Sahib.

"I have heard stories about the kind of atrocities that would be carried out by the Taliban and the ISI, but these kinds of things would not happen in our country. They do now. It is heart-breaking," Sampla said.

On Friday, Sampla had issued a notice to the Haryana DGP and Chief Secretary, asking them to furnish a report on the Singhu border incident.

In 3 cases NCB used panch witness who was known to its officers, says Malik

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 16

KEEPING UP his attack on the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), state minister and NCP leader Nawab Malik alleged on Saturday that in three cases, the agency used a panch witness who was known to its officers.

As per the law, a pancha, who attests to seizures made from a scene of crime, should be an independent witness.

Malik tweeted that a person identified as Fletcher Patel, who has been named as a panch witness in three cases including the Rhea Chakraborty case, was known to NCB Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede. He also put up photographs of Fletcher with Wankhede and his sister Jasmine, a lawyer.

Malik also put up photographs of panchnama in three cases where the name of Fletcher Patel is mentioned as a panch witness. Malik asked if it was legal for someone who is known to an officer to be used as panch witness.

He demanded that the NCB hold a press conference and clarify how someone known to the officer was used as panch witness.

While Wankhede did not respond to the allegations, an NCB official said that Fletcher was connected to an Army veterans' group in the city. "The photograph in which he is seen with Wankhede was an Army event held at CST, where they had taken vows to eliminate the



NCP leader and Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik

threat of narcotics from the country," the official said.

He added, "Patel respects the work done by Wankhede and is a rakhi brother of Wankhede's sister, who is a lawyer."

Malik had earlier held press conferences where he had said that two panch witnesses used by the NCB in the Cordelia drug bust case were known to Wankhede. While one had a prior crime record, another was linked to the BJP.

Malik had alleged in the past that Wankhede was working at the behest of the BJP to malign Bollywood. The NCB had hit back, alleging that since Malik's son-in-law had been arrested by the NCB earlier this year, following which he was behind bars for around six months, Malik was trying to get back at the NCB.

Meanwhile, replying to another question Malik claimed that "Maharashtra, Punjab and West Bengal" (which have non-BJP governments) will dislodge the BJP government at the Centre.

HC junks plea against bar on entry of Goans in casinos

MAYURA JANWALKAR
PANAJI, OCTOBER 16

THE HIGH Court of Bombay at Goa on Thursday dismissed a petition that challenged the restriction on entry of local residents of Goa in its casinos but allowed tourists.

"Decision to prohibit entry for the persons other than the tourist which excludes persons domiciled or permanent residents of Goa is a conscious decision of the State, considering its evil consequences on its subject," the court observed.

The petition was filed by law graduate Shukr Usgaonkar (26), who contended that the rule contravenes Article 14 of the Constitution by prohibiting access to permanent residents of Goa. "The distinction being made between tourists and non-tourists miserably fails the test of reasonable classification which must be fulfilled by any classification to withstand the rigors of Article 14 (right to equality before law)," he argued.

Usgaonkar had challenged the constitutional validity of Section 13D (e) and 13(G) read with Section 2(7) and 2(8) of the Goa Public Gambling Act, 1976.

Any person who is a permanent resident or is domiciled in Goa is barred entry to "casinos" or places or areas where gaming activities are actually conducted as authorised under Section 13A of the Act.

Advocate General D J Pangam argued that the activity of gambling cannot be equated with any trade or commerce to assert any fundamental right to practice any profession or to carry on any occupation, trade or business.

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OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIVN. NO. II, JAMMU
SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Short e-MIT No. 107/2021-2022/Div-II Dated 12-10-2021 e-tenders are invited on **percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of completion (In Rs)	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Providing and laying wet mix macadam, 50mm thick BM, 25mm thick SDBC and 30mm thick SDBC on- (1) Road from Auto stand towards DC office guljar nager, 2) Road from shakurda crossing to pawan ice cream via bakshi nager, 3) Jewel canal road- 4) Road from canal head to toph bridge, 5) Road from toph bridge to BSF gate via mandir nager, 6) Road from toph bridge to toph chowk, 7) Road from BSF gate to pasture top, 8) Buta nager, endlave road. (under Pot Holes 2021-2022)	PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu	56.90	1000	Bid security declaration on notarized affidavit	01 month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 20-10-2021	Hot Mix Plant / 'A' Class
2	Providing and laying wet mix macadam, 50mm thick BM, 25mm thick SDBC and 30mm thick SDBC on 1)road from Rehari chungi to Subash Nagar road, 2) Dogra hall road, 3) Kachi chami to Balwinder Chowk (Exchange road), 4) Road from rehari chungi to patli chowk via sarwal, 5) Road from International Gym to Rajpura, 6) Forest road kachi chami. (under Pot Holes 2021-2022)	PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu	85.15	1000	Bid security declaration on notarized affidavit	01 month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 20-10-2021	Hot Mix Plant / 'A' Class
3	Providing and laying wet mix macadam, 50mm thick BM, 25mm thick SDBC and 30mm thick SDBC on road from Chowk Chakutra to Parade via Moti Bazaar (under Pot Holes 2021-2022)	PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu	34.95	600	Bid security declaration on notarized affidavit	01 month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 20-10-2021	Hot Mix Plant / 'A' & 'B' Class
4	Providing laying of 30mm thick interlocked tile flooring on road from canal head to Toph Bridge (in stretches) (under Pot Holes 2021-2022)	PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu	18.78	600	Bid security declaration on notarized affidavit	01 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 15-10-2021	A, B, & C
5	Providing and laying of 30mm thick SDBC on B.C. road from Mian Deedo Chowk upto Aeshoka Hotel and Ved Mandir lane upto Ambphalla Chowk (under Pot Hole Programme).	PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu	59.36	1000	Bid security declaration on notarized affidavit	1 ½ month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 15-10-2021	Hot Mix Plant / 'A' Class

Position of AAA - **Accorded**
Position of T.S. - **Under Process**
The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://uktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :-

S. No	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-10-2021
1	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 12-10-2021 to 19-10-2021 upto 1800 Hrs

Sd/-
(Er. Rajesh Bhagat)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. II, Jammu

No :- 12322-40
Dated :- 12-10-2021
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RAJASTHAN: 3 DEAD IN MISHAP

Jaipur: Three people died after a speeding car hit them in Bharatpur district on Saturday, police said.

The victims were changing a punctured tyre of a truck on the Jaipur-Agra NH when the accident happened, they said. Two of them died on the spot, and the third at a hospital, the police said. **PTI**

उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड
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ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना अनुभव की आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से पारेषण पश्चिम क्षेत्र, मेरठ के अन्तर्गत निम्न सामग्री हेतु ई-निविदा ई-पोर्टल etender.up.nic.in पर दो भागों में 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश की स्थिति में ई-निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जाएगी। 1. अल्प कालीन निविदा संख्या- टी-04/2021-22 विद्युत पारेषण मंडल, मेरठ एवं गाजियाबाद के अंतर्गत विभिन्न उपकेन्द्रों हेतु 245 के.वी. सी.टी. की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 75,000/- (रु. पचहत्तर हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रभत शुल्क रु. 7,080/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 08.11.2021, ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग उसी दिन निर्धारित समय पर सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जाएगा एवं भाग द्वितीय (प्राइजबिड) खुलने की तिथि तदनुसार वेबसाइट पर सूचित की जाएगी। ई-निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बताए अस्वीकार/विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी डाउनलोड, अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई-निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के संबंध में कृपया etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग आन करें। हस्ता./- मुख्य अभियंता (पारेषण पश्चिम), 130-डी, पारेषण भवन, विकटोरिया पार्क, मेरठ। "राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचाये"। पत्रांक 7313/ सु.अ. (पा.प.) मेरठ/ टी-04/ 2021-22/ दिनांक 16/10/2021

Ankit Das, 2 aides denied bail in Lakhimpur Kheri farmer deaths case

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 16

A COURT in Lakhimpur Kheri on Friday rejected bail applications of former Union minister Akhilesh Das's nephew Ankit Das and his two associates, who are accused in the case of protesting farmers being run over in the district on October 3.

On Wednesday, the court had rejected the bail application of prime accused Ashish Mishra, who is the son of Union Minister of State Ajay Mishra.

The rejection of bail pleas of Ankit Das, his driver Shekhar Bharti and security guard Lateef came a day before their three-day police custody was to end.

Das and Bharti are residents of Lucknow; Lateef comes from Lakhimpur Kheri.

"Since the lower court has rejected their bail applications, we will soon move the sessions court against it," defence lawyer Awadesh Kumar Singh said.

Meanwhile, UP Police's Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Lakhimpur Kheri deaths and violence is conducting raids at multiple sites to trace Sumit Jaiswal, the complainant in one of the two FIRs lodged in connection with the October 3 incident, when four farmers and a journalist

were allegedly run over by a convoy of SUVs, which included a Mahindra Thar owned by Ajay Mishra.

Three others were killed in the subsequent violence at Tikonia.

After the incident, Jaiswal told the media that the incident occurred after miscreants hiding behind farmers attacked the vehicles passing through the area. Jaiswal went absconding after a video emerged on social media, purportedly showing that the vehicle ran over silent protesters.

Police said questioning Jaiswal would bring more clarity in the probe. It is alleged that Jaiswal was in the Thar SUV.

On Friday, SIT began recording statements of people who claimed to be present at the incident site that day. Police had summoned them at the Lakhimpur Kheri Crime Branch office.

On Thursday, the SIT had taken Ankit Das and Lateef to Lucknow. A police team also searched Das's house and took into custody a pistol and repeater gun, both licensed weapons. "The pistol is (licensed) in Ankit's name; the other weapon belongs to Lateef," the defence lawyer said.

Police decided to send both weapons for examination to match with the two bullets recovered from one of the two SUVs set on fire by the protesters after the vehicles ran over some farmers on October 3.

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE

594 DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN	NEW CASES: 13,711
ACTIVE CASES: 1,96,696	
VACCINATIONS: 97,23,77,045	
DAILY DEATHS 146	TOTAL DEATHS 4,52,126
WEEKLY CFR 0.95%	OVERALL CFR 1.34%

TESTS TODAY: 9,12,992	TOTAL TESTS: 59,07,48,250
WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 1.40%	OVERALL POSITIVITY: 5.77%

STATES REPORTING MOST CASES				
STATE	NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY POSITIVITY	TOTAL VACCINATION
■ Kerala	7,955	91,399	10.94%	3,70,61,667
■ Maharashtra	1,553	29,627	1.69%	9,07,87,384
■ Tamil Nadu	1,233	15,022	0.93%	5,26,62,885
■ Mizoram	932	12,597	14.77%	11,92,964
■ West Bengal	443	7,445	2.43%	6,56,14,967

STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS				
STATE	TODAY'S DEATHS	TOTAL DEATHS	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Kerala	57	26,870	0.66%	0.57%
■ Maharashtra	26	1,43,357	1.60%	2.19%
■ Tamil Nadu	15	35,884	1.02%	1.35%
■ West Bengal	10	18,963	1.41%	1.21%
■ Andhra Pradesh	7	14,302	0.82%	0.70%

Note: Data as on Oct 16; vaccination numbers as of Oct 15. Deaths include those from previous days.

Small ICMR study finds vaccine mixing safe, offers better immunity

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, OCTOBER 16

A LIMITED study conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) among 18 participants has found that a combination of Covishield and Covaxin shots is safe and, in fact, offers better immunogenicity than two doses of the same vaccine.

The researchers, however, have made it clear that the evidence is very limited and called for multi-centre randomised clinical trials to conclusively prove the findings.

"The reactogenicity profile of the participants of the heterologous group demonstrated that mixing of the two vaccines derived from different platforms is safe," said the study, conducted

by ICMR- Regional Medical Research Centre and ICMR-National Institute of Virology. It has been accepted for publication in the International Journal of Travel Medicine.

This study comes months after several people in Uttar Pradesh received Covishield as the first dose followed by inadvertent administration of Covaxin as the second dose.

Dr Rajni Kant, director of ICMR's Regional Medical Research Centre, Gorakhpur, and lead author, told *The Indian Express* that this was a small study involving 18 participants.

They received a vaccination regimen of Covishield followed by Covaxin. The participants did not report any adverse event following immunization and demonstrated high antibody response.

BRIEFLY

UTTAR PRADESH
Actor dies on stage during Ramlila

Bijnor (UP): A 62-year-old actor, who was playing the role of Lord Ram's father King Dashrath, died on stage during a Ramlila, officials said on Saturday. The incident took place in Hasanpur village in Afzalgarh, about 65 km from the district headquarters, on Thursday, they said. The actor, Rajendra Singh, suffered a heart attack while calling out Ram's name during a scene in which he is leaving for exile, officials said. **PTI**

WEST BENGAL
2 arrested for threat to Ustad Rashid Khan

Kolkata: A former driver and office assistant of Ustad Rashid Khan, a Padma Shri awardee and classical vocalist, have been arrested for allegedly threatening to kill him and trying to extort Rs 50 lakh, police said on Saturday. They were relieved of their duties and had planned to take revenge, police said. Dipak Awlakhia and Avinash Kumar Bharati were arrested from Uttar Pradesh after police traced their mobile phone locations, police said. **ENS**

GUJARAT
Coaching centre shut for 14 days as 6 test positive

Surat: Health department officials have shut down Gyan Vriddhi coaching institute in Surat city for 14 days after six students of Classes 11 and 12 tested positive for Covid-19. The first case was reported on October 9. "We have told the coaching centre owner to run online classes... We are waiting for the report of other students," said SMC Deputy Health Commissioner Dr Ashish Naik. **ENS**

Navy's top commanders to meet next week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

THE NAVY'S top commanders will hold their biannual meeting next week to discuss the force's operational, logistical and material preparedness and future plans. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh will address the Navy commanders, along with the chiefs of the Army and the Air Force.

The Navy said in a statement Saturday that the second edition of this year's Naval Commanders' Conference will take place between October 18 and October 22. "The conference serves as a platform for Naval Commanders to discuss important maritime matters at the military-strategic level as well as interact with senior government officials."

Bhopal mob forces girl to take off burkha

Bhopal: A girl was forced to remove her burkha and face covering by a group of people in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday afternoon after suspecting that the man on whose scooter she was riding pillion was a Hindu, police said.

No case has been filed over the incident that took place in Islam Nagar and a video of which went viral, but preventive action had been taken under section 151 of IPC against two persons, "who were let off with a warning", Inkhedi police station in charge RS Verma said. In the video, a man who is apparently shooting the video, is heard telling the girl her act was disgracing "our" community, while some women can be seen trying to force her to show her face. "Some people stopped them and asked the girl to take off her burkha and show her face," Verma said. **PTI**

6 killed, at least 15 missing as rain lashes parts of Kerala; red alert issued in 6 dists

SHAJUPHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 16

SIX PEOPLE were killed and at least 15 others are missing after extremely heavy rain triggered massive landslides in central Kerala's Kottayam and Idukki districts on Saturday.

The Kerala government sought the assistance of Army, Navy and Air Force for rescue operations as several towns were flooded and hundreds of houses inundated, with rivers overflowing and reservoirs inching to maximum storage level.

After the Met department predicted heavy to extremely heavy rains across the state on Saturday night, the government has sounded a red alert in six districts, banned entry to tourist destinations and warned against travelling to hilly regions. Shutters of nine dams have been lifted while a blue alert (second stage) has been declared in the state's largest reservoir Idukki, where the water level is 2,393 ft as against the full reservoir level of 2,403 ft.

At Koottickal village in



A bus partially submerged at Poonjaar in Kottayam on Saturday. **PTI**

Kottayam district, three houses were washed away in a landslide. A five-member family has gone missing in the calamity after their house was washed away in the flash flood. Three bodies have been recovered from the region and search is on for those trapped in the sludge and debris.

In another landslide at Kokkayar at high ranges of Idukki, at least seven people are missing after five houses were washed away.

Rescue operations have been delayed as roads leading to the landslide-hit areas were flooded.

Assistance from the Navy has been sought for airlifting those trapped in the region.

After a high-level meeting, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan suggested various departments to evacuate people from areas prone to landslides and floods.

"The situation in the state is grave, but the weather forecast has said the situation would not get worse. The monthly pilgrimage to Sabarimala temple, which was slated to begin on Sunday, would be abandoned till October 19," said Vijayan. Colleges and higher edu-

cation institutes, slated to reopen on October 18 after the second lockdown, will now open on October 20, the CM said.

A defense spokesperson said the Indian Air Force and Indian Army stationed in Kerala have deployed their assets for rescue operations. All the bases under Southern Air Command have been put on high alert in view of the prevailing weather situation. Mi-17 and Sarang helicopters are already in standby mode. One column of the Army has moved to Kanjirappally in Kottayam for res-

cue operations.

Dr S Abhilash, of Department of Atmospheric Sciences, CUSAT, said a mini cloudburst-like event has caused the flash floods and landslides. "A similar cloudburst-like event had occurred at Nilambur region in Malappuram in 2019, causing a major landslide," he said.

In an official statement, the IMD said an intense spell of rainfall activity over south peninsular India is likely to continue till October 17.

The southwest monsoon for Kerala, from June to September 30, has been normal for the state with a deficiency of 16 per cent. In the northeast monsoon season, from October 1 to December 31, the normal rainfall for Kerala is 491.6 mm. However, in the last two weeks ending on October 16, the state has already recorded 331.4 mm rain as against the actual normal rainfall of 164.1 mm during the period. Hence, the state has already got large excess rainfall in the last two weeks.

Former Poonjar MLA PC George, whose home came under floodwaters on Saturday, said he had never seen such a catastrophic flood.

WITH INPUTS FROM VISHNU VARMA IN KOCHI

Geelani grandson's service terminated 'in security interest'

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 16

THE J-K government on Saturday terminated the services of Anees-ul-Islam, the grandson of separatist ideologue Syed Ali Shah Geelani, in the "interest of the security of the state". Islam was working as a Reserach Officer at the Sheri Kashmir International Convention Centre.

He has been terminated under the Article 311(2) (C) of the Constitution that gives the administration the power to terminate the services of a government employee without constituting an inquiry against them.

"And whereas the Lt Governor is satisfied under sub clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of Constitution of India that in the interest of the security of the state, it is not expedient to hold an inquiry in the case.... Accordingly, the Lt Governor hereby dismisses Mr Anees-ul-slam... from service

with immediate effect," reads the government order.

While the Article 311(2) says that no government employee shall be dismissed or removed or reduced in rank except after an inquiry, the sub section (C) says that this clause shall not apply where the President of the Governor, as the case may be, is satisfied that in the interest of the security of the State, it is not expedient to hold such an inquiry.

Islam's father, Hurriyat leader Altaf Ahmad Shah, was arrested by the National Investigation Agency in an alleged terror funding case and is lodged in Tihar jail.

The government has also terminated the services of Farooq Ahmad Butt, a teacher in Government Middle School Kathawa Doda in Jammu under the same clause. So far, it has terminated the services of 26 employees under Article 311 (2)(C). All the terminated employees are Muslims with four belonging to Jammu and the rest, to Kashmir Valley.

Must inculcate sense among Kashmiris that they belong to India, says Bhagwat

VIVEK DESHPANDE
NAGPUR, OCTOBER 16

RASHTRIYA Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) sarsangchalak Mohan Bhagwat on Saturday said the repeal of Article 370 has removed obstacles in the "integration" of Jammu and Kashmir with India, but only the inculcation of a sense of belonging in the minds of the people will lead to real integration.

Speaking at a book release function in Nagpur on Saturday, Bhagwat said, "The present government took the bold step to repeal Articles 370 and 35(A), which nobody had thought would be possible. And this was done by Parliamentary debates and procedure. People are also experiencing benefits of development reaching them. But there are still a large number of people there, particularly in Kashmir valley, who feel that independence (from India) is more desirable. So, efforts will have to be made to integrate them with the rest of the country, like all parts of the body are integrated with each other."

The RSS chief released two books, *Akhunik Laddakhche Nimata* *Ekomisave Kushok Bakula and Jammu Kashmir: Aitihasik Paripreykshme Dhara 370 Ke Sanshodhan Ke Uprant*.

Claiming that the repeal of Article 370 "has removed the fear of terrorism", Bhagwat said, praise of those giving stones, instead of book in the hands of boys, has stopped.

"Article 370 wasn't a danger per se. But what engendered it was the real danger. There is a small section which considers Indian nationality as its nationality. A large section is happy that corrupt leaders have gone to jail. It is also happy as development has been ushered in, but still feels that it is better if Kashmir becomes independent. The Kashmir problem arose because



Article 370 wasn't a danger per se, but what engendered it was real danger: RSS chief

of lack of feeling that we are nobody if we are not Indians. We will have to inculcate the sense among them that they belong to India and that we will not be there if India will not be there," said Bhagwat.

Bhagwat also called for the return of all those who had been forced to leave Kashmir. "The sense of belonging must be on display from both sides," he said.

Speaking about 19th Kushok Bakula, a spiritual leader of Ladakh from yesteryears, the RSS chief said that issues of human rights were putting the Army into "a witness box on technical issues".

Lauding Bakula's contribution to the unity and integrity of India, Bhagwat said, "Bakula was instrumental in organising patriotic Ladakhi youths towards repulsing the armed invasion by Pakistani tribesmen. He took it as his duty, without waiting for anyone to authorise him. He had told the then Sadar-e-Riyasat Sheikh Abdullah that Ladakh wants to stay a part of India, but he was sent to Mongolia. He continued his work there till Mongolia became free."

"But when the Army does something in a situation like Jammu and Kashmir, it is accused of human rights violation on technical grounds and made to stand in witness box," Bhagwat said, adding, "we should not pay attention to technical issues to be able to walk ahead in the pursuit of unity and integrity of the country."

Many freedom fighters did not get their due: Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah Saturday claimed that several freedom fighters, including Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and V D Savarkar, were not given their due in independent India.

Shah, who was visiting the Andaman and Nicobar islands, said the government had decided to rechristen Mount Harriet island in the Union Territory as Mount Manipur in the memory of those who sacrificed their life for the country from the northeastern state.

"Manipur had a significant contribution in resisting the British in the entire Northeast during the 1857 Revolution and also in 1891... Manipuri war hero Yuvraj Tikendrajit and General Thangal were publicly hanged in Fida, Imphal. The British thought that by hanging them, they had crushed the freedom movement, but it did not happen. After that Maharaja Kulchandra Dhawja Singh and 22 freedom fighters were sent to Kala Pani and they



Shah inaugurated various projects on Ross Island, which has been renamed Netaji Subhash Island. **Twitter/AmitShah**

were kept here on Mount Harriet. Today in his memory, we would like to honor his contribution by naming Mount Harriet as Mount Manipur," Shah said. He said the Manipur government also wants

4 CRPF staffers injured as fuse box being loaded on train explodes

Raipur/New Delhi: Four CRPF personnel were injured when an ammunition fuse box exploded when it was being loaded on a train at the Raipur station on Saturday, according to an official statement.

On Saturday morning, the 211 Company of the CRPF was in the train when ammunition was being loaded, it said. The special train was scheduled to carry the CRPF personnel to Jammu from Raipur, police in Raipur said.

"The ammunition fuse box exploded in (Head Constable Vikas) Lakshman's hand near the toilet of the train's compartment," the CRPF said. **PTI**

2 cops injured in clash over burning of Ravan effigy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
RAMGARH (JHARKHAND), OCTOBER 16

A DEPUTY SP and the in-charge of the police station here were injured in a clash with local residents over burning of Ravan's effigy at Ramgarh district of Jharkhand on Saturday evening, an official said.

Burning of Ravan's effigy is not allowed in Jharkhand as per the guidelines issued by the state government. So when the locals of Barkipona village under Rajrappa police sought permission to do it on Dussera on Friday, the district administration

turned down their request. The people defied the administration's diktat on Saturday evening and gathered to burn an effigy.

When the police tried to stop them, the mob turned violent and injured Deputy SP (headquarters) Sanjiv Kumar Mishra and Rajrappa police station in-charge Vipin Kumar. The were rushed to the Ramgarh sadar hospital for treatment. Ramgarh deputy commissioner Madhavi Mishra said.

SP Prabhat Kumar is camping in Barkipona to control the situation and additional security forces have been deployed at Barkipona, where the situation at present is tense but under control, Mishra said.

Pragya terms man who shot her kabaddi video as 'Ravan'

Bhopal: After a viral video showed her playing kabaddi, Bhopal's BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur, who was confined to a wheelchair for a long time and had obtained bail in the 2008 Malegaon blast case on medical grounds, described the man who shot and circulated the clip as "Ravan" and said his old age and next

birth will get spoiled.

Earlier, another video of the Bhopal MP taking part in a Garba dance during the just-concluded Navratri festival had emerged.

State Congress spokesperson K K Mishra said, "Those who follow the ideology of Ravan, see the demon king everywhere." **PTI**

Police need to upgrade to face drone challenge: NSG chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

DRONE WARFARE is a challenge for which police forces need to upgrade themselves, National Security Guards (NSG) chief M A Ganpathy said Saturday on the sidelines of the 37th raising day of the country's elite counter-terrorism force.

Speaking at the event at the NSG's garrison in Manesar, Haryana, Union Minister of State (Home) Nityanand Rai also said the forces need to acquire state-of-the-art technology to meet new challenges on the security front.

"Drone warfare is a new challenge. Drones are an easy way to create mischief, to drop bombs and payload like weapons and ammunition... We have done quite a bit and every security force needs to upgrade itself for counter-drone technology,"



At the NSG 37th Raising Day in Gurgaon on Saturday. **PTI**

Ganpathy said.

Rai stressed the need to acquire latest technology and expertise, and developing internal capacity. "He expressed pleasure that NSG has acquired latest weapons and equipment and is

one of the best counter terrorism forces in the world. He also lauded the contribution of NSG hubs in capacity building and in conducting regular exercises with state police forces," the NSG said in a statement.

Ganpathy said that following the February incident at Jammu air base, NSG was deployed at Jammu and Kashmir air bases to counter drone attacks. "Counter drone equipment, radar, jammers and drone kill guns have been inducted in the force to meet the challenge of drone threats," he said.

On being asked if NSG would be undertaking operations in J&K, Ganpathy said, "It depends on the state government and forces operating on the ground to seek NSG."

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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021				
(Amount in ₹ crore)				
Particulars		Quarter ended on 30-Sep-21	Quarter ended on 30-Sep-20	Year ended on 31-Mar-21
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total income from operations	218.67	1,901.59	6,989.00
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax	(863.08)	(110.29)	(637.32)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	(863.08)	(110.29)	(637.32)
4	Total comprehensive income	(863.08)	(111.21)	(635.09)
5	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of ₹ 10 each)	8,000.42	8,000.42	8,000.42
6	Reserve excluding revaluation reserve	(12,348.07)	(11,270.43)	(11,639.26)
7	Net worth	6,836.23	3,765.87	7,545.04
8	Outstanding debt	7,995.61	10,787.30	6,980.34
9	Debt equity ratio	1.17	2.86	0.93
10	Basic earnings per share (₹) (not annualised)	(1.08)	(0.14)	(0.80)
11	Diluted earnings per share (₹) (not annualised)	(1.08)	(0.14)	(0.80)
12	Debtenture redemption reserve	-	-	-
13	Debt service coverage ratio (not annualised)	(2.24)	0.80	0.68
14	Interest service coverage ratio (not annualised)	(3.17)	1.08	0.92
Notes :				
1. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meetings held on 16 th October, 2021.				
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the website of the stock exchange www.nseindia.com and on the company's website www.tatapower.com				
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors				
Place : Mumbai Date : 16 th October 2021		Ramesh N. Subramanyam Chairman		

9 SUNDAY STORY

THE SUNDAY PROFILE THE MAN IN THE CORNER OFFICE

Amit Khare, who has helmed at least two of the most high-profile govt policies in recent times, the NEP and IT Rules, has now been appointed advisor to the PM. RITIKA CHOPRA on how Khare's reputation as a "doer" who could "read the mind of his bosses" saw him straddling key ministries, roles.

With KRISHN KAUSHIK & DEEPTIMAN TIWARY



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

ON SEPTEMBER 30, the day Amit Khare retired from the civil services, he had a visitor: his former boss in the Education Ministry, Smriti Irani, now the Minister of Women and Child Development, who had dropped by at his office in Shastri Bhawan to wish him luck.

It was a rare gesture from the minister. As Secretary in charge of two crucial ministries, Education and Information & Broadcasting, Khare was known to have been the quintessential bureaucrat — clear-headed and cautious, adept at "reading the mind of his bosses" and achieving the "desired outcome", qualities that made him indispensable to his ministers, across political regimes.

So last week, when Khare was appointed advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi (in addition to Bhaskar Khulbe), many saw it as a logical career trajectory for a bureaucrat who has helmed at least two of the most high-profile government policies in recent times — the National Education Policy, 2020; and the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, or the IT Rules.

A 1985-batch IAS officer from the Jharkhand cadre, Khare had two stints at the Centre — from August 2008 to April 2015, and later from June 2018 until his retirement last month. In between, he was Principal Secretary and Additional Chief Secretary (Finance & Planning) in Jharkhand.

A BSc graduate from St Stephen's College, Khare holds a post-graduate degree from IIM Ahmedabad. His wife Nidhi Khare is Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs. They have two children.

During his first stint at the Centre, as joint secretary at the HRD Ministry (as the Education Ministry was then called), Khare enjoyed the confidence of his UPA-2 ministers Kapil Sibal and Pallam Raju, as well as the NDA's Smriti Irani.

Following a brief stint in the Chemicals & Fertilisers Ministry, he was repatriated back to his parent cadre state, Jharkhand.

Khare first shot into prominence in the 1990s, when, as District Commissioner of Chaibasa in undivided Bihar, he was instrumental in unearthing the fodder scam in which RJD supremo Lalu Prasad was convicted.

Rakesh Asthana, who as a CBI SP probed the case till 2002 and is now Delhi Commissioner of Police, told *The Sunday Express*, "Khare was DC of Chaibasa when the scam was first detected by then Finance Secretary of Bihar, who ordered all district commissioners to investigate. Mr Khare took the lead and was the first to raid the Animal Husbandry Department in Chaibasa, detect irregularities and get an FIR registered. He withstood all the pressure. The documentary evidence he collected was extremely crucial."

Sources said when the trial began, Khare even deposed before the court.

Shunted out after the scam and posted as Managing Director of the Bihar State Leather Corporation for almost a year, Khare told *The Sunday Express*: "It was a defunct body that couldn't even pay salaries."

The reputation he gained then, of a "doer", but stayed with him. "He always delivers what is expected of him," says a former colleague, on the "secret" of Khare's career longevity.

Speaking at Khare's farewell function, his last boss in the Education Ministry, Dharmendra Pradhan, sources said, recalled his first meeting with Khare about six years ago, when he was Principal Secretary

His critics point to this very "bureaucratic quality" — of being someone who got the job done for the ministers, as opposed to someone who would argue on merits or stand his ground

(Finance) in Jharkhand.

"At that time, Pradhan was Petroleum Minister and was trying to execute the Ujjwala Yojana. He recalled how he was struck by Khare's willingness to arrange for funds to implement the programme in Jharkhand, given that finance secretaries are almost always reluctant to loosen the state's purse strings," said an officer present at the function.

His critics say this very "bureaucratic quality" — of being someone who got the job done for ministers, as opposed to someone who would argue on merits or stand his ground — has been Khare's biggest strength, and drawback. Asked about this, Khare says, "If I were always on the right side of the boss, I would not have exposed the fodder scam. I was a collector appointed by Lalu Prasad, the powerful CM of the state."

Critics also point to his "cautious approach" towards possibly controversial issues. Ironically for someone who is known to be taciturn, Khare was the man in charge of devising a communication strategy for both the NEP and the IT Rules.

While Khare did not author the new IT Rules, he played a key role in coordinating with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, which handled the technical aspects of the IT Rules.

"When you have a rule which is going to be administered by two ministries, there has to be coordination, synthesis and logic. That coordination — talking at secretary- and minister-level — was done by Khare," said an officer in the I&B Ministry.

Similarly, the officer said, when the allocation of business rules was changed last year — to bring all online content under the ministry — Khare spoke to his counterparts in other ministries to explain that I&B has the domain understanding for how content should be regulated, whether online or offline.

Even when the NEP was being released, though much of the groundwork had been prepared by his predecessor R Subrahmanyam, Khare ensured that the communication policy was in place for "the right narrative", a colleague said.

Khare's colleagues also credit his rise in the current regime to his stint as the I&B Secretary, a role that saw him becoming one of Prime Minister Modi's trusted people for all communications strategies. "He doesn't speak much during meetings. However... it was evident (from what he said) that he had direct knowledge of what the PM wants," said a senior officer part of meetings with Khare.

"The I&B role gave him relatively better access to the PMO. He seems to have made a solid impression during this time," said a bureaucrat currently serving as Secretary in the Union government.

His success in this role can be gauged by the fact that he was called back to the I&B Ministry within six months of becoming the Higher Education Secretary in late 2019 and maintained its additional charge almost till his superannuation. During this time, he was also tasked with the government's communication strategy for the pandemic.

Closer to his retirement, bureaucratic circles were abuzz with rumours of Khare getting posted in the PMO. While he dismissed such speculation, Khare's speech at his farewell on September 30 offered a broad indication of his future role. "He said in his speech that he is superannuating, not retiring. Maybe he always knew there was something waiting for him," said an officer.

== TAKE 5 == DRONES & POLICE

DIG SATHYAPRIYA,
KANCHEEPURAM RANGE



A drone being deployed for the Oct 10-11 search. *Express*

'With specific details, we looked for man in a red shirt'

On October 10, after two robbers snatched a chain on the Chennai-Bengaluru highway, police deployed 300 personnel and drones to catch them — perhaps the first such deployment to catch small robbers. One of them was shot. They were migrants from Jharkhand

ARUN JANARDHANAN

1 Why the big operation?

There have been several recent thefts, and one person was shot in one such attempt. The woman robbed on October 10 had raised an alarm immediately, telling us the two men were armed and giving us details about how they looked and that one of them was wearing a red shirt. We saw an opportunity to catch the two and deployed three advanced drones that could help spot the men.

2 Did the operation continue through the night?

Personnel were deployed at multiple points to sandwich the duo. (Failing to spot them till morning), senior officers feared the two might have escaped the drag-net. Then, at 7 am October 11, we spotted a man coming out of the lake bed, covered in dirt. He told us where the main accused was.

3 How often are drones deployed thus?

The first such use in Tamil Nadu was in February 2014. Following the murder of a software engineer near Chennai, investigators used drone footage to make a 3D image of the crime scene and look for evidence... Drones have also been used for monitoring crowds.

4 How did drones help during the lockdown?

Police used drones to make sure people stayed at home. In a hilarious episode, police spotted a group playing carrom in Tirupur in April 2020. When the drone approached them, people started running.

5 Have police acquired the drones?

The government allocated Rs 90 lakh for acquiring three drones for surveillance purposes.

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

india 75 NUMBER PLATE

₹1,181 cr

The value of banknotes in circulation in India, Pakistan in August 1947 at the time of Independence. This had risen to ₹1,304 crore by March 1948. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) functioned as the Central bank for Pakistan too till June 1948.

42%

The share of ₹10 in the gross value of notes in circulation in 1947 — which was the highest. It was followed by the ₹100 note, which accounted for 40.7% of the total notes. (Source: RBI Report on Currency and Finance for 1947-48.)

₹28,26,863 cr

The total value of banknotes in circulation at the end of March 2021. In value terms, the share of ₹500 note was the highest — 68.4%. It was followed by ₹2,000 note (17.3%) and ₹100 note (6.7%). (Source: RBI Annual Report for 2020-2021)

1%

The share of ₹10 note in the value of all notes in circulation at the end of March 2021.

How far is my Valley

ARUN SHARMA

THEY LEFT at 3 in the night, Dr T K Bhat recalls. His elder brother went to the Pampore Highway to find a truck driver that would take them at that hour, with no one watching. "We only halted to use the toilet after crossing the Jawahar tunnel (marking the entry into Jammu)... When we got down at Banihal, we realised our mother Koushalya Devi was wearing a *chappal* on one foot and a shoe on the other."

That day in 1990, Bhat, then in his mid-30s, a doctor in the Animal Husbandry Department, became one of the first Kashmiri Pandit migrants to make Jammu his home. Bhat says theirs was one of 12 Pandit families among the 700 in Newa village of Pulwama.

In Pandit settlements across Jammu, especially the largest one, Jagti Township — inaugurated by then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in 2011 — the nightmare of those days is back with the recent targeted killings of civilians in Kashmir.

While the government denies it, people in the settlements say many of the over 3,000 Kashmiri Hindu employees serving in the

Valley under the PM's 2008 employment package, have returned to Jammu — 250-300 of them to Jagti alone.

The 4,200 two-room flats in the township, near Jammu city, house 6,500-7,000 families. One of the residents, Naveen Gosani, says the power situation has now improved from one-two hours a day, but the water remains unfit for human consumption.

However, the township, and the strength in numbers, provides security — which, as Bhat recalls in vivid detail 30 years later, came to elude them in what had been their home for generations.

He felt the first sense of unease during an innocuous conversation in April-May 1989, Bhat says. "I was constructing a house and had given the carpenter a design. The windows were not how I wanted and when I asked, the carpenter who was my neighbour laughed, 'Panditji, it's not like you are going to stay here.'"

The situation turned bad quickly, as protests spread against the "rigged" 1987 Assembly polls. Deployed to perform magistrate duty, Bhat recalls one evening when he was going to Awantipora with an assistant sub-inspector and two policemen. "I jokingly asked what we would do if we came



across protesters. The ASI said they would surrender their weapons to them. 'We are with you only because of our duty', he said."

Neighbours and colleagues started withdrawing money from "Indian banks" and putting it in "our own bank (Jammu and Kashmir Bank)". Bhat says.

Then came the incident at Charar-e-Sharief, a shrine revered by both Hindus and Muslims. In November-December 1989, an estimated 10-15 lakh people marched towards the shrine on a call by the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front; many of them brandishing AK-47s. It ended in an anti-climax when a bridge they were to use collapsed in heavy rain, but the scale of what



Jagti Township was inaugurated in 2011 by then PM Manmohan Singh. *Arun Sharma*

had transpired chilled the Pandits.

Around a month later, Bhat's neighbour Moti Lal was killed, along with his driver Ghulam Mohammad. Then, the militants came for Bhat's cousin's husband, a reputed doctor. At his cremation, masked men threatened to kill the entire family. "The same night, my brother got the truck."

In Jammu, the Bhat family spent a fortnight at a shelter with other Pandit families. The government later put up tents on the banks of the Tawi at Nagrota and in Udhampur. Bhat now lives in his own house, among the few Pandit families to have managed this.

Bhat has visited his native place in

Kashmir only twice since, "in 1995, when there was a blast at my parent's house, and last year. The house I constructed is in ruins... I couldn't control my tears."

Gosani, now employed with a private company, arrived at the Purkhoo refugee camp as a boy of 13, with his parents and two sisters, from Kulgam. He recalls an area crawling with snakes and scorpions. There was no electricity, and off and on, the government would deliver kerosene for lamps. Community toilets barely managed as the numbers grew to 6,000 families.

Bhat says that cramped in their small quarters, they struggled with everything, "the weather, our eating habits, lifestyle, lan-

guage". One complete generation of Pandits spent the rest of their life battling with the change, he says.

On paper, the Jagti Township has all the amenities — schools, dispensaries, community halls, parks. However, residents, who were allotted apartments following verification, complain of shoddy construction.

Rajesh Bhagati, the Camp Commandant of the B-Zone of the township, admits the residents have issues. "People make complaints and we redress them," he says.

Bhat dreams of returning to the home he grew up in, and fears he will take these to his grave. "When Article 370 was abrogated, the Pandits felt they could return. However, the killings have destroyed all that was achieved."

Deepanshu Bhat, a student, believes even without the killings, the "trust deficit" has widened. "If we are able to make an ordinary Kashmiri Muslim student feel safe elsewhere in the country, do not discriminate against him, why would he get radicalised?" he says. Instead, Deepanshu adds, under the Modi government, the narrative has become harsher. "They tom-tom that Article 370 has been abrogated and Kashmiri Pandits have been rehabilitated. However, the narrative in the rest of India and in Kashmir is very different. This makes the youth pick up guns as they do not see a solution coming from either side."

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TOP OF THE WORLD



Dave Chappelle

USA

Netflix employee fired amid furor over Chappelle's comedy special

NETFLIX SAID Friday that it had fired an employee for disclosing confidential financial information about what it paid for Dave Chappelle's comedy special *The Closer*, which some condemned as being transphobic. The employee, who wasn't named, shared "confidential, commercially sensitive information outside the company," a Netflix statement said. "We understand this employee may have been motivated by disappointment and hurt with Netflix, but maintaining a culture of trust and transparency is core to our company," the statement said. It said the information was referenced in a Bloomberg article, which reported that Netflix spent \$24.1 million on *The Closer*, which first aired last week. **AP**

INDONESIA

11 kids drown in river cleanup

ELEVEN STUDENTS drowned and 10 others were rescued during a school outing for a river cleanup in Indonesia's West Java Province, officials said Saturday. Local officials said 150 students from an Islamic junior high school were participating in the cleanup Friday along the banks of the Cileueur river bank when 21 of them slipped into the water. "Those children who drowned were holding each others' hands. One of them slipped and the others followed," said Deden Ridwansyah, chief of the Bandung search and rescue office. "The weather was good and there was no flash flood." **AP**

IRAN

Central bank ex-chief gets 10-yr sentence

A FORMER governor of Iran's Central Bank, Valiollah Seif, was sentenced on Saturday to 10 years in prison on corruption charges involving the mismanagement of millions of dollars, the judiciary said. Seif and two of his deputies, who also received jail terms, were found guilty of "disturbing the foreign exchange market, the country's economic climate and mismanagement," a judiciary spokesman was quoted as saying by state media. **REUTERS**

Brazil Covid probe to recommend Bolsonaro face 11 criminal charges

REUTERS

RIO DE JANEIRO, OCTOBER 16

A BRAZILIAN Senate probe into the government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic will recommend in its final report due next week that President Jair Bolsonaro face 11 criminal charges, the senator leading the inquiry said on Friday. But it remains unlikely that he will face a trial on any such charges, because that would have to be sanctioned by the Lower House.

Renan Calheiros said during a radio interview that the investigation launched in April has collected evidence to show that Bolsonaro should be formally charged with genocide against the country's indigenous population, malfeasance, irregular use of public funds, violation of sanitary measures, incitement to crime and forgery of private documents, among other crimes.

The far-right president, who himself was infected with the coronavirus in July 2020, has railed against lockdown measures, pushed unproven cures, sowed vaccine doubts and downplayed the severity of Covid-19.

The report is scheduled to be released by the Senate investigative panel next Tuesday.



Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro

Myanmar junta leader excluded from ASEAN summit in rare move

AIN BANDIAL

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, OCTOBER 16

SOUTHEAST ASIAN countries will invite a non-political representative from Myanmar to a regional summit this month, delivering an unprecedented snub to the military leader who led a coup against an elected civilian government in February.

The decision taken by foreign ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) at an emergency meeting on Friday night, marks a rare bold step for the consensus-driven bloc, which has traditionally favoured a policy of engagement and non-interference.

Singapore's foreign ministry said on Saturday the move to exclude junta chief Min Aung Hlaing was a "difficult, but necessary, decision to uphold ASEAN's credibility".

The statement cited a lack of progress made on a roadmap to restore peace in Myanmar that the junta had agreed to with ASEAN in April.

A spokesman for Myanmar's military government blamed "foreign intervention" for the decision.

Junta spokesman Zaw Min Tun told the BBC Burmese news service that the United States and representatives of the European Union had pressured other ASEAN member states.

"The foreign interventions can also be seen here," he said.



Britain's Labour Party leader Keir Starmer, Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Speaker of the House Sir Lindsay Hoyle and Home Secretary Priti Patel arrive at the scene where MP David Amess was stabbed to death during a meeting with constituents at the Belfairs Methodist Church, in Leigh-on-Sea, England. **Reuters**

UK MP's killing a terror attack, say police; leaders visit church where he was stabbed

PETER NICHOLLS & BEN MAKORI

LEIGH-ON-SEA, OCTOBER 16

BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris Johnson on Saturday laid flowers outside the church where a lawmaker was stabbed to death a day earlier, in what police say was a terrorist attack probably linked to Islamist extremism.

The attack on David Amess, from Johnson's Conservative Party, comes five years after the murder of Jo Cox, a lawmaker from the opposition Labour Party,

EXPLAINED Rising worry over MPs' security

THE STABBING of Amess has renewed concerns about the security of MPs who regularly meet their constituents with little or no security. These sessions can get heated, and in 2016 another MP, Jo Cox, was killed during such an event. In 2010, MP Stephen Timms was injured in a stabbing.

and has prompted a review of the security of elected politicians.

Amess, 69, was knifed repeatedly in the attack at about midday on Friday in Leigh-on-Sea, east of London, during a meeting with constituents.

Police arrested a 25-year-old British man at the scene on suspicion of murder, adding it is believed he acted alone.

In a statement on Saturday, police said the early investigation had revealed a potential motivation linked to Islamist extremism.

Johnson, interior minister Priti Patel, and Labour Party leader Keir

Starmer were among those to lay flowers in tribute to Amess at the scene of the murder.

"To the memory of Sir David Amess MP, a fine parliamentarian and a much-loved colleague and friend," Johnson said in a hand-written note placed in the flowers, adding in a Twitter post that his thoughts were with Amess' family and friends.

Johnson and Starmer stood side by side in a moment of silence before leaving. Other politicians, police representatives and members of the public came to lay flowers and pay respects. **REUTERS**

NASA's asteroid hunter Lucy soars into sky with diamonds

MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, OCTOBER 16

A NASA spacecraft named Lucy rocketed into the sky with diamonds Saturday morning on a 12-year quest to explore eight asteroids.

Seven of the mysterious space rocks are among swarms of asteroids sharing Jupiter's orbit, thought to be the pristine leftovers of planetary formation.

An Atlas V rocket blasted off before dawn, sending Lucy on a roundabout journey spanning nearly 6.3 billion kilometres. Researchers grew emotional describing the successful launch — lead scientist Hal Levison said it was like witnessing the birth of a



A rocket carrying the Lucy spacecraft lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida. **AP**

child. "Go Lucy!" he urged.

Lucy is named after the 3.2

million-year-old skeletal remains of a human ancestor found in Ethiopia nearly a half-century ago. That discovery got its name from the 1967 Beatles song *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds*, prompting NASA to send the spacecraft soaring with band members' lyrics and other luminaries' words of wisdom imprinted on a plaque. The spacecraft also carried a disc made of lab-grown diamonds for one of its science instruments.

Lucy's \$981 million mission is the first to aim for Jupiter's so-called Trojan entourage: thousands — if not millions — of asteroids that share the gas giant's expansive orbit around the sun. Some of the Trojan asteroids precede Jupiter in its orbit, while others trail it. **AP**

Vaccine mandates: US cities, police clash

BOBBY CAINA CALVAN & JOHN SEEWER

OCTOBER 16

POLICE DEPARTMENTS around the US that are requiring officers to get vaccinated against Covid are running up against pockets of resistance that some fear could leave law enforcement short-handed and undermine public safety.

Police unions and officers are pushing back by filing lawsuits to block the mandates. In Chicago, the head of the police union called on members to defy the city's Friday deadline for reporting their Covid-19 vaccination status.

Seattle's police department sent detectives and non-patrol officers to emergency calls this week because of a shortage of patrol officers that union leaders fear will become worse because of vaccine mandates.

The standoffs are playing out at a time when many police departments already are dealing with surging homicide rates and staff shortages unrelated to the vaccine. Cities and police leaders are now weighing the risk of losing more officers to resignations, firings or suspensions over their refusal to get vaccinated.

Chicago's mayor on Friday filed a complaint in court against

the leader of the local Fraternal Order of Police, accusing him of "engaging in, supporting and encouraging work stoppage or strike" by saying the city's more than 12,000 uniformed officers should ignore the order to report their vaccination status.

On Thursday, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said officers would not be sent home if they showed up to work Friday and refused to provide their information. Instead, she said, they would be put on unpaid leave after the weekend, because confirming compliance would take a few days. Refusing to provide the information, Lightfoot said, would be an act of insubordination. **AP**

IS claims Afghan mosque attack; Taliban pledge to step up security

REUTERS

KABUL, OCTOBER 16

TALIBAN AUTHORITIES pledged to step up security at Shia mosques as hundreds of people gathered on Saturday to bury the victims of the second Islamic State suicide attack on worshippers in a week.

Hardline Sunni group Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack on the Fatima mosque in Kandahar that saw a group of suicide bombers shoot their way into the mosque before blowing themselves up among the worshippers during Friday prayers.

Taliban officials said the death toll from the attack stood at 47 dead and 70 wounded but could rise further.

On Saturday, large crowds gathered to bury the white-shrouded victims in a mass grave in the southern city of Kandahar.

The head of Kandahar police said units would be assigned to protect the Shia mosques which have so far been guarded by local volunteer forces with special permission to carry weapons.

"Unfortunately they could not protect this area and in future we will assign special security guards for the protection of mosques and Madrasas," he said in a statement posted on Twitter by a Taliban spokesman.

The attack on the Fatima mosque, the largest Shia mosque in Kandahar, also known as the



A Taliban fighter stands on the top of the mosque after attack, in Kandahar Friday. **AP**

Imam Bargah mosque, came a week after a similar attack on a mosque in the northern city of Kunduz, which killed as many as 80 people.

Attacks on Shia mosques and targets associated with the Hazara ethnic minority, who make up the biggest Shia group in Afghanistan, were regular occurrences under the former Western-backed government.

There has been deep shock as the attacks have continued since the Taliban seized power in August, tarnishing the movement's claim to have brought peace to Afghanistan after decades of war.

Since the takeover, Islamic State has conducted dozens of operations, from small scale attacks on Taliban targets to large-scale operations such as Friday's suicide bombing, killing scores of civilians.

US offers to pay family of those killed in botched Kabul strike

ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 16

THE PENTAGON offered unspecified condolence payments this week to the family of the 10 civilians, including seven children, who the military has acknowledged were mistakenly killed on August 29 in the last US drone strike before American troops withdrew from Afghanistan.

In a statement released late Friday, the Pentagon also said it was working with the US State Department to help surviving family members relocate to the US.

The offers were made in a virtual meeting on Thursday between Colin H Kahl, the under secretary of defence for policy, and Steven Kwon, the founder and president of Nutrition & Education International, the aid organisation that employed Zemari Ahmadi, the driver of a Toyota sedan that was struck by the US drone.

The Defence Department and military leaders conceded last month that Ahmadi had nothing to do with the Islamic State, contrary to what officials previously asserted. Ahmadi's only connection to the terrorist group appeared to be a fleeting and innocuous interaction with people in what the military believed was an Islamic State safe house in Kabul,



An Afghan woman whose father and fiancé both died in a US drone strike in Kabul. **NYT**

an initial link that led military analysts to make misjudgments while tracking Ahmadi's movements for the next eight hours.

"Dr Kahl noted that the strike was a tragic mistake and that Mr Zemari Ahmadi and others who were killed were innocent victims who bore no blame and were not affiliated with ISIS-K or threats to US forces," said the statement from John F. Kirby, the Defence Department's chief spokesman.

Kirby said Kwon had recounted Ahmadi's work with the aid group over many years as an electrical engineer, "providing care and lifesaving assistance for people facing high mortality rates in Afghanistan."

The Pentagon statement came after Ahmadi's family members in Kabul complained that American officials had not contacted them about relocating to the US or offering condolence payments. **NYT**

THE APP, HAILED AS FB'S GROWTH ENGINE, PRIVATELY WRESTLED WITH ENGAGING TEENS

Instagram struggles with fear of losing young users

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SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 16

WHEN INSTAGRAM reached one billion users in 2018, Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's chief executive, called it "an amazing success." The photo-sharing app, which Facebook owns, was widely hailed as a hit with young people and celebrated as a growth engine for the social network.

But even as Zuckerberg praised Instagram, the app was privately lamenting the loss of teenage users to other social media platforms as an "existential threat," according to a 2018 marketing presentation. By last year, the issue had be-



Facebook had long hoped that Instagram would bring more young people to its entire family of apps. **NYT**

come urgent, according to internal Instagram documents obtained by *The New York Times*. "If we lose the teen foothold in the US we lose the pipeline," read a strategy memo, from last October, that laid out a marketing plan for this year.

In the face of that threat, Instagram left little to chance.

Starting in 2018, it earmarked almost its entire global annual marketing budget — slated at \$390 million this year — to targeting teenagers, largely through digital ads, according to planning documents and people directly involved in the process. Focusing so singularly on a narrow age group is

highly unusual, marketers said, though the final spending went beyond teens and encompassed their parents and young adults.

The Instagram documents, which have not previously been reported, reveal the company's angst and dread as it has wrestled behind the scenes with retaining, engaging and attracting young users. Even as Instagram was heralded as one of Facebook's crown jewels, it turned to extraordinary spending measures to get the attention of teenagers. It particularly emphasised a category called "early high school," which it classified as 13- to 15-year-olds.

Any slip by Instagram could have larger consequences for Facebook. The firm hoped that

Instagram would entice more young people to all of its apps, replenishing Facebook's aging user base, according to the documents.

The disclosures underscore how much is at stake for Facebook as it seeks to address an outcry in Congress and from the public over Instagram's effects on users' mental health. According to separate documents from a Facebook whistle-blower, Frances Haugen, which *The Wall Street Journal* published, Facebook has known that some teenage girls reported feeling worse about their body image when using Instagram. Haugen testified at a Senate hearing this month that Facebook deliberately kept people, including children, hooked to its services. **NYT**

JASON HOROWITZ

CATANIA, OCTOBER 16

THE MOTHER had prepared everything for the baptism. She dressed her infant son Antonio in a handmade satin suit with tails and a matching cream-coloured top hat glittering with rhinestones. She hired the photographers and bought the baby a gold cross.

But as the parish priest in the Sicilian city of Catania went through the usual liturgy, calling on the family to renounce Satan and lading holy water on the squirming baby's head, one major part of the ritual went missing.

There was no godfather.

In October, the Roman Catholic diocese of Catania en-



Antonio Sparti was baptized this month at a church in Catania, Italy. **NYT**

acted a three-year ban on the ancient tradition of naming godparents at baptisms and christenings. Church officials argue that the once-essential figure in a child's Catholic education has lost all spiritual significance. Instead, they say, it has become a networking opportunity for families looking to improve their

fortunes, secure endowments of gold necklaces and make advantageous connections, sometimes with local power brokers who have dozens of godchildren.

God parenting, church officials said, had fallen to earth as a secular custom between relatives or neighbours — many "deficient in faith" or "living in sin".

And sometimes it is used for strengthening mob ties, too. Italian prosecutors have tracked baptisms to map out how underworld bosses spread influence. It is a transgression most associated with, well, *The Godfather*, especially the baptism scene when Michael Corleone renounces Satan in church as his henchmen whack all of his enemies. **NYT**

ECONOMY

BILATERAL TRADE UP 49.4% IN JAN-SEPT 2021, SHOWS CHINESE GOVT DATA

Chinese imports defy self-reliance push, border issues; input products remain key

KARUNJITSINGH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

DESPITE INDIA'S efforts to reduce dependence on Chinese imports amid an increased emphasis on self-reliance as well as escalating tensions along the border, the country's bilateral trade with China has grown 49.4 per cent in the first nine months of 2021 as against the same period in 2020, as per Chinese government data.

India's imports from China rose to \$68.46 billion in the first nine month of 2021, up 51.5 per cent from the corresponding period in 2020, which was impacted by Covid-19 related restrictions, according to data from the China General Administration of Customs. Imports were up 21.6 per cent over the same period in 2019, which was not impacted by the pandemic.

The sharp uptick in imports has pushed India's trade deficit with China to \$46.55 billion in the first nine months of 2021, up from \$29.86 billion in the year-ago pe-



INDIA CHINA TRADE		JAN-SEPT (in US \$ billion)		
Year	Total	Export	Import	Deficit
2019	69.66	13.349	56.311	-42.962
2020	60.4898	15.312	45.1782	-29.8662
2021	90.375	21.913	68.462	-46.549

Source: China General Administration of Customs

riod and \$42.96 billion in the corresponding period in 2019. India's official statistics on bilateral trade with China are updated only till July 2021. India's total trade with China was \$90.38 billion in the January-September period, and is on track to cross \$100 billion by the end of the year.

According to Commerce Ministry data, China was India's top trading partner in the April-July period, followed by the US, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Singapore.

Some of India's key imports from China include components for smartphones and automobiles, telecom equipment, plastic and metallic goods, active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), and other chemicals.

Experts said that even though imports from China have increased, it was important to note whether the rise was due to intermediate or finished goods. Vinod Sharma, managing director of Deld Electronics and chairman, CII

national ICTE manufacturing committee said that India would need to boost the manufacture of components and share of electronic goods designed in India to boost self reliance and potentially cut imports.

"It is clear that the (mobile and electronics) industry has a long supply chain," said Sharma adding that there has been an increase in the share of intermediate goods such as PCBs (Printed Circuit Boards) in imports relative to finished goods such as mobile phones.

Sharma added that the fact that India was still largely involved only in the assembly of electronic goods meant that Indian firms do not have discretion on sourcing components.

He added that there was a need for the government to boost the use of Indian components in products through "a nudge in terms of market access."

Officials at the Commerce Ministry have however pointed out that growth in India's trade with other key trading partners

including the US, UAE and Australia was even higher than the growth in trade with China. India is currently in the process of negotiating Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with the UAE, EU, UK and Australia.

In June 2020, Indian and Chinese militaries clashed in Ladakh's Galwan Valley. Soon after, the Power Ministry imposed a de facto ban on the import of power equipment from China citing cybersecurity concerns.

The government also asked state-owned telecommunication companies, BSNL and MTNL, to exclude Chinese telecom equipment firms including Huawei and ZTE from its network upgrading process.

The government also modified foreign direct investment (FDI) rules making the Centre's approval a must for any FDI in Indian firms from neighbouring countries - apparently aimed at preventing opportunistic takeovers of domestic firms by Chinese companies during the pandemic.

AT ₹8,834 CRORE AGAINST ₹7,513.11 CRORE IN YEAR-AGO QUARTER

HDFC Bank Sept qtr profit up 17.6%; gross NPAs rise on-year

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 16

HDFC Bank on Saturday posted a standalone net profit of Rs 8,834.3 crore for the September quarter of the ongoing fiscal, an increase of 17.6 per cent from Rs 7,513.11 crore in the same period a year ago.

Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of the private sector lender were Rs 16,346 crore — 1.35 per cent of advances in the second quarter of FY22 — as against Rs 11,304 crore (1.08 per cent) in September 2020.

The bank's net revenues (net interest income plus other income) increased by 14.7 per cent to Rs 25,085.2 crore for the September quarter, compared with Rs 21,868.8 crore for the quarter ended September 2020.

Net interest income (interest earned less interest expended) for the quarter under review grew by 12.1 per cent to Rs 17,684.4 crore from Rs 15,776.4 crore in the year-ago period.

Advances saw a growth of 15.5 per cent, reaching new heights driven through relationship management, digital offering and breadth of products. Core net in-

EXPLAINED
Eye on gains in festivals

WITH ADVANCES reaching new heights at Rs 11,98,837 crore, as well as deposits being a focus area, HDFC Bank managed to keep a healthy liquidity cover ratio of 123 per cent in the recently concluded quarter. These factors, coupled with adequate provisions for contingencies, position the private lender to carry forward its momentum during the festive months.

terest margin was at 4.1 per cent.

"New liability relationships added during the quarter were at an all-time high. This continued focus on deposits helped in the maintenance of a healthy liquidity coverage ratio at 123 per cent, well above the regulatory requirement, which positions the bank favourably to capitalize on the opportunities that would arise as the econ-

omy gains momentum during the festive months," HDFC Bank said.

Provisions and contingencies for the quarter under review were Rs 3,924.7 crore (consisting of specific loan loss provisions of Rs 2,286.4 crore, and general and other provisions of Rs 1,638.3 crore) as against Rs 3,703.5 for the quarter ended September 2020.

Total provisions for the current quarter included contingent provisions of Rs 1,200 crore. The bank said it held floating provisions of Rs 1,451 crore and contingent provisions of Rs 7,756 crore as on September 2021.

Total provisions (comprising specific, floating, contingent and general provisions) were 163 per cent of the gross non-performing loans as on September 2021.

Total advances as of September 2021 were Rs 11,98,837 crore, an increase of 15.5 per cent a year ago. Retail loans grew by 12.9 per cent, commercial and rural banking loans grew by 27.6 per cent and other wholesale loans grew by 6.0 per cent. Overseas advances constituted 3.5 per cent of total advances.

On Thursday, shares of HDFC Bank closed 2.86 per cent higher at Rs 1,685.90 on the BSE.

RBI WATCH FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Reserves overcome slump, rise \$2.03 bn to hit \$639.5 billion

FUELED BY CURRENCY ASSETS		
	Oct 1 2021	Oct 8 2021
Foreign currency assets	575,451	577,001
Gold	37,558	38,022
SDRs	19,240	19,268
Reserve tranche position	5,228	5,225
Total	637,477	639,516

in million US dollars; source: Reserve Bank of India/Reuters

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

THE FOREX reserves overcame their poor run to rise by \$2.039 billion to \$639.516 billion during the week ended October 8, as per data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

In the previous week ended October 1, the foreign exchange — forex — reserves had slid by \$1.169 billion to \$637.477 billion. The forex kitty had surged by \$8.895 billion to a life time high of \$642.453 billion in the week ended September 3.

During the reporting week ended October 8, the rise in the reserves was on account of an increase in the Foreign

Currency Assets (FCAs), RBI data on Friday showed.

FCA rose by \$1.55 billion to \$577.001 billion in the reporting week, as per the data.

Expressed in dollar terms, FCA include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

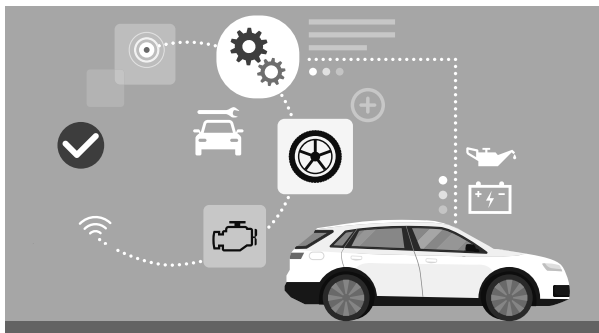
Gold reserves were up by \$464 million to \$38,022 billion in the reporting week.

The special drawing rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rose by \$28 million to \$19.268 billion.

The country's reserve position with the IMF declined by \$3 million to \$5.225 billion in the reporting week, the data showed. **WITHPTI**

'Cars with lower running costs may gain higher traction'

Cars with higher fuel efficiency and lower maintenance costs are likely to gain higher traction among buyers, an HSBC Global Research report said



Customers are increasingly becoming considerate of the recent rise in fuel prices, with fuel prices having gone up 35% over the past 15 months, impacting overall vehicle running costs

70% of India's passenger vehicle (PV) market is still accounted for by vehicles under Rs 10 lakh, a development that augurs well for market leader Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MSIL)

FUEL NOW ACCOUNTS FOR AROUND 40% of a compact PV's life-time cost compared with 30% in mid-2020

MSIL CONTINUES TO SCORE WELL, remaining the market leader in fuel efficiency and total cost of ownership, both in absolute terms and relative to competition
Source: HSBC Global Research/PTI

IMF: Govt response to Covid 'swift, substantial'; outlook remains clouded

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THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund (IMF) has said that India continued with labour reforms and privatisation despite the pandemic, calling the government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic situation as "swift and substantial".

The IMF in its report based on "consultations" among members, however, sounded a note of caution saying that the economic outlook remains "clouded" due to pandemic-related uncertainties, contributing

to both downside and upside risks.

In its "Article IV" consultations report, it further said that a persistent negative impact of COVID-19 on investment and other growth drivers could prolong the economic recovery.

On the Indian government's handling of the pandemic, the multilateral agency said it was "swift and substantial...has included fiscal support, including scaled-up support to vulnerable groups, monetary policy easing, liquidity provision, and accommodative financial sector and regulatory policies".

"Despite the pandemic, the

authorities have continued to introduce structural reforms, including labour reforms and a privatisation plan," the report said.

The IMF has projected India's economic growth at 9.5 per cent in FY2021-22 and 8.5 per cent in 2022-23.

"The economic outlook remains clouded due to pandemic-related uncertainties contributing to both downside and upside risks. A persistent negative impact of COVID-19 on investment, human capital, and other growth drivers could prolong the recovery and impact medium-term growth," it said. **WITHPTI**

Dorsey looking to build bitcoin mining system

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SQUARE INC Chief Executive Officer Jack Dorsey said on Friday the fintech firm is looking to build a bitcoin mining

system based on custom silicon and open source for individuals as well as businesses.

This would add to Square's existing bitcoin-focused projects including a business to build an open developer platform, as well as a hardware

wallet for the cryptocurrency. "If we do this, we'd follow our hardware wallet model: build in the open in collaboration with the community," Dorsey said in a tweet.

A team led by Square's hardware lead, Jesse Dorogusker,

will investigate requisites for Square to take on the project to build a bitcoin mining system.

In his Twitter thread, Dorsey also said that silicon design or chip design is too concentrated to a few companies, leading to supply constraints.

BRIEFLY

L&T official

New Delhi: Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has appointed Sabhyasachi Das as chief executive officer of L&T EduTech, the company's new business initiative into virtual learning and capability building space.

MMForgings

New Delhi: Auto components maker MM Forgings Ltd (MMF) on Saturday said it has acquired CAFOMA Autoparts for a total consideration of Rs 33 crore. The acquisition will help the company reach 60,000 machined crankshafts per month, MMF said.

D-Mart Q2

New Delhi: Avenue Supermarts, which owns and operates retail chain D-Mart, saw a increase in its consolidated net profit to Rs 417.76 crore for the second quarter ended September 2021. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 198.53 crore in the October quarter a year ago. **PTI**

SCION ASSET MANAGEMENT SAID IT HAD PUT OPTIONS ON 800,100 TESLA SHARES

'Big Short' investor Burry not 'betting against Tesla'

REUTERS
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 16

INVESTOR MICHAEL Burry of "The Big Short" fame said he was no longer betting against Tesla Inc and that his position was just a trade, CNBC reported.

Burry's Scion Asset Management said in a regulatory filing in mid-May it had put options on 800,100 Tesla shares as of the end of the first quarter. Details on the strike price of the puts, their value and whether they were part of a broader trade were not available.

Based on Tesla's closing price of \$667.93 at the end of the first

quarter, the value of that many shares would have been about \$534 million. The actual value of the options position was not known.

Put options give investors the right to sell shares at a certain price in the future. Options analysts said at that time it was possible the puts disclosed in the filing might be part of a larger trade that would curb losses if the put position went against the fund.

"No, it was a trade," Burry was quoted as saying in an email to CNBC on Friday, when asked whether he was still shorting Tesla.

"Media really inflated the



Based on Tesla's closing price of \$667.93 at the end of the first quarter, the value of that many shares would have been about \$534 million. Reuters file

value of these things. I was never short tens or hundreds of millions of any of these things through options, as was reported. The options bet were extremely asymmetric, and the media was off by orders of magnitude," Burry told CNBC.

One of the investors profiled in the book "The Big Short" and the film of the same name for betting more than \$1 billion against the US housing bubble, Burry has previously been skeptical of Tesla's sky-high valuations.

Tesla and Scion Asset Management did not immediately respond to Reuters requests for comment.

Chinese property execs ask regulators for 'appropriate loosening'

REUTERS
BEIJING, OCTOBER 16

REPRESENTATIVES FROM 10 Chinese property companies met government regulators to ask for an "appropriate loosening" on policy restrictions, financial news outlet Yicai reported late on Friday.

In the meeting, senior executives urged authorities to loosen regulations with the goals of stabilizing market expectations, providing support for genuine home buyers rather than speculators and making adjustments in land prices, Yicai reported, citing unnamed people

in attendance.

The meeting was attended by senior executives from developers including China Vanke Co Ltd and Sunac Holdings, along with the Director of the Real Estate Department of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and the Director of the China Real Estate Association (CREA), Yicai reported.

A number of Chinese property firms are facing a liquidity crunch amid weak demand and tightening regulations. Property firms have been affected by loan caps imposed by the government in order to contain rampant borrowing.



POINT OF VIEW

The Men Who Built Delhi

He might be synonymous with the architecture of the nation's seat of power but there were others beyond Edwin Lutyens who shaped the Capital



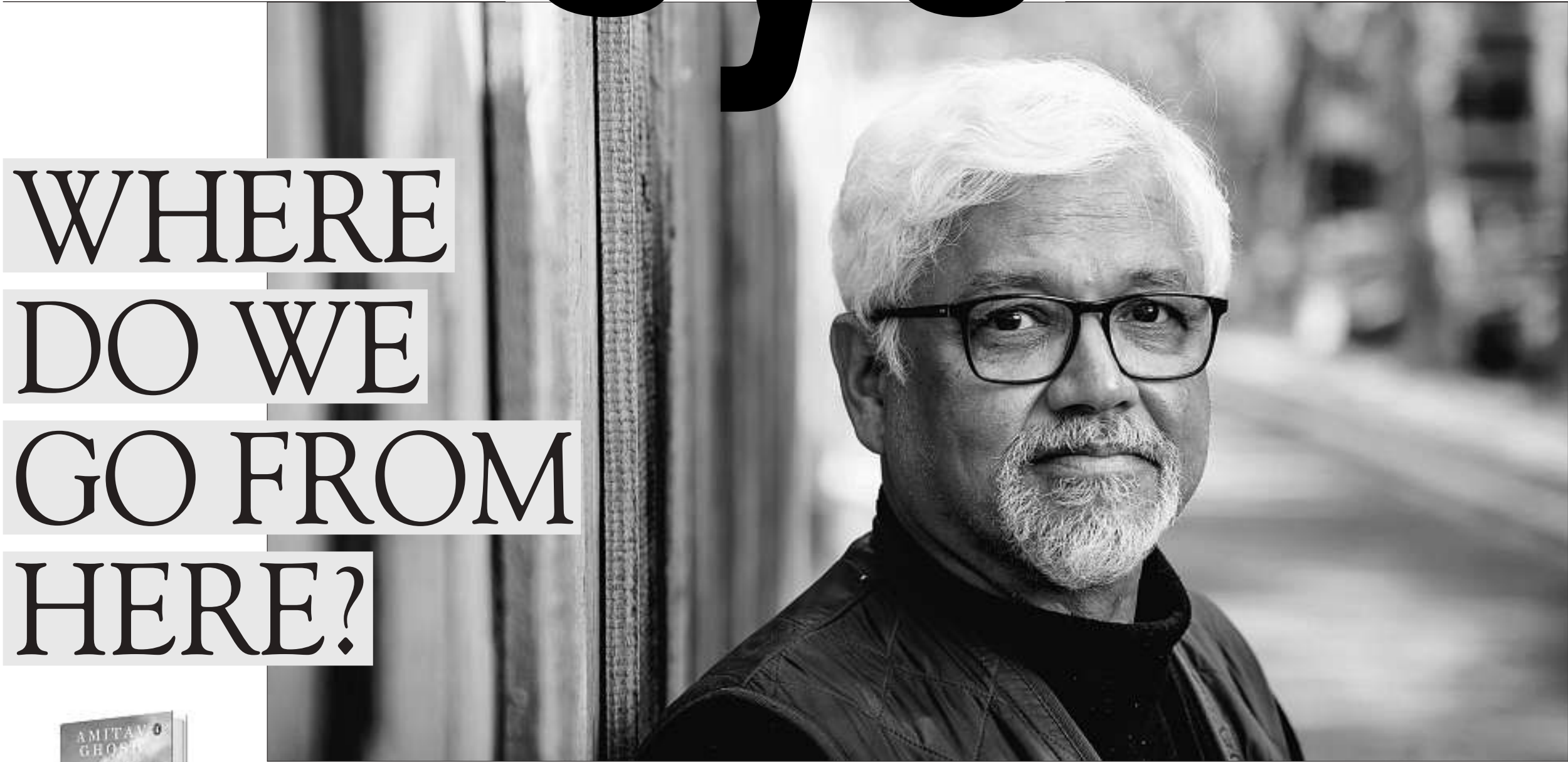
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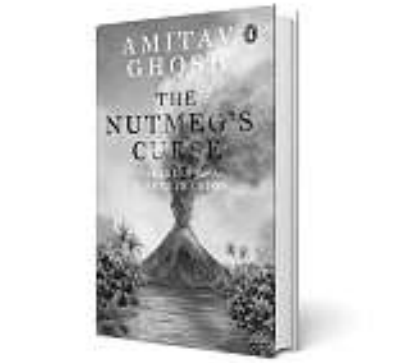
Artist pedagogue Anupam Sud on her ongoing exhibition, the influence of mythology on her printmaking process and why she detests labels

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



MATHEU GENON



Paromita Chakrabarti

AROUND THE time that Amitav Ghosh's new book of non-fiction, *The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis* (Penguin Random House, Rs 599), released in India this week, reports threw up alarming new data on the spiralling global climate crisis. Months after the "code red for humanity" sounded by United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and ahead of the COP26 climate change summit in Glasgow, Scotland, which begins on October 31, the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) released its report, "World Energy Outlook 2021", on October 13. In it, IEA highlighted how the bid for economic recovery in a pandemic-ridden world has seen "a large rebound in coal and oil use". "Largely for this reason, it is also seeing the second-largest annual increase in CO2 emissions in history," the report said.

In India, Adivasis in Chhattisgarh launched a 300-km march to the state capital of Raipur to protest against the land-acquisition process and the mining projects in the Hasdeo Arand forests of central India; the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change proposed amendments to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, that would ease diversion of forest land and offer exemptions to certain developmental activities from governmental clearance, even as state governments warned of an impending electricity crisis if coal stocks are not urgently replenished.

In Ghosh's compelling narrative, such ruptures arrange themselves into a discernible pattern of violent aggraddisement that dates back to the arrival of the first European colonisers on foreign shores, and adopted since by governments and corporates around the world. Ghosh begins with the story of the nutmeg, a spice that had, for centuries, been grown and traded in the Banda Islands (now in Indonesia) in the Indian Ocean. The arrival of the Dutch colonisers in the 16th century and the violent profiteering project that takes shape destroys the islands and its indigenous community. Over the next several centuries, this model of rapacious appropriation would, quite literally, reshape, or as Ghosh contextualises it, "terraform" the Earth, and birth acquisitive cultures that thrive on narratives of unbounded growth.

Yet, writes Ghosh, "As we watch the environmental and biological disasters that are now unfolding across the Earth, it is becoming even harder to hold on to the belief that the planet is an inert body that exists merely in order to provide humans with resources. Instead, the Earth's responses are increasingly reminiscent of the imaginary planet after which the Polish science fiction writer Stanislaw Lem named his brilliant novel *Solaris*: when provoked by humans *Solaris* begins to strike back in utterly unexpected

Writer Amitav Ghosh on the clear and present danger that is climate change and connecting the dots between colonialism, capitalism and ecological imbalance in his new work of non-fiction

and uncanny ways."

Taking off from his 2016 work of non-fiction, *The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable*, Ghosh, 65, offers an intriguing examination of the mounting climate crisis, through a prism of history, politics, economy and philosophy to show how a colonial, capitalist culture of discrimination and violence in Asia and the Americas has led to this precipitous moment of ecological imbalance.

In this email interview, he speaks of stumbling upon the story of the nutmeg on a visit to the Banda Islands, the link between climate change and ethno-nationalism and the flawed principle of climate elitism. Edited excerpts:

You have been writing about the Indian Ocean for a very long time. Do you remember what first sparked your interest in its history and geopolitics?

I, too, have sometimes wondered why the Indian Ocean has loomed so large in my imagination. Maybe it has something to do with the years I spent in Sri Lanka as a child. Sri Lanka may be a small country but it occupies a central position in the history and geography of the Indian Ocean. Indeed, as you will have seen in *The Nutmeg's Curse*, small islands, like those of the Banda Archipelago, have played a key part in the history of the Indian Ocean.

When did you first become aware of the clear and present danger that is climate change?

I started to become aware of the effects of climate change while writing about the Sundarban in *The Hungry Tide* (2004). Even back then, 20 years ago, some of the impacts of climate change, such as salt-water intrusion, were visible there. Since then, the devastation of the Sundarban, by a series of cyclones such as Aila (in 2009), made it clear that the dangers were indeed clear and present.

You write in this book how you became immersed in the history of the decimation of the indigenous community in Banda during the pandemic. How did you arrive at the story itself, given how little was known of this event?

My awareness of this story came from my visit to the Banda Islands in 2016. Before that visit, I knew almost nothing about what had happened there, because very little has been written about it. One of the reasons for this, perhaps, is that the Banda Islands came to be absorbed into the Dutch Empire, the history of which tends to be much less discussed than the British, or even the Portuguese and Spanish empires.

How did it help you to connect the dots between market fundamentalism and colonialism?

Writing the book was indeed a process of connecting dots. And in this, I must say, the is-



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lands themselves played a significant part. It was in thinking about the terrible events that doomed the people of the Banda Islands — essentially because the Earth had given them a tree of matchless value — that I began to understand the connections between colonial conquests, race, extractivism and capitalism.

One of the most fascinating accounts in the book is the story of eco-migrations. I remember at the time of *Gun Island* (2019), you'd mentioned how during the course of your travels in Italy you'd come across a migrant camp in Caltanissetta where the many Pakistani immigrants had moved because of the various floods that had taken place in their country. Yet, somehow, when we think of the refugee crisis, we usually tend to look at



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NOTES FROM A CATASTROPHE

(Clockwise from top) Writer Amitav Ghosh; the spice that spurred on a colonial invasion; the nutmeg tree; Banda Islands in Indonesia

it from a political lens and rarely from an ecological perspective.

Ecological impacts are, of course, very important drivers of the migrations that are currently underway around the planet. But, I think, we have to be careful not to be reductive in considering the causes of these migrations. As I've said in *The Nutmeg's Curse*, in my travels I did not meet a single migrant who was willing to describe themselves as a 'climate migrant'. Their journeys were driven by many factors of which ecological impacts were just one. It is important to remember that communications technology plays a very important role in the migrations of today. Pre-existing networks also play a very important part in enabling these movements. So, for example, among the migrants who are crossing the Mediterranean

and the Balkans, there are many Bangladeshis and Pakistanis, but very few Indians. This is, I think, largely because the clandestine networks that enable migrants to move are not as extensive, or as deeply rooted in India as they are in Bangladesh and Pakistan. Both Bangladesh and Punjab have long histories of sending young, working-class men abroad, so the pre-existing migrant networks in these regions are very strong. In India, by contrast, overseas migrants generally tend to be middle class, except in Punjab, which is more akin to the Pakistani and Bangladeshi pattern. However, I think this will change, and similar networks will soon spread through India.

In one of his first interviews after his Nobel Prize for Literature win this year, Abdulrazak Gurnah spoke of how the Western imagination of migration is limited by a belief that 'there isn't enough to go around' and that there could be a way around it if one could conceive that these people have something of value to offer in return. This limitation of the Western imagination is something you address, too, in your writing. But you serve a warning note when you say that it could spur on eco-fascism or ethno-nationalism if left unchecked.

Migration tends to create a strange kind of double-think in places that become destinations for migrants. Once migrants start working in a certain sector, it often happens that local people stop doing those jobs. So, for example, in Italy, the caregivers who look after elderly people are almost all migrants; native-born Italians just don't do that kind of work anymore. That's also true of some kinds of agricultural work. In the US too, native-born Americans (including the children of migrants) have stopped doing certain kinds of agricultural work. I met a Midwestern farmer recently who told me stories about how, in his teenage years, he would work on a farm for pocket money. He said that today it's almost impossible to get American teenagers to do that kind of work, even if you pay them well. They would rather work indoors, as cashiers in a supermarket chain. I've seen this pattern evolve also in Goa, where the workers and labourers are now mainly from Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. Many native-born Goans are reluctant to do certain kinds of work now, like gardening, masonry or waiting in restaurants. Yet, these very regions, which have become completely dependent on migrant labour, also often generate nativist movements, calling for the exclusion of migrants. The UK is a good example: the nativists thought that after Brexit, British people would rush to take the jobs that migrants once held. But this has not proved to be the case, as they have found to their cost.

How do you see this ethno-nationalism play out within nations with regard to climate change?

That dynamic is visible everywhere, even in India, where Bangladesh is constantly being vilified in relation to migration. Yet, Bangladesh now has a higher per capita GDP than India, and has better social indicators as well. In fact, India is hardly an attractive destination for Bangladeshi migrants. In Europe (and also in India), hostility to migrants is often superimposed on religious divisions, creating a really toxic mix.

Countries such as India, with their traditionally animistic approach to nature, could have chosen a different approach to conservation. Where did we falter?

In India, as elsewhere, vitalist beliefs have largely been kept alive by people who have a close connection with the land. These people are generally those who live in forests or belong to disadvantaged castes. In India, many of these people are under attack by middle-class urbanites who are intent, not only on destroying their ways of life but also in seizing their lands. What we are seeing, essentially, in India, and in other parts of Asia, is the wholesale adoption of settler-colonial practices by political and economic elites.

Do you see the history of violence that shaped the Americas play out in a new form but with similar results in Asia, now that the coloniser's focus on 'terraforming' has been adopted by corporates and governments?

Yes, sadly this is absolutely the case. Throughout Asia now, there is a mania for building dams, for instance. Yet, in America, where dams have been used extensively to terraform the terrain, it is now becoming clear that dams will exacerbate the effects of climate change. Indeed, many dams are now being dismantled in the US. Unfortunately, this lesson has not been widely absorbed.

Two things that have emerged out of this pandemic are the erosion of public trust in institutions and a heightened awareness of the deep inequality that exists in society today. In India, for instance, the sight of migrant workers walking back to their villages when the lockdown was declared remains emblematic of the first phase of the pandemic. What do you foresee as its impact in the coming days, given that climate elitism relies on the belief of the survival of the richest?

What happened in India in relation to migrant workers was completely horrific: it was an all-out declaration of a class war, waged by elites against the poor. The long-term effects will be terrible, in terms of climate resilience. One of the things that this pandemic has shown is that an absence of social trust creates terrible outcomes. So, for instance, the US, which led the way in coming up with vaccines, has been unable to vaccinate large sections of its population, simply because of a lack of social trust. In general, the countries that have been worst hit by the pandemic are those with high rates of inequality, and low social trust — most notably the US, Brazil and India.

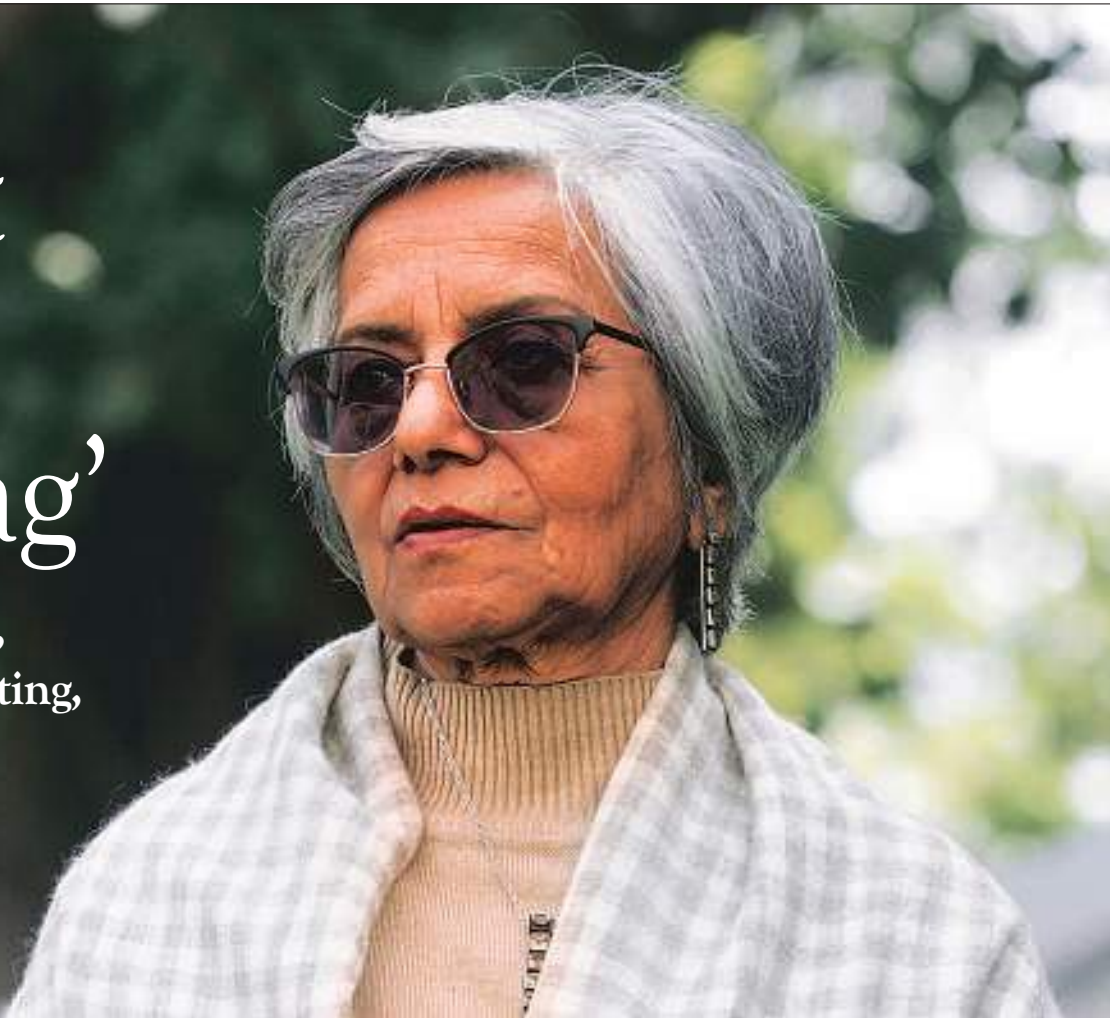
In *The Great Derangement*, you'd written that future generations would hold not just leaders and politicians accountable for their failure to address the climate crisis, but also artists and writers because 'the imagining of possibilities is not, after all, the job of politicians and bureaucrats.' Do you see writers addressing this crisis of vision better since?

Yes, there has been significant change in the literary and artistic worlds in the last few years. Many more writers and artists are paying attention to climate change. Nowadays, I receive books and manuscripts every day that say 'this book was inspired by *The Great Derangement*.' I wish I could read all of them but the sheer volume is overwhelming.

New Delhi

‘I don’t want to carry anybody’s flag’

Artist-pedagogue Anupam Sud, 77, on choosing printmaking over painting, being influenced by mythology and her disdain for labels



AMIT MEHRA

Vandana Kalra

Your exhibition ‘Germination’, currently at Delhi’s Art Konsult gallery, features graphics from your student days in the ’60s, to the ’90s. How would you define these three decades of your oeuvre?

Several of the works in the exhibition are printing proofs. These were not complete works but different stages that offered possibilities. For me, these were steps to achieve a work. When you are young, you want to try new things and my work developed further from these. All of us have different experiences and it is important for a work of art to have different thematic interpretations and that is what gives it life.

What are your thoughts on being described as a ‘feminist’ artist?

People give tags for their own convenience and I don’t like being labelled. Everyone knows what is the philosophy behind feminism, and the description is given so that they can relate the work with that. I don’t want to carry anybody’s flag. I am an individual and can think for myself. In fact, I am against some of the things done by feminists in the past. For instance, some feminists said we won’t wear bras. Why not if it gives us comfort? On other occasions, some feminists walked naked on the streets to voice their demands. I will not endorse any of these things. I never felt deprived, I fought for my rights. In my family, women handled the daily expenses. My grandfather was a lawyer and would discuss cases with my grandmother. There were distinct domains where each — men and women — were important. At some level, feminism has come to India from the West and we need not ape it — not all the issues taken up by them were absolutely relevant for our problems, we have a different society and our own concerns that need to be dealt with.

You spent a lot of your childhood with your grandfather in Shimla. Do memories of those times influence your work?

Your upbringing and culture at home is bound to influence you. When I was growing up, there was a strong nationalistic movement and even today if someone says anything



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against India, I can’t stand it. The mythological references (in her work), perhaps, also come from recollections of mythological stories told to us by my mother and grandmother. My mother would share with us episodes from not just Valmiki’s Ramayana, but also the one written by Tulsidas, and numerous other interpretations. Years before the play *Andha Yug* (1954), she told me how Gandhari covered her eyes because she felt it was unfair to have wedded her to a blind king, and she did not want to show the world to him through her eyes. Religion wasn’t mere rituals; it was a philosophy. I went to a convent school, and then a regular one, later taught in a Sikh institution, all of those experiences have also influenced my work.

You have often responded to the sociopolitical surroundings in your work, including the 2012 Delhi gang-rape case and the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. Would you make a work on what is happening in India now?

Like everyone, I get affected by what is happening and have an opinion. Some things prolong, while others fizzle out. Look at how some people were pleading for mercy for some of the boys in the gang-rape case. My reaction even when the incident happened was that not a lot will change in the coming years. I don’t know if I will make a work on what is happening now, things keep churning. At a

subconscious level, various things affect you and your work. Someone once asked me if I’m a socially-committed artist, and I said, ‘no’. Though I am a part of society and get affected, my aim is not to improve society through my work. If I take that responsibility, I will give up being an artist; I will instead make an effort to improve society more directly.

As a student, you were averse to pursuing printmaking. What made you change your mind? Was it also because of your teacher Jagmohan Chopra?

It was perhaps destiny. Printmaking was a challenging medium and I would see my seniors struggle with all the equipment and chemicals. But, gradually, I began to feel that when an image is transferred from the plate to paper, it is like magic. Jagmohan Chopra was a great teacher, but it wasn’t just about meeting him, it was also about him providing us the opportunity and facility to continue working after college. The summer before graduating, I remember asking him where would we make prints now. Unlike painting, it requires machines, certain equipment and a proper setup. Soon, he set up a makeshift studio in the living room of his house, which led to the establishment of Group 8. It was the works I made there that fetched me a scholarship to go to Slade School of Fine Art (in University College of London, the UK). I would send letters to him from London, telling him about the chemicals used for printmaking. I also sent him details of the Aquatint box, and he designed one for the College of Art (Chandigarh) that so many printmakers have told me is the best in India.

Did a long teaching career at College of Art have an impact on your art practice?

It was extremely important for me to be independent and not ask my father for money, and teaching allowed that. Within the first three years, I became a compulsive teacher. I realised teaching is not an easy job.

If you want to be a true teacher, it is important that students understand you and you know what their needs are. New students would often be warned (by the seniors) that I was very strict, but that was because of the nature of printmaking where so many potentially hazardous chemicals are used. Of course, students understood that later. I also learnt a lot from my students; observing them offers you different perspectives. I fell in love with teaching and neglected my own practice for years, till I began to feel I am starving. Since I thought it was unethical to study during my teaching time, I applied for permission to work after college. Unless I practised, I couldn’t do justice to teaching the subject that is still growing in India. To be able to give information to the students, I had to be 10 times better than them.



A lot of your work explores the way light falls on male and female figures.

Light creates an edge, which leads to lines and I love to draw that. To me, it does not matter whether it’s a male or female figure. I treat both in the same manner and neither, for me, is a sexual object. Vulgarity only creeps in when you objectify things. For me, what God has made is glorious, the human body is such perfect machinery, and I want to celebrate that. When you are working, if you get one good line, you experience a supreme feeling. I like sketching and drawing, which I still do.

You were also good at painting. Do you regret not pursuing that given the bias against printmaking in India?

If I ever felt like drawing or painting, I would just do that. Printmaking is definitely in a much better position than earlier and several artists are doing very good work. More people are setting up studios for themselves because they can afford it, and there are also more studios where artists can practise across the country. The medium encourages experimentation and there are limitless possibilities, printmaking is still growing.

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EVERY FORTNIGHT, WE PICK, YOU WATCH



Shubhra Gupta

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Trigger Point

Natesh Hegde’s *Pedro* brings things to a roiling boil in a ‘calm’ village



EVERYMAN

The director’s father, Gopal Hegde, plays the titular role

Shubhra Gupta

PEDRO IS the kind of film where nothing seems to happen for the longest time: the frame is still, letting us observe the bounties of nature — dense, tall trees piecing the sky, thickly falling rain, the sound of water meeting sodden earth, the muted rumble of a car bouncing along rutted roads. And then, something does happen, the thing that the film has been steering the lead character named Pedro, and us, towards. It is a cinematic moment which holds up a mirror, and those complicated faces are us.

In the far distance, we see two men walking. They skirt along the edge of the frame, disappear, and then appear again. One climbs what looks like an electric pole; the other walks away, picks up his phone, makes a call. We don’t hear what he says, but we know, with dawning dread, the fate of the man we left behind, on that pole.

Natesh Hegde’s debut Kannada feature runs a compact 108 minutes. It is about a man and matters and consequences, but this very generic description turns into something very specific through the 25-year-old self-taught filmmaker’s singular vision. “For me, space is primary. I’m fascinated by the internal rhythms of a place, and I’ve used elements from my life and my father’s life (Gopal Hegde, who has acted in all his son’s films, plays Pedro) to tell my story,” says Hegde, over a phone call on a patchy network from Busan, where the film has had a “full-house” premiere followed by an animated discussion on the film’s “characters, tone, and mood”.

The killing of a cow pushes a man, already unravelling through too many years of perilous electrical work and harsh personal circumstances, over the edge. Pedro’s tiny village is a compendium of the complex social layers that are visible in pockets all over India: religious and class differences colliding with rising bigotry have become increasingly combustible. “I wanted to see how far will a mob go, and what is the trigger point.” In Hegde’s deceptively calm universe, which also pointedly questions toxic masculinity, all things come to a roiling boil, leaving you stunned.

Born and raised in the same village near Dharwad in north-west Karnataka that the film is set in (as are his two short films, the disturbing *The Crab*, 2019, and *Distant*, 2018), Hegde, who studied journalism at Dharwad University, started off as a short-story writer. Discovering the cinema of Iranian maestro Abbas Kiarostami was a defining moment, and he jumped into filmmaking, none the worse for not having had formal training. His work’s striking realism comes from the deep connection his characters exhibit with their living space: when the little boy in *The Crab* delightedly picks up a wriggling little creature from a pond, or when Pedro slithers down a tree-trunk, knowing exactly where the grooves are, you know that this is their life.

After Busan, the film will travel to film festivals in London and Pingyao. A theatrical release back home is on the cards, too. “*Pedro* will definitely be out soon,” says a confident Hegde. Amen to that.

Advantage, Friendship

Writer-director Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari on the Paes-Bhupathi docu-series, why the story had to be told in their own words, and her debut novel

Alaka Sahani

KNOWN FOR directing films such as *Nil Battey Sannata* (2015), *Bareilly Ki Barfi* (2017) and *Panga* (2020), with regular, “flawed” people for characters, Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari’s latest directorial outing is *Break Point*, an insightful docu-series (on Zee5) about the legendary partnership, friendship and fallout of tennis champions Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi. Prior to this, this year, came her scathing yet optimistic short film on the loneliness of a migrant in a big city, for the recent Netflix anthology *Ankahi Kahaniya*, and her first novel. In *Mapping Love* (Rupa Publications, Rs 295), the advertising professional-turned-filmmaker Iyer Tiwari, 41, explores the complexities of relationships through the story of a girl named Oorja. Edited excerpts:

How did the docu-series on Paes-Bhupathi come about?

In March 2020, Vijay Subramaniam of Collective Artists Network called to ask if Nitesh (Tiwari) and I would be interested in telling the story of Leander and Bhupathi. That’s the fastest ‘yes’ we’ve said. The proposal came as a hope during the lockdown when we could put our creative energy into



DEUCE COURT

(Above) The poster of *Break Point*; (right) Iyer Tiwari; her novel *Mapping Love*

developing something challenging. We started with the thought: ‘Let’s make something which hasn’t been done before and make it world-class.’ We were talking about

two legends who made India proud. It was important to tell the story in their own words, where they are the heroes and they are sharing for the world to listen to what went wrong.

What was the immediate task for you?

Unlike a documentary, we and our co-writer Piyush Gupta created a structure beforehand. We had to ensure the emotional graph was intact and focussed on their humanness. We were telling the story not just from the perspective of two champions, but also talking to sportspersons and sports lovers about the dos and don’ts of a great partnership.

How did you make them open up in front of the camera?

Mahesh opened up first. Leander took a little longer. First, they needed to trust us, to know that they were going to tell a story from their perspective, a story that’s emotionally binding, and talk about the ups and downs in their lives. That we weren’t interrogating them. Once they knew we weren’t going to be judgemental, they spoke frankly.

When we got Leander and Mahesh together on the same screen during a video call, they did not know we were asking the questions together. It was during the initial days



of making the series. Leander was in tears. This was the first time after many years, in spite of living minutes away from each other’s home, they were talking on screen. It was healing.

All the interviewees had to go down memory lane. So many people were a part of their journey. Mahesh’s father (CG Krishna Bhupathi) and Leander’s father (Vece Paes) went through similar emotions. A lot of the time, we had to make decisions in the moment.

Tell us about co-directing the series with your filmmaker-husband Nitesh Tiwari.

We’ve been working together for a long

time, whether it’s in advertising or co-writing a feature. We’ve focussed on our strengths. While working on *Break Point*, we knew who was taking up which responsibility. When Nitesh asked the questions, I was behind the monitor, listening in and looking into other aspects, like the art and lighting. It was pretty organic.

During the pandemic, you published a novel, made a short film and now this series.

It is important to keep evolving and innovating as a storyteller with new stories and formats. The world is moving fast in terms of technology. You can see various kind

of movies from across the world. We should be on a par with it. Next, I will be working on my web-series.

At what point did you feel strongly about writing *Mapping Love*? Tell us about the cannonball flower on its cover.

People always tell me even when I’m writing a synopsis, it’s like writing a novel. I write 20-30 pages synopsis with details. For films, I write character sketches which run into pages. I want to know everything about the person — their food habits, the music they like, the kind of friends they have. I would have been a good anthropology student. When I started writing this story, I felt it cannot be a film. I always dreamt of writing a novel, I didn’t know it would take shape so early.

I share a deep connection with the unusual flower. My maternal grandmother’s building premises (in Sion, Mumbai) has an old cannonball tree. What fascinates me is that the flowers are so layered. You take out a part and you’ll discover something beautiful within. Then, something else within that. It is like peeling off layers to reveal secrets and dissecting relationships.

For the many roles you juggle, do you follow a routine?

Developing a ritual is necessary for any creative pursuit. A screenplay has to be written before a film is made. Writing a novel is tougher because you aren’t writing one-liners. You know your start and end and are trying to find your middle. I write between 4 and 7 pm. I don’t go back to what I’ve written, else I keep correcting. I keep writing till I finish and then revise it as a second draft.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I,hitherto known as MANDAKINI, daughter of, KHUSHI RAM,wife of, KHURRAM RAIS, residing at,A-23,KH.NO-269/228/173, 1ST-FLOOR, STREET.NO-09, BLOCK-A,VILLAGE-WAZIRABAD, DELHI-110084,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MEHAK. 0040588330-4

I, Harish Kumar S/o Kishan Lal R/o J-12, GF, Front Side, Srinivaspur, Delhi-110065 have changed my name to Harsh Kumar for all future purposes. 0070757692-1

I,Surinder Kumar Khanna,S/O Shyam Sunder Khanna, R/O, 1/32-A, Vijay-Nagar double storey,Delhi-110009,have changed my name to Surinder Khanna. 0040588325-4

I,Shubhi Aggarwal,D/o Arun Singhal, W/O Amit Aggarwal, R/o-D-10, Brahma Apartments, Plot.No.7, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075,have Changed my name,from Subhi Singhal to Shubhi Aggarwal,for all,Future Purposes. 0040588325-3

I,SHILPA RAHI,W/O SANDEEP KUMAR R/O-1431,S/F,GALI.NO-2, SHALIMAR PARK, BHOLANATH NAGAR, SHAHDARA 110032,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHILPA TANDI. 0040588325-1

I,SACHIN AHUJA,S/O ISHWAR AHUJA,R/O-55 MALL-ROAD GTB-NAGAR DELHI-110009, HAVE CHANGED NAME OF MY MINOR SON, FROM VANSH AHUJA TO HAKSH AHUJA. 0040588325-8

I,Rajendra Singh Kandari, S/O Sh.Surendra Singh Kandari, R/O-20-C, Pocket-I,Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095, have changed my minor son name,from Viraj Singh Kandari to Viraj Singh Kandari, for all future purpose. 0040588328-9

I,Radhika Kapur W/o Sunil Kapoor, R/o WZ-66B, Rattan Park, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Radhika Kapoor, permanently 0040588328-2

I,RIMJIM D/O RAJAT GARG R/O.212/1 MANSAROVER CIVIL-LINES MEERUT U.P-250001, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RIMJHM GARG. 0040588330-3

I,Pranav Kakkar S/o-Viineet Kakkar residing-C-1/637, Panna Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana,have changed my name to Pranav Kakker,for all purposes. 0040588328-7

I,Poonam Devi,W/o manchun Thakur, R/O. H.No.95T,kahiya-mohalla, Fatehpur-beri, new-Delhi-110074,inform that my name wrongly-written Soni Kumari in my minor son's Gunjan Kumar school-records but my actual-name is Poonam Devi. 0040588328-8

I,Perminder Singh Dhiman, Father of,Anhad Singh Dhiman, S/o Sh.Jasbir Singh,R/O-A-2, Saraswati-Garden,New Delhi-110015,have changed my Minor son name,from Anhad Singh Dhiman to Anhad Singh, in future,for all purpose. 0040588325-5

I,Omwati Devi W/o Roshan Lal R/O-JC-157287 SUB, R/o,F-231, Gali-13,Khajoori Khas, Karawal Nagar,Delhi-94,have changed my name to Ombati for all purposes. 0040588331-1

I,Mamta Doobe D/o Ved Prakash R/o-E-409, F/F, Flat No.101, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096, have changed my name from Mamata Devi to Mamta Doobe, for all purposes. Both are one and same person. 0040588325-10

I,Laud Tawar W/o Ram Chander No.253699G SGT R/O W-1339, Nangal Raya New Delhi-46, have changed my name to Lado Devi for,all purposes. 0040588328-2

I,Kamal Jeet Singh Chhatwal, S/o-Indar Singh,R/o-6/30A, Double-Storey, Vijay Nagar, Delhi-110009,have changed my name to Kamaljeet Singh. 0040588330-6

I,Jayada W/o Army No.6492539A Rank Hag/ASH Khali Ahmed, R/o-Bhango Po Sondh Teh.Tauru Distt Nuh.(Mewat) Haryana-122105, changed my name to Jayada Bagem. 0040588328-4

I,Jasbir kaur W/o Nishan Singh R/o-A-6 Flat, Gurdwara Rakabganj, Delhi-110001, have changed my name to Kawljeet kaur. 0040588330-7

I,Gursimran Chadha W/o Jagdeep Singh Chadha R/o-MD-26,Vishaka Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110088 changed my name to Gursimran Kaur Chadha. 0040588330-1

I,Garima Kapur D/o Sunil Kapoor, R/o WZ-66B, Rattan Park, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Garima Kapoor, permanently 0040588281-1

I,R.K. Sharma S/o Hari Ram R/o-B-206 Second-floor,Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064,have changed my name to Ram Kumar Sharma 0040588274-1

I,Sunil Chindialia /Sunil S/o-Nathu Ram,R/o-AB-39, Nabi karim,Pahar Ganj, Delhi-110055,have changed my name to Sunil Ram. 0040588330-5

I,GANGA VISHAN S/O NIHAL SINGH RESIDENT HOUSE.NO-1534-P,SECTOR-15,SONIPAT, HARYANA,have CHANGED MY NAME TO GANGA BISHAN. 0040588330-4

I,Bani Singh,D/o Sh.Perminder Singh,R/O-A-2, Saraswati Garden,New Delhi-110015,have changed my name,from Bani Singh Dhiman to Bani Singh, in future,for all purpose. 0040588325-6

I,Baby Nisha D/o Vikas Sharma R/o H.No.B-58, Street No.7, khajoori Khas, Delhi-94,have changed my name to Mansi Sharma,for all purposes. 0040588328-1

I,BANBIR SINGH,S/o Sh.Makan Singh Rao,R/O Village-Falabara, Post-Malana, Tehsil-Ghri, District-Banswara, Rajasthan,have changed my name to BANVEER SINGH RAO,for all,future purposes. 0040588325-2

I,Abha W/o Raminder Luthra R/O Flat.No.902, Plot.No.13, Sargodha Apartments, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Abha Luthra,for all purposes. 0040588328-5

I, Vandana W/o Manish Seth R/O M-16, GF, Street No.-2, New Mahavir Nagar, New Delhi-18, have changed my name to Bhawana Seth after marriage. 0050185480-1

I, Sushendra Kumar,S/o-Shambhu Dayal,residing-F-301, New Haryana Society,Sector-56, Gurgaon, Haryana,have changed my name to Sushendra Kumar Sachan, for all purposes. 0040588328-6

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I, Richa Sharma,W/O-Shri Ashish Parashar, R/O-SD-183, Tower Apartments, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Richa Parashar. 0040588331-2

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o- Dholu Ram R/o:D-232, Phase-1, Shyam Vihar, Dindar Pur, Najafgarh, New Delhi-43 Have changed My Name to Rajesh Bishnoi. 0070757680-1

I, Poonam Dwivedi W/o Mukesh Dwivedi R/o 16/675 Vasantnara Ghaziabad U.P-201012, have changed my name to Poonam Sharma. 0040588325-9

I, Meenakshi W/o- Rajesh Bishnoi R/o:D-232, Phase-1, Shyam Vihar, Dindar Pur, Najafgarh, New Delhi-43 Have changed My Name to Meenakshi Bishnoi. 0070757681-1

I, Madhuri Saran S/o Late D.L. Goel R/o 402, Mahagun Mosaic Ph-1, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, UP-201010 have changed my name to Madhuri Saran Goel for all future purposes. 0070757678-1

I, Lovely Tomar W/o Sandeep Kumar R/o 832, Jai Ambey, Apartments, Kondli, Mayur Vihar Phase-III, Delhi-110096 have changed my name from Lovely Gaur to Lovely Tomar for all future purposes. 0070757684-1

I, Dev Mishra S/o Manoj Mishra R/o 2/296 Chiranjeev Vihar, Ghaziabad, UP-201002 have changed my name to Shashwat Mishra. 0070757679-1

I, Anita Rani W/o Ajay Kumar R/o J-1004, 3rd Floor, Palam Vihar, Gurugram, Haryana have inform that Anita Rani and Anita both are same and one person. I future will be known as Anita for all future purposes. 0040588325-10

I,Shalini Singh D/o Rakesh Singh R/O Near Vanadana Hospital, Bahadurgarh, Haryana-124507, have changed my name to Shalini Bhardwaj 0070757699-1

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I Pritam Kumar alias Pritam Gupta S/o Late Sh. Roop Chand R/o 928,Gali Bajaan Haibatpura, Najafgarh, South West Delhi, Delhi-110043 have changed my name to Pritam Gupta for all purposes. 0040588265-9

I P Mari Gold D/o Emmanuel Punna and W/o Gopala Krishna Palla R/o New Palam Vihar, Haryana, Sector- 110 A, Bajghera, Gurgaon, Haryana-122017, have changed my name to Divya P 0070757695-1

I Jumman Miyan S/o Mohmmad Ikram R/o Godam Shamsabad, Bajidpur, Farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh-207503, have changed my name to Asad Ahmad Siddiqui 0070757698-1

I,Vijay W/O Bhagat Singh R/O A-18,UGF,KH.No-53/13, 14,17,18/26,Shri Sai Kunj, Vasant Kunj,Delhi-110070 Have changed my Name to Vijay Rani. 0040588325-7

I, Mohit Jain S/o Anand Kumar Jain R/o 2070/162, Ganesh Pura, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Mohit Kumar Jain for all future purposes. 0070757686-1

I Deepika Byram D/o Byram Bajrangnath and W/o Prathap Ivr R/o C-901, Exotica Fresco, Sector-137, Noida, Asodullapur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201305, have changed my name to Deepika Inti 0070757696-1

I Anshika Chaturvedi D/o Sh.Anshul Chaturvedi R/o Flat No.B-901, Amba-G Residency, Plot.No.1-A, Mall Road, Ahinsa Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201010 have changed my name to Anshieka Chaturvedi for all purposes. 0040588265-8

I Afsana Khan W/O Mohammad Shakeel R/O Plot No S-62 Flat No UG-01 Shalimar Garden EXT-02 Sahibabad Ghaziabad 201005 Decalre that Afshana Khan & Afsana Khan Both are same Person. My correct name is Afsana Khan for all future Purposes. 0070757688-1

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I, Sango Bai W/o Sunil Kumar R/O H.No.- C-54, Jawahar Park, Devli Road, Khanpur, New Delhi-110062 have changed my name to Sangeeta Kumari for all future purposes. 0070757700-1

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I, Nitesh Goid S/o-Ramesh Chand Goid Owner of Plot No.217, Pocket-A, Sector-26, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have Lost original Demand cum Allotment Letter & DDA Handing over Possession Letter. Finder may Contact- 8588804181 R/o-C-3/101-102, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085 0040588257-1

I, Uma Gupta W/o-Ramesh Chand Goid Owner of Plot No.216, Pocket-A, Sector-26, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have Lost original Recommendation Letter, Demand cum Allotment Letter & DDA Handing over Possession Letter. Finder may Contact-9560339975 R/o-C-3/101-102, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085 0040588258-1

I, Sanjiv Wallia, have lost original property papers of B-37, Shalimar Enclave, Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Punjab. Registry No.4770 dated 04/01/2002, If found by anyone may be returned at 1202A, Sector 75, Maxblis Grand Kingston, Noida. (Mob:9650279551) 0040588277-1

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This is to be informed to public at large on behalf of my client Sh. Bala Ram S/o late Sh. Sohan laal, R/o H. No. 1, gali No. B. bhari Pur Delhi 110094, has disclosed his elder son Mr. Chetar Singh Dedha, daughter in law Smt. Sarita o Murti, his grandsons VickyVishal, Deepak and his grand daughter Jyoti also and debarred them from his movable and immovable properties. Hereinafter, my client shall not be responsible for any act of his son and his wife in any manner And if any person deals with them then they shall themselves be sole responsible for that. Sd/- HARVINDER SINGH (Advocate) Ch. No. 191, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi 110001.

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Sanjay Kapoor & Associates
788, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients Sh. Rajender Singh S/o Late Sh. Bhim Singh & Smt. Sushila W/o Sh. Rajender Singh Both R/o VPO Birlahna, Dist. Jhajjar (Haryana) have disinherited /disowned their Daughter Ms. Sonika from their movable & Immovable Properties with immediate effect because of harassment, torture, cruelty & atrocities committed by her against Both of my Clients. She is beyond of My Client's Control & Supervision. Anybody Dealing with Ms. Sonika in any manner whatever will be doing so at his/her own Cost, risk & Responsibilities thereto & Both of my Clients shall be in no way Responsible for any act, Deeds & Things Done by her.

SACHIN CHAWLA (Advocate)
Ch. No. 420, Dwarka Court, Sect-10, N.D.-75

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the public at large, that our client SHRI SINGH S/O SHRI DEVI SINGH R/O T-265/A-3, CHIRAG DELHI, NEW DELHI-110017 and he has Disowned and Disinherited his son namely SHRI DHARMENDER KUMAR his his misconduct and alleged threat to his life. This is further clarified that SHRI DHARMENDER KUMAR S/O SHRI BHOOP SINGH will not participate in his family & funeral rites in the event of his demise and also shall not inherit any of his Properties, whatsoever. Sd/- SACHIN KUSK Advocate M-52A, Basement, Malviya Nagar New Delhi-110017, Mob.911383700, 9858150000

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Mahavir Singh S/o Late Ajit Singh R/o 310, Sahpur Jai Village, New Delhi-110049 have debarred and disowned his son Tapan from all his movable and immovable properties due to his disobedience. My client have also severed all his relations with him since 5 years. If anybody deals with him in any manner, he/she shall do so at his/her own risk, costs and consequences. My client shall in any manner liable and responsible for the same. Sd/- SURINDER SINGH Advocate Ch. No. 311, Rohini Courts, Delhi-85

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Public at large is hereby informed that my client Sh. Raj Kumar Nagrah S/o Late Sh. D.D. Nagrah D-44, 2nd Floor Gali No. 5, Bhagat Singh Road, Adash Nagar, Delhi 110093, has disowned and Debarred his son Karan Nagrah and his wife Smt. Shilali and her son Reyansh his future relation from the inheritance of all his movable and immovable properties and have severed All relations with them immediately effect. Whosoever deals with them shall be do so at their own risks and consequences thereof and my client shall not be responsible for consequences thereof if any. Sd/- Sakshi Sharma Advocate Enrolment No. D/3257/2016

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To be known to all that We, Dr. Pradnya Nagar and Ms. Nitika Nagar R/o Lalit Co-operative Housing Society, Lt. Dilip Gupta Road, Mahim, Mumbai-400016 are the sole owners of DDA SFS Flat No. 89 A, GF, Pkt-A, Sukdev Vihar, ND-25, (477) letter allotment no.F.78/477) dated 19/03/1986. The original Allotment Letter, Possession Letter and NOC of the above said property have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged, vide LR No. 8 2 3 6 2 2 / 2 0 2 1, dated 14.10.2021. Any person claiming any right, interest or having any objection may write/contact with above named person at the above address or phone no. 9896907708 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

KNOW ALL, public through this Public Notice that my clients, Hem Chand Awana S/o Sh. Om Prakash Awana, and Rakesh Devi W/o Hem Chand both residing at Delhi No.48B, Village Meethapur, Ratanisingh Marg, Meethapur, Delhi-110044 have disowned and debarred their son Yogendra Awana and his wife Smt. Garima from all our movable and immovable properties and severed all relations of every kind with them having wrong attitude, behaviour and quarrelling nature. If anyone deals with him/her in future whatsoever shall be doing at his/her own risk. We will not be responsible of his/her any act in future. Sd/- (Rajendra Kumar Singh) Representative legal heirs or authorized representative regarding any of the above mentioned client shall be responsible for any act of his son and his wife in any manner And if any person deals with them then they shall themselves be sole responsible for that. Sd/- HARVINDER SINGH (Advocate) Ch. No. 191, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi 110001.

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पत्रांक : 512 / विपणन / 2021-22 दिनांक: 16 अक्टूबर, 2021

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कार्यालय द्वारा प्रकाशित ईओओआई सूचना सं० 469 / विपणन / 2021-22 दिनांक 07.10.2021 के माध्यम से (1) संकर शाकभाजी एवं मसाला बीज (2) बायोएटिलाइजर, बायोपेस्टीसाइड एवं बायोएंजिस्ट (3) पुष्प के बीज / बल्ब (4) औषधीय फसलों हेतु बीज एवं पौध (5) प्लास्टिक क्रेडेंस के श्रेणीवार मूल उत्पादक / आपूर्तिकर्ता / अधिकृत डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर व डीलर को सूचीबद्ध किये जाने हेतु इच्छुक एवं अर्ह आवेदकों से पूर्ण प्रस्ताव दिनांक 18 अक्टूबर, 2021 के साथ 4:00 बजे तक आमंत्रित किये गये थे। अपरिहार्य कारणों से एतद्वारा उक्त ईओओआई0 के साक्ष्य आवेदन जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि बढ़ाकर दिनांक 25 अक्टूबर, 2021 को साथ 4:00 बजे तक निर्धारित की जाती है। अर्जनी कुमार श्रीवास्तव प्रबंध निदेशक

FORM B
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Regulation 12 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016)
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE STAKEHOLDERS OF AWSUM PROTEINS LIMITED

Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1.	Name of corporate debtor	AWSUM PROTEINS LIMITED
2.	Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	18 th October, 2010
3.	Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies -Delhi
4.	Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor	U15400DL2010PLC209451
5.	Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	A-47 F/F, L/S, B/P KH.No.136, GALI No.1, HARIJAN COLONY NEB SARAI, NEW DELHI South West Delhi - 110068 Delhi - India
6.	Date of closure of Insolvency Resolution Process	20 th September, 2021
7.	Liquidation commencement date of corporate debtor	20th September, 2021 (Order copy made available at NCLT website on 12/10/2021)
8.	Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as liquidator	Mr. MANIK GOYAL IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00278/ 2017-18/10522
9.	Address and e-mail of the liquidator, as registered with the Board	SCF 174, FIRST FLOOR, GRAIN MARKET, SECTOR 26, CHANDIGARH, 160019. Email : camanikgoyal@gmail.com
10.	Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the liquidator	SCF 174, FIRST FLOOR, GRAIN MARKET, SECTOR 26, CHANDIGARH, 160019. Email : awsumproteinsliquidation@gmail.com
11.	Last date for submission of claims	11/11/2021

Note is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal (Bench VI, Delhi) has ordered the commencement of liquidation of AWSUM PROTEINS LIMITED on 20.09.2021. [Order Copy made available at NCLT Website on 12/10/2021].

The stakeholders of AWSUM PROTEINS LIMITED are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 11/11/2021, to the liquidator at the address mentioned against ItemNo.10.

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with the proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

The proof of claims are to be submitted by way of prescribed forms which can be downloaded from the following link: <https://www.ibbi.gov.in/> home/downloads

Submission of false or misleading proof of claims shall attract penalties. SD/- MANIK GOYAL
Date : 13/10/2021 LIQUIDATOR OF AWSUM PROTEINS LTD
Place : Chandigarh. IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00278/2017-18/10522

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all concerns that my clients Sh. Ranjit Singh son of Late Sh. Vijay Singh Negi and Smt. Sushila Devi W/o Sh. Ranjit Singh, both residents of House No. 739, Sector-6, R.K.Puram, New Delhi - 110022 have completely severed their relations with their son namely Ashish Negi and his wife Preeti Rawat as my client's son and wife are out of control of my clients. My clients have also disowned and debarred them from all their movable and immovable properties. My clients shall not be responsible for any act of Ashish Negi and his wife Preeti Rawat in future in any manner and if anybody deals with them, he/she will do on his own risk and responsibility.

Akshat Aggarwal (Advocate)
Ch. No. 418 Patiala House Court, New Delhi-01

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known that my client Sh. Suhel Seth Property No.1905B

BRIDGE

Dealer: West Vulnerable: None

NORTH

♠ 964

♥ J1064

♦ AQ97

♣ A6

SOUTH

♠ J52

♥ AQ9832

♦ 4

♣ K105

WEST

IS

Pass

Pass

2H

NORTH

3H

Pass

4H

EAST

Pass

Pass

Pass

SOUTH

Pass

Pass

Pass

As soon as the dummy comes down you should be smitten with the fact that West did not lead a high spade. If West had the ace and king he would have led spades. He did not lead spades so you know that East has something good in this suit. How about finessing in hearts?

It cannot work. East passed 1S and he is known to have a high spade. The heart finesse is offside. Best is to play a heart to the ace to see if the king is dropping. It does not drop. Both East and West play little hearts so the king is the only missing heart. This leaves you with a heart loser and three losing spades. What now?

The opening lead marked East with a spade honour and the bidding marked West with the rest of the high card points. You did not finesse in hearts because you knew it would lose. But on the same line of thinking, you know that West has the king of diamonds and this finesse will win.

With no fear. South should take the diamond finesse, which is as close to a certainty as anything is at the bridge table, and discard a spade.

Dealer: South Vulnerable: North/South

NORTH

♠ Q842

♥ 432

♦ 42

♣ KJ65

SOUTH

♠ 65

♥ QJ109

♦ K1063

♣ 872

WEST

IS

Pass

Pass

3S

NORTH

2S

Pass

Pass

EAST

Pass

Pass

Pass

SOUTH

Pass

Pass

Pass

West led the queen of diamonds. East noted to himself that dummy was pretty good and might well have gone on to 4S. How should East defend?

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2343

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

6. One of the Pandavas (5)

7. Arrived at a logical conclusion (8)

10. Somewhat hungry (7)

11. Makes unhappy or distresses (7)

12. 2018 FIFA World Cup finalists (7)

13. Chew the fat (7)

14. Instrument used to determine velocity (11)

19. Arrived at (7)

21. Whim (7)

23. People of Flanders? (7)

25. Gymnastic garment (7)

26. Reels and nearly falls (8)

27. Foe (5)

DOWN

1. Expelling devices? (8)

2. Sign up; enrol (6)

3. Insolent, overbearing or supercilious? (4,6)

4. News (4)

5. And area (6)

6. Viewpoint or outlook (6)

8. Brilliant (7)

9. Prefix for stars, as in ____logy or ____-nomy? (5)

13. Brought up the rear in a race, perhaps? (4,2,4)

15. Reverberating - "nice hog" anagram? (7)

16. Freed (8)

17. Rough-voiced (5)

18. High period (6)

20. Warnings (6)

22. Conventional (6)

24. Pay attention (4)

CRYPIC CLUES

ACROSS

6. Not outspoken if mouthed thus? (5)

7. Unwanted visitors from abroad (8)

10. Moist disgruntled phasmid (7)

11. Plunder the slope I'd adjusted (7)

12. Name of girl getting praise in secret service (7)

13. I have a ball and Rufus is jumping round like mad (7)

14. Have no fear! It's a powerful battleship (11)

19. Raced round one circuit and made a hit (7)

21. Cricketer, villain about right (7)

23. A murder suspect, one hears? (7)

25. Make the plunge and do this yourself (7)

26. Being rather chicken-like, using this shading technique? (8)

27. Former Sudan refugee returns to praise (5)

DOWN

1. Country of growing importance (4,4)

2. Lot's of 'em thwart my raid! (6)

3. Overbearing attitude of one surrendering? (10)

4. Nothing on telerecording for poet (4)

5. In trouble, Roy or Ray up the creek! (6)

6. Plant yours truly in front of Richard (6)

8. In excavation, rash to shake cloth (7)

9. God protect a girl who's taken in a student (5)

13. Pedestrian crossing (10)

15. Crime organisation broken by sanctimonious quack (7)

16. Boldness is back, yet has merit (8)

17. Like gardens not kept straight (5)

18. One in France thoroughly ill (6)

20. Pilot in marina out of place (6)

22. Hosts tending to be offensive (6)

24. A number get assistance from this servant (4)

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20. Pilot in marina out of place (6)

22. Hosts tending to be offensive (6)

24. A number get assistance from this servant (4)

Solutions to 2342

QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Extracts, 5 Laredo, 10 Piccolo, 11 Debaile, 12 Rhone, 13 Glimmered, 14 Restrictions, 18 Introduction, 21 Millennia, 23 Orbit, 24 Useless, 25 Intrude, 26 Tibbit, 27 One-sided. Down: 1 Expire, 2 Tycoon, 3 Abazero, 4 Thoughtfulness, 6 Album, 7 Escargot, 8 Overdose, 9 Administration, 15 Two months, 16 Demount, 17 Stillest, 19 Absurd, 20 Attend, 22 Eleni. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 1 Crawlers, 5 Bewumb, 10 Hacks, 11 Warhero, 12 Rags, 13 Vacillate, 14 Single minded, 18 Disheartened, 21 Palmistry, 23 Ottago, 24 Iberian, 25 Eskdale, 26 Elymon, 27 Grey seal. Down: 1 Cohort, 2 Allion, 3 Lucrative, 4 Rein/vigilating, 6 Enrol, 7 Use hands, 8 Book ends, 9 Twice

every year, 15 Ice-hockey, 16 Adoptive, 17 Psalter, 19 Damage, 20 Do well, 22 Inigo.

If it's your Birthday

Sunday October 17

It's a bold day, just right for a celebration. But you're not sure of the next step. You'll be making up your mind early next week, so don't rush it.

Monday October 18

Surprising news is about to arrive from an unexpected source, and when it does you'll see that what once appeared normal is now outrageous, and what once seemed beyond the pale, is now quite acceptable.

Tuesday October 19

I think that you have the edge over others in the coming weeks, and you may not be in a mood to compromise. But there's also a chance that friends come to you with important offers so don't blow it.

Wednesday October 20

The more you dabble in different activities, the better your prospects should be. Sure, there's a slight risk that you may spread yourself too thin, but it may be worth it.

Thursday October 21

Both your monthly and daily cycles focus on cash concerns. That's not bad because while your domestic costs could be increasing, the way is opened to a windfall.

Friday October 22

You'll be tempted to tackle all the details yourself. That could be a good thing if you're dealing with people who don't really know what's going on.

Saturday October 23

The Moon's motions are imaginative and you're still in with a chance of making a dream come true. But, if your wishes come to pass, there are a number of surprises.

JUMBLLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

_____ springs from the silent conquest of ourselves - Joseph P. Thompson (4,5)

KMAER

AGNOLL

GHUOR

AELGY

Answer: KMAER, AGNOLL, GHUOR, AELGY

SUDOKU 4627

Difficulty Level 4s

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4626

4 8 3 1 9 8 6 5 7

6 7 1 2 5 3 4 9 8

5 8 9 7 6 4 2 1 3

7 4 8 3 1 9 5 6 2

2 3 6 8 4 5 9 7 1

1 9 5 6 2 7 8 3 4

9 1 2 4 7 6 3 8 5

3 5 4 9 8 1 7 2 6

8 6 7 5 3 2 1 4 9

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

At work and in all routine tasks you have no choice but to press on, even when the carpet may be pulled from under your feet. You should be ready to have another stab at a particular leisure activity. Monetary matters should do well around the middle of the week, but avoid all unnecessary risks.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Emotional stars rise over your horizon. Don't allow your feelings to cloud your judgment. Any confusion is purely the result of chaotic celestial movements and there is no reason why you should be concerned. Set yourself up at the beginning of the week by making sure that you have as many friends and allies as you need.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Feelings could be running high and you can right over the top and let others see just how upset or angry you are. But, in view of rapid changes in mood, I'd advise you to wait and see how the land lies after a few more weeks. As far as romance is concerned, see the world through other people's eyes.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

It's a week of two halves, one active, the other more restful. Family arrangements and domestic moves may be delayed or postponed, but rest assured that this phase of uncertainty will not last long. Travel prospects gain as the stars become livelier.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The stars move on, in their silent way, bringing an array of auspicious alignments. Others have had their say and now it's your turn to sparkle. Yet, briefly, the moment for talking may have passed. A financial opportunity will, though, once again be within your grasp.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Not everything that happens suits you, but much of it does. Loved ones are now prepared to draw a veil over the recent past. This is wise of them, for with Mercury and Venus returning to their former positions, you will again be in control.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Although the general tide of events is moving in your favour, a special opportunity may be snatched from your grasp. If so, don't worry about it. Appreciate the fact that you are being given another few weeks to consider your future.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

This is the perfect moment to make decisive moves. Employers, partners and people in authority have now dropped their guard and the last thing they are expecting is a return bout. As far as love is concerned, you may begin to make amends for any past mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

It's an intriguing week in many respects, and you have much to gain. Something that took place on the work front appears to have been beyond the pale, but the fact that various planets are behaving so strangely is sufficient reason to take a second look.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Everything is thrown into the melting pot, travel plans, legal questions, educational schemes and financial ventures. This doesn't mean that you're facing difficulties, only that you're changing your mind. A financial scheme will be delayed, with helpful results.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Someone you thought, or feared, had disappeared for good, is about to hove back into view. It's strange how the past keeps coming back to haunt you, but your planetary cycles do make this inevitable. It's important to understand, everything has a reason, usually a good one.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

The current time climaxes with a brilliant lunar picture, and you may be brought back to the real world with rather a jolt. But, then, the Piscean definition of reality is considerably different from the norm. Go ahead with a financial risk as long as you have obtained the necessary expert support.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING

Government of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-procurement T.No.SE(AM)/AP/GNT/Ep/24/2021-22, Dated: 14-10-2021

Online tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer (AM) Guntur from the registered civil contractors & Reputed firms for construction of Multi Purpose Facilitation Centers (500/1000MT Capacity Godowns) along with drying yards at RBK level, constructional works at various Market Yards and Rythu Bazar works costing of Rs. 82,80,11,010/- approximately. E-procurement site opens on Dt. 21-10-2021 at 4.00 P.M. Any other information can be had from the www.tender.ap.e-procurement.gov.in or from the office of the Superintending Engineer (AM) Guntur. Contact Nos. 9182361421, 9182361369 & 9182361199.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (AM),

O/o. Commissioner and Director of Agri. Marketing, Govt. of A.P, Guntur

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead at Shop No.826, Main Malka Ganj Road, Kabir Basti, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 35A, Dated 02.10.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi. Dead body has been preserved in HRH Mortuary for Identification. The description of the dead body is given as under:

Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown R/o: Unknown, Age: About 45 years, Height: 5'5" Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Wearing: Light Blue Colour Shirt & Grey Pant.

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

S.H.O
P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23823161, 23827354

DP/1602/N/2021

INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR COACHS FOR PROVIDING SERVICES TO CENTER Sports Authority of Gujarat

Sports Authority of Gujarat (SAG), Gandhinagar is an organization dedicated to development of sports in Gujarat. In last year itself, SG has established a term of expert coaches and support staff that has been instrumental in building a strong foundation for the state SAG i looking to strengthen this team and invites applications for the following posts purely on professional basis:

1. Football (Preferably Female)

2. Volley ball (Preferably Female)

3. Basketball

4. Athletics

5. Table Tennis

6. Shooting

Individuals having Senior National Gold Medal, with over 05 years of experience in training National/International level athletes including Olympians can apply for this position. Preference will be given to coaches who have obtained certification from National Institute of Sport (NIS) Expert coach will be expected to bring their team including assistant coaches. Indicative professional fee to expert coach will be Rs.1,00,000 per month and payment to rest of team will be decided based on mutual discussion.

Age criterion for the same is less than 55 year as on 01/01/2022. Individuals interested in applying for this post are requested to apply with full documents (Educational certificates, date of birth certificate, work experience and achievement with their bio-data mandatorily with all documents) on email id: acdemy.sag@gmail.com within 15 days from the date of advertisement.

For any query, kindly contact on Landline number: 079-23254791 or Shaktidoot number: +919904409306

Sd/-
Chief Coach
Sport Authority of Gujarat
Gandhinagar

INF/1200/21-22

Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Ltd.

CIN U40102GJ2003SGC042909

Regd. & Corp. Office: 'Urja Sadan',

N.V. Road, Kapodara Char Rasta, Surat 395 006 GUJARAT

DGVCL Toll Free No. 19123 (Or 1800 233 3003)

For Supply of Various Materials in DGVCL

DGVCL intends to invite purchase tenders for the year 2022-23 for various items on annual basis in huge quantity. As per GUVNL Purchase Policy, intended suppliers who want to bid for tendered items must have a valid 'Vendor Registration Certificate' from its subsidiary company, within prescribed deadline. The details regarding procedure for Vendor Registration and the tentative list of items to be purchased by DGVCL are available on DGVCL website www.dgvcl.com. For further information, interested suppliers may contact DGVCL, Corporate Office, Surat in person/through phone or e-mail.

CE (P), DGVCL, Surat.

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

DIRECTORATE OF SHEEP HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT KASHMIR

Lal-Mandi, Srinagar 190008, Tel. No: 09194-2310604. Fax No: 0194-2311063

E-mail id: kashmirmerino.sheep@gmail.com

e-Kit No: DSHK/ACCTTS/10175-10217 Dated: 13.10.2021

Subject: E-Tendering Notice for Carriage/Transportation of dry fodder crop and sanjhayah.

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Union Territory of India, e-Tenders in two bid system (Technical-1 and Financial bid-2) through Chairman State Level Purchase committee, Sheep Husbandry Department, J&K, Kashmir (Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Department, Kashmir) are invited for Carriage/Transportation of dry fodder crop and sanjhayah from Fodder development Farm Lam and Kalsian, Tehsil Nowshera, District Rajouri for the year 2021-22 to various farms of the Jammu Division mentioned below.

S.No	Name of the Farm
1.	Sheep Breeding Farm Reasi
2.	Sheep Breeding Farm Panthal
3.	Sheep Breeding Farm Billawar
4.	Sheep Breeding Farm Thathri
5.	Sheep Breeding Farm Balnoi
6.	Sheep Breeding Farm Chandrikote
7.	Dairy Goat Farm Rajbagh

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility, criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of supply/contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the e-procurement website www.kitenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below.

	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	13-10-2021
1	Period of downloading of bidding documents	13-10-2021 to 04.11.2021
3	Bid submission start date	14-10-2021
4	Bid submission end date	04-11-2021 (4:00 p.m)
5	Date and time of opening of bids (online)	05/11/21

1. Instructions for bidders regarding e-tendering process:-

i. Bidders are advised to download bids submission manual from the 'Downloads' option as well as from Bidders Manual kit' on the website www.kitenders.gov.in to acquaint themselves with bid submission process.

ii. To participate in bidding process bidder has to get a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), as per Information Technology ACT-2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from an approved vendor.

iii. The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with the Digital Signature. No bidding will be accepted in physical form.

iv. Bids will be opened online as per the schedule mentioned at Para-1.

v. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

2. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.

(Note: Scan all the documents on 100dpi with Black and White option.)

Sd/-
Chairman
State Level Purchase Committee
Sheep Husbandry Department
Jammu & Kashmir

DIPK-10678/21

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LTD.

e-Procurement Tender Notice (Paper Notification)

TSSPDCL intends to float tenders for procurement of (a) 11 KV 3 Core 300 Sq. mm XLPE UG Cable (b) 3CX70-16-50 Sannm XLPE AB Cable (c) 11 KV 24V LV VCB with CTs & CR Panel (d) 11KV CTPPT Set 10/5 class 0.2S accuracy (e) 11KV CTPPT Set 20/5 class 0.2S accuracy (f) 11KV CTPPT Set 40/5 class 0.2S accuracy, (g) 11KV CTPPT Set 60/5 class 0.2S accuracy and (h) 11 KV 24V Feeder VCB with CTs & CR Panel on e-procurement platform.

For further details of each item above, please visit www.tssouthernpower.com.

www.tender.telangana.gov.in and www.auction.telangana.gov.in

Phone: 040-23451319, 1035, 1035, 1035, 1360

Sd/- (Dr. BALA SWAMY)
CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&M)

DIPR No: 16942-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2021-22

WORKS DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE (R&B), BALASORE

B-480

e-mail: seec_bls@rediffmail.com

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice

Bid Identification No. CCEEC-11/ 2021-22

No- 5338 / Dt. 07.10.21

Nature of work : Road Work & Building Work (Multipurpose Hall)

Number of works : 01 (One) Road Work & 07 (Seven) (Multipurpose Hall)

Amount put to Tender : Rs. 531.87 Lakh to Rs. 839.49 Lakh

Class of Contractor : "A" Class / "Special" Class "Super" Class

Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal : Dt.16.10.2021 at 10:00 AM

Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal : Dt.02.11.2021 up to 05:00 PM

Date of opening of bid : Dt.03.11.2021 at 11:00 AM

Name & address of the : Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore

Office inviting bid

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "<http://tenders.odisha.gov.in>." All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Eastern Circle (R&B) Balasore
OIPR- 34026/11/0011/2122

OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR JAMMU & KASHMIR INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Old Secretariat, Block C, Srinagar, J&K

INVITATION FOR BIDDING NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Nat: JKJ/Adm/Ten/10-357 Date: 13.10.2021

Due to the peer inspection Managing Director, Jammu Kashmir Industries Limited on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir re invites sealed bids (to be submitted through e-procurement) from eligible bidders for the following requirements for units at Srinagar & Jammu.

Sr.	Tender Name & ID	Date of Online Availability	Date of Closing
1	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Flat Bed Knitting Machines for Hosiery and Knitting Units (J&K/MAC/20K/0001/21-22)	14.10.2021 (12:00hrs)	06.11.2021 (14:00hrs)
2	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Jacquard Hat & Scarf Knitting Machines for Hosiery and Knitting Units (J&K/MAC/19K/0002/21-22)	14.10.2021 (12:00hrs)	06.11.2021 (14:00hrs)
3	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Socks Knitting Machines for Hosiery and Knitting Units (J&K/MAC/20K/0003/21-22)	14.10.2021 (12:00hrs)	06.11.2021 (14:00hrs)
4	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Uniting Machines for Hosiery and Knitting Units (J&K/MAC/20K/0004/21-22)	14.10.2021 (12:00hrs)	06.11.2021 (14:00hrs)
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Raj Singh S/o Sh. Mahavir Singh R/o 947, DDA Flats, Kondli, Gharoli, Opposite Ruchika Petrol Pump, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. **550/2014 U/S 420/468/471 IPC, P.S. Anand Vihar, Delhi** has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Raj Singh** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Raj Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Raj Singh** of FIR No. **550/2014 U/S 420/468/471 IPC, P.S. Anand Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **25.11.2021**.

By Order
Muneesh Garg
(Court Matter) Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 62, 3rd Floor, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 22 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Unknown, **Built:** Medium, **Face :** Long, **Wearing:** Unknown was found in burnt condition in the area of PS Bhajanpura he was admitted in GTB Hospital, During the treatment he was declared brought dead by Doctor of GTB Hospital, on dated 11.10.2021. In this regard, **FIR No. 576/21 u/s 304 IPC dated 12.10.2021** has been lodged at PS Bhajanpura, New Delhi. The dead body preserved in GTB hospital mortuary for identification, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far. Any, person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Bhajanpura, Delhi
Ph. : 011-22561071
8750870725

DP/1130/NE/2021

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person **Name:** Raju, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Wegabond, **Age:** About 50 Yrs., **Height:** 5'5", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Red Shirt & Dark Grey Pant, **Place of Recovery:** Found dead on footpath near P.W.D. office, Gopalpur, Delhi.

In this regard DD No. 51A, U/s 174 Cr.PC, Dated 10.10.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Timarpur, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Timarpur, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23812734, 23814421

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New Delhi

The six-nation Nordic group of European soccer federations have detailed their opposition to FIFA's push to stage the World Cup every two years. Increasing the number of World Cups would “cannibalize” existing competitions, make European Championships “obsolete” and marginalize women's tournaments, the federations wrote in a co-signed statement.

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Saurashtra’s Avi Barot dies of cardiac arrest

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AVIBAROT, the former India Under-19 captain and wicketkeeper-batter who was part of Saurashtra's Ranji Trophy champions team, died of a cardiac arrest while watching the Indian Premier League (IPL) final at his residence in Ahmedabad on Friday night. He died just five days after he smashed 72 off 43 balls in the final of Reliance G-1 T20 tournament and helped Saurashtra team claim the title in Rajkot on Sunday. He was 29 and is survived by his mother and wife.

“Everyone at Saurashtra Cricket Association deeply shocked and saddened on very shocking, untimely and extremely sad demise of Avi Barot, remarkable and notable Cricketer of Saurashtra. He left for heavenly abode in the evening of 15th October 2021 due to severe cardiac arrest,” Saurashtra Cricket Association (SCA) said in a release.

SCA president Jaydev Sah said the Association and teammates are in deep shock. “It’s a very sad news. He suffered a sudden cardiac arrest at his residence in Ahmedabad at around 10 o’clock last night and didn’t survive. This is unbelievable. Twenty-nine is nothing and he was demonstrating it while playing in front of us all just a few days back. I was deeply shocked to receive the news just days after he scored so many runs in Reliance G-1 tournament which he was playing after coming out of an injury,” Shah told *The Indian Express*.

Barot’s 72 was the highlight of the Reliance G-1 T20 tournament final in Rajkot on October 20. Barot’s knock had propelled Saurashtra to 200 and laid the foundation of the team’s victory against his former team Gujarat in the summit clash.

A native of Ahmedabad, Barot had made his First Class debut as Gujarat Ranji player against Delhi in 2011. The same year, he was appointed captain of India U-19 team. From Gujarat, he moved to Haryana Ranji team but eventually migrated back to state of Gujarat and joined Rajkot-based Saurashtra Ranji team in 2016-17 season. Since then, he used to keep wickets and open batting for Saurashtra.

Barot played 38 First Class matches and scored 1547 matches at an average of 24.95, including one century and nine half-centuries. However, he excelled in the shortest format of the game, scoring 717 runs in 20 T20 matches at an average of 37.73.

SCA secretary Himanshu Shah said that Barot had been in good batting form for the past two seasons. “Since the last two seasons, he was in extremely good form. The way he was playing in T20, I was in fact very hopeful that he would be picked in the new season of IPL. But it’s extremely tough to take this. I really couldn’t believe my ears when I heard the news of his death. This is an unbelievable tragedy. Just a few years back, he had lost his father in a similar manner when he was just 42 or 43,” said the secretary.

Mourinho demands respect ahead of return to Juventus

Rome: Jose Mourinho says a lack of respect led to his famous ‘cupped ear’ reaction to Juventus fans while he was in charge of Manchester United, as the Portuguese prepares to return to Turin in charge of AS Roma on Sunday.

Mourinho walked into the centre of the Allianz Stadium pitch with his hand cupped over his ear towards Juve fans after his United side won a Champions League game there in November 2018.

The 58-year-old was asked what reaction he expected to receive from the home crowd when his Roma side, who are fourth and four points clear of Juve in seventh, take to the pitch.

‘Today was just not my day’: Zverev regrets shock defeat

Indian Wells: Olympic champion Alexander Zverev admitted he blew the chance to win the Indian Wells tournament after Friday’s shock quarter-final defeat by American Taylor Fritz and said he just wants to return home. Zverev, who was aiming to win his third ATP Masters 1000 title of the season, lost 4-6 6-3 7-6(3) after Fritz fought back from 2-5 down in the final set and saved two match points to stun the German in the California desert. “Today was just not really my day, to be honest. I was close to winning, but the level of tennis was just not quite there for me,” world number four Zverev told reporters. “Today mentally is not easy for me.”

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SANDEEP DWIVEDI
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PADDY UPTON in his book Barefeet Coach talks about his eye-opening short interaction with Mahendra Singh Dhoni very early in his stint as India’s mental conditioning coach. After one longish meeting, where the mind guru seemed to be making a habit of addressing the boys, Dhoni put an arm around his shoulder and said: “Upton, I don’t feel that you always have to say something.” It was a subtle message, the South African coach writes, to keep things simple. From that moment to his last day in office, when India won the 2011 World Cup, Upton had a better idea about his word limit, and the India skipper.

Jasprit Bumrah’s favourite Dhoni story is about his India debut in Australia. From the time he touched down in Sydney as a late replacement, Bumrah was anxious about his expected one-on-one with the skipper. Would the talk be about team ethics, dressing room decorum, game plan or a plain pep talk? Will it happen on match eve, inside the dressing room, during the warm-up or just after the toss? On Dhoni’s watch, conventions get trampled upon on a daily basis. It was only when a nervous Bumrah was entering the field, the big man walked up to him. “Do whatever you know. Whatever fields you want, we will give.” Again, nothing complicated; simple words, simpler advice. India went on to win that game and the rookie pacer ended up as the best bowler.

Upton’s moved on, Bumrah’s moved up, but India’s favourite strong-and-silent cricketer continues to diligently practise what he, in his subtle way, preaches. An ardent practitioner of tactical conservatism, Dhoni, by being loyal to cricket’s good-old basic principles, has mastered the format which feverishly explores possibilities, glorifies radicalism, celebrates all inane innovations and is of late getting over-eager to borrow ideas from other sports. However hard T20 cricket tries to run away from the mother sport, Dhoni keeps dragging it back home.

In Dubai on Friday, he lifted the IPL trophy for the fourth time. CSK’s consistency in a notoriously unpredictable format, that is unforgiving of even a minor slip-up, is a tribute to a leader whose greatness lies in the simplicity of his cricketing engagement. Dhoni follows a set pattern, banks on his regulars, along with long-time coach Stephen Fleming. The two aren’t known to be waylaid by seasonal trends and other excesses on the T20 playlist.

For his opponents, the match-eve brainstorming sessions aren’t about guessing the surprise that Dhoni would throw at them; they are mostly about thinking of ways to stop CSK’s usual suspects executing their very well-known winning plan.

Case in point is the text-book bowling sequence which Dhoni has followed for years now. It has a very predictable pattern. Take this season. For the first six overs, it’s the Aussie quick Josh Hazlewood with pacers slower than him. Left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja gets the ball after the Powerplay. Just around the half-way mark, the team’s fulcrum, the clever trundler Dwayne Bravo gets in the mix. He has spinners for company in the middle overs and pacers at the death. Pacers-spinners-pacers, this wheel was invented for Tests and later fitted to ODIs. Dhoni doesn’t show the

“Maybe the same as always, or different, I don’t know,” Mourinho told a news conference.

“When I reacted at the end of the game last time in a way that was criticised, I thought it was a bit strange.

“People remembered the 10 second emotional reaction and forgot 90 minutes of the game. Today we talk about respect but in those 90 minutes that was all forgotten.”

Mourinho and Juve coach Massimiliano Allegri have clashed in the past, and the Italian called his counterpart “pathetic” on Italian television in 2011, but the Roma manager insisted there is no bad blood between them.

Sharma, Bhullar miss cut at Andalucía Masters

Valderrama: Indian golfers Shubhankar Sharma and Gaganjeet Bhullar failed to live upto their own expectations, making an early exit from the Estrella Damm NA Andalucia Masters after missing the halfway cut in the European Tour event. Bhullar, who had an 82 in the first round, improved by 13 shots with a 69 and totalled nine-over but was still way off the cut line, which fell at six-over. Sharma (79-75) was even further down. Romain Langasque carded a second consecutive round of 69 to take a one-stroke lead into the weekend. The Frenchman carded 15 pars, a birdie, and his second eagle of the week, dropping just one shot. He is four-under par for two rounds.

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restlessness to reinvent it for T20 cricket.

Tried, tested, trusted

Most CSK regulars are old-school cricketers. The now iconic canary yellow jersey is rarely seen on those globetrotting T20 specialists – the six-hitting muscular mercenaries or the mystery spinners who treat the cricket ball as a carrom striker. Those who delivered for him in the final – Faf du Plessis, Hazlewood, Jadeja and Moen Ali – have proven Test pedigree. Others who played bit parts – Ambati Rayudu, Robin Uthappa, Shardul Thakur, Deepak Chahar – have long and towering presence in first-class cricket.

The find of this season and IPL’s top run-getter, Ruturaj Gaikwad is a 24-year-old with four first-class centuries. He is no flashy slogger but an opener with a refined all-format technique. Like many IPL upstarts drafted into the Test side lately, Gaikwad, it’s being predicted, wouldn’t look ridiculous in India whites. And leading this bunch of conventional cricketers is the wise-old Oracle, cricket’s Chanakya and Chandragupt

Maurya rolled into one – Dhoni.

Captains with Dhoni-like qualities, and CVs, have been historically indulged; they get their way and the team they want. But not in IPL, the high-stakes tournament with a brand valuation of around Rs 48,000 crore. Cricket’s corporatisation has changed the power equations. IPL owners as a species are known to have inflated egos, scissor-hands and long pointed noses that sniff in areas where they don’t have expertise.

CSK, the only IPL franchise with a rich cricketing legacy, thankfully hasn’t moved with the times. The original owner and influential BCCI office-bearer N Srinivasan has run multiple teams in Chennai’s local leagues, seen intense club rivalry, scooped big-ticket transfers and dealt with players of every hue. He didn’t whistle podu into cricket yesterday. Srinivasan has been around to know that supporting cricket needs a philanthropist’s mindset; it’s not an investment that gives regular annual dividends.

Not to be seen as a virtue, but at CSK the players and owners have stuck to each other through thick and thin. At the peak of the spot-fixing controversy, when Srinivasan’s son-in-law faced allegations of betting from the dugout, CSK closed ranks, declared an omerta. No whistle-blower, no mutiny, no exodus. Even when his meticulously-crafted reputation was at stake, Dhoni remained loyal to his franchise. It was never in doubt that he would return home, the Chepauk Stadium, once CSK served its two-year ban. The franchise, in turn, reciprocated.

Last year when CSK veteran Suresh

Raina, one fine night before the start of the bubbled IPL, flew back home, the team lost a vital cog. CSK lost balance and collapsed. It proved to be their worst season. Dhoni looked over the hill, the squad looked jaded. Any other franchise would have reacted. There would have been finger-pointing, gas-lighting, planted stories about the captain losing the confidence of the team and owners.

In contrast, at Chennai, there was no acrimony, no witch-hunt, not even a post-mortem. Raina was welcomed back. What’s one season between old associates who have guarded each other’s backs for over a decade.

Like an old family-run institution, there were no panic decisions. Instead, the core remained unshakable. At CSK, they know the drill. Unlike other teams, among CSK’s travelling party are a handful of Srinivasan loyalists, all Tamil Nadu Cricket Association old hands from the era when cricket administrators didn’t stay at five-stars. It’s a travelling group that’s unlike an IPL team, it’s so Ranji Trophy-like. There’s a father figure manager and an old hand, who is every-one’s best friend, looks after the logistics. The MBA-kinds haven’t yet infiltrated the CSK top management since the men at the top know their cricket. They understand this is a funny game that needs patience.

Make for each other

Dhoni brings the same rationale to the field. He’s open to change but not in a hurry to wipe out the wisdom availed over the years. By sticking to the old route to victory, the 40-year-old might appear outdated at times but he will never be seen as a wannabe.

Ashwin rewarded for reviving white-ball skills: Kohli

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
OCTOBER 16

India have brought back Ravichandran Ashwin to the T20I fold to be a game-changer in the World Cup. This has been a paradigm shift in thought process for a side that has kept right-arm off-spin at arm’s length in white-ball cricket since the 2017 Champions Trophy. But as Virat Kohli said at the ICC’s pre-T20 World Cup media event on Saturday, limited-overs cricket is constantly evolving and Ashwin has been bowling with courage.

“One thing that Ashwin has really improved on is bowling with a lot of courage in white-ball cricket. We saw in the IPL in the last couple of years, he has bowled those difficult overs, he bowled against top players, power-hitters, and not being shy to put the ball in the right areas. Spinners mostly get intimidated against power-hitters, but Ashwin believed in his skill-sets,” said the India captain.

Ashwin last played for India in T20Is in July, 2017. The selectors sprang a surprise by recalling the 35-year-old offie for the showpiece event. “We felt that the way he is bowling, his variations and his control over pace is... again, a lot of experience, a guy who has played a lot of international cricket and now he is at his confident best. These guys can go in there and change the game with their spells. Hence, I think Ashwin has been rewarded for reviving his white-ball skills altogether,” Kohli observed. The Indian team management gradually shifted towards wrist-spin after the 2017 Champions Trophy final, where Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja were taken to the cleaners by Pakistan’s Fakhar Zaman. Jadeja came back by dint of his better allround ability, but for more than four years, Ashwin wasn’t in the scheme of India’s white-ball things. Kohli spoke about



Ashwin’s experience and ‘courage’ in the IPL helped him make a comeback. ipIT20.com

the shorter formats being constantly evolving.

“Wrist-spinners were in demand mostly through that middle period, but now finger-spinners with accuracy have come back into the game. I think we also have to evolve as a team, with the evolving trends of the game, and Ash and Jadeja are performing beautifully. It augurs well for the team.”

Ashwin didn’t have a very fruitful IPL with Delhi Capitals this term, taking seven wickets from 13 games. To an extent, he wasn’t properly used by the DC team management. Ashwin revels in a lead role and responsibility, which came to the fore while bowling the final over against Kolkata Knight Riders in the

Qualifier 2. With two consecutive wickets, he almost pulled off a heist.

At the World Cup, KKR’s Varun Chakravarthy would be his nearest rival as regards to a playing-eleven spot. Varun was one of the showstoppers in the tournament, bagging 18 scalps from 17 games at an economy rate of less than seven runs per over. Varun, however, can be found out in batting and fielding, and the Indian team management has a tricky call to make.

If Ashwin’s inclusion was unexpected, Yuzvendra Chahal’s omission from the World Cup squad was debatable. Chahal had been groomed for four years for the big event, but at

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To be celebrated as the in-vogue out-of-the-box thinker, Dhoni wouldn’t avoid taking the tried and tested right option.

He’s not the prototype aggressive leader whose natural nerve-busting expression can sell India-Pakistan grudge games. Dhoni’s communication is understated. He’s not into riveting inspirational dressing-room speeches – those work better in the final quarter of sports movies. His captaincy approach is functional and realistic. He guides youngsters to negotiate forked paths, and more importantly makes them aware about the game’s inevitabilities.

Unlike Virat Kohli, Dhoni doesn’t make his pursuit of a win obsessive. He remains aware of a possible uncontrollable twist in the tale and the subsequent unfavourable result. It’s this balance which makes him better prepared to face defeats, bounce back and be India’s most celebrated captain in the game’s most-fickle format.

The non-secret of his success is his simplicity and clarity which comes from the self-realisation that he can’t have all the answers. Dhoni knows in cricket, like in life, you can’t cover all bases.

“His eye for intricate details and practical advice will help improve the game by one or two per cent. Absolutely delighted to have him. (His) presence will not only boost morale but also increase confidence that we already have.”

-VIRAT KOHLI
ON DHONI AS TEAM MENTOR

the end, Rahul Chahar trumped him. Chahal’s excellent performance in this year’s IPL – 18 wickets in 15 games – threw up questions about his non-inclusion, but the Indian team wanted a leggie to bowl quicker through the air.

“It was a challenging call (to drop Chahal), but we decided to back Rahul Chahar for a reason. He has bowled amazingly well in the last couple of years in the IPL. (He is) a guy who bowls with pace. He did really well in Sri Lanka recently. And against England at home as well, he was someone who bowled those difficult overs,” Kohli said, adding: “We believe that heading into this tournament, the wickets are going to get slower and slower and guys who probably bowl with a lot more pace, as you saw in the latter stages of the tournament (IPL) as well, were the ones to trouble the batsmen the most.”

India’s tournament opener is against Pakistan on October 24, but Kohli is shutting out the hype. “Right now the value of those tickets are ridiculously high. It’s probably the only change that I experience from any other game. But apart from that, I don’t think we make anything extra out of this game. For us, it’s just a game of cricket that has to be played in the right way.”

Five-star Liverpool go top

Firmino scores hat-trick as Reds thump Watford; Manchester United lose 4-2 at Leicester

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON, OCTOBER 16

MANCHESTER UNITED succumbed to a first away league defeat for 30 games by losing 4-2 at Leicester as Liverpool stormed to the top of the Premier League with a 5-0 demolition of Watford on Saturday. Manchester City moved into second with a 2-0 win over Burnley, while Chelsea can move back to the top of the table when they travel to Brentford later in the day.

But the focus will fall on United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer after his side failed to win for the third consecutive Premier League game. United led at the King Power thanks to Mason Greenwood's spectacular strike, but were quickly pegged back by Youri Tielemans' dinked finish beyond David de Gea.

A flurry of four goals in the final 12 minutes then condemned Solskjaer's men to a first defeat on the road since January 2020. Caglar Soyuncu put Leicester in front before Marcus Rashford equalised on his first appearance of the season after shoulder surgery.

Straight from kick-off, United's leaky



Roberto Firmino scored his first hat-trick since 2018. Reuters

defence was breached once more as Jamie Vardy smashed home and Patson Daka's first Leicester goal in stoppage time sealed a much-needed win for Brendan Rodgers' men.

'No one better' than Salah

Roberto Firmino scored his first hat-

RESULTS

Watford	0	5	Liverpool
Leicester	4	2	Man United
Man City	2	0	Burnley
Aston Villa	2	3	Wolves
Southampton	1	0	Leeds

trick since 2018 as Liverpool ran riot at Vicarage Road in Claudio Ranieri's first match as Watford boss.

But it was Mohamed Salah who again took most of the plaudits for another stunning solo goal to take his tally for the season to 10 in as many games.

"In this moment it is clear that there is no one better than him," said Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp of the Egyptian.

Salah helped open the floodgates with a defence-splitting pass that teed up Sadio Mane to score his 100th Premier League goal. Firmino would have been unavailable due to a late return from international duty but for an injury that forced him to withdraw from the Brazil squad.

He tapped home his first goal from

James Milner's cross before half-time and took advantage of another open goal after Ben Foster parried Craig Cathcart's attempted clearance.

Salah left four Manchester City defenders trailing to score in a thrilling 2-2 draw before the international break and pulled off a similar feat before curling into the far corner. Firmino then completed the rout in stoppage time.

City did not need to hit top gear to see off Burnley at the Etihad and remain one point behind Liverpool at the top of the table.

Bernardo Silva and Kevin De Bruyne were on target either side of half-time for Pep Guardiola's men.

Wolves produced a miraculous comeback from 2-0 down with 10 minutes remaining to win 3-2 at Aston Villa.

Danny Ings and John McGinn had put the hosts in a commanding position at Villa Park. But Romain Saiss, Conor Coady and Ruben Neves handed Bruno Lage's men a dramatic three points.

Southampton got their first league win of the season thanks to Armando Broja's goal to beat Leeds 1-0.

Norwich remain winless and bottom of the table after a 0-0 draw with Brighton.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MALE (MALDIVES), OCTOBER 16

TALISMAN SUNIL Chhetri equalled the iconic Lionel Messi with his 80th international strike as an inspired India blanked Nepal 3-0 for their eighth SAFF Championship title on Saturday.

India extended their domination in the regional tournament thanks to second half goals from Chhetri (49th minute), Suresh Singh (50th) and Sahal Abdul Samad (90th).

With his strike, the 37-year-old Chhetri equalled Messi and became the second highest goal-scorer in international football among active players. Suresh Singh and Saha then added to the tally and paved the way for India's title triumph, a

much-needed one after a series of mediocre outings. Sahal made it 3-0 when he dribbled past a few defenders after receiving the ball on the left flank at the stroke of the final whistle. India dominated possession in the first-half but failed to break the deadlock. However, Chhetri put India ahead minutes into the second half and even before Nepal could down settle down, Suresh made it 2-0.

This is the Indian football team's first title triumph under head coach Igor Stimac, who became the third foreign coach after Jiri Pesek (1993) and Stephen Constantine (2015) to clinch the title with the Indian team.

Chhetri gave India the lead after he charged in to neatly head in a delivery from Pritam Kotal on the right flank, leaving the

Nepalese goalkeeper with no chance to come to his team's rescue. Barely a minute after Chhetri's opener, another attack by India caught Nepal completely off-guard as Suresh found the back of the net after Yasir Mohammad brilliantly cut it back for the mid-fielder.

Their tails up after two quick strikes, India pressed hard for more but could not add to the tally for a while before Sahal fond the back of the net with his solo effort.

India entered the game with the psychological advantage over the Himalayan country as historical or recent statistics cleared favoured Stimac's side to lift the title yet again. The final was the 12th for India in 13 editions, showing the domination of the Blue Tigers in this regional tournament.



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3	Specialist in Orthopedics	3	MS- Orthopedics *	Rs. 2,00,000/-
4	Specialist in Medicine	7	MD- General Medicine*	Rs. 1,50,000/-
5	Specialist in Skin/VD	3	MD-Skin/VD*	Rs. 1,50,000/-
6	Ophthalmologist	1	MS- Ophthalmology*	Rs. 1,50,000/-
7	Specialist in Pediatrics	10	MD- Pediatrics	Rs. 1,50,000/-
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The candidates are requested to submit their application in the enclosed format to the undersigned in the above-mentioned address through Regd/Speed Post/E-mail only. The application form can be downloaded from district website "www.kendujhar.nic.in". The consolidated remuneration as mentioned above is negotiable and will be finalised during the counselling session to be held on 31.10.2021 at 10.30A.M. at the Durbar Hall, Collectorate, Keonjhar. Commensurately higher consolidated remuneration will be offered to the candidates passed out from Govt. Medical Colleges, candidates with higher experience and those willing to serve in rural areas (SDHs/CHCs/PHCs only).

The jobs offered are contractual for a tenure of 1 year only from the date of joining & agreement executed with the CDM & PHO. Thereafter, the contract may be renewed for another year after successful completion of agreement period upon mutual consent. The general transfer rules of the State Government will not be applicable and on deployment, no subsequent transfer will be administered except on mutual consent.

The appointed doctors will be entitled to avail leave as par with regular employees of Govt. of Odisha. Other conditions of service shall be as such, as has been provided in the relevant recruitment rules. Interested candidates are requested to report at 10.00 AM on 31.10.2021 at Collectorate, Keonjhar for the above walk-in-interview along with their updated C.V., original and one set of self-attested copy of all certificates and testimonials. Candidates who are presently working in Health & Family Welfare Department either on regular/adhoc or contractual basis, must submit "No Objection" certificate from the employer at the time of walk-in-interview. The undersigned reserves the right to cancel or reject the advertisement without assigning any reason thereof. For any enquiry, candidates can also contact the following mobile numbers during office hours - 9437084590/ 9348363247.

Sd/-
Chairperson-cum-Chairman & Managing Trustee,
District Mineral Foundation, Keonjhar.

Barca coach Koeman hints at Agüero debut

Barcelona: BARCELONA COACH Ronald Koeman hinted that forward Sergio Agüero could make his debut in Sunday's LaLiga home meeting with Valencia.

The Argentine joined Barca from English champion Manchester City on a free transfer in July when his contract expired, but has yet to feature competitively due to a calf injury.

Agüero did play - and score - in a behind closed doors friendly during the international break, and Koeman said he is in contention for Sunday.

"He's improved a lot lately, playing 20 to 25 minutes in Wednesday's friendly. He's going well," Koeman said. "He isn't in match or physical rhythm, but that will come with gametime. He's in contention to be in the squad, he can bring a lot to the side.

"The important thing is that he improves fitness-wise, and he'll do that playing games."

The visit of Koeman's former club Valencia marks the start of a big week for both coach and team, with Dynamo Kiev visiting the Camp Nou on Wednesday before arch-rivals Real Madrid come to town next Sunday.

Ansu Fati is also in contention to make his first start since injuring his knee last November, and Koeman said a final decision will be made on Sunday.

"He's improving everyday, but he's been out a long time and you can't just return in two weeks," Koeman said. "We need to think with Ansu that there's three games this week and he can't play all three. We need to decide what's best for the team."

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BRANCH - RAJENDRA NAGAR Zonal Office Patna : Budha Marg, Patna-800 001
POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule - 8 (1)) (For Immoveable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated - 22.06.2021 calling upon the Borrowers Smt. Sujata Bharti W/o Shri Shashi Bhusan Kumar & Shri Shashi Bhusan Prasad S/o Late Mathura Prasad (A/c - 50373055689) with our Indian Bank Rajendra Nagar Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs. 28,62,724 (Rs. Twenty Eight lakh Sixty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Four only) 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 powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this 11th day of October of the year 2021.

We draw attention to the provisions of section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, and the rule under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities. As per the said provision the right of redemption available to he borrower / Mortgagor is restricted to the date of issuance of sale notice.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) for an amount of Rs. 28,37,882.62 (Rs. Twenty Eight Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Two and paise Sixty Two only) as on 11.10.2021 and interest thereon.

Description of the Immoveable Property

Equitable Mortgage of All part & parcel of land & Building admeasuring 01 Katha at Mouza - Danapur Shahjadpur (Mohalla - Panchshil Nagar), pargana - Phulwarisharif, Thana & Sub - Registry - Danapur Sadar Registry & District - Patna having Tauzi No. - 11/802 C, Thana No. - 21, Khata No. - 637/652, Survey Khassa Plot No. - 699 & 700 vide Registered sale Deed No. - 9521 dated - 05.10.2013 in Book No. - 01, Volume - 163 on pages 483 to 492 CD No. - 26/ year 2013 in the name of Smt. Sujata Bharti. Boundary (as per deed) : North - Naresh Singh, Part Plot No. - 699 & 700, South - Part Plot No. - 699 & 700, East - 12 ft. wide Rasta. West - Ram Govind Mahato. Date : 11.10.2021 Authorised Officer Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) Place : Patna

The Sun God shines again

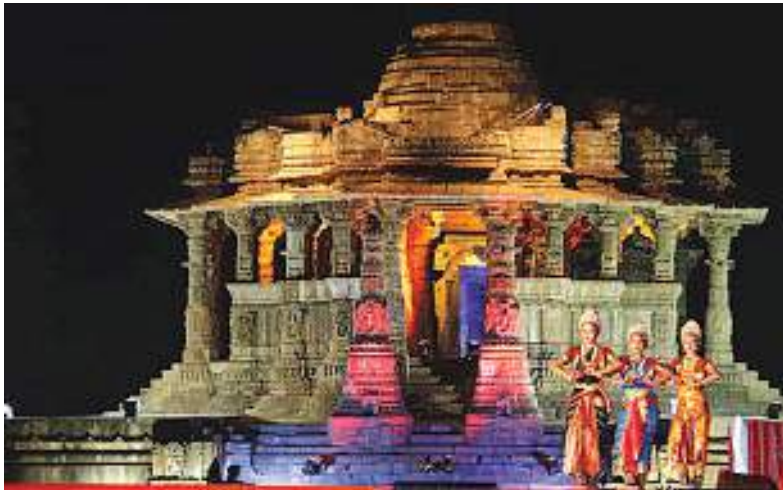
The Modhera temple will be lit up at night by innovatively harnessing solar energy.
A perfect draw for tourists during Diwali



Nowhere would you experience an ode to the Sun God and our ancestral heritage of nature worship speaking to you across time than at the Sun temple in Gujarat's Modhera. As you walk up its Sabha Mandap or the assembly hall, you would find 12 representations of the sun god, known as Aditya, carved in stone and stilled for posterity. It is believed that the 12 forms of Aditya trace the sun's passage across 12 months. Aditya is believed to be the son of Aditi, the goddess of Infinity and the only constant within the inter-connectedness of the universe.

Little wonder then that Prime Minister Narendra Modi chose the Modhera Sun Temple in the heart of Gujarat's Mehsana district to renew the nation's pledge to harness the power of the sun and demonstrate how living in harmony with nature would empower India's future. In August 2021, he inaugurated a 6MW solar power facility three kilometres away from Modhera to provide 24x7 power to the village. As a result, till Diwali this year the temple will be lit by an innovative method using solar energy. Enthusiasts can visit the shrine from 6 pm to 9 pm to experience the temple lit up in all its grandeur. They can also marvel at the three components of the Sun Temple, which consists of a Gudha mandapa (the shrine hall), the Sabha mandapa (the assembly hall) and a kunda (the reservoir).

The temple was built in such a way that every equinox, a diamond placed on the head of the Sun God's idol would split the first ray of the morning sun and illuminate the shrine. Visitors can now feel the same incandescence at night. The solar project at Modhera uses a South Korean technology



in such a manner that the electricity generated is passed on to the grid without storing it anywhere.

Built in 1026-27 CE by Bhimadev Solanki I of the Chaulukya dynasty, the Modhera sun temple was constructed to commemorate the efforts of the 20,000 Chaulukya soldiers against Mahmud of Ghazni's invasion of 1024-25 CE.

The structure is made using sandstone and has intricate carvings, both inside and outside. The temple represents the golden age of the Chaulukyan rule from 942 to 1244 CE.

The remains of the Sun Temples at Modhera are a testament to the times gone by when people revered the natural elements of fire, air, earth, water and sky and manifested them as Vedic gods. They were considered the primal energy of our life cycle.

The Tourism Corporation of Gujarat even organises the Uttarardha Mahotsav, that venerates the rotational cycle of the earth around the Sun, at Modhera with an annual three-day dance festival in January. This yearly event is aimed at giving classical Indian dance an atmosphere akin to the ones they were originally performed in.

One can inquire with a nearby priest to learn about the tales which have been depicted in the intricate carvings on the 52 pillars of the temple. There are two types of pillars of the Sabhamandapa — the short ones that rest on the walls support the roof while the tall ones rise from the floor. There are close to 108 small shrines in the temple complex. There are various shrines that show various mudras of Lord Shiva that are arranged along the steps leading down to the base of the kund. The temple is protected by the Archeological Survey of India and no worship is offered now.

Utmost care is taken of tourists by providing them with special services like cafeteria, well-designed seating arrangements, modern & attractive lighting and clean restrooms