



PM action plan: Single environment Act, birth certificate for citizenship, jobs clause in FTAs

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

FROM LINKING birth certificates to citizenship to pushing for jobs while negotiating trade pacts, from promoting a 'family database design' to drafting a single environment Act that subsumes all other laws in the sector — the Centre has prepared a compre-

hensive 60-point action plan following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's marathon meeting with secretaries of all departments and ministries on September 18.

According to the action plan document accessed by *The Indian Express*, "There is no proof of citizenship in India. Citizenship may be linked to birth certificate through technology and mainstreamed."

ACTION POINTS

- Institutionalise 'Neighbourhood First' policy mechanism
- Strengthen NCC in border, coastal states
- Adopt Odisha model for promotion of sports nationally

Senior government officials said the "actionable inputs" have been sent to all secretaries. Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba separately wrote to the secretaries on September 20 asking them to take "immediate action" on the Prime Minister's directions and ensure their "time-bound implementation".

The 60-point action is targeted at specific ministries and

departments, but a closer analysis suggests they fall under broadly three buckets: leveraging IT and technology for governance, improving business climate, and upgrading the civil services.

For instance, the action points to attract business include: doing away completely with certain permissions, reducing the cost of

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SC sent J&K advocate name thrice for HC, govt yet to clear it

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

IN YET another departure from the Memorandum of Procedure that governs the process of appointment of judges to the higher judiciary, six months after the Supreme Court Collegium reiterated for a second time its recommendation to appoint an advocate as judge of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, the government is yet to act on it.

The Indian Express has learnt that the Collegium reiterated for a second time its recommendation for advocate Sadiq Wasim Nagral in March this year. Sources

said that Nagral's is currently the oldest recommendation pending with the government.

A Jammu-based advocate, Nagral has served as the Senior Additional Advocate General of the former state of Jammu and Kashmir and mostly represented the Home Ministry. As a Central government counsel, he has represented security forces, including the Army, BSF and CRPF before the High Court.

Nagral's name was first proposed by the High Court Collegium on August 24, 2017. His candidature was approved by the Supreme Court Collegium on April 6, 2018. Subsequently,

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**At Dhaka University, against attacks on minorities. Reuters**

Bangladesh violence continues, mob sets fire to homes

AGENCIES
DHAKA, OCTOBER 18

BANGLADESH CONTINUED to be in the grip of communal tension as a mob set fire to at least 20 houses and damaged 66 more belonging to the minority Hindu community in a village in Rangpur district in north Bangladesh, authorities said on Monday.

Late Sunday, a mob of over a hundred people attacked the fishermen's colony in Pirganj upazila, about 255 km from Dhaka, over rumours that one of its residents had "dishonoured religion" in a Facebook post, said *PTI*, quoting a *bdnews24.com* report.

The latest attack comes amid rising communal tension over an alleged blasphemy incident at a Durga Puja venue in Cumilla, which was followed by attacks on Hindu temples and clashes between mobs and the police in Cumilla, Chandpur, Chattogram, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

PROTESTS OVER BANGLADESH IN BARAK VALLEY **PAGE 7**

CIVILIAN KILLINGS

Fear grips migrant workers, many leave Valley; Nitish talks to L-G

**Migrant workers arrive at Srinagar station, preparing to leave the Valley. Deeptiman Tiwary**

'Never seen such a situation', say migrants; most hope to return; Amit Shah discusses J&K in Delhi security meet

BASHAARAT MASOOD & DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 18

HUNDREDS of migrant labourers left Kashmir on Monday morning, as two more killings on Sunday took the number of civilian deaths in attacks in the Valley this month to 11. While scores of them were huddled into secure accommodations by the J&K

Police immediately after Sunday's attack, the third on migrant workers in Kashmir in less than 24 hours, this has only increased the fear.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a meeting in Delhi of top police and paramilitary officers from across the country Monday where various security issues, including the civilian killings in J&K, were discussed. Addressing reporters in Patna,

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar expressed concern that "people who have gone for work are being deliberately targeted in J&K", and said he had spoken to J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on the matter. As per a *PTI* report, Kumar **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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In my time, terrorists didn't come near Srinagar, says Malik

**Was J&K Governor from Aug 2018 to Oct 2019****DEEP MUKHERJEE**
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 18

SATYA PAL Malik, who was the last Governor of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, said on Sunday that during his time, "terrorists didn't dare to enter a radius of 50 kilometres around Srinagar".

Malik, who is now Governor of Meghalaya, was speaking in the context of the string of attacks by suspected terrorists against migrant workers from UP and Bihar, and some local people, in which nine civilians have been killed in the Valley over the past two weeks.

"Jab tha, tab kuchh nahin ho raha tha, na pattharbaazi ho rahi thi, na hi bharti ho rahi thi, na koi **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Ram Rahim, in jail for rape, gets life term for 2002 murder

**Ram Rahim convicted of murdering his employee****PALLAVISINGHAL**
PANCHKULA, OCTOBER 18

A SPECIAL CBI court in Panchkula on Monday sentenced Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh to life in prison for the 2002 murder of his employee Ranjit Singh.

Gurmeet Ram Rahim is currently in Rohtak's Sunaria jail, serving a 20-year sentence for raping two women disciples.

His punishment for the murder of Ranjit Singh will begin after the rape sentence ends, and will run concurrently with the life sentence awarded to him for another murder — that of journalist Ram Chander Chhatrapati, also in 2002.

Four of Gurmeet Ram Rahim's co-accused were also given life sentences in the Ranjit Singh murder case on Monday.

Special Judge Sushil Kumar Garg declined the prosecution plea for capital punishment saying the murder did not fall in the category of "rarest of the rare" cases — and that "in such cases awarding of life imprisonment is

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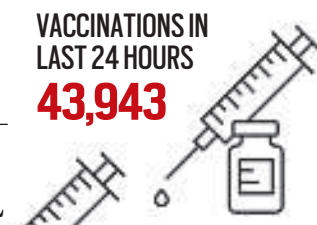
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IN THE CAPITAL

VACCINATIONS IN
LAST 24 HOURS
43,943



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TOTAL CASES		17,223		17,012
14,39,405		3,854		3,797
		HOSPITAL BEDS	ICU BEDS	
	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Oct 17	32	38	0	44,867
Oct 18	15	37	0	44,739
Total	298*	14,14,018	25,089	2,86,97,767

*Total active cases

BRIEFLY

Govt kicks off 'red light on, gaadi off' drive

New Delhi: The Delhi government flagged off the 'red light on, gaadi off' campaign Monday. It is aimed at reducing pollution by asking people to switch off their cars at traffic intersections. During the launch, civil defence volunteers distributed pamphlets with the 'Chief Minister's Appeal To The People', in which the CM has asked commuters to turn off their vehicles when the red light is on; reduce one trip a week and download the Green Delhi app.

Access road for slums cut off, Atishi slams BJP

New Delhi: After a road was built on a path leading to JJ colonies of Buddh Nagar and Inderpuri from Naraina on court orders, Delhi MLA Atishi Monday said the BJP had failed to inform the court that the path was in use for 55 years. She said 70,000 residents of these colonies use the path to go to work and school and would have to travel an extra 5 km to get to their destinations now.

Teen murdered

New Delhi: An 18-year-old boy was allegedly thrashed and stabbed to death by his friends in South Delhi late on Sunday. While the victim's family alleged his friends hurled communal slurs before killing him, police have denied these allegations. DCP (South) Benita Mary Jaiker said the motive behind the murder isn't clear. **ENS**



At Pul Prahaladpur underpass, Monday. Delhi has received 94.6 mm of rain in October so far. *Abhinav Saha*

CITY'S AIR QUALITY 'GOOD' FOR FIRST TIME THIS YEAR

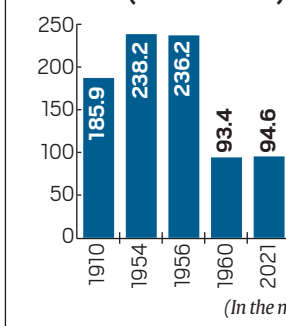
Rainiest October in 65 years

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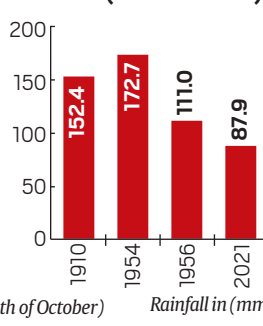
HEAVY RAINFALL over Sunday and Monday morning has made October in Delhi the rainiest since 1956. According to data shared by the IMD, Delhi has received 94.6 mm of rain in October so far, the highest in 65 years, when 236.2 mm of rain was received in the whole month. The 24-hour accumulated rainfall — 87.9 mm — is also the highest in 65 years, data shows.

The heavy rain also gave the Delhi its first 'good' air quality day this year. The AQI on Monday, calculated by the Central Pollution Control Board, stood at 46. On Sunday, the air quality as a 24-hour average was in the 'poor' category. Because of

MONTHLY ACCUMULATED RAINFALL (RECORD YEARS)



24 HOURS ACCUMULATED RAINFALL (RECORD YEARS)



(In the month of October)

the rain and strong wind, the primary pollutants on Monday were Carbon Monoxide and PM 10, while on Sunday they were PM 2.5 and PM 10.

The temperature on Monday

dipped significantly too. The maximum, (recorded during the afternoon) was 23.9 degrees Celsius — a staggering nine degrees below normal. The minimum, recorded early morning,

EXPLAINED **Winter pollution**

Winters in Delhi are especially polluted since it is the driest period in the city. Wind speeds also dip to their lowest in winters. Low temperatures and humidity also aid the accumulation of pollutants, which means that winters in Delhi bring ideal conditions for pollution to rise.

was only a few degrees lower at 20.1 degrees Celsius.

Weather has a significant role to play in Delhi's air quality, which, along with its internal sources of pollution such as dust

and vehicular emissions, is affected by dust storms originating as far as the Middle East and stubble burning. Strong winds aid the dissipation of pollutants which are accumulated in the region, while rains help ground them.

According to IMD officials, a western disturbance over southern Afghanistan and easterly winds over northwest India are behind the rains in the city. In addition, the interaction between two low-pressure systems — one over Bay of Bengal and the other over the Arabian Sea — has brought rain to several parts of the country.

Scientists at the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) have forecast another 'good' air quality day on Tuesday too as moderate winds are expected to continue.

Delhi BJP call to take sides in DDCA polls leaves some miffed

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE DELHI BJP's decision to seek support for the panel led by Rohan Jaitley in the upcoming Delhi & District Cricket Association elections has not gone down well with a section of the party leadership, with some pointing out that the panel also has those with links to the opposition.

Rohan, son of late union minister Arun Jaitley, is the current president of DDCA. The others on his panel include Shashi Khanna for the post of vice-president, Vinod Tihara for secretary, Pawan Gulati for treasurer, Rajan Manchanda for joint secretary, and Harish Singla for director. Elections for the posts of five office-bearers as well as directors will be held on October 25-27.

In a meeting at the party office last week, which was attended by councillors and party leaders, Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta asked them to seek support for the panel led by Rohan. This has led to discontent among some leaders, councillors and MLAs,

who said they don't mind seeking support for Arun Jaitley's son but asked why they should support others on the panel with links to opposition parties.

"One of the members on the team is the brother of an AAP MLA, who fought against us from Vishwas Nagar. Another member is the brother of a politician who went to (NCP leader) Sharad Pawar's Delhi residence for the opposition party meeting," said a senior BJP leader. "While anyone is free to contest for any sports body in any panel, the party shouldn't use its own platform to promote them," added the leader.

There are around 4,000 eligible DDCA members who vote in the elections. "How can it be expected to seek support for someone's brother, when the brother of one of our members is on another panel," said another leader, referring to MP Pravesh Sahib Singh's brother Siddharth Sahib Singh who is contesting for the post of secretary.

Gupta said the party is seeking support for Rohan Jaitley's panel and it has nothing to do with politics.

Fire at Lok Nayak Hospital, patients shifted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

A FIRE broke out inside a seminar hall at Lok Nayak Hospital early on Monday. Over 10 patients and staffers were evacuated and shifted to other rooms by doctors and firefighters, said officials. No casualty was reported.

Police said the fire started in a small space where batteries and mattresses were stored and spread to the hall. The Delhi Fire Services (DFS) rushed six tenders



to the spot and controlled the blaze in an hour.

Atul Garg, DFS Chief, said, "The fire call was made at 12.20 am. Officials said the fire had spread to the Emergency ward as well. We rushed there with over 50 firemen... Charging equipment, batteries and other items were stored there."

Few patients were shifted to

The fire broke out inside a seminar hall early Monday morning. *Express*

Twins fall to death from 25th floor flat: Police look at phones, books for clues

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GHAZIABAD, OCTOBER 18

A DAY after twin brothers, aged 14, fell to their death from the balcony of their 25th floor flat, Ghaziabad Police looked to their phones for possible clues. Prima-facie, police are treating the case as an accidental death.

Police had found a small stool perched atop a chair in the balcony from where the children fell. "It is certain that they were

up to some activity which led to the fall. We looked at their phones and found that they were watching a short action clip prior to their death. Since there is no CCTV footage, we are trying to reconstruct each aspect of the sequence. It is possible that the twins were trying to emulate something, but there is no concrete evidence of the same," said Mahipal Singh, CO First.

According to police, the clip had a character making jumps and could be part of a game.

"Parents also told us that they were probably trying to ward off lizards which possibly led to the fall," said Singh. Their family also told police that the twins had mentioned wanting to see the moon from the balcony.

Police are also probing if they received any calls prior to their death. School staff was questioned and it was found that the twins were good students and did not have any complaints. Police also went through the children's desk and books to look for a suicide

note but found none. They are now trying to trace any possible conversations the children may have had with someone to shed more light on the incident.

The family had shifted to the flat a few months ago and were among the first residents of the housing society. On the night of the incident on Sunday, their father, who works in the administration department of a private firm, was on a business trip while their mother and 16-year-old sister were home.

The hospital is set to have a mini-fire station with staffers and fire tenders to cater to such situations faster.

1st dengue death: 35-yr-old woman from Sarita Vihar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

A 35-YEAR-OLD resident of Sarita Vihar died of dengue at Holy Family Hospital last month — the first death this season — said a senior official of the South Delhi Municipal Corporation.

As per the civic report on vector-borne diseases released on Monday, one death and a total of 723 dengue cases have been recorded this season till October 16 — the highest count since 2018 for the same period.

October alone has seen 382 cases so far, which amounts to nearly 52% of the cumulative cases. Of these 382 cases, 243 were reported in one week. In September 217 cases were logged, the highest count for the month in the last three years.

According to the report, the woman was admitted to the hospital on September 20 in late stages of the disease. She was later shifted to the ICU and died on September 26.

The Indian Express had reported Monday that record rainfall and lax measures to check mosquito breeding appear to be spelling trouble for the capital. Doctors across hospitals, seeing fewer and fewer admissions for Covid each day, are now reporting an increase in the number of patients with



723 dengue cases have been recorded this season till October 16. *Praveen Khanna*

dengue symptoms.

According to senior officials at the South MCD, while more efforts have been put into controlling the disease this year as compared to the last, external factors such as record rainfall this monsoon, old junked vehicles becoming breeding grounds for mosquitoes, and several people not supporting anti-mosquito drives are also behind the increase.

South MCD Mayor Mukesh Suryan said the civic body is conducting a special drive to check vacant buildings and clear junked vehicles from roads, adding that challans are being issued. He also said awareness campaigns through various modes, including radio jingles, have been stepped up.

Ramleela row: AIIMS issues advisory

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

A DAY after the AIIMS Students' Association apologised after clips from a Ramleela skit by MBBS students from the institute were criticised on social media, the AIIMS registrar issued an advisory to staff and students at the institute.

"A number of complaints have been received regarding the performance, and uploading on social media, of an offensive skit/play performed in the hostel premises of AIIMS Delhi. This has been viewed seriously. This advisory is issued to all unions/associations of students, staff, employees etc of AIIMS New Delhi to desist from such acts and behaviour and this should not be repeated in future, failing which necessary disciplinary action will be taken. The office bearers of all unions/associations may kindly bring this to the notice of their members and comply with this advisory fully," the advisory said.

The students' union issued an apology after several videos of the skit shot during the performance were shared on social media. Several people, including the Twitter handle of RSS publication Organiser, hit out at the students saying that the performance "mocks" and "insults" the Ramayana.

The students had then apologised for the portrayal. "A video clip of a Ramleela skit done by some students of AIIMS has been circulating on social media. On behalf of the students, we apologise for the conduct of the skit which was not meant to hurt anyone's sentiments. We will ensure that no such activity takes place in the future," said the Students' Association in a statement.

A first-year student, who said he was part of the skit, also put out a video: "We had done it out of childishness but when we saw the video, we ourselves felt very ashamed. I and all of us want to apologise and promise that something like this will never happen again."

Ganga Ram doctor held after wife alleges abuse

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

A DOCTOR from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital has been arrested for allegedly beating his wife inside their house in East of Kailash. Police said the woman works as a trained graduate teacher (TGT) at a Kendriya Vidyalaya.

The doctor, Vineet Bhawan, is a senior anaesthetist at the hospital and was arrested Monday. DCP (Southeast) Esha Pandey said, "We received a PCR call about domestic violence at

5.20 pm Sunday. The complainant is 38 years old and said her husband assaulted her. We initiated preventive action against her husband, Dr Vineet, and arrested him." The PCR van dropped the woman at AIIMS.

Police said the woman's statement has been recorded and a case under sections of hurt and wrongful restraint has been registered.

"We are waiting for the MLC report from AIIMS Trauma Centre. We'll know the nature of injuries and further action can be taken," said the DCP.

CORRIDOR HAS A 1.2-KM TUNNEL, 6 UNDERPASSES

Pragati Maidan corridor in final leg, to ease Ring Road, India Gate traffic

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE PRAGATI Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor, which comprises a 1.2-km tunnel and six underpasses, will soon ease traffic in and around Ring Road and India Gate. Work is in its final stages and should be completed in a few months.

Despite the temporary inconvenience in and around Pragati Maidan, workers and commuters in the area said once the

project is finished, the area will be free of traffic blocks and signals. As of now, officials said most of the work is complete and only finishing touches are left. Workers at the site point out that the main tunnel is complete and some work is pending on some of the ramps.

The main tunnel starts from Mathura Road and ends at Ring Road. There are two ramps — one from the main tunnel to Ring Road and the other from Ring Road to the main tunnel. There are two loops and a num-

ber of connecting branches.

The six underpasses are located at six junctions in the area. The first is located near DPS on Mathura Road and the second near Kaka Nagar, very close to the first. The third is located near the Purana Qila Road and the Mathura Road T-junction. The fourth is near Bhagwan Das Road and Mathura Road T-junction, and the fifth near Bhairon Marg and Ring Road T-junction. The sixth is located at Bhairon Marg.

To passersby, the project might appear to be a complex



The tunnel starts from Mathura Road and ends at Ring Road

web of underpasses, but it will significantly ease traffic on Mathura Road, Bhairon Marg and Ring Road near ITO.

Like any other major construction work, the project has caused inconveniences for commuters. Since huge parts of the area have been barricaded, the width is considerably less, leading to bottlenecks in peak hours. On rainy days, such as Sunday and Monday this week, the parts that are dug up tend to get flooded.

At the site, an anti-smog gun is used and excavated material is

covered with a green mesh to keep dust at bay. Tanks are present at the site and tasked with sprinkling water every few hours.

Work on the corridor was halted due to the construction ban in 2019 owing to pollution and during the 2020 lockdown when there was a labour shortage. During the second Covid wave, contract company Larsen & Toubro Limited made arrangements for 300 workers to stay in temporary sheds built on an empty plot at Sarai Kale Khan throughout the lockdown.

Those working on the project said redevelopment of the Pragati Maidan complex will take longer. The redeveloped International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC) will also have a basement for parking, an administrative block, 3.7 acres for a star hotel, ticketing plaza and gate houses, a skywalk from Pragati Maidan Metro station, musical fountains, amphitheatres, extensive landscaping and water bodies, and F&B kiosks. Parts of the revamped complex have been inaugurated.

78% of Gurgaon’s population has antibodies against Covid, finds third serological survey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, OCTOBER 18

THE THIRD serological survey, conducted by the Haryana health department in September to estimate the presence of antibodies against SARS-CoV-2, has found antibodies among 78.3% of the population in the Gurgaon district.

According to the results of the survey, of the 3,000 people in Gurgaon that were tested for antibodies, 78.3% showed a positive result, higher than the state's average of 76.3%. Urban areas in Gurgaon showed more positivity rate at 80.3% as against rural clusters at 77%.

In Gurgaon, the survey was done in at least 75 clusters — 45 urban and 30 rural — covering 3,000 people including 1,200 children aged 6 to 17. Over 40% of the total samples were collected from urban areas, and the rest were collected from rural areas. Among children, in the age group of 6 to 9 years, a seropositivity rate of 68.4% was observed while in the age group of 10 to 17 years, over 70.4% were found to have antibodies.

This is the first time that children above 6 years of age were included in the survey to assess the level of immunity amid fears of a possible third wave impacting children.

Virender Yadav, chief medical officer, Gurgaon district, said, “Though results show a high prevalence of antibodies among the population, we cannot lower our guard. Our focus is to vaccinate as many people as possible to minimize the spread of infection. We have already achieved 100% coverage of the first dose and we urge people, whose second dose of vaccine is due, to get vaccinated as soon as possible.”

Dr Prabhakaran Dorairaj, vice president of research and policy at the Public Health Foundation of India, said, “The results of the survey suggest that we are moving towards herd immunity or so-called ‘endemicity’. The fact that children are not vaccinated and yet they are showing such a

high prevalence of antibodies again suggests endemicity. It means we are less likely to be in a situation that occurred during the second wave. However, there is a caveat. We should not slacken and work on achieving 100% vaccination among adults and continue to strictly follow social distancing, use of masks, and hand hygiene measures.”

The Haryana government Monday declared the results of the third serological survey, which had a randomly chosen sample size of 36,250. In a statement, Haryana Health Minister, Anil Vij said that since January 16, 2021, the health department had been working on a war footing to vaccinate the eligible population and by conducting this serosurvey, an assessment was made regarding the efficacy of the ongoing vaccination programme.

Faridabad recorded the lowest seropositivity rate (64.2%) among the 22 districts in Haryana.

Dr Rajesh Kumar, technical adviser, Health Systems Transformation Platform, New Delhi, said, “The results suggest that over 80% of the population in Gurgaon have antibodies — either due to the infection or from immunisation. So, the chances of infection spreading are relatively low. But, we must ensure vaccination of the entire population to minimise the spread.”

To connect job providers, seekers, Rozgaar Bazaar 2.0

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE DELHI government is set to launch the second edition of the Rozgaar Bazaar portal.

The portal, which was first launched last year amid job losses during the pandemic, connected job seekers with job providers through the platform.

The second edition will be a first-of-its-kind digital job matching platform for entry-level jobs in India, the government said. Physical centres will also come up to make opportunities available to those who cannot log on to the portal. Tenders for the development of the portal were



Deputy CM Manish Sisodia

floated last week. The government said in a statement that the new portal will provide Artificial Intelligence based job matching services and end-to-end employment related services for young Delhiites.

“Rozgaar Bazaar 1.0 portal was launched in August 2020 by

CM Arvind Kejriwal at the peak of pandemic and turned out to be a lifeline for the unemployed youth as well as small businesses of Delhi. Over 14 lakh job-seekers and 10 lakh jobs have already been advertised on the current portal and no other job matching platform by any state government in India has been so successful. But we don't want to stop here. The new portal will bring all the services related to skill training, career guidance and job matching on a first-of-its-kind digital platform in India,” said Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

The services offered will also include skill credentialing and automated analytics services.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE SRINAGAR KASHMIR
Tel-0194-2474234 Fax -2482032
E-mail:- kashflori@rediffmail.com

Subject: - Extension No.02.

In view of no response, the last date for submission of bids invited vide this office e-Tender Notice No.25 of 2021 dated.15.09.2021 for **Outsourcing of entry ticketing system of Island Park Pahalgam** is hereby extended as per the details given below:

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	18/10/2021 from 02:00 PM to 03/11/2021 up to 2:00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date	18/10/2021 from 03:00 PM
3.	Bid submission End Date	03/11/2021 up to 2:00 PM
4.	Date & time of Opening of Tenders	06/11/2021 at 2:00 PM

Other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid Tender Notice.

By Order
Sd/-
Accounts Officer
(Member Secretary)

No:-DFK/GS-564/3882-84
Dated: 18/10/2021. DIPK-10850

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Directorate of Floriculture Srinagar Kashmir
Tel-0194-2474234 Fax -2482032 – email:- kashflori@rediffmail.com

Subject: - Extension No.02.

In view of no response, the last date for submission of bids invited vide this office e-Tender Notice No. 22 of 2021 dated.11.09.2021 for **Outsourcing of entry ticketing system of Poshwan Park, Pahalgam** is hereby extended as per the details given below: -

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	18/10/2021 from 02:00 PM to 03/11/2021 up to 2:00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date	18/10/2021 from 03:00 PM
3.	Bid submission End Date	03/11/2021 up to 2:00 PM
4.	Date & time of Opening of Tenders	06/11/2021 at 2:00 PM

Other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid Tender Notice.

By Order
Sd/-
Accounts Officer
(Member Secretary)

No:-DFK/GS-564/3879-81
Dated: 18/10/2021.
DIPK-10865

आईआरईएल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड
IREL (India) Limited
(Formerly Indian Rare Earths Limited)
(A Govt. of India Undertaking - Dept. of Atomic Energy)
CIN:U1500MH1950GOI1008187
Rare Earths Division, Kochi, Kerala, email: purchase-red@irel.co.in
An ISO 9001, 14001 & 45001 Company

TENDER NOTICE

IREL (India) Limited, Rare Earths Division invites tenders for the following items/job descriptions:

Item/job description	Availability of tenders in website
Repair and Maintenance of Electrical Installations	18.10.2021
Annual Rate Contract for Electrical Works	18.10.2021
Renewal of Roof Sheets, MS Roof Structural fabrication & Erection and RCC Repair works	19.10.2021

Bidders may download the tender documents from websites <http://bit.ly/mstcirell>, <http://bit.ly/cpppirell>, www.irel.co.in/tender-information

Any corrigendum / extension to above tenders shall be hosted in above websites only.

Date: 18.10.2021 **GM & Head, RED**

उपग्रह डिजाइन एवं शोध संस्थान, लखनऊ
U.P. Institute of Design & Research, Lucknow
(उपग्रह शासन की संस्था)
अपोजिट- अन्सल गोलक सिटी, राबर्ट्स लाइन, नियर- देलही पब्लिक स्कूल, अमर शहीद पथ, लखनऊ - 226002

पत्रांक 357 /उपग्रह डि.संस्थान(ल.) /2021-22 दि: 18 /10 /2021

Advertisement for the post of Director/Secretary

UP Institute of Design & Research has now extended the time duration for invites of application for the post of Director/Secretary with basic pay Rs. 37400-67000 Grade Pay-8700. The details may be referred on website www.upid.ac.in.
Last date of application is 02.11.2021.

पत्रांक 358 /उपग्रह डि.संस्थान(ल.) /2021-22 दि: 18 /10 /2021

UP Institute of Design & Research invites applications for Lecturer- 03 posts, Assistant Lecturer-03 posts & Librarian-01 post on contractual basis.
The details may be referred on website www.upid.ac.in.
Last date of application is 08.11.2021.

पत्रांक 359 /उपग्रह डि.संस्थान(ल.) /2021-22 दि: 18 /10 /2021

Press Release for Wooden Toys Laboratory

UP Institute of Design & Research invites tender for establishing wooden toys laboratory in campus. The details may be referred on website www.upid.ac.in.
Last date of application is 28.10.2021.

पत्रांक 360 /उपग्रह डि.संस्थान(ल.) /2021-22 दि: 18 /10 /2021

Press Release for Handlooms Laboratory

UP Institute of Design & Research invites tender for establishing Handloom laboratory in campus. The details may be referred on website www.upid.ac.in.
Last date of application is 28.10.2021.

Director

TELANGANA FOODS
IDA : NACHARAM : HYDERABAD - 500076
Phone No. 27152207, 08 & 09

Short Tender Notification No. TF/GG/Tender/368/RBD-RP/021-22 Dt:18-10-2021

Telangana Foods invites e-Tenders for procurement of 2400 MTs of RBD-RPO. Further details please visit website: <https://tender.eprocurement.gov.in> and website: <https://tfoods.telangana.gov.in> from 20.10.2021 at 3.00 pm onwards. Bids submission closing date is 27-10-2021 at 5.00 pm.

R.O. No. : 2237-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2021-22 Sd/- General Manager

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान इंदौर
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INDORE
खंडवा रोड, सिमरोल, इंदौर - 453552
Khandwa Road, Simrol, Indore - 453552
Ph: +91-731-6603369 / 3551 / 3580. Email: mms@iiti.ac.in

GeM द्वारा ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना/NOTICE INVITING E-BID THROUGH GeM

IIIT इंदौर 100 डेस्कटॉप संगणकों की आपूर्ति और स्थापना के लिए अनिलाल इंदौर आमंत्रित करता है।

IIIT इंदौर invites online bids for supply and installation of 100 Desktop Computers.

निविदा पूर्व बैटल और निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि सहित संपूर्ण विवरण हेतु, कृपया IIIT इंदौर की वेबसाइट और GeM PORTAL देखें।

For complete details including Pre-bid meeting and last date of bid submission, please visit IIIT Indore website & GeM PORTAL http://www.iiti.ac.in/tenders/tender_mms, <https://gem.gov.in>

कुलसचिव / REGISTRAR

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B Nagar, (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firm / contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened / downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes / amendments & corrigendum etc.

S.No	JOB NO.	NAME OF WORK	Amount
1.	01/OSD (I) (PG CELL/2021-22)	Call Center Services.	Rs. 38,91,168/-

Which can be uploaded by date 20/10/2021 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on date 21/10/2021 at 11.00 AM. **AGM (Reception)**

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), Namely: Sabnam, D/o: Keshar, R/o: H.No. C-69, Lal Chand ka Makan, Petrol Pump Wai Gali, Village Bawana, Delhi Aged: 20 years has been missing since 14.09.2021 at 10:30 AM. In this Regard a DD. No.: 155-A, Dated 14.09.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Bawana, Delhi. His physical description is as under:

Height: 5' feet, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Clothing: Blue Colour Kurta & Red Colour Salwar and Chappal in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Bawana, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641

S.H.O
P.S. Bawana, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27751949, 27756090

DP/1326/ON/2021

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL RURAL WORKS, CIRCLE BHUBANESWAR

No. 4763/Date. 11.10.2021

“e” Procurement Notice for Bridge Work under Biju Setu Yojana for the year 2020-21

1. Name of the Work	Bridge Works
2. Total No. of Packages	1 No. of Bridge Work
3. Estimated Cost of the Package	Rs.925.00 lakhs
4. Class of Contractor	Special Class & Super class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities.
5. Period of completion	As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6. Offered rates by bidder	The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7. Other details	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification on No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding	Date & Time of opening of tender			
		From To	Technical Bid Financial Bid			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works, Bhubaneswar	Tender-Online-C.C.-22 of 2021	25.10.2021 at 11.00 AM	10.11.2021 Up to 5.00 PM	11.11.2021 at 11.00 AM	18.11.2021 at 11.00 AM	

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer Central Rural Works, Bhubaneswar OIPR-25082/11/0026/2122

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR DIFFERENT ELECTRICAL WORKS OPEN TENDER FOR ELECTRICAL (TRD) DRM (Electrical)/TRD/ECR/Dhanbad for and behalf of the President of India invites e-tender for execution of the work indicated as under:

E-Tender No. : TRD/OT/06/GMO/OL/2021-22, SI.No. : 01. Name of work with location and completion of work : N.S.C.B. Gomoh-Singrauli Shifting of insulated overlap which are located within 120 meters of stop signal in CIC (Ph-I) (Completion period) (09) (Nine Months), 02. Approx. cost of the work : Rs. 72,97,375.85/- (Cost of e-tender form - Nil), 03. Earnest money to be deposited : Nil, 04. Date & Time for submission of closing and opening of E-Tender : Closing of E-Tender - On 04.11.2021 at 18.00 hrs. Opening of E-Tender - On 05.11.2021 at 11.30 hrs. 05. Website particulars : Website www.reps.gov.in Manual tender offer note accepted under e-tender.

Divl. Railway Manager (Elect.)/TRD East Central Railway, Dhanbad PR/01005/DHN/ETRD/T/21-22/28

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(Order 5, Rules 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)

IN THE COURT OF SH. BHARAT PARASHAR, LD. DISTRICT JUDGE (COMMERCIAL) - 01 ROOM NO- 308, CENTRAL, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI

ICICI BANK LIMITED VS. ALEXANDER BROWN SUIT NO- CS (COMM)-1371/20 MEMO OF PARTIES

IN THE MATTER OF: ICICI BANK LTD. THROUGH ITS AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE SH. MOHIT GROVER HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT:- LANDMARK, RACE COURSE CIRCLE, VADODRA-390007. INTERALIA HAVING ITS BRANCH OFFICE AT: E-BLOCK, VIDEOCON TOWER JHANEWALAN EXTENSION, NEW DELHI- 110055. ...Plaintiff VERSUS ALEXANDER BROWN S/O SH.OLL WIN BROWN R/O H. NO. 61- B, 4TH FLOOR, J AND K BLOCK LAXMI NAGAR DELHI- 110092.

ALSO AT: SABER TECHNOLOGIES PVT LTD PLOT NO.13, 4TH FLOOR, POCKET NO. 3, SECTOR-17, DWARKA DELHI- 110078 email: alex.brown7485@gmail.com /alex.cancelon@gmail.com Mobile No.9205954632/ 7678393377 ...Defendant

Whereas you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 15.12.2021 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 21.09.2021

DISTRICT JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT)-1 ROOM NO-308 CENTRAL, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI

GOVT. OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, RENGALI RIGHT IRRIGATION PROJECT, DHENKANAL
Email Id — cerripdki@gmail.com

'e' Procurement Notice

The Chief Engineer, Rengali Right Irrigation Project, Mahisapat, Dhenkanal on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites on line percentage rate bids in double cover system for construction of the work as detailed below:

1. Name of the work	Excavation of Gundichapada Distributary from RD 0.00 km to 3.60 km including construction of its structures (excluding NH crossing) of Rengali Right Irrigation Project.
2. Tender Cost	Rs. 1384.17 lakh
3. Bid Document Cost	Rs. 10,000.00 (on line)
4. Bid Security	Bid Security Declaration as per proforma
5. Class of Contractor	'Special' & 'Super' Class
6. Period of Completion	18 calendar months
7. Other details are as follows;	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On- line for bidding	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
		From To	
Chief Engineer, RRIIP, Dhenkanal	CERRIP-02/2021-22	25.10.2021 10.00 AM 09.11.2021 5.30 PM	10.11.2021 11.00 AM

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in> Any addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation to the above notice will be published in the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Engineer,
Rengali Right Irrigation Project
Dhenkanal
OIPR- 32351/11/0002/2122

Letter No.- 1338 Date- 16.10.2021

NETARHAT VIDYALAYA SAMITI, NETARHAT

Advertisement No.: Net-Appointment-Regular-01/2021

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS

Netarhat Vidyalaya Samiti, has been registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 vide Registration No. 688/2009-10 as an Autonomous Institution with an objective of promotion of Excellence and imparting quality education through Netarhat Vidyalaya (An Educational Institution owned by the Government of Jharkhand) and besides undertaking pedagogical innovation, development of teaching aids and conduct of trainings etc. The recruitment will be done as per norms and processes laid down in the Gazette (Extraordinary issue) No. 57 dated 6th February 2012 published by the Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi. However, complete and detailed information regarding Age, Qualification, Experience, Reservation, Special Pay, Allowances and all other details are available on our school's website www.netarhatvidyalaya.com.

Details of Vacancy				
S. No.	Name of the post	No. of Vacancies	Pay Scale Allowance	
1	Teacher	Hindi – 04 (UR – 03, SC-01) English – 04 (UR – 01, SC – 01, BC-1 – 01, EWS – 01) Sanskrit – 02 (UR – 01, ST-01) Math – 02 (UR – 01, ST-01) Biology – 01 (UR – 01) History – 01 (ST – 01) Geography – 01 (UR – 01) Economics – 01 (UR – 01) Agriculture – 01 (UR – 01) Pol. Sci. – 01 (UR – 01) Commerce – 01 (UR – 01) Total – 19	56100- 177500 (Level –10) + other applicable allowances.	As per Jharkhand Govt. Rule.

Children Education Assistance – Wards (own Son/Daughter) of regular staffs of all categories shall be eligible for free education in Netarhat Awasiya Vidyalaya as a day-scholar.

Accommodation - Free semi furnished accommodation will be provided to all regular staff as per availability.

How to Apply – Application, downloaded or neatly typed on the A-4 size paper in the prescribed format duly supported with certified/self attested copies of certificates and complete in all respects giving specific information regarding eligibility conditions, should reach to the office of **The Principal, Netarhat Awasiya Vidyalaya, Netarhat, P.O. Netarhat, Distt- Latehar, Via- Gumla, Jharkhand Pin-835218** by registered Post/Speed Post on or before 30.11.2021 till 5.00 PM. Incomplete application or those received after due date will not be entertained. The candidates, already in service, should apply through proper channel. The forwarding authority of such application shall send the attested copies of Annual Confidential Reports of the applicant for the last five years along with the application. A certificate to the effect that no disciplinary proceeding/vigilance cases/judicial proceeding are contemplated /pending against the candidate should be given in the forwarding letter. Name of the Post applied for must be superscripted on the envelope containing the application materials. **The last date of receipt of application is 30.11.2021.** The post applied for and advertisement no. must be clearly mentioned on the envelope. Complete information regarding vacancy/appointment is available on our school website www.netarhatvidyalaya.com.

Application fee:- Rs 500/- for General and OBC category and Rs. 250/- for EWS/SC/ST.

Candidates who would be applying under General and OBC category have to submit a Demand Draft of Rs 500/- and who would be applying under EWS/SC/ST category have to submit a Demand Draft of Rs. 250/- in favour of the Netarhat Vidyalaya Samiti, payable at Netarhat.

Note-Please note that the selection process at the above mentioned post would be announced at a subsequent date. The undersigned reserves the right to implement any written test/objective test/interview /GD for selection. The authority also reserves the right to increase/decrease or cancel the post advertised.

Principal-cum-member Secretary
Netarhat Vidyalaya Samiti
Netarhat

PR 254980 Human Resource Development(21-22)D

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / BID (APPROX.) IN LAKHS	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	MODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS /EMAIL
1	HSPV PANCHKULA	PROVIDING ELECTRIFICATION AND STREET LIGHT IN SEC-9 W/O CHANABADA (INCLUDING ONE YEAR FREE MTC / DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD FOR THE COST OF CONTRACT)	CLOSING DATE 25.10.2021	28.45 LACS	www.haryanaprocurement.gov.in	918427999600
2	DAKSHIN KASHIWAR UNIVERSITY HSIID	SUPPLY OF MATERIAL, COP FITTING & SANITARY WARE FOR PH STORE.	21.10.2021 21.11.2021	12 LACS	http://www.gpsc.ac.in	01662-263225 uandg@uandg.ac.in
3	PT.B.D. SHARMA UHS ROHTAK	SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE FOR UNDESIGNED/ERECTING OF 13.10.2021 REGARDING HEARING OF AGENCY FOR CONDUCTING THE WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS IN HEALTH DEPARTMENT HARYANA	14.10.2021 25.10.2021	100000/-	www.cfrs.ac.in	01262238051 general@cfhs.ac.in
4	HSPV	SPECIAL REPAIR OF BALANCE 20KV WIDE ROAD IN SECTOR 210C KATHLAH PROX AND LAYING OF BUSH PRONG AND LAYING OF 50KV THICK IRON PROX AND LAYING OF IRON AND SAVING OF THE UNDERLAYER POINT PROX AREA LAYING OF CAT IRON AND LAYING OF MANGROVE REPAIR DEGRADATION AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTRACTOR THEREIN INCLUDING THREE YEAR MTC/DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD FREE OF COST. & 3 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 25.10.2021	330.30 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	0194267454 andhropocmail@gmail.com
5	INDIRA GANDHI UNIVERSITY ANUPPUR (CHHATTISGARH)	PURCHASE OF REFRIGERATOR GALVANIZED WITH PRA MODEL E (MODEL NO. AUTOM. FRIGERATOR LRA 250) & 1 OTHER WORKS	18.10.2021 18.11.2021	10 LACS	www.gpsc.ac.in	7982272676
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in						

5 GOVT & POLITICS

DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



WITH CAUTION

MEGHALAYA GOVERNOR Satya Pal Malik has yet again embarrassed the BJP with his warning that the party would not return to power in Uttar Pradesh if its government did not meet the demands of the agitating farmers. Malik, a Jat leader from western Uttar Pradesh, had earlier cautioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union government that the farmers cannot be humiliated. Malik's outspokenness had irked many in the BJP, including some senior leaders. But some of them pointed out that he, being a former socialist, has always been articulate and vocal and that it would not send the "right signals" if the party made any comments against Malik, who enjoys an impressive image among the farmers and the community. Although most of the senior party leaders were present at the party office for the national office-bearers' meeting on Monday, no one was ready to comment on his remarks.

DIRECTORS' CUT

AT A time when the process to pick new directors for IIT Delhi, Indore and Mandi has reached an advanced stage, the government on Monday invited applications for the post of directors of six more IITs — Palakkad, Tirupati, Dharwad, Bhilai, Goa and Jammu. It is also learnt that JNU Vice-Chancellor Prof M Jagadeesh Kumar, who is among the three frontrunners to become the next IIT-Delhi director, had thrown his hat in the ring for the next IIT-Indore director's post as well. However, Kumar withdrew his application for IIT-Indore before the meeting of the search-cum-selection committee last month. He was among the five candidates interviewed by the committee for IIT-Delhi.

INVITING SUGGESTIONS

INDIAN OFFICIALS will meet their US counterparts this month to discuss matters related to Intellectual Property Rights. The subject is vast and sensitive in business as well as politics. So the government has now thrown open an invitation to the general public as well as stakeholders to suggest topics and issues that the Indian side can take up at the dialogue. Those inviting their suggestions are to point out if the Intellectual Property-related matter they want to be taken up is an industry-wide issue or a one-off matter. They also have to specify what they would want the government to focus on and why.

UP BJP MLA gets five years in jail in 1992 forged documents case

Lucknow: A local court in Faizabad on Monday sentenced BJP MLA Indra Pratap Tiwari and two others to five years in prison in a case of forgery and cheating that was registered at the Ram

Janmabhoomi police station in Ayodhya in 1992. The three were accused of forging documents to gain admission to a college.

Tiwari is the MLA from Gosaiganj in Ayodhya. **ENS**

In Goa House, Opp questions govt over report on oxygen supply to GMC

MAYURA JANWALKAR
PANAJI, OCTOBER 18

ON THE first day of the two-day Goa legislative assembly session, Opposition MLAs cornered the government over the report of the three-member committee probing the oxygen supply to the Government Medical College (GMC) and Hospital. They also demanded Chief Minister Pramod Sawant's resignation.

The report of the committee appointed by the state government said the Goa Association of Resident Doctors flagged the issue of inadequate oxygen supply as early as May 1 but the hospital did not act on it in time. It also said it didn't "find anything unusual" about the number of deaths at the hospital between May 11 and 13.

Citing the report, Goa Forward Party president Vijai Sardesai said, "Between May 10 and May 14, around 80 people died during the 'dark hours' [at the hospital] due to shortage of oxygen. On May 11, Health Minister Vishwajit Rane said the High Court should probe the oxygen shortage. Hence, it was clear that there was a shortage of oxygen, but the Chief Minister tried to narrate a different story to cover up his failures. This report has exposed the indifference of the Goa government."

Independent MLA Rohan Khaunte said, "There was talk of conflict between the CM and the Health Minister that led to loss of lives...The only thing which was needed from the Chief Minister and the Health Minister was an apology and [an assurance] that they'll work together."

India, Israel to renew negotiations on FTA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar met his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid in Jerusalem Monday and discussed matters of bilateral interest.

At the meet, the two sides decided to renew negotiations on a free trade area agreement between India and Israel in November. The agreement may be ready for signature by mid-2022. The two countries also agreed to recognise each other's Covid-19 vaccination certificates, as per an official statement.

Additionally, the two ministers agreed to expand cooperation in the areas of water and agriculture, which in recent years have become an anchor of the relations between the two countries.

From Assam to Tamil Nadu, 12 Union Ministers bought property last fiscal

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

IN A span of 12 months from the first Covid lockdown last year, 12 Union Ministers or their family members purchased property across the country, including agricultural and non-agricultural land from Assam to Tamil Nadu, and an apartment in Delhi, according to their declaration of assets on the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) website.

Of the 78-member Council of Ministers, those who declared the purchase of property in the financial year 2020-21, include three Cabinet Ministers — External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani, and Shipping and Ayush

Army Chief in Jammu; hunt for militants still on in Poonch

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, OCTOBER 18

ARMY CHIEF General M M Naravane arrived Monday on a two-day visit of Jammu region during which he will visit the forward areas along the Line of Control where security forces have been trying to track down a group of militants for a week now, losing nine soldiers in the process. Sources said there was intense firing from both sides on Monday morning as well.

As part of the security review, the Army chief will visit Bhimber Gali on the Rajouri-Poonch road, where four soldiers were killed on October 14 in an exchange of fire with the militants, who may have been present in the area for as many as two months, after infiltrating across the border.

The first exchange between the two sides was in Dehra ki Gali area in Poonch district on October 11, leaving five Army personnel, including a JCO, dead — making it the deadliest encounter in the area in the past 17 years. Entering the eighth day Monday, the Poonch operation is the longest in J&K since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

The Army tweeted that General Naravane would get an



General M M Naravane

update on the security situation and operational preparedness from General Officer Commanding, White Knight Corps, and interact with troops and commanders on the ground in the forward areas.

Sources said police have detained five more villagers in the Bhata Durian area on suspicion of providing logistics to the militants. A mother and son had been held earlier, apart from another person.

The operation to hunt down the militants has so far met with little success, with the Army deploying illuminating bombs to light up the forested and treacherous terrain, as well as para commandos, drones and a helicopter. Police and the Army have cordoned off the area to ensure the militants don't escape.

A senior police officer said that given the different directions from which firing is coming, "they appear to be a large group". Earlier, the estimation was that the group numbered around four-five. Sources also admitted that the men were highly trained, moving tactically and firing minimally, not showing any panic.

While Army sources said it

was not clear if the incidents of October 11 and 14 involved the same group, a senior police officer said they were believed to be acting in tandem, and had changed locations. "Following intelligence inputs, we have been after different groups of militants in the area for the past two-and-a-half months," he said, adding that there had been inputs about a 10-member group having crossed the LoC in the area in early August.

In August-September, forces were involved in three encounters in the general area of Rajouri. On August 6, two militants were killed in the Pangai forest of Thanamandi; on August 19, in the same area, two soldiers including a JCO were killed in an encounter; and on September 13, one militant was killed in Manjokote in Rajouri. Police sources now believe all these encounters were part of a chain of events.

Additional Director General of Police for Jammu, Mukesh Singh, visited Bhimber Gali on Sunday, and officers expressed confidence about zeroing in on the militants soon.

A stretch of the Poonch-Surankote-Rajouri national highway which had been closed for civilian traffic since Thursday evening was partially reopened on Monday.

BJP discusses ways to counter negative discourse on Covid

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

WITH ADVERSE discourse on handling of the second Covid wave threatening to dent the government's image in the country as well as abroad, BJP office-bearers on Monday sat down and discussed strategies to counter it, using the support of the Indian diaspora and the huge bank of Covid volunteers it created during the pandemic, sources said.

During the day-long meeting of the national office-bearers, BJP president J P Nadda expressed confidence that the party will retain power in four states where Assembly elections will be held next year. Elections in BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa, and Congress-ruled Punjab, are scheduled to be held early next year.

The officer-bearers meeting was followed by a meeting of the party general secretaries.

"We had a comprehensive session during which we discussed various campaigns initiated by the BJP, the world's largest party, and how our millions of volunteers are taking them to the people," BJP vice-president Bajajayant Panda told reporters.

The party leaders discussed

how to take various achievements of the government, including the 100-crore vaccination milestone that is expected to be achieved this week, to every corner of the country, especially in the poll-bound states.

Among the other strategies discussed, the basis for which was Prime Minister Narendra Modi's extensive discussions with various groups of office-bearers a few weeks ago, a significant one was on foreign policy, sources said.

In his meetings, the PM had pointed out that the "Left Liberal ecosystem" around the globe is creating a narrative against the BJP-led government. Therefore, various strategies to counter it were discussed at Monday's meeting and it was decided to utilise the Indian diaspora for it.

The BJP, which had come under severe criticism for its failure in handling the second peak of the pandemic, has also decided to utilise the bank of 10 lakh health volunteers it created during the pandemic to avoid another critical situation and damage to the party's image. "Our idea is to have health volunteers with basic training in every village. The party will be seen rolling out different programmes and campaigns for this," a source said.

BJP finds Dalit face to reach out to Jatavs, counter Maya

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 18

IN AN attempt to reach out to Dalit voters ahead of the Assembly polls, particularly those from Jatav community which forms a chunk of BSP chief Mayawati's vote base, the ruling BJP has started projecting party national vice-president Baby Rani Maurya, a former Uttarakhand governor and Agra mayor, as its Dalit face in the state.

The BJP has been lining up functions to felicitate her, ensuring attendance of people from Scheduled Caste communities. It has also been highlighting Maurya's Dalit identity, by adding "Jatav" to her name in hoardings and formal communications.

Efforts at nibbling at the BSP's support base — the Jatavs have traditionally been supporters of Mayawati, who is one of their own — picked pace after Maurya's elevation as party national vice-president late last month.

On October 13, the Awadh region unit of BJP's SC Morcha held a function in Lucknow to honour Maurya when she visited the state capital for the first time since her elevation. In her address, Maurya said people from SC communities get maximum respect in the BJP. She gave her own example. The party made an ordinary party worker like her a mayor, then a governor and now the national vice-president, she said. She appealed to the gathering to support the BJP in achieving the target of 350 seats in the 2022 elections.

On Tuesday, the SC Morcha's Paschim region unit will hold a similar function in Meerut. According to a press release, it is being organised to mobilise SC communities. BJP state chief Swatantra Singh and other senior leaders will attend the event during which Maurya will interact with booth presidents.



Baby Rani Maurya being felicitated by the BJP's SC Morcha at the October 13 event in Lucknow. Express

EXPLAINED The Jatav factor

SCHEDULED Castes constitute more than 23 per cent of UP's population, and nearly half of them are from sub-caste Jatav. They are in decisive positions in more than 50 assembly constituencies in western UP and Braj region around Agra. So far, they have been firmly behind BSP chief Mayawati, largely because other parties have not been able to groom a leader from the community against her. This is the first time the BJP has reached out to the Jatavs with Baby Rani Maurya as the face.

"After regional-level programmes, more programmes will be organised at district level for Maurya ji. We are felicitating her because the party has elevated a person from the SC community as

national office-bearer," said Hansraj Jatav, SC Morcha president of Paschim region.

BJP SC Morcha state president Ram Chandra Kanaujia said felicitations of Maurya has already been done in Awadh, Kanpur and Gorakhpur regions. After Meerut, similar functions will be held in Varanasi on October 22 and in Agra on October 25.

Kanaujia said the party national vice-president is from Jatav community but often her Maurya surname is mistaken for an OBC. "She herself decided to write Jatav with her name," he said, referring to the hoardings. "Ahead of the polls, SC communities are looking at the BJP with hope and we need a leadership for them. She is a senior leader of Jatav community."

Maurya told *The Indian Express* that she is an "original" Jatav and she will work for her community.

"There is politics of caste everywhere. We have to tell our caste in order to help our community. People prefer to speak to their own [caste] leaders. Intellectuals of Jatav community are contacting me and getting associated with the party," she said. On adding "Jatav" to her name, she said, "This is to connect with the community."

304 out of 364 votes: Rebel SP MLA elected as UP Dy Speaker with BJP support

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 18

REBEL SP MLA Nitin Agrawal was elected the Deputy Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh on Monday amid Opposition allegations of anomalies and both the BSP and the Congress announcing a boycott.

Agrawal defeated SP-backed Narendra Verma by 244 votes. As Agrawal, who had the backing of the ruling BJP, got 304 of 364 valid polled votes, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath told the Opposition that the victory was indicative of the result of 2022 Assembly polls in the state, calling SP "anti-youth" for fielding a candidate against a young leader like Agrawal.

Taking a swipe at the SP, Chief

Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "The SP is anti-youth...they cannot protect their own members from infighting...For some, their family is the party while for us, the entire state is family."

Leader of Opposition Ram Govind Chaudhary cited numbers to claim real victory for the SP. "We were 49 in number, three left, so we were 46 but how many votes have we got? So whose victory is this?," he said, adding that SP chief Akhilesh Yadav has a huge base among the youth.

The day's proceedings followed protests by the SP and the Congress. SP members reached Vidhan Sabha carrying black balloons and cutouts of LPG cylinders in protest against the rising prices of LPG.

THE TRANSACTIONS

THREE CABINET Ministers — S Jaishankar, Smriti Irani, and Sarbananda Sonowal — and nine Ministers of State purchased property in 2020-21

July 7, 2021, Sonowal was accommodated in the Union Cabinet as Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways, and Ayush.

The declaration of Minister for Rural Development Giriraj Singh shows that he sold his 650 sq mts flat in Patna for Rs 25 lakh on February 2. In the declaration last year, he had shown the "cost of property" as Rs 6.5 lakh "approx".

Singh's wife Uma Sinha sold

21 PROPERTY purchases were declared on the PMO website since April 2020 by the 12 ministers

CABINET MINISTER Giriraj Singh and his wife reported the sale of two properties during this period

one of her properties — a 1,087 sq mts house at Deoghar in Jharkhand — for Rs 45 lakh. In Singh's declaration last year, the "cost of property" was shown as Rs 7 lakh "approx".

The PMO website currently includes declarations of assets and liabilities of Union Ministers from 2013-14. Nine out of 45 Ministers of State declared the purchase of property in 2020-21:

■ Shripad Yesso Naik; Ports, Shipping and Waterways: three properties in his constituency of North Goa, including two plots of non-agricultural land and a residential building. The plots are located at Panelim (St Pedro) and were purchased on November 27, 2020. The residential building is in Daugim and was purchased on December 8, 2020.

■ Krishan Pal Gurjar; Power: three parcels of agricultural land through joint ownership in his Lok Sabha constituency of Faridabad in Haryana: for Rs 1.47 crore on October 10, 2020, in Bhupani; for Rs 1.95 crore on October 31, 2020, in Bhupani; and for Rs 4.21 crore on February 24, 2021, in Kheri.

■ Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution: 1,214 hectare of land

for Rs 36.42 lakh at Kripalpuri in Kanpur on July 8, 2020.

Six of the nine Ministers of State who purchased property in 2020-21 were added to the Council of Ministers this year:

■ Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma; Small and Medium Enterprises: residential plot at Betwa Vihar in Jhansi for Rs 20 lakh in 2021.
■ Annapurna Devi; Education: declared the purchase by her son of two parcels of land in her Lok Sabha constituency of Koderma (Rs 3.12 lakh), and Ranchi (Rs 9.75 lakh), in Jharkhand in July 2020.
■ B L Verma; Development of North Eastern Region: 3,126.92 sq ft plot at Ujhani in Badaun (UP) for Rs 52 lakh in joint ownership on June 1, 2020, and a 3,510 sq ft plot in Lucknow for Rs 70 lakh in joint ownership October 7, 2020. Verma has also declared agri-

cultural land purchased by his wife at Butla Khanjan in Badaun (UP) on July 30, 2020.

■ Devusin Chauhau; Communications: 5.79 acre agricultural land at Nadiad, in his Lok Sabha constituency of Kheda in Gujarat, by his wife for Rs 30.43 lakh on April 1, 2020.

■ Dr Mahendra Munjpara; Women and Child Development: agricultural land at Sayla, in his Lok Sabha constituency of Surendranagar in Gujarat, for Rs 42,500 on June 28, 2020.

■ Dr L Murugan; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying: declared the purchase by his wife of non-agricultural land at Namakkal district in Tamil Nadu for Rs 5.73 lakh on July 2, 2020.

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TAMIL NADU

‘Opportunity for India to offer solutions to global problems’

SOCIAL SCIENCES in science and technology research is a multi-dimensional opportunity that presents various problems seeking solutions for the research community, said Prof. Sandeep Verma, Secretary, Science & Engineering Research Board, Government of India. Delivering the 35th Convocation Address of SAS-TRA Deemed University, Verma stressed on the sustainable development goals and the need for human research capital to work on issues related to environment, mental health, energy, social development, and soon, and achieve national development. “With the growing relevance of quantitative social sciences and a robust national mission on cyber-physical systems, there is a converging opportunity for India to offer solutions to not only national but also global problems” said Verma. **ENS**

ASSAM

Police sound alert on possible terror threat

Guwahati: Assam Police Saturday issued an alert over a possible terror attack by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and terror outfit al-Qaeda in connection to alleged violence against Muslims in the state. According to an internal circular issued by the assistant IGP (Law and Order), inputs were received that the ISI was planning to target “individuals including Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) cadres and army areas in Assam and other places in India”. It added that there was a “threat from global terror outfits to indulge in spectacular action by resorting to explosion of bombs/IEDs in places of mass gathering/ mass transport/ religious places, etc”. **ENS**

MADHYA PRADESH

‘Computer Baba’ hurt in accident; calls it conspiracy

Bhopal: Self-styled religious guru Namdev Das Tyagi, also known as ‘Computer Baba’, suffered minor injuries on Monday after the car he was travelling in collided with a truck in Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh. Tyagi has alleged that the incident is a conspiracy and has demanded a probe. The collision took place at around 12:30 pm outside a sugar factory when Tyagi was travelling to Jobat via the Indore-Ichhapur state highway after meeting a group of farmers in Burhanpur. “We had merely covered a 5-km distance after meeting with a group of farmers when our car was hit by a trolley. This should be investigated and those trying to harm us should be identified,” Tyagi told reporters. **ENS**

FLOOD TOLL 38; TWO BODIES FOUND IN LANDSLIDE DEBRIS

Kerala to open Idukki dam, 2 others today; evacuation on

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 18

THE KERALA government will open the shutters of the Idukki dam on Tuesday as the state's largest reservoir, which accounts for more than 93 per cent of its live storage capacity, is rapidly filling up after heavy rain. On Monday, the toll from rain-related incidents rose to 38 since October 12, according to the state disaster management authority. The state government has sounded an alert in downstream areas of the Idukki dam, including suburban areas of Kochi, and begun evacuating families that could be affected by the likely flash floods.

The decision was taken after the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast heavy rain for three days beginning October 20.

The government is also looking to avert a repeat of the devastating flood of 2018 when it delayed a decision to release water from various dams, including the Idukki reservoir — this was cited as one of the reasons for the widespread damage.

Meanwhile, the Navy and NDRF recovered two more bodies from the slush and debris left behind by landslides and flash floods in Idukki district on Monday.

While Idukki dam will be opened at 11 am, a downstream dam, Idamalayar, will be opened at 6 am.

Meanwhile, evacuation has



Reuters

already begun in Kuttanad region, known for its backwater tourism, after several low-lying areas were flooded. People have been told to leave vulnerable areas in the region as the water level is set to rise following the opening of the Kakki dam in Pathanamthitta district. On Tuesday morning, another dam in Pathanamthitta, Pamba, will be opened, leading to rising water levels downstream including Kuttanad.

The opening of all these dams will be staggered to stem the massive downstream flow of the Periyar river.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said an alert has been sounded and steps are on to shift people to safer locations when dams are opened. The number of relief camps has been increased to 240.

Water Resources Minister Roshni Augustine told the media that two shutters of Idukki dam would be opened by 50 cm to release one lakh liters of water per second.

Couple braves floods in a cooking vessel to get married

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ALAPPUZHA, OCTOBER 18

SAILING IN a cooking vessel through flooded streets, a health worker couple from Alappuzha district beat all odds to exchange their wedding vows on Monday. The couple's love story came as a pleasant news for rain-battered Kerala, which has seen tragedy unfold in the last two days.

For Akash and Aishwarya, a large aluminium vessel doubled up as a makeshift boat to transport them to the wedding venue.

Akash, speaking to PTI, said theirs was an inter-caste relationship which was opposed by an uncle of Aishwarya. They decided to get married as per Hindu rites without much delay. They found a temple at



Reuters

People watch the house of a bus driver being washed away; and (above) a damaged residence in Kottayam district



The couple on Monday. PTI

Thalavady here which agreed to host the ceremony on Monday, he said, adding that it was supposed to be a small event attended only by close friends and family.

However, thanks to their journey in a cooking vessel to the wedding hall, now everyone knows about the marriage, Akash said, excited about how the entire episode turned out and the fame that has come with it.

UTTARAKHAND

Rain-triggered landslides kill 5, Char Dham yatra put off

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 18

FIVE PEOPLE, including three labourers from Nepal, died and two others were injured with incessant rain lashing Uttarakhand for the second consecutive day on Monday as authorities advised Char Dham pilgrims not to proceed to the Himalayan temples till the weather improves.

The labourers were staying in a tent at Samkhal near Lansdowne in Pauri district when rubble flowing down from a field above due to the rains buried them alive, District Magistrate Vijay Kumar Jogdande said.

In another incident, two people were killed when their house collapsed, following a landslide in Selkhola in Champawat district, the State Emergency Operation Centre here said.

Char Dham pilgrims who had arrived in Haridwar and Rishikesh by Sunday have been asked not to proceed further till the weather improves while operation of vehicles for the Himalayan temples has been suspended temporarily.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama visited the state disaster control room at the secretariat to take weather updates. He appealed to the pilgrims to defer their journey for two days until the weather normalises.

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Dhama on the phone to get an update on precautionary steps being taken by the state government and assured him of all possible help.

UP lawyer killed in court premises; Opp parties criticise CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 18

A LAWYER was shot by a colleague inside Shahjahanpur district court premises in Uttar Pradesh on Monday, police said.

The accused, Suresh Kumar Gupta, 64, was arrested later.

Police said the victim, Bhupendra Singh, 57, was killed over an old land-related dispute.

Both had recently cleared their Law degrees and, with no clients, were fighting several cases they had filed against each other, a senior officer said. “We collected CCTV footage and found Gupta near the spot,” Shahjahanpur SP, S Anand, said.

Gupta allegedly shot Singh inside a room on the second floor of the court building in the morning.

Police said they found blood stains on Gupta's shirt when they caught him. A retired bank employee, Gupta completed his Law

degree in 2020 and began his practice the same year. Singh completed his Law degree in 2019.

Police said Singh had been running a coaching institute at Gupta's premises in Shahjahanpur for several years. In 2000, Gupta got his property vacated through a court order. He also sought police help after Singh allegedly did not vacate it.

Gupta got 20 FIRs registered on multiple charges against Singh over the court directive. The police SP said Gupta, too, got seven FIRs lodged against Singh.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said the incident was a reminder that no one is safe in today's Uttar Pradesh.

BSP president Mayawati said the killing exposed the BJP government's claims of strict law and order in the state.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said Uttar Pradesh has become number one in the country in “ease of doing crime” under the BJP.

61-year-old man, his driver found dead at Kolkata house

Kolkata: A 61-year-old man and his driver, 65, were found murdered at a residence owned by the former in Gariahat, police said on Monday. They added that the crime may be the fallout of a land deal gone wrong as Subir Chaki, a resident of New Town, was trying to sell his ancestral property and had gone to meet prospective buyers.

Police said they were informed on Sunday night that two persons were lying in a pool of blood in the house, on

Kankulia Road in Kolkata. A team of local police and the detective department reached the spot and found Chaki's body in a room on the first floor and that of the driver in a room on the second floor, with sharp cuts on the neck, wrists and legs.

Police identified the driver as Rabin Mondal (65). According to the police, preliminary inquiry revealed that the house where the two were found dead belonged to Chaki but no one was staying there at present. **ENS**

Heavy rain, poor produce push up onion, tomato prices; trend to stay till Dec-end

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS PUNE, OCTOBER 18

WITH HEAVY rainfall since August-end leaving market-ready crops extensively damaged, affecting arrival and quality of the produce, prices of onion and tomatoes have gone up steadily across the country.

Data from the Ministry of Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs show that retail prices of onion and tomatoes have increased significantly in the last one month. Onion prices in Delhi has gone up from Rs 33/kg in September to Rs 47/kg. The price escalation has been

EXPLAINED Damaged in the rain

SINCE THE end of August, heavy rain in Maharashtra and Karnataka—major centres of onion and tomato production—has caused extensive damage to crops planted in June or July. Heavy showers in September and early October saw the same crop sustaining more damage, just when farmers were getting ready to harvest their produce after Diwali.

steeper in case of tomatoes, with Delhi markets now retailing it at Rs 59/kg, compared to Rs 28/kg a month ago. At some other places, onion prices have touched or crossed Rs 50/kg, while tomato prices are nearing Rs 60/kg.

Farmers had earlier reported damage to stocked produce, harvested in April-May. The overall availability of onions had started dipping since September-end.

At Lasalgaon's wholesale market in Maharashtra's Nashik district, the average traded price of onion is rising since the third week of September. The prices, which for most part of the year were around Rs 1,500-Rs 1,600/quintal, have breached Rs 3,300/quintal.

Suresh Deshmukh, a commission agent in Nashik's Dindori taluk, said new arrivals were of poor quality. “Such onions don't have much market value. The only tradable onion now is stored onion, which farmers are offloading,” he said.

In case of tomatoes, average traded price at Karnataka's Kolar market has been over Rs 3,000-Rs 3,500/quintal. Traders in Kolar pointed out that September rains had caused damage to the crop in the area.

“The present trend is expected to continue till December-end. Prices are also going to increase as demand increases after Covid-19 restrictions ease out,” said Deshmukh.

CRUISE DRUG BUST

Another FIR against NCB witness Gosavi, charged with forgery

VALLABH OZARKAR MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

ANOTHER CASE of cheating and forgery has been registered against Kiran Gosavi, the independent witness of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in the Cordelia cruise drug case that saw several people, including the son of actor Shahrukh Khan, being arrested earlier this month.

The complaint in the latest case, which takes the number of FIRs against Gosavi to four, was registered three years ago. The FIR was lodged only on Sunday.

Gosavi's name first cropped up after the alleged drug bust when his photograph with Khan's son, Aryan, went viral on social media. At that time, many believed he was an NCB official. The bureau later clarified he was not attached with it. The NCB officials later clarified that Gosavi, a private detective, was one of the 10 witnesses in the Cordelia case.

The latest FIR against Gosavi was registered by the Kelwa Police in Palghar for cheating, forgery and criminal breach of trust based on complaint by two youngsters. According to police, the victims, Utkarsh Tare and Adarsh Keni, had come in contact with Gosavi in 2018 and were allegedly duped by him of Rs 1.65 lakh on the pretext of finding them job in Malaysia.

PUNE POLICE ARREST GOSAVI'S ASSISTANT IN CHEATING CASE

Pune: Pune City Police has arrested Sherbano Qureshi, the assistant of wanted accused Kiran Gosavi, the self-styled detective cited as an “independent witness” by the NCB in the Mumbai cruise ship raid case.

Senior Police Inspector Rajendra Galande said, “The money in the cheating case was transferred to Qureshi's bank account. She worked as Gosavi's assistant at the time when the crime took place. She was produced before a court in Pune. The court has remanded her in police custody till October 22 for further investigation.” **ENS**

SHIV SENA LEADER MOVES SC AGAINST NCB

New Delhi: A Shiv Sena leader has moved the Supreme Court seeking a judicial inquiry into affairs of Narcotics Control Bureau at Mumbai and its officials.

The petition has urged the apex court to take suo moto cognizance to protect the fundamental rights of Aryan Khan who has been booked under the NDPS Act by the NCB, Zonal Office, in Mumbai. **PTI**

1st-term CBSE tests for class 10 to begin Nov 30, class 12 from Dec 1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE CBSE first-term examinations for minor subjects will begin on November 16 for class XII students and November 17 for class X students, with the exams for major subjects beginning later on November 30.

The Central Board for Secondary Education had earlier announced that it has divided subjects for both classes X and XII into major and minor subjects. Major subjects are those which are offered in most schools and there are 19 major subjects for class XII and 9 major subjects for class X.

On Monday, the board released a common date-sheet for these major subjects. The examinations for these will begin on November 30 for class X students with Social Science and will end on December 11 with English. For class X, these will begin on December 1 with Sociology and will end on December 22 with Home Science.

There are a total of 114 subjects offered by the board in class XII and 75 subjects in class X. The exams for the remainder of the subjects—categorized as minor subjects—will be conducted earlier and the time-tables for these will be sent separately to the schools since there is no common time table.

MP opposes Prasar Bharati move to monetise archival content; CEO says ‘misinterpreted’

DIVYAA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

PRASAR BHARATI'S recent proposal to allow satellite TV channels and OTT platforms to purchase syndicated archival content has run into opposition. Su Venkatesan, the CPI (M) parliamentarian from Madurai, Tamil Nadu, Monday wrote to Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur, asking him to deter the public broadcaster from going ahead with the move.

Prasar Bharati's content includes a trove of historically sig-



Madurai Lok Sabha MP Su Venkatesan

nificant footage, such as the constituent assembly debates and moments that were milestones for the country.

“It is disgusting to note that monetisation has gone to the level of marketing historical treasures also. It may have (an) adverse impact on polity as well as peace and tranquility of this country,” he wrote in the letter. “Already efforts are there to

rewrite history to suit the narrow political gains and distortions are also being attempted... Hence the involvement of corporate media by giving them access to archival contents is not a prudent step.”

Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi Shekhar said there was no such decision. “A recently notified policy for syndicating content rights seems to have been misinterpreted,” he said.

Shekhar also quoted the policy document “for a correct understanding”.

The document says: “The TV channels as well as the new channels on OTT are continu-

ously looking for good saleable content. This has created a demand for programme content of Prasar Bharati in India and overseas for the purpose of broadcast as well as streaming on Digital Platforms. There is a bright possibility for monetizing this content, which requires a proper and well-defined content syndication policy.”

In a notification dated October 8, Prasar Bharati said: “The policy will ensure that archival and premium content of Prasar Bharati is syndicated to third parties through an open and transparent mechanism of e-auction...”

CHHATTISGARH

SP removed after driver accuses him of assault; he denies

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE
RAIPUR, OCTOBER 18

CHHATTISGARH CHIEF Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Monday issued instructions to remove the Superintendent of Police of Narayanpur after the officer's driver alleged that the SP had assaulted him physically and verbally.

The accused SP, U Uday Kiran, denied the charges and claimed

that he had only reprimanded constable Jaylal Netam, who was posted as his driver.

Netam, who comes from a tribal community, was on Monday admitted to Narayanpur district hospital after he complained of pain.

He told the media: "He (SP Uday Kiran) abused me, scolded me and then hit me - he said I had not cleaned the car properly. He has been abusive in the past, too."

On Monday night, Uday Kiran

was removed from his post in Narayanpur and attached to the headquarters in Raipur as assistant-I-G. Doctors from the hospital said no external injuries were found on Netam's body. "His condition is stable. He complained of pain, so we are keeping him under observation," a doctor said.

Baghel tweeted on Monday evening, "Police officers are expected to deal strictly with criminals. It is not excusable to beat up a subordinate employee by being

inappropriate. Instructions have been issued to remove the Superintendent of Police of Narayanpur who behaved in an uncontrolled manner."

Collector Dharmesh Sahu said, "The Adivasi Samaj has given a memorandum mainly over three points, including the alleged incident of assault on the driver. Further action will be taken after investigation into all these issues."

Members of the Sarva Adivasi Samaj met Netam at the hospital

and assured him of support and help, said Sonu Korram, chief of Narayanpur district unit of the organisation. "We have also submitted a complaint at SC/ST police station, seeking an FIR under provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act against the officer," Korram told the media.

Netam has also submitted a written complaint against Kiran to Chhattisgarh Anusuchit Janjati Shaskiya Sevak Sangh, an organisation of government employees

belonging to ST communities, seeking its support to get justice.

An IPS officer of 2015 batch, Udan Kiran was earlier accused of assaulting women sportspersons, their coach, and a former MLA of Mahasamund in 2018. On September 27, the Supreme Court had asked the state government to lodge an FIR against three police personnel, including Kiran, for allegedly abusing and assaulting the then MLA and the sportspersons.

BANGLADESH VIOLENCE

Protesters hold rallies in Barak Valley, submit memorandum to PM

TORA AGARWALA
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 18

THOUSANDS GATHERED in Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi — the three districts of Assam's Bengali-dominated Barak Valley — on Monday to protest the communal violence reported in Bangladesh during Durga Puja celebrations.

The rallies were organised by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) to call for the "protection, safety, and security of the persecuted Hindus of Bangladesh". Other organisations such as the RSS, Hindu Jagran Manch and Bharat Sevashram Sangha also took part in the protest.

In all three districts, police deployed additional security personnel and were on alert to prevent any untoward incident. "It passed off peacefully," a senior police official said on Monday night.

The protesters submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, through the respective Deputy Commissioners. "We have requested the PM to take the matter up diplomatically with the Bangladesh government. This is not the first or only incident like this. It seems to be a targeted, pre-planned attack on the Hindu



The demonstration at Assam's Hailakandi district. Express

minorities there," said Santanu Naik of the VHP.

In Cachar district, protesters held a bike rally in Silchar town as well as other parts of the district. "It passed off peacefully but protests were emotionally charged so we kept a strict vigil," said a senior police official from the district. On Sunday night, the Cachar district administration had held a meeting with the organisers and appealed to people to "ensure peace and harmony".

In Karimganj, which shares a riverine border with Bangladesh, nearly 3,000 protesters gathered. As per reports, some protesters attempted to jump into the Kushiara river to "cross over" to Bangladesh

to "save Hindus" but were stopped by security personnel.

Senior BJP leader Ranjan Das said, "The protest was held to send a strong message to Bangladesh. We are going to observe what the government does in the following days and if we are not satisfied with their actions, we will block the two trade entry points in Karimganj in protest."

In Hailakandi district, about 2,000 protesters had gathered, said SP Gaurav Upadhyay.

"We had forewarned the protesters that while they were allowed to shout slogans, they should not say anything to hurt religious sentiment of the community," he said.

Bengal BJP registers protest at Deputy High Commission

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 18

THE BJP on Monday organised demonstrations across West Bengal to protest against attacks on Hindu minorities and temples in Bangladesh in the past few days, while a party delegation visited the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission here to register its protest. The Opposition party also questioned Trinamool Congress's "silence" on the matter.

West Bengal BJP president Sukanta Majumdar said, "These kinds of barbaric attacks have no place in a civilised society. The Bangladesh government must take action and ensure the safety of Hindu minorities. However, here in Bengal, some political parties are maintaining silence on this issue for vote-bank politics."

TMC leader Krishanu Mitra in turn referred to the killing of migrant workers in Kashmir and said BJP should stop lecturing Bangladesh.

Leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari, along with a delegation of BJP MLAs, visited the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata.

SINGHU LYNCHING

Searches on in Haryana, Punjab to identify other accused: police

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE
GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 18

A DAY after the district and sessions court in Sonapat remanded three Nihang Sikhs — arrested for their alleged involvement in the murder of 35-year-old Lakhbir Singh at the farmers' protest site at Singhu border, in six-day police custody — the police Monday said teams were conducting searches at nine locations in Haryana and Punjab to identify other accused.

Police have so far arrested four Nihang Sikhs and said they confessed to the murder.

Deputy SP (law and order), Sonapat, Virender Singh said, "We are conducting raids...the accused are changing their statements regarding the sequence of events."

NCSC chief writes to Akal Takht Jathedar

Meanwhile, National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) chairman Vijay Sampla wrote to Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh and requested him to ensure that Lakhbir Singh's 'bhog' is performed as per Sikh Rehat Maryada (Sikh code of living).

Rlys shuts down 9-yr-old joint venture company IRSDC

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

EVEN AS the Railways aggressively puts station redevelopment on top priority, it shut down its nine-year-old special purpose vehicle (SPV) for the job, the joint venture company Indian Railway Station Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) on Monday without any prelude.

The station development project, as per the order, will go to respective zonal railways now — basically going back to the old system. The order from the Railway Ministry said that all documents and current contracts are to be transferred to the respective zonal railways.

The government has taken up redevelopment of 50 major railway stations on priority basis besides having plans for all busy stations to undergo an overhaul with private participation. Officials in the IRSDC said that they were faced with an uncertain future as many officials had opted for being "absorbed" in the cadre. Railway ministry sources, however, said that officials could be repatriated.

The company is a joint venture between the Indian Railway Land Development Authority and IRCON. The whole station development project was being divided between IRDLA and IRSDC. While cutting down flab by way of shutting down myriad organisations is a plan recommended by Principal Economic Adviser Sanjeev Sanyal, sources in Railways told The Indian Express that local railway officials had raised red flags about the kind of work being done on the ground.

2005 IISc attack: Charges framed via video-conferencing

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 18

ASPECIAL court in Bengaluru for terrorism cases has framed charges via video-conferencing against a man lodged in a Lucknow prison for involvement in a December 2005 attack at the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru, in which a professor from Delhi was killed.

Sabauddin Ahmed had been arrested by Indian agencies from Nepal in early 2008 as part of investigations against the Lashkar-e-Toiba. He is the only person brought to book for the 2005 attack.

Charges have been framed against him under the UAPA, Arms Act, Explosive Substances Act and IPC Sections of conspir-

acy and murder. Sabauddin did not raise objections to the framing of charges.

Ahmed, from Darbhanga in Bihar, is alleged to have been recruited by the LeT as a teenager and to have received training in Pakistan. He reportedly got admission in a local college in north Bengaluru as part of a cover-up. He is alleged to have facilitated the IISc attack by LeT operative Abu Hamza, who came to India via Nepal, by arranging arms, ammunition and shelter.


In 2017, the Bengaluru police had arrested Habeeb Miya from Tripura, for alleging helping Ahmed cross the border before and after the attack. The special court for terrorism cases however had discharged Habeeb Miya in June 2021 -- ahead of framing of charges -- saying the

Bengaluru police had not produced enough evidence to establish any prima facie case against Habeeb Miya.

The others named in the IISc attack include Pakistan-based "conspirators" Abdul Aziz alias Wali alias Rehan, who is also an accused in other cases in India like the 2008 serial blasts in Bengaluru.

The attack at the IISc on December 28, 2005, using grenades and an AK-56 had resulted in the death of a scientist from Delhi, Professor M C Puri.

The case was eventually cracked after the arrest of Ahmed shortly after an LeT attack on a CRPF camp in Rampur in UP. Ahmed reportedly confessed to his role, including harbouring Abu Hamza in a room near his college.

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For The Tata Power Company Limited
H. M. Mistry
Company Secretary
(FCS: 3606)

Place : Mumbai
Dated : 18th October 2021

7 cases of VITT recorded in Delhi since June

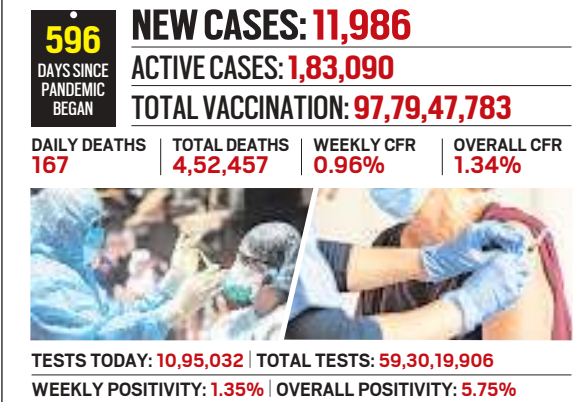
New Delhi: Sir Ganga Ram Hospital has received seven cases of Vaccine Induced Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT) from different hospitals in the country since June 2021.

The hospital is the only centre in the country conducting the gold standard confirmatory test for VITT, which are rare cases of blood clot and low platelets after receipt of adenovirus vector Covid-19.

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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021				
Particulars		₹ crore		
		Quarter ended on 30.09.2021	Quarter ended on 30.09.2020	Year ended on 31.03.2021
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total income from operations	772.93	643.47	2,503.38
2	Net Profit for the period before tax	98.65	80.87	316.48
3	Net Profit for the period after tax	97.86	64.41	311.02
4	Total comprehensive income	97.86	64.41	311.96
5	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of ₹ 10 each)	1,508.92	1,508.92	1,508.92
6	Reserve (Excluding Revaluation Reserve)	738.93	442.84	562.42
7	Net worth	2,247.85	1,951.76	2,071.34
8	Outstanding debt	1,854.36	2,052.18	1,778.41
9	Debt equity ratio *	0.82	1.05	0.86
10	Earnings per share (EPS) (of ₹ 10 each)			
	Basic (₹) #	0.65	0.43	2.06
	Diluted (₹) #	0.65	0.43	2.06
11	Debt redemption reserve	129.05	129.05	129.05
12	Debt service coverage ratio *	3.41	1.38	0.49
13	Interest service coverage ratio *	3.89	2.93	2.99
#Quarterly ratio is not annualised				
Notes :				
1 The financial results and extracts have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 18th October 2021.				
2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of half year financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the annual Financial Results is available on the website of stock exchange www.nseindia.com and Company's website www.tatapower.com/mpl.				
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors			Dean Academics	
Place : Mumbai			Vijay Namjoshi	
Dated : 18 th October 2021			Chairman	

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE



STATE	NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY POSITIVITY	TOTAL VACCINATION
■ Kerala	6,676	83,700	10.46%	3,72,50,743
■ Maharashtra	1,485	28,008	1.67%	9,14,34,368
■ Tamil Nadu	1,192	14,570	0.93%	5,29,91,234
■ West Bengal	690	7,416	2.57%	6,65,26,109
■ Andhra Pradesh	332	5,709	1.31%	4,66,97,155

STATE	TODAY'S DEATHS	TOTAL DEATHS	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Kerala	60	27,004	0.67%	0.57%
■ Maharashtra	30	1,43,418	1.18%	2.19%
■ Tamil Nadu	13	35,912	1.05%	1.35%
■ Karnataka	12	37,953	1.32%	1.21%
■ West Bengal	12	18,989	1.51%	0.99%

Note: Data as on Oct 18; vaccination numbers as of Oct 17. Deaths include those from previous days.

Karnataka: Schools to reopen for classes I-5

Bengaluru: With Covid-19 cases on the decline, the Karnataka government has given its nod for re-opening schools for students of classes 1-5 from October 25, with strict adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour and SOPs issued by the Department of Primary and Secondary Education.

Parental consent letter for attending physical classes is mandatory, the order signed by Karnataka Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar says.

Only teachers and staff who have received both doses of the Covid vaccine will be allowed in Classes 1-5.

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CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to University advertisement No.01/2021/2181 dated 12.10.2021, the qualifications for the post of Assistant Professor have been modified. All other terms and conditions will remain same. The last date for the submission of the duly filled application has been extended upto 22.11.2021 till 5:00 pm. For details visit University website : www.ndvsu.org

REGISTRAR

National Company Law Appellate Tribunal Appointment of Members

Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi invites applications from Indian Nationals for 05 posts of Members (03 posts of Judicial Member and 02 post of Technical Member) in the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), a quasi-judicial body established under Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013. The Member shall be paid a salary of Rupees two lakh twenty - five thousand per month plus other allowances as admissible. Detailed advertisement may be seen on the website of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (www.mca.gov.in), DoP&T's website (www.persmin.nic.in) and National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's website (www.nclat.nic.in). Eligible and willing persons are requested to send their scanned application in pdf version, strictly as per the prescribed format along with supporting documents from 15th October, 2021 to email at mapprnt-nclt@gov.in. The last date for submitting the application by e-mail is 12th November, 2021 by 5:30 PM. Further, the hard copy of the signed application alongwith supporting documents and through proper channel, wherever applicable, is required to be sent to Shri Riazul Haque, Under Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Room No. 526, A Wing, 5th Floor, Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001 by 05:30 PM of 22nd November, 2021.

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All shortlisted candidates will have to appear for an online interview during **19th, 20th, and 21st January, 2022.**

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LAKHIMPUR KHERI DEATHS

Complainant in FIR among 4 more held

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 18

UTTAR PRADESH Police's Special Investigation Team (SIT), which is probing the Lakhimpur Kheri incident, on Monday arrested four more people, including a local corporator who was allegedly travelling in one of the vehicles which ran over and killed four farmers on October 3.

Corporator Sumit Jaiswal, who was allegedly in the SUV belonging to Union minister Ajay Mishra, is also the complainant in one of the two FIRs lodged in connection with the incident at Tikonia Police Station on October 4, police said.

Three SUVs, including a Mahindra Thar owned by Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra, allegedly ran over a group of protesting farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri on October 3, killing four farmers and a journalist. Three more people were killed in the violence that followed.

The protesters set on fire two SUVs, including the Mahindra Thar, while the third vehicle managed to escape from the spot.

Besides Jaiswal, three others arrested on Monday were identified as Shishu Pal, Nandan Singh Bhist and Satya Prakash Tripathi. The police claimed to have recovered a licenced revolver and three cartridges from Satya Prakash.

A police officer said that while

Shishu Pal is a driver by profession, Nandan Singh and Satya Prakash were close associates of Ankit Das, nephew of former Union minister Akhilesh Das, who was also allegedly in one of the vehicles.

Ankit is a close associate of Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra, who was also allegedly in one of the SUVs.

Investigations have revealed that Nandan Singh and Satya Prakash were travelling with Ankit Das in his Fortuner on the day of incident, the police said. They said they were trying to verify which vehicle Shishu Pal, who is from Lakhimpur Kheri, was driving that day. "We are looking for two other persons," said a senior officer. The total number of people arrested so far in connection with the incident has gone up to 10. Earlier, Ashish Mishra, Luvkush Pandey, Ashish Pandey, Ankit Das, Shekhar Bharti and Lateef were arrested.

Sources said the SIT, during questioning of Jaiswal, would verify Ashish Mishra's claim that he was attending a wrestling event at his village Banveerpur when the incident occurred.

On October 14, the SIT took Ashish Mishra and other accused to the spot to recreate the crime scene with the help of three vehicles and dummy bodies. The SIT has also started recording statements of crucial witnesses before the magistrate.

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The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

Activity	Tentative Dates
On-line registration including Edit/ Modification of Application by candidates	20.10.2021 to 10.11.2021
Payment of Application Fees/ Intimation Charges (Online)	20.10.2021 to 10.11.2021
Download of call letters for Pre-Exam Training*	November, 2021
Conduct of Pre-Exam Training*	November / December 2021
Download of call letters for Online examination - Preliminary	November / December 2021
Online Examination - Preliminary	04.12.2021 and 11.12.2021 Tentative
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	December 2021 / January 2022
Download of Call letter for Online exam - Main	December 2021 / January 2022
Online Examination - Main	January 2022
Declaration of Result – Main	January / February 2022
Download of call letters for interview	February 2022
Conduct of interview	February / March 2022
Provisional Allotment	April 2022

*In case it is possible and safe to hold PET
Candidates are advised to regularly keep in touch with the authorised IBPS website www.ibps.in for details and updates.
Before registering online candidates are advised to read the detailed notification and follow the instructions mentioned therein.

Mumbai
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Director

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IN MY BOOK, RAHUL DRAVID IS THE ARTIST.
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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

REGIONAL WAY OUT

Delhi’s invitation to national security advisers of Afghanistan’s neighbours is a welcome step towards active regional diplomacy

IN A RARE and welcome initiative on Afghanistan, Delhi has invited the national security advisers from the region to discuss the challenges arising from the withdrawal of US forces and the Taliban’s return to power in Kabul. According to reports, India has invited the national security advisers of Afghanistan’s neighbours — Pakistan, Iran, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, China, and Russia — to join the consultations on regional security. Turkmenistan, which shares a part of Afghanistan’s northern borders, has a policy of strict neutrality, and does not join such diplomatic gatherings. It is not clear how many of these countries will participate in this meeting scheduled for the first half of November. There will be a big question mark on Pakistan’s participation.

While Delhi awaits formal responses to its invitation, the initiative marks an important change in India’s Afghan policy. Delhi appears ready to look beyond the narrow bilateral approach to Afghanistan and promote a cooperative regional agenda. During the last two decades — which followed the ouster of the Taliban from power by the US forces at the end of 2001 — Delhi tended to be a lone ranger in Afghanistan, focused on strengthening bilateral ties with Kabul. As the Taliban gained ground in Afghanistan by the late 2000s, thanks to sanctuary and support from Pakistan, Delhi engaged in bilateral diplomatic consultations with a range of its partners and participated in a variety of regional initiatives for peace and political reconciliation. As the crisis deepened in Afghanistan in the last few years, several countries, including China, Russia, Iran, Qatar, Turkey have actively intervened in Afghan diplomacy. Over the last two decades, India’s stakes in Afghanistan have gone up. So has its weight in regional affairs. This is a good moment, then, to move from a passive stance on Afghanistan to active regional diplomacy.

The initiative also opens the door for consultation on regional security issues with Pakistan, which remains the most important external actor in Afghanistan. In the past, even when India and Pakistan were talking to each other, Islamabad refused to discuss Afghanistan with Delhi. Keeping India out of Afghanistan has been a major objective for Pakistan’s establishment. And since the 2019 constitutional changes in Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan has made talks with India conditional on Delhi walking back. It might be hard, therefore, for Islamabad to accept India’s invitation. Yet, Pakistan’s “success” in reinstalling the Taliban in power looks difficult to sustain. Two months after taking Kabul, the Taliban is yet to gain diplomatic recognition from any country. Meanwhile, there are mounting international financial and political pressures on Islamabad to nudge the Taliban towards more reasonable policies. Delhi would hope that Islamabad takes India’s invitation in the right spirit and is amenable to a dialogue on Afghanistan and regional security without prejudice to other contentious issues in bilateral relations.

GOOD AUGURIES

Corporate India witnessed strong performance in second quarter, even as demand and supply side issues pose challenges

GOING BY THE early bird results, India Inc continued to witness healthy growth in the second quarter of the ongoing financial year. Both IT majors Infosys and TCS have posted strong numbers recently, as have the real estate and retail companies who have declared their results so far. HDFC Bank has also posted numbers higher than what the street had expected. For the entire sample of firms who have reported their numbers so far, both net sales and profit have risen, not only in year-on-year terms but also in quarter-on-quarter terms. Indicative of this continuing healthy performance, corporate tax collections have also been fairly robust. In fact, collections have grown around 50 per cent in the first five months of the current financial year as compared to the same period in 2019.

At a broader level, most economic indicators, barring those for the services sector, seem to have either recovered or are near their pre-pandemic levels. The Nomura India Business Resumption Index rose to an all-time high of 108.8 for the week ending October 17, after averaging 102.2 in September. The index of industrial production was up 3.9 per cent in August 2021, as compared to its pre-pandemic level of August 2019, while GST e-way bill generation stood at 6.79 crore in September — marginally lower than the peak. Similar trends are observed in non-oil exports, electricity, and railway freight. With vaccinations on the verge of crossing the 100 crore mark, and the government lifting some of the remaining restrictions — it has now allowed airlines to operate without any capacity constraint — activity levels in these select services could also see a pick up. Moreover, the ongoing festive season is likely to provide a fillip to consumption — the GST e-way bill data for October points to this.

But there are areas of concern due to both demand and supply side issues. On the supply side, while the shortage of chips is impacting passenger vehicle production, the absence of pick-up in electricity generation, commensurate to a pick-up in demand, due to coal shortages, is a risk to the growth momentum. On the other hand, subdued demand for two-wheelers signals continuing distress among low income households. Consumer confidence remains low, and private consumption continues to be weak. As households rebuild their balance-sheets, demand is unlikely to perk up materially. Weak household demand and low capacity utilisation, in turn, signal subdued private investment.

COACH DEPENDABLE

Rahul Dravid is the easy answer to many of the Indian cricket team’s difficult questions

WHICH INDIAN BATSMAN would you want to be at the crease, in a high stakes cricket game? Who at the peak of his batting form took the additional load of keeping the wickets for the sake of the team? Who did the BCCI trust to groom the country’s young talent? Who has the BCCI sent an SOS to now, as they look for a coach to work with Virat Kohli? Rahul Dravid is the easy answer to all of the above questions. Close to a decade after his retirement, the cautiously correct batsman with the famed diplomatic articulation continues to be Indian cricket’s Mr Dependable. After trying his best to avoid the two most coveted addas for retired cricketers — national team dug out and commentary box — Dravid seems to have given in. If reports are to be believed, national interest proved to be the game-changing pitch.

There’s a relatively unknown Dravid record that sums up his body of work and amplifies his coaching credentials. India’s best-ever No 3 has faced the most number of balls in the history of Test cricket. It’s proof of his solidity and the sweat he poured on pitches around the world to score his runs. Dravid’s bat was no magic wand that would be found in the kit bags of a Tendulkar or Lara. Dravid gave hope to even the less talented that stardom was attainable. He has the bandwidth to understand the present-day greats in the Indian team and also the empathy for the stragglers.

Now, for the elephant in the room, Kohli, who is said to have played a role in the sacking of coach Anil Kumble in the past. Will there be another power struggle? Kohli isn’t the Kohli of old and the times too have changed. Having quit the T20 captaincy, Kohli is no longer the unquestionable leader of the side. The emergence of Rohit Sharma has changed the power equations. Having led India in the Chappell era, Dravid is not new to dressing room intrigue. Dravid the captain couldn’t flower fully, now is his chance to make up for that.



ASHUTOSH VARSHNEY

TO IDENTIFY THE core of BJP politics since 2019, I would like to introduce a new concept: Jim Crow Hindu Nationalism. This concept allows us to distinguish the BJP’s current politics from how the party exercised power when it last ruled Delhi. Equally important, the concept also reveals how BJP’s India is different from Nazi Germany, to which it is now increasingly compared in many circles worldwide.

What exactly is “Jim Crow”? Taking its name from a musical play depicting Black Americans in a demeaning light, the phrase has come to refer to an ensemble of laws and practices, which deprived Black Americans of their voting rights, subjected them to lynchings, and forced segregation upon their neighbourhoods, churches, schools, businesses and social lives. Inter-racial marriages were outlawed and inter-racial sex, especially between a Black man and a White woman, was violently punished. By the 1890s, such laws and practices were institutionalised in the southern states of the US, creating the term “Jim Crow South”.

Such politics lasted over seven decades, ending finally with the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts of the mid 1960s. Until then, according to democratic theory, America was a “semi democracy”. Electoral democracy co-existed with a racial political order, premised on White nationalism, in those 11 southern states that seceded during the Civil War, 1861-65, and were defeated. Two and a half decades later, White majorities in these states managed to impose, legally, a brutal regime of Black subordination.

This period of American history is well known to US politicians, intellectuals and many citizens. Other than those on the right wing of politics, most have come to abhor America’s Jim Crow past. But it has remained generally unknown abroad. Until America’s rise to pre-eminence after 1945, US history was not part of world consciousness. Martin Luther King made the struggles of Black Americans internationally visible in the 1960s, and the Black Lives Matter movement has further enlarged world consciousness, forcing a historical reckoning within the US, too.

In comparative analyses of Hindu nationalism, this period of American history is not invoked. Rather, the focus has been on the better known Nazi period of European history. Part of the reason is that the early Hindu nationalists openly drew inspiration from

What race was to the American South, ethnicised religion is to Hindu nationalists

This period of American history is well known to US politicians, intellectuals and many citizens. Other than those on the right wing of politics, most have come to abhor America’s Jim Crow past. But it has remained generally unknown abroad. Until America’s rise to pre-eminence after 1945, US history was not part of world consciousness. Martin Luther King made the struggles of Black Americans internationally visible in the 1960s, and the Black Lives Matter movement has further enlarged world consciousness, forcing a historical reckoning within the US, too.

the Nazis. Hailing Hitler’s treatment of the Jews, MS Golwalkar, an ideological father of Hindu nationalism, argued that Muslims “must entertain no idea(s) but those of the glorification of the Hindu race and culture... may stay in the country wholly subordinated to the Hindu nation, claiming nothing... not even citizen’s rights.” (*We or Our Nationhood Defined*, 1938).

When Hindu nationalism is compared to fascism, an all-important difference is not noted. The institution of concentration camps was absolutely central to Nazi Germany. This institution had three aims: To imprison indefinitely “enemies of the state”, real or imagined, with administrative approval, but without judicial permission; to eliminate, physically, groups of unwanted people, again without judicial consent; and to push the incarcerated into forced labour. Jews were the main victims. An estimated six million died, or were killed.

In the post-1945 world, concentration camps are a near impossibility. International ostracisation would greet the country which built them. Because of its military-economic power externally and Han majoritarianism internally, only a country like China has been able to get away with its concentration camps, erected for the Uighur Muslims.

The Hindu nationalism of Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1998-2004) sought to make India more Hindu in public symbolism and discourse without using laws to make India anti-Muslim. BJP politics today and the forces it has set in motion, especially after the 2019 election victory, are not pausing at a Hinduisation of the public sphere. Laws are being made to turn Muslims into second-class citizens; mob lynchings and intense hatred are instilling fear; and both law and violence are being combined to prevent religious mixing and deepen communal segregation. Hindu nationalists do not know Jim Crow history, but their politics is threatening to create a Jim Crow India in BJP-ruled territories. What race was to the American South, ethnicised religion is to Hindu nationalists.

Consider what happened to Black Americans in the Jim Crow South. In the post-Civil War period, 1865-1870, three Constitutional Amendments emancipated Blacks. The 13th Amendment ended Black slavery; the 14th Amendment provided equal citizenship and equality before the law; and the 15th Amendment gave them voting

rights.

In the 1880s, racist White parties, registering election victories, launched their counter-revolution. Using their power over elected legislatures, they passed laws to establish literacy, residency and poll tax requirements for voting, effectively disenfranchising the largely illiterate and poor Blacks. By 1872-3, feeling the air of emancipation, 80-85 per cent Blacks had registered to vote in the south. In 1905-6, subjected to new laws, only 5-6 per cent remained as voters. Lynchings installed a regime of fear. Between 1882-1930, an average of 100 Americans were lynched to death every year, mostly in the South, mostly Black.

Now consider how legislative control has been used in India after May 2019. Amended “public safety” laws give the government the power to designate any individual as a terrorist or “anti-national”, imposing preventive detention with uncertain access to courts; Article 370 and Article 35(a) were abolished and hundreds of Kashmiri politicians imprisoned; via the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), a religious requirement was introduced in citizenship laws, excluding only Muslims; laws prohibiting interfaith marriages are being passed in BJP-ruled states; and the “love jihad” militia punish Hindu-Muslim personal intermixing. Delhi also announced that a National Register of Citizens (NRC) would be created as a sequel to the CAA. In principle, using the CAA, the NRC can strip those Muslims, who don’t have the right documents, of citizenship. If implemented, a future NRC will effectively deprive millions of Muslims of their voting rights and, perhaps, welfare benefits. Lynchings have already made Muslims mortally afraid.

To prevent the nation’s full-blooded descent into a Jim Crow India, the political imperatives are now clear: Challenge the BJP, electorally, beyond the 11 states where it is not in power — most critically, in Uttar Pradesh; encourage greater federal push-back; and mount democratic protest and movements. In the US, until the 1950s, the courts and southern newspapers did not oppose Jim Crow. In India, too, these two institutions are currently unreliable. Can they change? Will they?

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LAST MONTH, I held my father’s hands and confessed I cannot take care of him. It was a plea. He shook his head in response. The implication was clear: No hospital. Sitting in a room with more medicines than furniture, he appeared puny, as if the bed was slowly eating him away and what I was holding on to were his remains. As if he were a child prone to making towering demands for amusement. Except I was his child, a terrified 28-year-old witnessing the transformation of my father’s body. His eyes were foggy and mouth sparingly functional, restricted to gulping down medicines. He had not spoken for days.

On August 30, just before my three-month stay in Kolkata was drawing to a close, Baba complained of a bad headache. I touched his forehead and realised he was burning up. Two days later, he tested positive for Covid-19. Nothing prevented it, neither both doses of vaccines, nor the many rows with my sister and me when we forbade him from stepping out. My mother and I tested positive soon after. A one-way ticket to Mumbai remained unused.

For someone who visits her parents annually, I hear them ageing and see them aged. Ma tells me her feet are swollen over the phone. I come and find the turgidity resembling my grandmother’s with a precision I did not think was possible. Baba complains about not hear-

THE BURDEN OF CARE

How pandemic turned children into caregivers, brimming with love and fear

ing too well. When I meet him, I notice him smiling in response to my questions, as if he were putting up a defenceless guard for his vulnerability. When you meet your parents annually, you care for them from a distance, hoping to postpone messy inevitabilities. The lack of physical proximity acts as a buffer, retaining their unassailable image of caregivers and lulling you into thinking there is time to become one.

But the unrelenting pandemic has robbed the solace of such a chronology. Far too many people, fated to live, have died prematurely. Age has been reduced to a statistical detail and not a signifier of mortality. With the temporal sequence dismantled, the role I thought could wait was staring at me in the face. Afflicted by the alienating virus, I transitioned to a caregiver overnight.

Caregiving is exacting. But when done for parents, it renders you heartbroken. Suddenly, your parents become a reservoir of organs and you have to reckon with what makes them mortal — and not just human. You realise they are disoriented not because of something you said but because their sodium levels have dropped. You discern what makes them alive at the basest level, and the answer is not you. Caregiving reminds you why you love them while constantly testing your love for them. It is affection shorn of any embellishment, brim-

ming with concern and resentment.

For a month, except the 10 days when they were in a hospital, I kept alternating between my parents in two separate rooms. Staring at the oximeter, for the first time in years I was acutely aware of the calibration of their existence. I kept staring at it as if my life relied on it. It did not. Someone else’s did, and my life relied on them. Ambushed by grief, I folded my hands and learnt to pray, transporting myself to a time when I was younger and believed my parents were immortal.

As I write this, the oxygen cylinders in my house have not been used for weeks. My parents are walking about. They are better. But no matter what is the result, caregiving is a losing war in the battlefield of mortality. It is a preview of an image that will keep recurring, a glimpse of a future that no amount of manipulation can alter. There is no light at the end of the tunnel.

When I had held my father’s hands and confessed that I cannot take care of him, the subtext of my helplessness was that I cannot see him like this. For the brief while they were in the hospital, their absence persuaded me to be hopeful about their present. And when I see them now, I cannot acknowledge their presence, without fearing about their absence.

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EXTREMISM IN MP

INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES ARE perturbed over the sudden spurt in the activities of Sikh fundamentalists in Madhya Pradesh and there are reports of a secret fund collection drive in support of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. The state intelligence is believed to have discovered that earlier this month, a politically influential Sikh road transporter of Bhopal had gone to Amritsar with his briefcase bulging with currency notes. When he returned after a week, the brief case contained only a brief from the extremists. The man who carried the money to “support the movement launched for the release of Bhindranwale” is known to

have good relations with the powers that be.

POLISH CP HEAD

POLISH PRIME MINISTER Wojciech Jaruzelski has been elected first secretary of the Polish Communist Party replacing Stanislaw Kania, who resigned, officials of the government news agency Interpress said. Jaruzelski, 58, was chosen the first secretary of the party by a “huge majority” of the 200-member Central Committee at a meeting in Warsaw. Kania had earlier offered to resign and his proposal was accepted by 54 per cent of the committee’s members. He led the party through the 14 turbulent months of the crisis caused by the

emergence of the independent union, Solidarity, the first in the Soviet Bloc. Jaruzelski has been the defence minister since 1968 and the prime minister since February. He is also a general of the Polish army.

MOBARAK IN OFFICE

THE CRISIS IN Egypt has been diffused by the death of Anwar Sadat. The people here are apt to give the new president Hosni Mubarak sufficient time to tackle the urgent problems of the country which has brought the crisis to a head just before Sadat’s assassination. Mubarak’s inaugural address to the nation was highly appreciated.



New Delhi



THE IDEAS PAGE

A new Quad in West Asia

Meeting between foreign ministers of India, Israel, UAE and US suggests that Delhi is ready for an integrated approach to Middle East, and to open doors for future collaborations



By C Raja Mohan

THE FIRST-EVER MEETING between the foreign ministers of India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States marks an important turning point in Delhi's engagement with the Middle East. This four-way conversation is one element of external affairs minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar's ongoing visit to Israel this week. India's establishment of full diplomatic relations with Israel nearly three decades ago broke the ideological shackles that severely limited Delhi's post-independence foreign policy in the vital but politically charged Middle East.

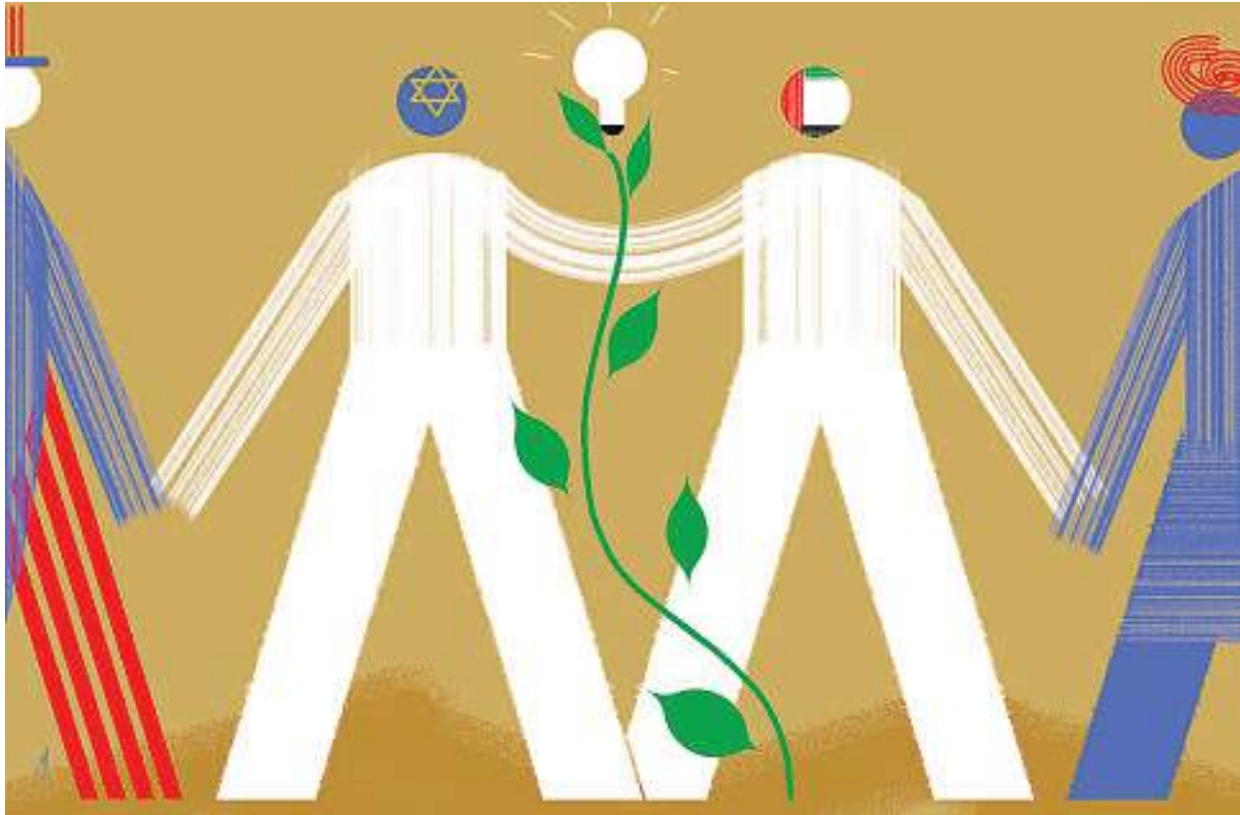
The new minilateral suggests India is now ready to move from bilateral relations conducted in separate silos towards an integrated regional policy. As in the Indo-Pacific, so in the Middle East, regional coalitions are bound to widen Delhi's reach and deepen its impact.

The idea of an Indo-Abrahamic Accord between India, the UAE and Israel was first suggested by Mohammed Soliman, an Egyptian scholar based in Washington. I discussed the pursuit of Soliman's idea in this column a couple of months ago. ('India and greater Middle East', IE, August 3). Our focus, then, was on India taking full advantage of the normalisation of relations between Israel and the Arabs under the so-called Abraham Accords unveiled in Washington during September 2020. The quick movement of this idea — of adding "Indo" to the Abrahamic Accords — from think tank chatter to the policy domain underlines the extraordinary churn in the geopolitics of the Middle East. It also points to new openings for India in the region and ever-widening possibilities for Delhi's strategic cooperation with Washington.

Last year, the Abraham Accords did not receive universal approbation; for many critics in the US and beyond, they were part of Trump's diplomatic gimmickry. A year later, we find President Joe Biden has embraced Trump's path-breaking political initiative in the Middle East. As in the case of China and the Indo-Pacific, where Biden has made Trump's policies his own, the White House is building on his predecessor's legacy in the Middle East. There is one important difference though. Unlike Trump, Biden continues to insist on the "two-state solution" to the dispute between Israel and Palestine.

In Israel, a new government led by Naftali Bennett replaced the 12-year reign of Benjamin Netanyahu in June. Bennett is promising to "shrink the conflict" with the Palestinians that was widened by Netanyahu. Meanwhile, economic and technological co-operation between Israel and the UAE has been growing by leaps and bounds. The moderate policies of Biden and Bennett as well as the deepening ties between Israel and the UAE are conducive to bolder Indian policies in the region.

One of the important gains of India's recent foreign policy was in the simultaneous expansion of Delhi's cooperation with Israel and the Arab world. In the past, the Indian foreign policy establishment was convinced this was impossible. India's new foreign policy pragmatism broke from that assessment and demonstrated the feasibility of a non-ideological engagement with the Middle East.



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This diplomatic pragmatism allows Delhi to reimagine its policies towards the Middle East. Thinking of the US as a partner in the Middle East is part of the reimagination. For long, India defined the US, and more broadly the West, as part of the problem in the Middle East. As a result, Delhi kept a reasonable political distance from the US in the region.

The steady improvement of India-US relations in the 21st century, including the recent convergence of views on the Indo-Pacific, did not make much difference to this policy. Instead, we saw the formulation of a new ideological principle in recent years — that expanding cooperation with the US to the east of India does not mean Delhi will work with Washington to the West of the Subcontinent.

The new minilateral consultation with the US, Israel and the UAE should start breaking that political taboo. Delhi knows that the US wants to downsize its expansive role in the Middle East developed since the 1970s. The US is unlikely to quit the region, but it wants to reduce some of its regional burdens and strengthen its local partnerships. Many regional powers were quick to see this change and have significantly expanded their activism. Delhi is late to the party.

It is perhaps too early to call the new minilateral with the US, UAE and Israel the "new Quad" for the Middle East. It will be a while before this grouping will find its feet and evolve. After all, it took quite some effort to build the Quad in the east with Australia, India, Japan and the United States.

What is the kind of agenda that this group can develop? Like the eastern Quad, it would make sense for the new Middle Eastern minilateral to focus on non-military issues like trade, energy, and environment and focus on promoting public goods. A ministerial meeting of the US, UAE and Israel in Washington last week to mark the first anniversary of the Abraham Accords set up two working groups to promote trilateral as well as broader regional cooperation. One working group is focused on strengthening religious tolerance and the other on water and energy issues.

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pursue wide-ranging minilateral partnerships in the region. India's new regionalism to the west of the Subcontinent must also be informed by shifting political geographies.

Consider, for example, the recent emergence of the Eastern Mediterranean as a geopolitical entity connecting a number of countries, including Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, and Palestine. The new region cutting across old mental maps — segmenting Europe, Africa, and the Middle East — is being shaped by several factors.

One is the discovery of natural gas all along the eastern Mediterranean. Second is the reassertion of its historic regional leadership role by Egypt. A third is the growing role of the Gulf countries — UAE, Qatar and Saudi Arabia — in reshaping the geopolitics of the region. A fourth factor involves Turkey's sharpening conflicts with Greece, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE triggered by President Recep Erdogan's overweening ambition. Finally, major powers including France, Russia and China are being drawn into the Eastern Mediterranean.

India has many old and new partners in the region and it can now work with them in multiple formats and overlapping combinations. Meanwhile, there is much to be done in realising the full potential of the "Indo-Abrahamic Accords".

The International Federation of Indo-Israeli Chambers of Commerce says combining India's scale with Israeli innovation and Emirati capital could produce immense benefits to all three countries. Add American strategic support and you would see a powerful dynamic unfolding in the region.

Beyond trade, there is potential for India, UAE and Israel to collaborate on many areas — from semiconductor design and fabrication to space technology. Success on the trilateral front will open the door for extending the collaboration with other common regional partners like Egypt, who will lend great strategic depth to the Indo-Abrahamic accords.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"It's fair to say the excessively expanding nationalist sentiment in India has put a great restraint on the country's effort in solving territorial disputes with other countries."
—GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Lessons from the shortage

Government, miners, power companies must plan to ensure there is no mismatch in demand-supply of coal during transition to low-carbon growth



Madan Sabnavis

THE COAL CRISIS brings a sense of déjà vu as the storyline seems similar to what happens when there is a shortage of sugar or onions. The difference is that the shortage of farm products is normally due to crop failure while the reasons for coal shortage are more human-made.

India has the world's fifth-largest coal reserves. Theoretically, therefore, there is no physical shortage as we can mine as much as we want to. For this to happen, miners, which includes Coal India, must invest more money in coal production. During the monsoon season, rains do not just stop the mining process but can also affect coal stocks — this is somewhat like the excess grains problem.

Today, while the government has been saying that the supplies are at their highest, the power-generating companies are complaining that their stocks are low. Normally, they maintain around 30 days of inventory, but, currently, this has come down to three days. Such shortages invariably lead to outages, some of which are already being witnessed in some pockets of the country. Several states say that they are running out of coal. Will this situation get reversed? Probably conditions will improve with time, but one does not know when. Demand surges and disruption in supplies can exacerbate the issue.

On the supply side, because of low investment, coal cannot be mined more than the capacity which exists today. Hence, the increase in supplies will be gradual. Ideally, just like we import sugar or onion when there is a shortage, we should import more coal. But that has its challenges.

In terms of demand, producers should have sprung into action when stocks were getting depleted and not waited till the crisis to flag the issue. Ideally, if supplies were not available, provision for imports should have been made. Now, the government is asking companies to meet 10 per cent of their requirement through imports.

The global coal crisis has led to higher prices. Here, too, a sudden resurgence in demand after the pandemic has exposed the supply limitations. During the first lockdown, mines closed or operated with limited capacity as the offtake was limited. Now with a resurgence in demand, time lags are involved, which, in turn, have pushed up prices. The international price has gone up by almost 40 per cent in the last month. China — a major producer and consumer — has also faced this problem as it has tried to save coal for the future and imposed restrictions on mining to go green. At the global level, as power companies are not getting coal easily, they have switched over to oil, pushing up the price of Brent.

Ideology has a big role to play in this crisis. In India, coal imports have been traditionally high. Under its atmanirbharta drive, the government has voiced concerns on this issue and asked generators to be more self-reliant. Coal dependency came down over time, which also coincided with a lower phase of economic growth. The same has happened in China where the government has taken the greening concept seriously and asked coal producers to control production and power generators and move over to other greener fuels. This has made coal producers less willing to increase investment.

Ideally, power companies should import coal. But that increases the cost of power production and power tariffs cannot be revised easily, like in the case of crops. It is often asked that if the government can keep raising the price of petrol and diesel when crude oil prices go up, why isn't a similar policy followed for power. The power sector, however, already has its woes. Distribution companies have been running losses due to their inability to cut down on transmission losses or increase tariffs. As their losses mount, the amount overdue to the generators increases. Therefore, the producers are not willing to increase their costs.

What could be the impact on the economy if this crisis gets prolonged? The economy has been showing signs of recovering and the October-December period is crucial because there are expectations of pent-up demand helping to accelerate growth. Any disruption in the power supply can push back this process.

The challenge is that today all the three sectors, agriculture, industry and households, are equally important. The rabi sowing is about to start and power is required to drive the sowing efforts. For industry, production requires uninterrupted supplies. A lot of business is being conducted from home after the pandemic, and power disruptions will come in the way of work.

Inflation too is delicately placed, though the situation currently looks comfortable due to the high base effect — this could help in the next two months. The prices of vegetables have started increasing and edible oils continue to be a pain point in the inflation schedule. If power companies start revising their tariffs, inflation will shoot up.

The coal shortage problem is very serious as it affects power supply, which is the backbone of all economic activity. It could surface again especially because the country is in a transition phase. There is much talk of reducing the carbon imprint — using less coal and shifting to renewables. Mismatches can surface, especially after the monsoon, and have chaotic effects. All stakeholders — the Centre, states, miners and power generators — must work together and plan the strategy going ahead. The nation is expected to grow by more than 8 per cent in the next few years, and we need to have a strong power generation edifice for the same.

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Bhupender Yadav

How to make caste irrelevant

BJP government's policies aim to ensure caste ceases to matter socially, electorally

CASTE-BASED SOCIAL HIERARCHY has for long been exploited by political parties to expand their base and win elections. Instead of serving the caste groups in whose name these parties rose to power, leaders built personal fiefdoms and failed to ensure a level playing field. Social groups were empowered and disempowered based on electoral calculations. This has been one of the primary reasons for caste biases, caste-based discrimination and caste-enforced inequality continuing in the society.

The way ahead to rid the country of caste in its narrow form is a politics that ensures growth opportunities for all sections of society by empowering all. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has thus made "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" the foundational principle of its governance model. This model draws its inspiration primarily from Indian greats — Swami Vivekanand, Mahatma Gandhi, Bhim Rao Ambedkar, Rammanohar Lohia and Deendayal Upadhyaya. All of them spoke about making caste irrelevant in their respective ways.

When Ambedkar spoke about reservation, he said untouchability, not caste, should be the basis for it. By cleaning toilets himself, Gandhi tried to fight the idea that ranks people based on their occupation. He tried to

wage war against this differential treatment at a spiritual level. Lohia, on the other hand, spoke about ensuring political representation for the disadvantaged sections. Upadhyaya put forth an economic and social model that made policies for the last person in the social order. In their own ways, all of them tried to decouple surname, occupation and social status from individuals by pushing for social mobility.

The BJP government is building a just and egalitarian society in line with what these great individuals envisaged for the country. The BJP has always believed in the oneness of India and equality of all Bharatiyas. The ultimate objective of all policy interventions is to achieve a social order where caste is irrelevant. With that aim in mind, the BJP government has worked to take forward the "jaati todo abhiyan" of Swami Vivekananda and the teachings of Deendayal Upadhyaya, who spoke of "antayodaya", the rise of the last man.

The last man is not the same all the time, in all situations and geographical locations. He can be a socially discriminated person or he can also be a person not able to move forward in life because of corruption, or lack of education, or lower economic power. The struggle for social justice is to fight for all.

The BJP, under PM Modi, is working relentlessly to ensure that a person's education,

efforts and efficiency alone are determining factors in what the individual achieves. The state exists as an agent to ensure that quality education is provided to all, that they have a level playing field to make efforts, and that their efficiency is assessed and rewarded fairly and equitably. The BJP government's governance model is focused on ensuring social inclusion and social mobility of the most disadvantaged sections. Using caste as a means to power and tool for politics creates an unhealthy societal imbalance.

In India, caste is traditionally linked to occupation. This order demanded that only people from a certain group should do a certain type of work. It was thus assumed that a certain person does and should do only a certain type of work. So, a person's surname often tends to reflect his occupation. This created social hierarchies as certain kinds of work were considered superior to others. The only way to break out of this system is to ensure social mobility. No profession should be linked to caste and all professions should make use of technology, which is a democratising and equalising force. Technology should be deployed in physical labour in the same way it is used in work requiring mental or intellectual labour. The Modi government is, therefore, democratising technology with the aim of building a more democratic and

egalitarian society. Education, as we know, is the most potent enabler of social mobility. The Modi government is, therefore, working relentlessly to ensure that access to quality education is widespread and within reach of all across the country.

The government is also ensuring a life of dignity for all by providing food, health, employment opportunities and roads in remote villages. These efforts counter extreme casteism by providing an atmosphere of growth and development as opposed to token measures such as appointing chief ministers from a particular caste in a state.

The BJP government is conscious of issues of social justice and is working for social inclusiveness. The steps taken towards social mobility and inclusiveness will ensure that occupations, including the conduct of religious rituals, are not linked to any caste. The government is delivering on its commitment to take the benefits of every government programme to every community. That is the best and, perhaps, the only way to ensure that caste ceases to matter — electorally and socially.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAN'T CHANGE SPOTS

THIS REFERS TO the interview, 'One cannot teach leopards, but one can teach people how to behave' (IE, October 18). Sunil Limaye, the newly-appointed principal chief conservator of forests, couldn't have framed the issue in a better manner. One cannot encroach onto wildlife territory and teach the animals how to behave. In fact, during the last few weeks, leopards at Aarey have been teaching humans how to behave — in short, to keep off their territory. There have been seven attacks in the last 45 days at Aarey. It's time we give the wild animals their space. As far as the encroachments are concerned, they need to be dealt with a firm hand.

Melville X. D'Souza, Mumbai

INDIA, TARNISHED

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Wrong on human rights' (IE, October 18). The fact that two leading global institutions have lowered India's Human Rights ranking — one from "Free" to "Partly Free", and in the other, slipping by 17 places, to stand at 111 out of 162 countries — should worry the leaders and dispensation currently in office. Instead, they remain largely indifferent, and carry on regardless, safe in the knowledge that their majority will quell any large-scale dissent. This indifference is, sadly, in keeping with trends in many countries, including democracies, where human rights violations are on the rise. This must change if India's image of being a tolerant and true democracy is not to be tarnished further.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

STRUCTURAL ISSUES

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The fall guy' (IE, October 18). The reports of critically low coal inventories in various power plants suggest a lack of forward planning on the part of the power generation companies, which failed to anticipate demand beforehand. But the political economy of the power sector in India and the structural deficiencies in state-run power companies are perhaps the major reason for the current crisis. Most state-owned distribution companies are cash strapped. Unless the operational efficiencies and financial viability of discoms are managed well, the power sector will function only in survival mode.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

PAY YOUR DUE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The pursuit of tax justice' (IE, October 18). Redistribution of wealth is a sine qua non for social and economic justice. As a nation, we provide a host of incentives to MNCs (the production-linked incentive scheme is the latest example) but when it comes to paying taxes, MNCs and wealthy individuals deploy a multitude of tax evasion and avoidance strategies. Revenue generated through the global minimum corporate tax regime would help to boost the post-Covid recovery. It, in turn, will positively supplement investment in social infrastructure like education, healthcare, skill development, climate-friendly production, etc. Major developed and developing countries should come on board to walk the talk on the global minimum corporate tax.

Dhawal Joshi, Churu

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IBijendra Nagar S/o Hukum Singh R/o Mathurapur Ghaziabad have Changed my name from Bijendra Nagar to Bijendra Singh for all future purposes. 0070757762-1

I, Daksh S/o Ram Lal Babbar R/o 306 Ground Floor Rishi Nagar Rani Bagh Delhi have changed my name as Daksh Babbar permanently 0040588434-1

I, Devender Singh R/o A-572, Gali No.6, Block-A, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096, inform that mine and my wife name wrongly written in my son's Sandeep Singh 10th and 12th market sheet as Devendra Singh @ Devendar Singh and Sajni Singh. But correct name is Devender Singh and Sajani Singh respectively. 0040588398-1

I, GOURAV, S/O-SUNDER LAL, R/O- FLAT-NO.5 NAVEEN APPARTMENT SAINIK VIHAR PITAM PURA DELHI- 110034, Changed my name to GAURAV GANDHI. 0040588408-11

I, Naveen Kumar S/o Shri Sukai R/o-X/133, Gali No.1, Raghubarpura No.1, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Nanamoon. 0040588409-1

I, PRERNA D/O MUKESH SHARMA, DOB 15/02/1998, R/O G-23 150, Sector-7 Rohini, Delhi 110085, India have changed my name to PRERNA SHARMA. 0070757744-1

It is for general information that I,Renu Chauhan,D/o Late. Surinder Mohan Chauhan, Residing at,12/6,Geeta-Colony,East-Delhi-110031, declare that name of my father has been wrongly-written as Surinder Mohan in my-X/ XII Pass Educational-Documents. The actual-name of my late,father is Surinder Mohan Chauhan which may be amended accordingly. 0040588449-10

It is for general information that I,PUNEET MEHTA,S/o ASHWANI MEHTA,Residing at,H.No.115C, DDA-LIG-Fazila, Jhilmil-Colony, Shahdara,Delhi-110095,declare that name of my mother has been wrongly-written as PUJA MEHTA in my 10th-Class Educational-Docment.The actual-name of my mother is POOJA MEHTA respectively, which may be amended accordingly. 0040588476-1

I, Saroj Ray W/o Gulab Ray R/o C-1 Maharani Bagh Delhi-110065, Have Changed my name to Saroj Rao,for all purpose.

0040588449-6

It is for general information that I,ANUJ BHANDARI Son of Raj Bahadur Residing at Priyadarshani Vihar, Road No.64, Tahirpur ,Delhi- 110095 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as ANUJ in my 10 & 12th Class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine is ANUJ BHANDARI respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0070757749-1

I,kanika marmat,d/o raj kumar,r/o-487,nai-basti, kishan-ganj,pratap-nagar metro-station,delhi-110007,My correct-& present-name is kanika marmat Kanika & kanika marmat both are same & one person,for all,future purposes. 0040588476-2

I,hitherto known as Krishan Mohan Sharma,S/o Om Prakash Sharma,residing at,H.No.-15,Gopal Park,Krishna Nagar,Delhi-110051,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known Krishan Mohan Sharma Rajae. 0040588476-5

I,Vandana Vyas/Vandana Kumar W/o,Manoj Kumar R/o-M-12A-05,Anjara Grand Heritage, Sector-74,Noida, Gautam Buddha-Nagar, U.P., have changed my name to Vandana Kumari. 0040588456-8

I,Sumeet Malhotra,S/O Om Prakash,R/O Flat.No.F-1 F/F property.no.no K-136,Block-K,Gali No-1, Mahipal Pur,Delhi-110037,Have Changed my Name to Sumit Malhotra. 0040588476-3

I,Satnam S/o,Sawan Ram R/o-37/A, Ganesh Park,Rashid-Market, Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051,have changed my minor daughter's name Riya to Riya Malhotra aged-16-years. 0040588456-9

I,SWARAJ SHARMA,S/O NIRANJAN LAL SHARMA, R/O.1484/1, MAHABIR PURA NEW RAILWAY-ROAD GURGAON, HARYANA-122001, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SURAJ SHARMA. 0040588449-1

I,Naveen S/o Rajander Kumar R/o-669A/13,Janta Colony, Sonipat Haryana-131001,have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known As Naveen Tuteja. 0040588456-3

I,Mahesh Kumar,S/o Sh.Nirmal Dass,R/o-RZ-48,Second-Floor, Front-Side,South Ext.Part-3,Uttam Nagar,D.K.Mohan Garden,Delhi-110059,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mahesh Kumar Matta. 0040588449-5

I,KAILASH CHANDER,son of, Shri.CHUNNI LAL,residing at,S-36/93, GANDHI CAMP-1,OKHLA RAILWAY STATION, GANDHI CAMP,DELHI-110065, have changed my name to RAKESH KUMAR. 0040588476-4

I,Jitender bhardwaj s/o Madan lal bhardwaj r/o-48 FF Malhi town,sec-50 gurgaon haryana, have change name to Jitendra bhardwaj,for all. 0040588449-9

I,GAURAV LUTHRA S/O-ASHOK LUTHRA R/O-7A, NIRANKARI COLONY,DELHI-110099,have changed my minor son name,from SMAKSH to SMAKSH LUTHRA. 0040588456-1

I,Fouzila D/o Mohammad Usman,R/o-2039,Kucha Nahar Khan,Kucha Chelan Daryaganj, Delhi-110002,have changed my name to Fauzila Usman.

0040588456-5

I,Devi Charan S/o Shiv Mohan Awasthi R/o-1/11799, Panchsheel Garden,Naveen Shahdara Delhi-110032,have changed my name to Devi Charan Awasthi,for all purposes. 0040588449-8

I,Bobby S/o Maninder Shah Singh,R/O 144, GF, State Bank Nagar,Paschim Vihar,Delhi—110063,Have Changed my Name to Bobby Singh.

0040588456-4

I,Bijender S/o Dharamvir R/o-258/3,Dev Villa-Village Bajghera Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Bijender Rana,for all Purporses. 0040588456-10

I,Ashok Duhan,s/o Jagat Singh,r/o house.no.198, main-market sant-Nagar Delhi, 110084,I,have changed my name Ashok Duhan to Ashok Kumar,for all purpose.

0040588449-3

I,Asem Tombisana Leima, (Existing name of Spouse as per NOK)is legally wedded spouse of No-15720068F/L/ NK Longjam Somananda Meitei of Unit 28 Vill Div Sig Regt,C/O- 56 209,Infange Pombikhoh Mayai Leikai,P/O- Moirang, District-Bishnupur, Manipur,Pin-795133.That I have changed my name from Asem Tombisana Leima to Longjam Tombisana Leima & (D o B- 04-02-1992.It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days. 0020428305-1

I,Arpana W/o Gaurav Gupta R/o-1511B, Golf Magnolias, Sector-42,DLF Conroe Road, Gurgaon-122002,Haryana have changed my name to Arpana Shahi,for all purposes. 0040588456-2

I, ABHINAV VARSHNEY,son of, SAKET KUMAR VARSHNEY, residing at,L-227, LJPAT-NAGAR,SAHIBABAD, GHAZIABAD,UTTAR PRADESH-201005, declare that my father name as SAKET VARSHNEY mentioned in my school-certificate but my father actual correct-name is SAKET KUMAR VARSHNEY. 0040588476-6

I,Army No.15421830K,Hav/NA Bhoopendra Singh Bhadouria, Unit:- Base Hospital,Delhi Cantt.Pin.No-110010,inform that my wife Sadhna Singh Bhadouria date of birth in my service record has wrongly mentioned as 15/09/1987 instead of 15/09/1986.

0040588480-1

I,Archana Mukesh Sharma W/o Mukesh Sharma R/o-26/68-A Shakti Nagar,Delhi-110007, Have changed my name to Archana Sharma,for all purpose. 0040588449-7

I,Anisha Mittal,D/o Jai Prakash Mittal and Vandana Mittal,R/o-Flat No.3072/2A/1A, Street, No.10,Ranjit Nagar,South-Patel Nagar,Delhi-110008,changed my name to Anisha Mittal. 0040588456-6

I,Agasthya Sareen S/o Rajeev Sareen R/o Flat No-49,Rishi Apartment,Plot No-25/4, Sector-9,Rohini,Delhi have changed my name to Agastya Sareen. 0040588456-7

I, Sunil Kumar Besoya S/o Ramesh Kumar R/o-88, Prakash Mohalla, Garhi,East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 have changed my name to Sunil Kumar & my wife's name from Pooja Besoya to Pooja. This is to be used for all future purposes. 0070757761-1

LOST & FOUND

Lost original copy of agreement to sale dated 21.01.2003 between Mr. Teja Singh & Mrs. Dulari Devi Agrawal for A-41, Shivalik Colony, Near Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017. If found please contact 9811293555. 0040588387-1

Lost Original Document i.e. Share-Certificate. No.8410 favouring Ashok K Aggarwal of The Society Nistads CGHS-Ltd known as Crescent-Apartments, Plot-No.2, Sector-18A,Dwarka, New-Delhi-110078, Fir-Lodge Vide-LR.No.811511/2021 Foundner-inform at above address or Ph-9910546925 0040588440-1

We Ram Murti Sharma S/o Late Sh. Dalip Rai Sharma and Seema Sharma W/o Sh. Ram Murti Sharma R/o L-25, Ground Floor, Kailash Colony, G.K.-1, New Delhi-110048 have lost our Original Sale Deed Doc No.4930 dt. 07/04/2008 of said property. Finders may contact at Mobile No.8851270036 0040588369-8

EDUCATIONAL

IAS Main 2021- Anthropology & History - M.R.Sridhar - 20 Years Experience. Online Demo - 21st October- 9382154124

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PROPERTY FOR SALE

Builder Floors DLF, Sushant Lok,Anantraj,Ansar Essencia, Suncity,Sections Gurgaon 981141172 VOHRA ESTATE RERA REGISTERED. 0050185482-1

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public at large that my client Smt. Purnev Kumar, W/o Sh. Suraj Mohan & Sh. Suraj Mohan, S/o Late Sh. Shyam Rai R/o 62/6, Second Floor, Ashok Nagar, Tisat, Nagar, New Delhi-18, Opraal S/o Late Sh. Debendra and disowned their son Sh. Vinay Kharbanda and his wife Smt. Seema Kharbanda from all their movable and immovable properties and have further ceased all their relations with them as Mother and mother in-law. Father and father in-law on account of their unlawful activities. In case any person deals with them in future then my clients shall not be responsible for the same.

Sd/- Deepak Sharma

Advocate CH. NO. 615, WESTERN WING TEES HAZARI COURT, DELHI-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of general public that my clients Smt. Nirmala Devi w/o Sh. Rajveer Singh & Rajveer Singh S/o Late Sh. Sumar Singh both R/o E-67, Second Floor, Preeti Anarkali, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, has disowned/rebarred their Son Gaurav Kumar from their movable and immovable properties due to his misbehaviour, quarrelsome nature towards our client and severed all relations with him. Our clients shall not be responsible in future for any acts and deeds of their above named disowned son.

Sd/- GAUR & ASSOCIATES (Advocates)

Set No. 120 and 140, Gajanan Block, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE **SE** Our Clients, Sh. Anand Sood Sh. Vishwamittr Anand and Ms. Nisha Anand W/o Anur Anand R/o 2/409, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-27 do hereby serve this Public Notice that our Clients have entered into a Agreement to Purchase with Sh. Aggar Sood S/o Late Sh. Sanjay Sood (2) Ms. Rutta Sood W/o Late Sh. Sanjay Sood (3) Ms. Shreyya Sood D/o Late Sh. Sanjay Sood All R/o A-216, Greenwood City Sec-45, Gurgaon Haryana-122003. Property no. N-2A, Third Floor with right rights along with 1/2 share in the still Parking measuring 264 sq yards situated at Rajouri Garden, New Delhi. Anyone having any objection on claim against the right to Purchase the said property may come forward with the valid title documents within 7 days from this Public Notice otherwise our clients will be free to deal with the said property in any manner.

Deepak Mittal (Advocate)

Kumar Garg & Associates

W-99, Greater Kailash Part-I, New Delhi-48

Lost & Found

ORIGINAL LEASE DEED OF PROPERTY NO. 5/25 INDUSTRIAL AREA KIRTI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110015, have been lost Finder Contact-Meenakshi Soni D/o Hansraj Khurana, N-32 Kirti Nagar, New Delhi-15, Mob:9810104027

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my client ROSELINE Dio Shri. H.P.Hsung R/o G-1373, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi-110019, is sole owner and in physical possession of Property No. G-1373, Basement, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi-110019, erected on land measuring 160 sq.yds. she has been lost all original documents as well as complete chain documents of the above said property and on-line FIR has been lodged for the same. That no other person has any rights to sell, dispose off or let out the same except my client Roseline. (SANYOGITA) Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE My client ram Ugrah Chaurasiya S/O Ram Jitran Chaurasiya R/o J-38, Vijay Vihar, Phase-2 Rohini, Sect-4, Delhi-110085 have disowned/debarred his son Satya Prakash Chaurasiya and his wife Anju from his all moveable and immovable properties and severed all his relations from them, due to their misconduct, hostile behavior, disobedience. My client has no concern with him. Anyone dealing with them shall do so at his own risk and responsibility and my client shall not be liable in any manner for their act and deed.

FREM PRAKASH

UPADHYAY/Advocate

Ch. no. 615, Lawyer's Chamber

Bhakti Nagar Courts Complex, Delhi-85

Mob:- 9654433337

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify all concerned that Sh. Jageet Singh S/o Sh. Jawant Singh - Sh. Manjeet Singh son of Jawant Singh and Seema Narang wife of Manjeet Singh have arrived to avail the Loan Facility from Au Small Finance Bank Ltd. against the Property House bearing No. 4216, 4416 and 4206 situated at Jacobpura Gurgaon R/P. Earlier the property was owned by M.P. Singh Gurusacharya, Singh sons of Sh. N.S. Gajral - Smt. Jogender Kaur - Bhupender Singh Smt. Param Jee Kaur vide sale sale Deed bearing vaskia No. 5367 dated 18/07/1997 - Sale deed bearing vaskia No. 5356 dated 18/07/1997 and Sale deed bearing vaskia No. 4745 dated 04/07.1997. The above said deed have been been cancelled and in lieu of any claim, objection, related to above transaction including Sale deed bearing vaskia No. 5367 dated 18/07/1997, the said deed bearing vaskia No. 5356 dated 18/07/1997 and Sale deed bearing vaskia No. 4745 dated 04/07.1997 and mortgage with Au Small Finance Bank Ltd. He/She may kindly contact me within 7 days telling which no claim will be entertained later.

Sd/-

Amit Kumar

Advocate

Off. No. 114, Deep Plaza

Opp. Civil Court, Gurugram 122001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed by this notice that my client Mrs. Seema Sehgal w/o Late Shri Giridhari Lal Sehgal R/o Flat No. 1602, Tower 10, Vipul Belmonte , Golf Course Road Sector-53 Gurugram Haryana is the sole and absolute owner of Plot No. 995, C-Block Sushant Lok -1 Gurugram Haryana having purchased the same jointly in her name and in the name of her husband late Shri Giridhari Lal Sehgal from Ansal Properties and Industries Companies vide a registered Sale Deed. Shri Giridhari Lal Sehgal Left for his heavenly abode on 21.01.2016 and before his death he bequeathed his share in this property in favour of my client by way of a registered will . Public at large is also informed by this notice that one fraudster naming himself to be Ajay Sehgal and pretending himself to be son of my client and her husband, in the year 2019, fabricated a forged transfer deed of this plot in his favour by forgery and impersonation and got the same registered before the office of Sub-registrar Gurgaon, though Shri Giridhari Lal Sehgal had already died in the year 2016. My client and Late Giridhari Lal had no son named as Ajay Sehgal. Further on the basis of said forged transfer deed another sale deed by the said fraudster was made in favour of one Gambhir who obtained illegal finance against this plot from Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited. Now if any auction/sale by Piramal Capital and Housing Finance limited in respect of Plot No. 995, C- Block Sushant Lok-1 Gurgaon Haryana is done, the same will be illegal and void because of the above stated forged and fabricated documents and anybody purchasing the said plot will be doing the same at his own cost, risk and responsibility. My client shall not be liable and shall not be bound by the said transaction/auction or sale and the intending purchaser will be a victim of fraud in view of the forged transfer deed as stated above.

Sd/- SUNIL KHANNA

(Advocate)

Chamber Nos. 406-407

Western Wing, Tis Hazari

Courts, Delhi-110054

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF SHRI D. A. TIWARI

17TH J.T. CSD & ACJM ROOM NO. 501

5TH FLOOR, MAYAMANDIR, NAGPUR.

P.S. S.S.C. No.24015/2017

Mrs. Sobti-Vs-United Nutrilions

Fixed For- 04-12-2021

FORM NO.4

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE

APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Accused Mr. Satpal Arora,

Director of United Nutrilions Pvt. Ltd.,

R/o. S2-116, Jawala, Heri, Paschim

Vihar, New Delhi-110063 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the

offence to punishable under section 138

No. 1, Act, and it has been returned to a

warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the

said accused - Mr. Satpal Arora, Mrs. Jyoti

Satpal Arora, Mr. Sanjeev Dixit, Mrs. Shwani

Dipak Chandok cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to

my satisfaction that the said accuse Mr.

Satpal Arora, Mrs. Jyoti Satpal Arora, Mr.

Sanjeev Dixit, Mrs. Shwani Dipak

Chandok has absconded (or is concealing

himself) to avoid the service of the said

warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the

said accused, Mr. Satpal Arora, Mrs. Jyoti

Satpal Arora, Mr. Sanjeev Dixit, Mrs. Shwani

Satpal Arora, Mr. Sanjeev Dixit, Mrs. Shwani

Dipak Chandok required to appear at

17th J.T. CSD & ACJM, NAGPUR before

this court (Or before me) to answer the

said complaint on 04th day of December

2021.

Dated, this 11th day of October, 2021

(D. A. Tiwari)

17th Civil Judge Jr. Division

& Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate,

Nagpur



Workers wait at a railway station to board trains to their home states in Srinagar on Monday. Reuters

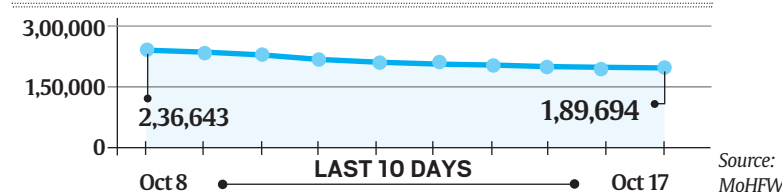
J&K KILLINGS: A VILLAGE GRIEVES IN BIHAR

‘Cannot allow family members to risk life at a dangerous place’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LAKHPURA PARGHARI,
OCTOBER 18

A MIX of grief and terror has engulfed this nondescript village in central Bihar which has lost one of its residents, a 30-year-old street vendor, to militants' bullets in Jammu and Kashmir.

The wails of Sunaina Devi pierced the shocked silence that suffused the Monday morning air at the



SIMPLY PUT

Why October's been so rainy

Although the monsoon season ends with September, a delayed withdrawal and other factors have been causing heavy rainfall in several states. A look at trends and forecasts in Delhi, Kerala and elsewhere.



DELHI

94.6 mm Rainfall in first 18 days of October, the highest October total since 1956 (236.2 mm in entire month). Next is October 1960 (93.4 mm). Delhi's 87.9 mm in the last 24 hours is the highest single-day rainfall in October, again since 1956 (111 mm).



KERALA

142% Excess rainfall in Kerala in the first 18 days of the month — 444.9 mm against the normal of 283.5 mm. The southwest monsoon is yet to withdraw; it is followed by the northeast monsoon that runs well into the winter months.

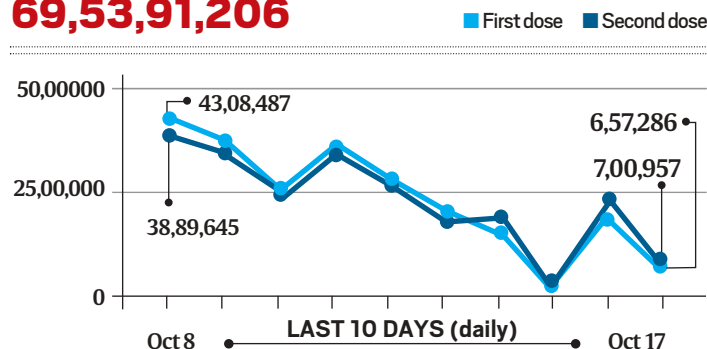


UTTARAKHAND

90% Excess rainfall in Uttarakhand during the first 18 days of October. The normal for this period is 29.4 mm, and the state has received 56 mm. Champawat has received the highest amount (133 mm) among the districts, followed by Nainital (97.9 mm).

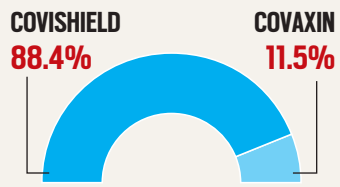
CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

TOTAL VACCINATED IN INDIA (at least one dose)
69,53,91,206



TOTAL DOSES
97,79,47,783

(Sputnik V's **10,38,678** doses not represented in pie)



DOSES ON OCT 17 **13,58,243**

OCT 16: **42,12,495** (1st dose: 17,19,789; 2nd: 24,92,706)

3,06,207

Number of doses administered in West Bengal on October 17, the highest for any state.

1,29,003

Maharashtra

99,902

Rajasthan

1,20,249

Tamil Nadu

99,792

Gujarat

Note: The October 17 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on Oct 18
Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on October 18

THIS WORD MEANS

ALLIUM NEGIANUM

An onion species from the Uttarakhand Himalayas, known to locals but newly described in science

A PLANT discovered in Uttarakhand in 2019 has been newly confirmed as a new species of *Allium* — the genus that includes many staple foods such as onion and garlic, among 1,100 species worldwide. The new species is described in journal *PhytoKeys*.

In 2019, Dr Anjula Pandey, Principal Scientist at ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources in New Delhi, together with scientists Drs K Madhav Rai, Pavan Kumar Malav and S Rajkumar, came across plants of this onion species, which they have named *Allium negianum*, in the border area of Malari village, in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. It grows at 3,000 to 4,800 m above sea level and can be found along open grassy meadows, sandy soils along rivers, and streams forming in snow pasture lands along alpine meadows, where the melting snow helps carry its seeds to more favourable areas. With a narrow distribution, this newly described species is restricted to the region of western Himalayas and hasn't yet been reported from anywhere else in the world, according to a blog post from Pensoft Publishers, which brings out the journal.

The scientific name *Allium negianum* honours the late Dr Kuldeep Singh Negi, an explorer and *Allium* collector.

Although new to science, this species has long been known under domestic cultivation to local communities, the blog post



The flower of *Allium negianum*.
Pensoft Publishers

said. It said that according to locals, the onion from Niti valley was particularly good, even deemed the best on the market.

So far only known from the western Himalaya region, *Allium negianum* might be under pressure from people looking to taste it, the blog post said. "... the researchers fear that indiscriminate harvest of its leaves and bulbs for seasoning may pose a threat to its wild populations," it said.

ANJALIMARAR

PUNE, OCTOBER 18

THE MONSOON is over but several parts of the country are still receiving rainfall. Delhi, Kerala Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand, for example, have received very high rainfall in the last few days, resulting in loss of life and property in some places. Delhi has just had one of its wettest 24-hour periods in several decades.

Scientists say a combination of factors — delayed monsoon and development of low-pressure areas at multiple places — have resulted in these rainfall events at several places.

October rains

Rain in October is not unusual. October is considered a month for transition, during which the southwest monsoon withdraws and gives way to the northeast monsoon that largely affects southern peninsular India, mainly on the eastern side.

Western disturbances, which begin to have significant interference in local weather over the extreme northern parts of India, commonly cause either rain or snowfall. Since late last week, Ladakh, the higher reaches of Kashmir and Uttarakhand have reported the season's first snowfall.

Last week, two low pressure systems were active simultaneously, one each over the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal regions. Collectively, these triggered severe weather events over Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Odisha and West Bengal.

Delayed monsoon withdrawal

The four-month southwest monsoon sea-

son normally withdraws completely by early October. During the withdrawal phase, it causes thunderstorms and localised heavy rainfall.

This year, however, the withdrawal began only on October 6 against a normal of September 17. So far, the monsoon has withdrawn completely from the Western, Northern, Central and Eastern India regions. But it remains active over the southern peninsula. Thus, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have had significant rainfall during the last 10 days.

Until Monday, the monsoon had not withdrawn from Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, parts of West Bengal and Odisha and entire southern peninsular India.

"As there has been a delay in the southwest monsoon withdrawal, good rainfall has continued over Odisha, the Northeast and south India," said Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, director general, India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Normally, by mid-October, the monsoon winds reverse their direction of flow from the southwest to the northeast.

"Even though the easterlies are beginning to replace the westerlies, the former is yet strengthen and fully establish. The easterly winds indicate the arrival of the northeast monsoon," said D Sivanand Pai, head, Climate Research and Services, IMD, Pune.

This year, conditions for the onset of the northeast monsoon are expected to develop around October 25.

Extreme rains

For most days last week, at least two low pressure systems remained active along the east and west coasts and over central India,

bringing rains over large parts of the country.

Delhi received 87.9mm (over a 24-hour period) between Sunday and Monday, making it the fourth wettest October day for the national capital since 1901. The month of October has also been the fourth wettest so far. It has received 94.6 mm rains this month so far, which is next only to the 238.2 mm it received in 1954, the 236.2 mm in 1956, and 186.9 mm in the entire Octobers of 1910.

Likewise, Balasore in Odisha recorded 210mm in a day and it was only the second such occasion in a decade for this month.

While Tamil Nadu normally receives good rainfall between October and December, mainly during the northeast monsoon, Coimbatore (110mm) witnessed its wettest October day in a decade even before the onset of the northeast monsoon.

The Western Ghats, northeast and central India are known as high-rainfall receiving regions. However, in recent years, it has been noted that intense spells during a short time span are increasingly becoming frequent.

"Due to climate change, there is definitely a rising frequency in the extreme weather events round the year. But these specific occurrences of heavy to very heavy rains that we are seeing right now can be attributed to the formation of low-pressure systems," said Mohapatra.

"Whenever there is a low-pressure system, depending on its strength, it results in heavy to very heavy rainfall activity. In addition, when a low-pressure system interacts with western disturbance, further intense rainfall occurs," he said.

Extreme rainfall in Kerala

A low-pressure system that formed in the

east-central Arabian Sea moved and sustained over Kerala between October 15 and 17.

Simultaneously, another low-pressure system prevailed over the north Andhra Pradesh coast and southern Odisha. The interaction between them strengthened the southwest winds which brought extreme rainfall over central and southern Kerala during the last weekend.

At some places in Idukki, Ernakulam, Kollam and Kottayam districts, the 24-hour rainfall was over 200 mm. As many of these districts are hilly and covered with dense forests, the water run-off triggered landslides and mudslides.

Rainy days ahead

The low-pressure system that affected Kerala has weakened now. But a similar system is still active over central India, because of which northern India is likely to receive good rainfall this week. Heavy rainfall events are predicted over Western Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh for Tuesday, with a 'red' alert having been issued by IMD for these regions.

Another low pressure — located over Northern Odisha and Gangetic West Bengal — is active and its interaction with the moist easterly winds from the Bay of Bengal is expected to bring heavy rain over West Bengal, Odisha, Sikkim, and Bihar until Wednesday. The maximum impact in terms of extremely heavy rain (more than 204 mm in 24 hours) is likely over some places in West Bengal and Sikkim on Tuesday.

Further, strong southeasterly winds from the Bay of Bengal are expected to cause very heavy rain over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya until Wednesday.

Arctic melt: will polar bears vanish by 2100?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

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THE SHRINKAGE of summer sea ice in the Arctic has long been a concern, as has been the survival of the species that depend on it for survival. A new study has now put a timeline to an impending disaster: If carbon emissions continue at current levels, summer ice will disappear by 2100 — and, along with it, creatures such as seals and polar bears.

The study has been published in the journal *Earth's Future*.

Ice and life

In winter, most of the Arctic Ocean surface freezes, and scientists expect this to continue for the foreseeable future, even as climate warms. In summer, when some of the ice melts, winds and currents carry it for great distances — some of it into the North Atlantic, but much of it into the Arctic's farthest-north coasts, along Greenland and the Canadian islands.

This results in a rich marine ecosystem. On



Polar bears on the Beaufort Sea coast in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. US Fish and Wildlife Service Alaska Image Library via Reuters

the Arctic ice, algae bloom. These feed tiny animals, which in turn feed fish, which in turn feed seals, which feed polar bears at the top of the chain. The irregular topography also helps create lairs for seals, and ice caves for polar bears during the winter.

But with a warming climate, summer sea ice has been shrinking fast, and now consistently spans less than half the area it did in the early 1980s.

The findings

The study covers a 1 million-sq km region north of Greenland and the coasts of the Canadian Archipelago, where sea ice has traditionally been thickest round the year, and thus likely to be most resilient.

The researchers looked at two scenarios: optimistic (if carbon emissions are brought in check) and pessimistic (if emissions continue as they are). By 2050, summer ice in this region will dramatically thin. Under the optimistic scenario, some summer ice could persist indefinitely. Under the pessimistic scenario, summer ice would disappear by the end of the century.

Under the low-emissions scenario, ice from even the central Arctic will wane by mid-century, and will no longer endure through the year. Locally formed summer ice will persist in what is known as the Last Ice Area, but will now be only a metre thick.

The implications

The study forecasts that under the low-emissions scenario, at least some seals, bears and other creatures may survive. These

species currently exist under similar summer conditions along western Alaska and parts of Hudson Bay.

However, under the higher-emissions scenario, by 2100, even the locally formed ice will disappear in summer, the study has found. With no summer ice anywhere, there will be no ice-dependent ecosystems.

"Unfortunately, this is a massive experiment we're doing," the Columbia University's Climate School quotes a senior research scientist Robert Newton, co-author of the study, as saying. "If the year-round ice goes away, entire ice-dependent ecosystems will collapse, and something new will begin," he is quoted as saying on the School's website.

This may not mean the end of all life. "New things will emerge, but it may take some time for new creatures to invade." Fish, algae etc may come up from the North Atlantic, but it is not clear if they could survive there year round. "... it may be getting warmer, but the planet's rotation around the sun will not change, and any new occupants including photosynthetic organisms would have to deal with the long, sunless Arctic winter," the statement said.

Slide in China's GDP growth: the causes, and implications for India

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

CHINA'S THIRD-QUARTER GDP growth slowed to 4.9% as industrial output rose way below expectations in September, according to data released by the country's National Bureau of Statistics on Monday. "Since entering the third quarter, domestic and overseas risks and challenges have increased," Fu Linghui, spokesperson for the Bureau of Statistics, said in Mandarin at a press conference, according to a CNBC translation.

Why it's a concern

The main reason why growth was below expectations is the tepid rise in industrial production at 3.1% in September, way below the expected 4-4.5%.

There are two factors here. One, it needs to be kept in mind that China was the first off the blocks when it comes to reviving

growth after the pandemic. So, inevitably, even as the rest of the world struggles to get back to pre-pandemic levels, the Chinese recovery had already gathered steam and pre-pandemic milestones were crossed quarters ago. The base is consequently a factor in China's case.

Second, and more worryingly, there is a combination of systemic issues evident in the latest data print that signal potential headwinds, both for the Chinese and the global economies. This includes a massive fuel crunch that is crimping the country's growth engine, worries of a systemic crisis in its real estate business precipitated by the Evergrande fiasco, and a souring of business sentiment amid the federal government's crackdown on multiple Chinese sectors and marquee companies that have been mascots of growth over the years.

Monday's data release does offer indications that businesses were less keen to invest in new projects, according to a Reuters report. Also, the power shortage



Since real-estate major Evergrande warned of a default, there have been lingering concerns of a cascading impact across sectors. Reuters

had a "certain impact" on normal production, the National Bureau of Statistics spokesperson said according to the CNBC translation, while underlining that the economic impact is "controllable".

The fuel/power crisis in China continues to fester. Factories and units across the coun-

SLOWING GROWTH

CHINA'S GDP in Q3 grew 4.9% year-on-year, slower than the 5.2% that was forecast.

FACTORY OUTPUT in September has been the weakest since March 2020.

CONSTRUCTION and real estate extended their declines.

GOVT STEPS to address income inequality and make businesses fall in line have impacted growth.

try's industrial heartland in its southeast have had to curtail output in late September as a surge in coal prices and a resultant electricity shortage prompted provincial governments to cut power supplies.

The turmoil in the real estate sector, which accounts for about a quarter of

China's GDP, is now beginning to show up in the data as well, with fixed asset investment for the first three quarters of the year coming in lower than expected. The drop in fixed asset investment is being primarily attributed to a perceptible slowdown in real estate investments.

In August, real estate major Evergrande warned of a default and subsequently missed payments to investors in its offshore US dollar-denominated debt. The People's Bank of China said Friday that Evergrande is an exception and that other developers were unaffected. But there are lingering concerns of a cascading impact across sectors.

Implications for India

There are concerns that a slowing Chinese economy could impact the incipient global recovery. India too could see an impact, given that the country's bilateral trade with China has grown nearly 50% in the first nine months of 2021, according to Chinese government data. According to

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

India's imports from China rose to \$68.5 billion in the first nine months of 2021, up 52% from the corresponding period in 2020, according to the China General Administration of Customs data. This pushed India's trade deficit with China to \$46.55 billion in the first nine months of 2021, up from \$29.9 billion in the year-ago period. India's total trade with China touched \$90.38 billion during the January-September period, and is likely to cross \$100 billion by the end of the year. Some of India's major imports from China include smartphones and automobile components, telecom equipment, active pharmaceutical ingredients, and other chemicals.

A slowing Chinese economy portends worries on the buoyant trade front, apart from the overall loss of momentum to the global post-pandemic economic recovery.

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The damaged building in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, on Friday. *Reuters*

TAIWAN

Couple suspected of negligent homicide in deadly building fire

TAIWANESE PROSECUTORS said that a couple were suspected of setting a fire and negligent homicide after 46 people were killed and dozens of others injured last week in the island's deadliest building blaze in more than two decades. The prosecutors accused the 51-year-old woman, who was identified only by her surname, Huang, of failing to extinguish an incense coil when she left the 13-story mixed-used building in the southern port city of Kaohsiung early Thursday. The 52-year-old man, surnamed Kuo, was accused of failing to remind Huang to put out the incense. **NYT**

EUROPE

EU: Exports of Covid jabs now top 1 billion mark

THE EUROPEAN Union's top official said Monday that the bloc has now exported over 1 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccines to the rest of the world. EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the vaccines have been sent to over 150 nations, making the 27-member bloc the largest exporter of the vaccines in the world, to nations including Japan, Britain, South Africa and Brazil. Von der Leyen announced that, on top of the exports, the EU will donate at least half a billion doses to middle- and lower-income countries that are affected most by Covid. **AP**

ATLANTIC OCEAN

International police op seizes cocaine worth \$232mn

AN INTERNATIONAL police operation has nabbed cocaine with a street value of around 200 million euros (\$232 million) on a yacht in the Atlantic Ocean, authorities said Monday. Portuguese police said the seizure was the largest in Europe in recent years and the biggest in Portugal for 15 years. Police localised and intercepted a 79-foot yacht at sea, a statement said. They boarded it and found 183 bales of cocaine on board. Police suspect the cocaine belonged to an international drug-trafficking gang that was bringing cocaine into Europe through the Iberian peninsula. **AP**

Afghan Taliban's victory boosts Pakistan's radicals

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PESHAWAR, OCTOBER 18

IN PAKISTAN'S rugged tribal regions along the border with Afghanistan, a quiet and persistent warning is circulating: The Taliban are returning.

Pakistan's own Taliban movement, which had in years past waged a violent campaign against the Islamabad government, has been emboldened by the return to power of the Taliban in Afghanistan.

They seem to be preparing to retake control of the tribal regions that they lost nearly seven years ago in a major operation by Pakistan's military. Pakistani Taliban are already increasing their influence. Local contractors report Taliban-imposed surcharges on every contract and the killing of those who defy them.

In early September, for example, a contractor named Noor Islam Dawar built a small canal not far from the town of Mir Ali near the Afghan border. It wasn't worth more than \$5,000. Still, the Taliban came calling, demanding their share of \$1,100. Dawar had nothing to give and pleaded for their understanding, according to relatives and local activists. A week later he was dead, shot by unknown gunmen. His family blames the Taliban.

Pakistan's Taliban, known as the Tehrik-e-Taliban or TTP, is a separate organisation from Afghanistan's Taliban, though they share much of the same headline ideology and are allied. The TTP arose in the early 2000s and



Pakistan Army troops patrol along the fence on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border at Big Ben hilltop post in Khyber. *AP*

launched a campaign of bombings and other attacks, vowing to bring down the Pakistani government and seizing control in many tribal areas. The military crackdown of the 2010s managed to repress it.

But the TTP was reorganizing in safe havens in Afghanistan even before the Afghan Taliban took over Kabul on Aug. 15.

"The Afghan Taliban's stunning success in defeating the American superpower has emboldened the Pakistani Taliban... They now seem to believe they too can wage a successful jihad against the Pakistani 'infidel' state and have returned to insurgency mode," said Brian Glyn Williams, Islamic history professor at the University of Massachusetts, who has written extensively on jihad movements.

The TTP has ramped up attacks in recent months. More than 300 Pakistanis have been killed in terrorist attacks since January, including 144 military personnel, according to the Islamabad-based Pakistan Institute for Conflict and

Security Studies.

The events in Afghanistan have also energised the scores of radical religious parties in Pakistan, said Amir Rana, executive director of the Islamabad-based Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies.

These parties openly revile minority Shia Muslims as heretics and on occasion bring thousands on to the street to defend their headline interpretation of Islam. One party, the Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan, has a single agenda: to protect a controversial blasphemy law. The law has been used against minorities and opponents and can incite mobs to kill simply over an accusation of insulting Islam.

Pakistan has shied away from offering unilateral recognition to the all-Taliban government in Afghanistan, but has been pushing for the world to engage with the new rulers. It has urged the United States to release funds to the Afghan government, while urging the Taliban to open their ranks to minorities and non-Taliban. **AP**

At public rally, Pak Opp parties demand that ISI chief resign

MZULQERNAIN

LAHORE, OCTOBER 18

IN AN unusual development, Pakistan's Opposition parties have demanded resignation of spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed at a public rally in Punjab province.

"Faiz Hameed — *istifa do* (tender resignation)" was the demand made in the Opposition alliance — Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) — rally in Faisalabad, some 180 km from Lahore, on Saturday.

Slogans were raised against the incumbent spymaster who has been accused by the Opposition especially Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) of 'political engineering' to install the puppet regime of Imran Khan. The local media censored the anti-Hameed slogans and content in the rally.

On Sunday, the video clip demanding resignation from Hameed went viral, prompting federal interior minister Sheikh Rashid to warn PML-N vice president Maryam Nawaz against "playing with fire".

"I ask Maryam to refrain from bashing the armed forces in the public meetings. Her style of politics had already caused enough damage to her party," he said.

Since there has been a standoff between civil and military leadership on the appointment of the ISI chief as the prime minister is reportedly reluctant to replace Hameed, Maryam said Imran Khan is undermining state institutions to satisfy "his selfish zeal". **PTI**



BRITAIN

PARLIAMENT HONOURS SLAIN LAWMAKER

Prime Minister Boris Johnson led a sombre British Parliament on Monday in honouring the Conservative lawmaker stabbed to death as he met constituents at a church hall. Johnson told lawmakers that "this House has lost a steadfast servant". A 25-year-old man with Somali heritage, Ali Harbi Ali, was arrested at the scene and is being held under the Terrorism Act.

Tested space vehicle, not hypersonic missile: China

US Defence Secy says watching China arms development

REUTERS

BEIJING, OCTOBER 18

CHINA TESTED a space vehicle in July, not a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile as reported by the *Financial Times*, the Chinese foreign ministry said on Monday. Quoting five people familiar with the matter, the *Financial Times* reported on Saturday that China had tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile that flew through space, circling the globe before cruising down toward its target, which it missed by about two dozen miles. The paper said the feat had "caught US intelligence by surprise".

"It was not a missile, it was a space vehicle," ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a regular press briefing in Beijing when asked about the report, adding it had been a "routine test" for the purpose of testing technology to reuse the vehicle.

The significance of a reusability test is that it can "provide a cheap and convenient method for humans to peacefully travel to and from space", Zhao said, adding that many companies had carried out similar tests.

The foreign ministry said the test had taken place in July, not in August as reported by the *Financial Times*.

US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said on Monday that Washington was closely watching China's development of advanced



Government spokesman Zhao Lijian said China was testing technology to reuse a space vehicle. *Reuters*

weapons systems, but declined to comment directly on a report regarding the hypersonic missile.

The United States and Russia have both tested hypersonic weapons, usually defined as missiles which fly more than five times the speed of sound, in a race for a new generation of weapons that are harder to detect and block.

Austin told reporters during a visit to the former Soviet republic of Georgia: "We watch closely China's development of armament and advanced capabilities and systems that will only increase tensions in the region."

He said Washington would remain focused on the military challenge from Beijing.

Austin was speaking during a trip to Europe on which the Pentagon said he would "reassure allies and partners of America's commitment to their sovereignty in the face of Russian aggression". **REUTERS**

Russia shuts down mission to NATO in spy row retaliation

REUTERS

MOSCOW, OCTOBER 18

RUSSIA SAID on Monday it would halt the activities of its diplomatic mission to NATO after the Western military alliance expelled eight Russians saying they were spies.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov also said staff at NATO's military mission in Moscow would be stripped of their accreditation from Nov 1, and the alliance's information office in the Russian capital would be shuttered.

"If NATO members have any urgent matters, they can contact our ambassador in Belgium on these questions," Lavrov told a news conference.

NATO said on October 6 it had expelled eight members of Russia's mission to the alliance who it said were "undeclared Russian intelligence officers".

Moscow said at the time that the expulsions undermined hopes that relations with the U.S.-led alliance could normalise.

"NATO is not interested in equitable dialogue and joint work," Lavrov said on Monday, announcing the closure of the Russian mission. "If that's the case, then we don't see the need to keep pretending that changes in the foreseeable future are possible."

NATO said on Monday it had taken note of Lavrov's comments but had received no official communication on the issues raised.

EXPLAINED Worsening relations

RELATIONS BETWEEN the West and Russia are at their lowest point since the end of the Cold War. NATO members have severely criticised Russia for its actions in Ukraine, its alleged meddling in elections in the West and for the use of a nerve agent on Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the UK, among other issues. Moscow accuses NATO of expanding military facilities closer to Russian borders, and says the alliance is bent on "diplomatic confrontation" with the country. Russia shutting its mission to NATO makes any possibility of an improvement in ties even more remote.

The dispute marks the latest deterioration in East-West ties that are already at post-Cold War lows.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said Russia no longer seemed willing to talk to the West.

"It's more than just regrettable, this decision taken in Moscow," he said. "It will seriously damage the relationship."

Russia accuses NATO of provocative activity close to its borders, and staged major exercises of its own in September.

Facebook plans to hire 10,000 in Europe to build 'metaverse'

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MENLO PARK, OCTOBER 18

FACEBOOK SAID it plans to hire 10,000 workers in the European Union over the next five years to work on a new computing platform that promises to connect people virtually but could raise concerns about privacy and the social platform gaining more control in people's online lives.

The company said in a blog post Sunday that those high-skilled workers will help build "the metaverse," a futuristic notion for connecting online that uses augmented and virtual reality.

Facebook executives have been touting the metaverse as the next big thing after the mobile internet, though their track record is spotty on predicting future trends. Expectations that CEO Mark



Facebook acknowledged that no single company will own and operate the 'metaverse'

Zuckerberg made four years ago of taking virtual vacations with far-away loved ones via a headset or using a smartphone camera to improve an apartment virtually have not materialised so far.

The company also is contending with antitrust crack-downs, the testimony of a whistleblowing former employee and concerns about how it handles vaccine-related and

political misinformation.

"As we begin the journey of bringing the metaverse to life, the need for highly specialized engineers is one of Facebook's most pressing priorities," according to the blog post from Nick Clegg, vice president of global affairs, and Javier Oliván, vice president of central products.

Facebook's recruiters are targeting Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Poland, the Netherlands and Ireland for the hiring drive.

The social network isn't the only one working on the metaverse, and Facebook acknowledged that no single company will own and operate it. But there are concerns Facebook and a handful of other Silicon Valley giants would end up monopolising the metaverse and use it to collect and profit from personal data, mirroring the situation now with the internet.

Australian govt mounts legal challenge in Indian-origin teen's climate court case

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

MELBOURNE, OCTOBER 18

THE AUSTRALIAN government on Monday began its legal challenge to a Federal Court's landmark decision that it has a duty of care to protect children from future personal injury caused by climate change, according to reports.

In May, Anjali Sharma, a 17-year-old high-school student of Indian origin from Melbourne and seven other teenager environmen-

talists, led the legal battle against the Australian government.

Sharma and the group had argued the continued emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere would drive intense bushfires, floods, storms and cyclones and leave them vulnerable to injury, sickness, economic loss and even death towards the end of this century, news.com.au reported.

They urged the court to prevent Environment Minister Sussan Ley from approving a proposal to expand the Vickery

coal mine in northern New South Wales.

In his ruling, Justice Mordecai Bromberg approved the extension of the coal mine project.

However, he did find that the minister had "a duty to take reasonable care to avoid causing personal injury" to children when she decided on the project extension under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC Act), a report in news.com.au said.



A tank damaged during the fighting between Ethiopia's National Defense Force and Tigray Special Forces, in Humera, Ethiopia. *Reuters file*

Witnesses: Ethiopian military airstrikes hit Tigray capital

CARA ANNA

NAIROBI, OCTOBER 18

ETHIOPIAN MILITARY airstrikes have hit the capital of the country's Tigray region and killed at least three people, witnesses said Monday, returning the war abruptly to Mekele after several months of peace.

The airstrikes, confirmed by two humanitarian workers, came days after a new military offensive was launched against the Tigray forces who have been fighting Ethiopian and allied forces for nearly a year.

Mekele hasn't seen fighting since late June, when the Tigray forces retook much of the region and Ethiopian troops withdrew. Since then, Ethiopia's federal government has called all able citizens to crush the Tigray fighters

who dominated the national government for 27 years before being sidelined by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. What began as a political dispute in the country has now killed thousands of people.

Spokespeople for the military and the prime minister didn't immediately respond to questions. The foreign ministry in a statement a few hours after the airstrikes didn't mention them and instead called on the international community to "support Ethiopia's overtures for peace."

One Mekele resident, Kindeya Gebrehiwot, told AP that a market was bombed on a busy market day. Kindeya, a spokesman for the Tigray authorities, asserted that many people were wounded. Another resident said the first airstrike occurred just outside the city and three children from the same family were killed. **AP**

HE DIED OF COVID COMPLICATIONS, WAS FULLY VACCINATED

Colin Powell, pathbreaking American general dogged by Iraq War, dies at 84

ERIC SCHMITT

OCTOBER 18

COLIN L Powell, who in four decades of public life served as the US' top soldier, diplomat and national security adviser, and whose speech at the United Nations in 2003 helped pave the way for the US to go to war in Iraq, died on Monday. He was 84.

He died of complications from Covid-19, his family said in a statement. He was fully vaccinated and was treated at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, his family said.

Powell was a path breaker serving as the country's first

African American national security adviser, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and secretary of state.

Born in Harlem of Jamaican parents, Powell grew up in the South Bronx and graduated from City College of New York, joining the Army through ROTC. From a young second lieutenant commissioned in the dawn of a newly desegregated Army, Powell served two decorated combat tours in Vietnam. He later was national security adviser to President Ronald Reagan at the end of the Cold War, helping negotiate arms treaties and an era of cooperation with the Soviet president, Mikhail Gorbachev.

As chairman of the Joint Chiefs, he was the architect of the invasion of Panama in 1989 and of the Persian Gulf War in 1991 that ousted Saddam Hussein from Kuwait but left him in power in Iraq. Along with then-Defence Secretary Dick Cheney, Powell reshaped the US Cold War military that stood ready at the Iron Curtain for half a century. In doing so, he stamped the Powell Doctrine on military operations — armed with clear political objectives and public support, use decisive and overwhelming force to defeat enemy forces.

When briefing reporters at the Pentagon at the beginning of



He served the US as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of State and National Security Adviser. *NYT*

the Gulf War, Powell succinctly summed up the military's strategy to defeat Saddam Hussein's army: "Our strategy in going after this army is very simple," he said. "First, we're going to cut it off, and then we're going to kill it."

It was a concept that seemed less suited to the messy conflicts in the Balkans that came later in the 1990s and in combating terrorism in a world transformed after the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

By the time he retired from the military in 1993, Powell was one of the most popular public figures in America.

Once retired, Powell, a lifelong independent while in uni-

form, was courted as a presidential contender by both Republicans and Democrats, and became America's most political general since Dwight D. Eisenhower. He wrote a best-selling memoir, *My American Journey*, and flirted with a run for the presidency before deciding in 1995 that campaigning for office wasn't for him.

He returned to public service in 2001 as secretary of state to President George W. Bush, whose father Powell had served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs a decade earlier.

But in the Bush administration, Powell was the odd man out, fighting internally with Vice

President Cheney and Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld for the ear of Bush and foreign policy dominance.

He left at the end of Bush's first term under the cloud of the ever-worsening war in Iraq begun after 9/11 and growing questions about whether he could have, and should, have done more to object to it. Those questions swirled in part around his UN speech, which was based on false intelligence, and which became the source of lifelong regret.

Powell told ABC News that his speech to the United Nations was "painful" for him personally and would forever be a "blot" on his record. **NYT**



New Delhi



SECTOR WATCH
AVIATION

Festive demand push: Domestic air traffic count nears pre-Covid levels

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

WITH 3,27,923 passengers travelling on domestic flights, Sunday recorded the highest domestic air traffic count since flights resumed in May 2020, inching towards pre-pandemic levels. According to data from the Civil Aviation Ministry, 2,372 flights operated Sunday on domestic sectors.

Recently, the Ministry allowed airlines to operate 100 per cent of their scheduled capacity, keeping in mind the growing demand for air travel on account of the onset of the festive season. For Diwali, which will occur in the first week of November, forward bookings are 450 per cent higher than last year's Diwali.

"Owing to the constructive policies of the government, domestic air traffic has seen the highest level, post the onset of the pandemic! The civil aviation sector in India thrives amidst unprecedented challenges, whilst we make every effort to return to normalcy as early as possible," Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said in a tweet. Prior to Sunday, the highest post-Covid daily passenger traffic was witnessed in February just ahead of the second Covid surge.

Ameya Joshi of aviation



Delhi airport. For Diwali, forward bookings are 450% higher than last year's Diwali. File

analysis portal Network-Thoughts said: "The lowest load factor yesterday (Sunday) was 84.3 per cent by AirAsia India. SpiceJet crossed 90 per cent load factor yesterday. Having such load factors system wide is a sign of moving towards recovery". On October 10, domestic passenger numbers were clocked at 3.04 lakh, crossing 3 lakh per day for the first time since February 28 this year, when 3.14 lakh passengers had traveled on domestic flights. Considering the rising demand, the two biggest airports — Delhi and Mumbai — had announced the reopening of terminals that were closed on account of low footfall earlier. In September, airlines carried 70.66 lakh passengers on domestic routes, as per passenger traffic data released by the DGCA on Monday.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

STATE OF THE ECONOMY: POLICY SUPPORT MAY BE NEEDED FOR LONGER

Premature tightening may lead to stagflation: RBI report

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MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has cautioned that premature tightening of the monetary policy could bring about the stagflation — slow growth and high level of unemployment and inflation — that "all fear, quashing growth just as the economy is recovering". "Consequently, policy support for a sustained and inclusive recovery may be needed for longer," RBI said in its 'State of the economy' report.

This is because the economy may be healing but it is still digging out of one of the deepest contractions to hit any major economy during the pandemic. "We were among the first hit and our recovery started late, towards October-November 2020. In the second wave, we did not impose a nationwide lockdown, but daily infections at over 400,000 were at that time the highest in the world and it clearly moderated the recovery



The RBI report said going forward, focus is likely to be on the normalisation of prudential policies. File

that was underway till then," the RBI report said.

On unwinding of the accommodative monetary policy, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had said on October 8, "This process has to be gradual, calibrated and nondisruptive, while remaining supportive of the economic recovery." The potential liquidity overhang amounts to more than Rs 13.0 lakh crore, he said while unveiling the monetary policy.

"In an influential view, history

is thick with examples of central banks under doing it — underestimating the need for continuing stimulus," the RBI said. Perhaps the need of the hour is not to focus so single-mindedly on normalisation but on supply side reforms to ease the bottlenecks and disruptions, labour shortages and high commodity prices, especially of crude, it said. Going forward, the focus is likely to be on the normalisation of prudential policies and the strengthening of insolvency frameworks and restructuring mechanisms, including for the overhang of public and private debt, the report said.

On October 8, the RBI kept key policy rates unchanged for the eighth time in a row and decided to "continue with the accommodative stance as long as necessary to revive and sustain growth on a durable basis". However, the central bank decided to discontinue the government securities acquisition programme (G-SAP).

Amidst an accentuation of

global risks, the Indian economy is picking up steam, although the recovery is uneven and trudging through soft patches, the RBI said.

"The step up in vaccination, slump in new cases/mortality rates and normalising mobility has rebuilt confidence," it said. Domestic demand is gaining strength while aggregate supply conditions are recouping, powered by the robust performance of kharif agricultural production and revival in manufacturing and services. "Softer than expected food prices have eased headline inflation into a closer alignment with the target," the RBI report said.

"With signs of the second wave abating and mobility and activity returning towards normalcy, the Indian economy is picking up steam, although the recovery is uneven and trudging through soft patches," it said. With the festive season setting in and offices opening up, the Google and Apple mobility indices have recorded growing footfalls in September-October.

'Startups raise \$10.9 billion in funding in Jul-Sept'

Indian startups got a record funding of \$10.9 billion across 347 deals in third quarter of 2021, as per a PwC India report



84% of funding activity was driven by growth and late-stage deals

THIS IS TWICE the funding received in Q3 of calendar year 2020

FINTECH, EDTECH & SAAS are the top three hot investment sectors in the calendar year 2021 (CY21), together accounting for approximately 47% of the total funding activity

IN FIRST THREE QUARTERS of 2021, investments worth \$4.6 billion in the FinTech space were recorded — a rise of approximately three times from \$1.6 billion in 2020

Source: PwC India/PTI

Approximate increase of 41% compared to the second quarter of 2021

Across all sectors in terms of value and volume, an increase in funding activity was witnessed

DoT gives telcos till Oct 29 to opt for moratorium

AASHISH ARYAN
& SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE DEPARTMENT of Telecommunications (DoT) on Monday wrote to the three private telecom companies, Bharti Airtel, Vi, and Reliance Jio Infocomm, asking

them to clarify by October 29 if they would opt for the four-year moratorium on the payment of adjusted gross revenues and deferred spectrum payments, senior government officials said.

According to the officials, the letter was sent last week on Friday, thereby giving the telcos two weeks to respond. "Two private

telcos have indicated that they would opt for the moratorium but there has been no official communication from their side," a DoT official said. "We had several internal consultations. The telcos need to tell us in writing on whether they would like to opt for the moratorium or not because only then we can decide whether that money

has to be factored in for the revised estimates of this and coming fiscal's revenue receipts," a government official said.

The letter gives the telcos till January 14, 2022 to mention whether they would opt to convert their interest dues on deferred spectrum payments to equity. For the valuation, the letter said, "The

necessary order for invoking Section 62(4) of the Companies Act will be issued by the competent department, directing the present value of the interest on deferred AGR-related and spectrum auction dues during the moratorium period shall be treated as a loan to the company and then converted from loan to equity shares".

INTERVIEW: CHAIRMAN OF 15TH FINANCE COMMISSION AND PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH

Singh: IMF's Article IV consultations need to be restructured, sharpened



N K Singh. File

N K SINGH, Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission and president of the Institute of Economic Growth, discusses the need to revisit and review many of the important roles of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In an interview to SUNNY VERMA, he says the Article IV bilateral consultations of the IMF need to be restructured and sharpened. Edited excerpts:

The IMF came out of the Bretton Woods agreement with a great purpose. But there is a view that the quota system and the lending mechanisms do not reflect contemporary relevance and economic positioning of countries like India. What is your understanding of these issues?

So, yes, the issue of restructuring, the access to the resources of the Fund, just in accordance with the changing economic configuration has been an ongoing dynamic. It's undoubtedly true that the quotas were fixed when the economic relevance of many of the developed countries was significantly higher than the developments over the last few decades. Some tentative attempts were made to recalibrate the quotas, which enables and determines in a mechanical way, the access to the resources of the Fund. These remain, however, incomplete. Moreover, the issue is not seeking a mechanical relationship between quotas and access, and the issue is not one of legal obligations. Yes, issue is one of needs with moral obligations. So countries, which are low, middle income countries in which category India is, have low levels of access, no doubt consistent with its quota, but nowhere commensurate. India may not need balance of payments support as, fortunately, today our foreign exchange reserves due to

good governance and scientific and economic growth are adequate; but (funding support) to meet other compelling needs, particularly the needs of sudden pandemic and climate finance. The issue is whether this system of a mechanical co-relationship needs a basic restructuring. This issue needs much greater consensus, it requires cooperation of all major quota holders of IMF to recognise that given India's population and low per capita income, it would be more appropriate to reconsider not merely our obligatory access but to consider our needs as well.

The IMF's Article IV consultations on countries also play an important role along with its financial sector assessment programme. Do these meet the specific purpose?

As you know, the Article IV consultations of the International Monetary Fund is one of the most important instruments for monitoring and surveillance of the behaviour of key economic variables in member countries. It is through this Article IV consultations that

the Fund is expected to keep track of the behaviour of the economy of the member countries. There are three important infirmities. One, by hindsight, it has been repeatedly said that the Fund could never pinpoint an incipient crisis. It failed, for instance, to see the signs of the Asian currency crisis. So the question would be asked that why couldn't they have foreseen with the high degree of technocracy which they have, the trends developing which will lead to such an important economic slowdown. So, their ability to therefore, in the Article IV consultations, both to detect, suggest and act, when incipient crisis is, has a very, very mixed analysis. Equally, the other big issue is whether the rigour of the Article IV consultations have been applied uniformly across countries. People would ask the question, that developing countries, particularly poor developing countries, many of them in Africa and Latin America, are they subjected to far more rigorous Article IV consultation process and scrutiny than, for instance, the more developed countries, and the most curious example is, that in Spain, and Greece. More importantly, when the last global financial crisis took place, people asked the question, that just because the US is the biggest shareholder of the IMF and has the biggest quota, did the IMF fail in its surveillance to support the emergence of the crisis. So the issue of symmetry, equity and uniformity, and the quality of Article IV consultations is an open issue. In fact, some years ago, they also set up an independent evaluation office in the IMF; which was headed for the first time by (Montek Singh) Ahluwalia. And it was all in the background of the fact that the failure of the Fund to spot incipient crisis and to see

symmetry of action. Nonetheless, I think that the issues which I have mentioned about the uneven rigour, and the uneven capability of the IMF Article IV consultations is an important matter. By the way, Article IV consultation is the most powerful instrument in making sure that the basic objective of the IMF to see the orderly development of world growth and trade is fulfilled. And therefore, this instrument needs to be restructured, sharpened, and I think that the enormous amount of data that technology makes available today can be utilised.

What do you see as the future of these multilateral institutions?

The world certainly needs these multilateral institutions. They have rich experience and legacy and particularly developing and poor developing countries need them much more than the more developed countries or other developing countries, where development has gone up and who have sought to create alternative institutions to replace these institutions. Such exercise is embedded in avoidable geopolitics, the integrity and necessity of these institutions remain paramount for countries like India, which would like to strengthen rule-based multilateral system across the board, particularly the World Bank and the IMF. So, any infirmities need to be rectified, the institutions restored to their original intent and purpose and strengthened because the world including India is better off with these institutions than if they were to wither or sprout in other ways which may not represent the object of stability and development.

Full interview on www.indianexpress.com

Build-up to coal crisis: Slipping output by CIL, high dividends

KARUNJIT SINGH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

AN UNPRECEDENTED surge in electricity demand may have exposed the weakness in the coal supply chains that feed the nation's thermal power stations, but a build-up of multiple underlying factors including slipping coal output ended up precipitating the crisis.

Production by state-owned Coal India Ltd (CIL), the near-monopoly supplier, has seen its output dropping in the three years preceding the pandemic, with total output falling from 607 million tonnes (MT) in FY19 and 602 MT in FY20 and 596 MT in FY21. This fall came on the back of delays in key leadership appointments in CIL and its subsidiaries.

There are also question marks over the high dividend payouts at CIL — the dividend payout ratio for Coal India has increased from 22.7 per cent of earnings in FY11 to a peak of 145.5 per cent of earnings in FY18 — and the impact that this may have had on the company's ability to invest in boosting production through the years.

Even as its coal output stagnated, CIL announced plans to diversify into the fertiliser sector — a sector unconnected to its core business of producing coal. Coal India cleared an aggregate investment of Rs 1,594 crore in three natural gas-based fertiliser plants and is planning a further investment of Rs 3,000 crore in Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Ltd and Talcher Fertilisers Ltd this fiscal.

The fund crunch turned further adverse as Coal India saw a sharp rise in trade receivables, with several power generation companies failing to make timely

EXPLAINED

Why and how CIL faltered

WHILE GLOBAL demand for coal perked up with the economy of many countries witnessing a revival, the problems in India were accentuated in part due to poor investments in beefing up coal output by the monopoly player Coal India Ltd.

payments to the coal producer. Trade receivables for CIL have risen from Rs 6,258 crore in FY18 to Rs 19,623 crore at the end of FY21. Leadership gaps at the top are being cited as among the reasons for a slackening of the capacity augmentation planning and its execution. After the superannuation of Sutirtha Bhattacharya in August 2017, the top post at India's largest coal producer was held by interim heads between September 2017 and May 2018.

The post of Chairman and Managing Director at CIL subsidiary Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd has not seen a full time appointment since November 2020, while the post of CMD at Bharat Coking Coal Ltd (BCL) has been filled by an interim head since February. BCL is India's largest producer of coking coal and accounts for about 50 per cent of the coking coal requirements of the Indian steel sector.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

'Stimulus to continue'

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman late Sunday indicated that the government was indeed open to accelerating the economic recovery through such largesse, if required. India was in no hurry to withdraw the pandemic-era stimulus and was ready to do more, if required, to support the nation's economic recovery, Sitharaman was quoted by Bloomberg as saying in New York

during the last leg of her US visit, which concluded early Monday.

"They (fiscal stimulus measures) will continue," she said. "The emphasis on building health infrastructure will continue," and so will government spending on capital expenditure and infrastructure, she said. "The challenge I will face, and the teams are also watching in the ministry, is the way the fuel prices are leading to a big crest." **FE**

Apple launches custom chips, Macbook Pros

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
KOZHIKODE, OCTOBER 18

LESS THAN a month after it introduced new iPhones and iPads, Apple on Monday announced new custom chips to power its new generation devices aimed at creators of all kinds. The M1 Pro and M1 Max will take processing power to new levels with the new Macbook Pros announced along with them. This also means there will be fewer Macs now powered by Intel processors.

The two new MacBook Pros — 14 and 16 inches — will be configurable with both the new

silicon announced by Cupertino. The Macbook Pros aimed at professional users will bring back a lot of the ports and MagSafe charging Apple had abandoned over the past few years. The new Liquid Retina HDR displays will come with an iPhone like notch and feature ProMotion adaptive refresh rate. Also, the camera will have Full HD quality and spatial audio to make them more relevant in the time of video conferencing.

Apple also launched its third iteration of AirPods with spatial audio and wireless charging. In India, the new AirPods will be priced Rs 18,500.

BRIEFLY

RBI fines banks

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank has levied penalty of Rs 1 crore on State Bank of India (SBI) and of Rs 1.95 crore on Standard Chartered Bank, India, for non-compliance with RBI's directions. **ENS**

Mineral output

New Delhi: The index of mineral production of mining and quarrying sector for August stood at 103.8. **PTI**

BoB programme

New Delhi: Bank of Baroda (BoB) announced inauguration of Baroda Kisan Divas, to mark 4th edition of 'Baroda Kisan Pakhwada'. **ENS**

VIL, L&T tie-up

New Delhi: Vodafone Idea (VIL) and Larsen and Toubro (L&T) have tied up for a pilot project to test 5G-based smart city solutions. **PTI**


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(Date & Time of submission of tender) 05.11.2021 upto 17:00 hrs.
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For financial eligibility criteria, experience with respect to similar nature of work, etc., please refer to detailed tender notice available on website www.concoi.co.in, but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website www.containercorp.co.in/CCL only. Further, Conclgdn/Amdn to this tender, if any, will be published on website www.concoi.co.in, www.scribd.com/CCL, and Central Procurement Portal (CPI) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.
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Narender Jain

General public is hereby informed that one person namely **Narender Jain S/o Naim Chand Jain R/o H.No. 4929, Gali No. 3, East Old Seelampur, Delhi.** Age about 51 years, Height 5'6", Complexion wheatish, Built thin, Face long wearing Coffee colour pant, Green colour shirt and Blue colour shoes in feet has been missing since 28.09.2021 from his house. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this boy, but no clue has come to light so far.

In this regard a D.D. No. 36-A dated 30.09.2021 has been lodged at PS Krishna Nagar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.
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Gist of e-tender
NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2021-22/153/e-tendering Dated:-16.10.2021
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Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (in Days)	AA accorded Vide	Technical sanction no	Position of funds
1	2	3	5			6
Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of balance equipments for 625 LPM Oxygen Plant at Govt. B&J Hospital, Srinagar	34.00	1000	30	MED/KTS-4B/2727-28, Dt: 20-09-2021	MHCHD/TS/121 Dated:10/21	Available
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Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of balance equipments for 750 LPM Oxygen Plant at Govt. District Hospital, Ganderbal.	42.00	1000	30	MED/KTS-4B/2727-28, Dt: 20-09-2021	SEM/KTS-14/10, Dt: 13-10-2021	Available


- Downloading of Bids:-** The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 16.10.2021 (18.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 16.10.2021 (18.00 hrs).
- Uploading:** The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site **17.10.2021 (10.00 hrs) to 25.10.2021 (13.00hrs)** in two (02) covers.
- Opening of Bids :-** The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on **25.10.2021 at 15.00 hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar**

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 Item rate Tenders under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible registered KPWD Class-I (Civil) contractors who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the work of Formation of 30M wide Road (Road No:41), 24M wide road (Road No.10A & 10B), 18M wide Road(Road No.42,13A, 13B, 13 & 11A & 11B) & 15M wide Road (No. 43,44,45) including Asphalting, Construction of RCC Side Drains, RCC Spur Culverts, RCC Box Culverts & HDPE Water Supply pipeline at Dabaspet 5th Phase Industrial Area Sub Layout in Block 2B, 3 & 5, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PLANNING CIRCLE, KPDCL, BEMINA, SRINAGAR.
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
e-NIT No.:- SE/PIKPDCL/TS/12 of 2021-22 D a t e d : 16.10.2021.
 For And on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, e-Tenders, (In Two cover System) are hereby invited from Government Registered Original Equipment Manufacturers/ Authorized dealers having authorization certificate from Original Equipment Manufacturers, for supply of Material, as details below:-


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D	Clarification start date	25-10-2021; 11:00AM
E	Clarification End date	10-11-2021; 3:00PM
F	e-Bid submission (start) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	13-11-2021; 10:00AM
G	e-Bid submission (End) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	20-11-2021; 2:00PM
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I	Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date and time	23-11-2021; 02:30PM
J	Online financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the technically qualified bidders
K	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids	office of the CE P&P wing, PDD Complex, Bemina, Srinagar
L	Cost of e-bid document.	Rs.5, 000/- (Rs.500/-for local SSI unit holders registered with J&K Govt.)
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ROOM NO. 403: VARUNALAYA PHASE-I: KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-5
"STOP CORNOA Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"
Press N.I.T. NO. 01/(2021-22)
Press Notice Tender

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount Put To Tender	Earnest Money/ Tender Fee	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution/ID no.	Last date and time for receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Providing water supply in Left Out Portion of U/A Colonies A-Block (6), B-Block (649), B-1 Block (706), B-Block Y-Area (1566), A-Block (921), L-1st Block (390) & L-1st A-Block (492) of Sangam Vihar under Deoli Assembly Constituency AC-47	4,32,32,959/-	Exempted/ Rs. 1500/-	14.10.2021/ Tender ID: 2021_DJB_199508_1	15.11.2021 up to 3:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
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 Advt. No. J.S.V. 495/(2021-22)
 Sd/-
 Executive Engineer (Project) W-III

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OFFICE OF Principal Chief Materials Manager
Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001
Mail ID : salenr365@gmail.com
No: 117/S/Auction Programme/Sale/2020-21 Date: 18.10.2021
Corrigendum in Auction Programme of Northern Railway
 Following extra/amended dates of the auction programme for the month of October 2021 will be as under:


SNo.	Depots	Existing	Amended date for e-auction
1.	DY.CMM/JUDW 01732-252388	25.10.2021	27.10.2021

All other auction dates advised earlier will remain same. For further details regarding e-auction please visit Railway website 'www.ireps.gov.in.'

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1. Wash Your Hands 3. Maintain Social Distance

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Contract Value (EOV)/ Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD)	Tender Fees	Date of Release of tender in E-Procurement Solution & Tender ID No.	Last Date/Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution
01	Replacement of old/damaged water supply line to remove contamination in 6 - Block Khichpur in AC-57 in East-I	49,03,065.00	Exempted vide Office memorandum No. F. 9/4/2020- PPD and J&B endorsement No: DJB/20-21/Mac-II (PT)/971 Dated: 23.12.2020	500.00	14.10.2021 2021_DJB_209761_8	03.11.2021 At 03:15 PM
02	Improvement of old/damaged sewer line in Gali NO. 1 to 4 F- Block Pandav Nagar in AC-57 under EE(East-I)	48,01,138.00		500.00	14.10.2021 2021_DJB_209761_9	03.11.2021 At 03:15 PM
03	Improvement of old/damaged sewer line in 6-Block Khichpur in AC-57 under EE(East-I)	33,84,513.00		500.00	14.10.2021 2021_DJB_209761_10	03.11.2021 At 03:15 PM
04	Improvement of old/damaged sewer line in Gali No. 1 to 4E Block Pandav Nagar in AC-57 in East-I	47,65,312.00		500.00	14.10.2021 2021_DJB_209761_11	03.11.2021 At 03:15 PM
05	Removal of contamination by replacement of CI rusted & damaged water line in WB Block Shakarpur Gali No. 3,4,5,6 and connecting streets in AC-58 in East-I	47,68,408.00		500.00	14.10.2021 2021_DJB_209761_12	03.11.2021 At 03:15 PM
06	Replacement of 100 mm dia water line to remove contamination in D-Block Kondli in AC-56 in East-I	30,98,599.00		500.00	14.10.2021 2021_DJB_209761_13	03.11.2021 At 03:15 PM
07	Replacement of deep and damaged 100 mm dia water line in B-Block Rajveer Colony in AC-56 East-I	36,78,534.00		500.00	14.10.2021 2021_DJB_209761_14	03.11.2021 At 03:15 PM

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 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST)-I

Jharkhand Communication Network Limited
 (A SPV under DoIT& e-Gov., Govt. of Jharkhand)
 Office : 3rd Floor, Room No.: 1, Above Cafeteria, Project Building, HEC Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004
 CIN : U74999JH2017SGC009474 Contact : 0651-2245621/2446147
NIT
{Tender Ref:- JCNL-03/2021}
Tender
 Jharkhand Communication Network Ltd. invites online bid through e-Procurement process from eligible firms/agencies for "Last Mile Connectivity under BharatNet Phase-II", based on scope of work as mentioned in re-tender document. The bid shall be downloaded/submitted online from the Website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>. The bidder(s) should have necessary portal enrolment with their own Digital Signature Certificate:-
 (a)


S.N.	Name of Work	EMD	Cost of Tender Document	Period of Validity
1	"Last Mile Connectivity under BharatNet Phase-II"	Rs 50,000/- (Fifty Thousands only) in the form of Demand Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of CEO, Jharkhand Communication Network Ltd. Payable at Ranchi, Jharkhand	Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousands Only) in the form of Demand Draft in favour of CEO, Jharkhand Communication Network Ltd. Payable at Ranchi, Jharkhand	180 Days

(b)Period of availability of tenders online date & time bidding on-line/last date of seeking clarification/date of opening of tender papers are as given below:-

S. N.	e-Procurement Officer	Place of Opening and Pre-Bid	Availability tender on-line for bidding			Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid
1	Sri Awani Kr. Ambastha Call No. +91-7464003767 Or Email id: jcnl.itdept@gmail.com	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JHARKHAND COMMUNICATION NETWORK LIMITED Registered Office: Project Building, 3 rd Floor, Above Cafeteria Building, Dhurwa Ranchi-834004	Bid Downloading Date	Pre-Bid meeting Date	Date and time of Online Bid Submission	
			From 19/10/2021 at 02:00 PM to 18/11/2021 at 11:00 PM	01/11/2021 at 11:00 AM	04/11/2021 at 09:00 AM to 18/11/2021 at 11:59 PM	25/11/2021 at 03:00 PM

Sd/-
 CEO Jharkhand Communication Network Ltd.
 Ranchi, Jharkhand

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Sr. No	Name of the Work	Contract Period/ Quantity	Consigeeal Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale/ downloading of e-tenders	Last Date & Time for Submission of e-tenders	Date & Time for opening of e-tenders
1	Hiring of insulated vehicles for supply of packed milk and fresh milk products for Ludhiana City adjoining towns.	One year with extension up to one year	Verka Ludhiana, Dairy Ph No. 0161-5203300, 5203334	500/-	50,000/-	17.10.2021 from 11:00 AM	08.11.2021 up to 12:00 PM	Technical Bid 10.11.2021 at 11:00 AM
2	Supply of Printed Laminated film for packing SMP in 500 gm & 1 kg.	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	500/-	15,000/-	22.10.2021 from 11:00 AM	08.11.2021 up to 01:00 PM	Technical Bid 09.11.2021 at 11:00 AM Financial Bid 09.11.2021 at 11:30 AM
3	Supply of 100gm Butter Cartons (ITC) (Machine Packable)	-do-	-do-	500/-	15,000/-	22.10.2021 from 11:00 AM	08.11.2021 up to 01:00 PM	Technical Bid 09.11.2021 at 12:00 PM Financial Bid 09.11.2021 at 12:30 PM
4	Plastic E-waste & Scrap material	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Patiala Dairy Ph. 80549-98534-35, 80549-98531-32, 0175-2363595, 80549-98533.	-	50,000/-	19.10.2021 from 03:00 PM	07.11.2021 up to 03:00 PM	Technical Bid 09.11.2021 at 12:00 PM Financial Bid 11.11.2021 at 12:00 PM
5	Supply, Installing & Commissioning of 100 KVA Generator at Sardulgarh	One No.	Verka Bathinda Dairy Ph No. 0164-2214825, 2212825	500/-	200,000/-	01.11.2021 from 11:30 AM	21.11.2021 up to 05:00 PM	Technical Bid 25.11.2021 at 11:30 AM at Milk Plant Bathinda
6	Hiring of insulated vehicles for supply of packed milk and fresh milk products in Bathinda Milkshed area	01 MT-06 Vehicle, 03 MT 04 Vehicle, 1.5 MT 05 Vehicle, Period of Tender Contract 01.12.2021 to 30.11.2022	-do-	500/-	50,000/-	19.10.2021 from 02:00 PM	03.11.2021 up to 05:00 PM	Technical Bid 08.11.2021 at 02:00 PM Financial Bid 11.11.2021 at 02:00 PM
7	By Pass Fat a) Moisture % by weight, Max= 0.5 b) TFM, % by weight, Min= 99.0 c) Palmitic Acid, Min= 75 % d) Stearic Acid, Max= 10 % e) Oleic Acid, Min= 7 %	Qty. for six months (CFP Khanna) 200 MT Qty. for six months (CFP GKB) 100 MT	Verka Cattle Feed Plant, Bhattian (Khanna) Ph No. 01628-521450,51,52 & 94630-58418	200/-	100,000/-	18.10.2021 from 11:00 AM	29.10.2021 up to 11:00 AM	Financial Bid 29.10.2021 at 01:00 PM

Bidders shall have to pay required Tender Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/credit card for getting registered for e-tendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, NEFT/RTGS, internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering, process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970263, 2970284 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e-tendering please visit website eproc.punjab.gov.in. Tender processing Fee is Non-Refundable.
 Note. Corrigendum if any will be uploaded on website only.

General Manager (PLM/Purchase)

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Soni D/o Guddu R/o H.No. D-2725, Holambi Kalan, PH-II, Metro Vihar, Delhi** has been missing since 03.09.2021 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 3A dated 04.09.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 18 Years, Height: 4'11", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Red & White Colour Suit & Salwar and Hawai Chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Narela Industrial Area, Delhi at E-mail Id- cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
 Phone: **SHO**
011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi
Fax No. 011-24368639 Outer North Distt., Delhi
DP/1316/OND.21 Ph. No. 011-27787592, 27787593

SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one Boy, (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Prince, S/o: Vijender Singh, R/o: Vagabond, Footpath Gurudwara Bangla Sahib and Rakabganj, New Delhi** was Sleeping with her mother on footpath in front of Gurudwara Bangla Sahib and Rakabganj, New Delhi. **Aged: 1 Year 5 Months**, has been missing/kidnapped from in front of Gurudwara Rakab Ganj, New Delhi since 04.10.2021. at about 5.00 AM. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. Prince**
79/21 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 04.10.2021, has been registered at P.S. North Avenue, New Delhi. His physical description is as under:
Complexion: Fair, Height: 2' Feet, Face: Round, Built: Medium,

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QUICK SINGLES

INDIA VS ENGLAND
Opening pair decided, but questions remain

THE FIRST of India's two warm-up games ended in the Men in Blue chasing down England's 188/5 with six balls to spare. Fifties from KL Rahul (51 off 24 balls) and Ishan Kishan (70 off 46) set up the six-wicket win. These were the five things we learned from the game:

Settled opening combo
India had been searching for Rohit Sharma's opening partner in the shortest format. Ishan Kishan paired up with Rohit in the home T20s against England earlier this year, while Virat Kohli, too, opened in the fifth T20I and had expressed his willingness to repeat it at the T20 World Cup. But at the toss on Monday, the India captain spoke about Rohit and KL Rahul being the team management's choice as openers. "Things were different before IPL. Now it's difficult to look beyond KL Rahul (626 runs in the IPL). He's been solid upfront. I will be batting at (No.) 3," Kohli said.

The Hardik conundrum
Yet again, Hardik Pandya didn't bowl. The question mark over his bowling fitness ostensibly prompted the selectors to change the squad at the eleventh hour, bringing in Shardul Thakur for Axar Patel. Hardik is seen as a finisher in this team. Then again, the team's balance gets upset if he doesn't bowl. Chennai Super Kings successfully used Ravindra Jadeja as a finisher in the IPL and with Suryakumar Yadav followed by Rishabh Pant in the middle order, the team management will have to decide if playing Hardik solely as a batsman would be a luxury. Shardul can come in as a seam bowling-allrounder.

Kumar needs to fix his length
As a swing bowler, Kumar's natural length is fuller. But conditions in the United Arab Emirates have been negating swing and as was evident in the IPL, the six-to-eight-metre length served bowlers well. Kumar has been struggling to hit the hard length consistently. He conceded eight runs in his first over and went for 21 in his final over.

Attacking-option Chahar
Going by Monday's game, Kohli is set to use Rahul Chahar as a wicket-taking option. Not too much should be read into the leggie's figures, 1/43. Chahar bowled some very good deliveries and one of them accounted for Dawid Malan. Almost throughout his bowling spell, Kohli kept a slip in place.

Kohli needs to hit his straps
India need their best batsman up and running for a title charge, but Kohli again didn't look in rhythm. He tried to spend time in the middle, working the ball around before getting out for a 13-ball 11. **SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY**

NETHERLANDS VS IRELAND
Campher takes 4 in 4 in Ireland's victory

IRELAND DEFEATED Netherlands by seven wickets in their Group B match. Ireland dismissed Netherlands for 106 overs. Curtis Campher took Ireland's first hat-trick in T20Is, dismissing four batsmen in four balls. Ireland then romped home in 15.1 overs. **PTI BRIEF SCORES:** Netherlands: 106 all out in 20 overs (O'Dowd 51; Campher 4/26) lost to Ireland: 107 for 3 in 15.1 overs (Delany 44) by 7 wickets

They say a T20 game is won in an over of frenetic batting or crafty bowling. It's a cliché that comes true occasionally when powerhouse performers turn up the heat. We look at a few - known and unknown names - to know the man behind the sporting mask. What drove some to excellence, what made some turn to mysterious art forms, and how a few have engineered their rebirth. These are the players we expect to sparkle at the World Cup stage and this is their short story

All's well with Maxwell

The Aussie talisman has dealt with depression, but has turned the corner to be at peace with himself

SRIRAM VEERA

GLENN MAXWELL was "bawling" in the room in the presence of fiancée Vini Raman, who was the first to spot that he was suffering from depression. The sobbing had been triggered by his selection for the 2019 World Cup semifinal against England. Post that game, in which he didn't score many and Australia were hammered, Maxwell was sitting in the dressing room, casting a glance at other players with the thought that had afflicted him for a while. "I felt like I was 100 per cent to blame and I was looking around the room going 'I wonder if they're thinking the same thing'. I wonder if they're looking at me going 'If only Max, you had turned up this tournament,'" he tells Neroli Meadows in her podcast *Ordineroli Speaking*. The external question asked by irate fans internalised to a degree that he couldn't function normally. Couple of months after the World Cup, after more troubles on and off the field - even when he was fielding, he "would be off with the fairies" - Maxwell sought out sports psychiatrist Ranjit Menon, an external consultant for Cricket Australia.

Things have changed for the better now as he almost single-handedly dragged Royal Challengers Bangalore to the Indian Premier League playoffs and is the prime hope if Australia are to shed their sub-par performances in T20 World Cups. Menon is understandably elated but also cautious, as mind-doctors have to be. Though he refuses to get into any specifics of Maxwell's case, he does offer qualified optimism.

"Maxwell is a tough-grown-up man. The way he has rebounded with great performances in recent times does suggest he is in a good happy space," Menon tells *The Indian Express* on Monday. "The thing is though - and I am speaking generally and not about him here - is that success isn't the barometer to judge mental health. In most cases, mental issues have to be managed. There aren't magic pills to cure them. We have seen (tennis player) Naomi Osaka having troubles with success, to put it in a simple way. Success isn't always a liberating force as is perceived. Maxwell is doing well, and hope he continues to sparkle as he is a very fine honest man."

Honesty, in this sense, isn't just about his dealings with the world but with himself. When self-deceptions are done away with, the inner clouds clear and the sunlight of wellbeing can rush in.

"Athletes acutely feel the sense of being judged negatively and over time, that can be a debilitating feeling. At a very young age, they are reared as professional athletes. The way their underlying personality develops over time is heavily influenced by athletic performances - we call it athletic identity," Menon says. "Part of that identity is wanting to perform to that level consistently. And your internal expectations of your own self get significantly affected. For some, it can have disastrous consequences like becoming depressed and acutely anxious. Then the external expectations, like

SRIRAM VEERA



IT'S ONE thing to crouch on a bent knee and swat the ball over square-leg for a six, but Ravindra Jadeja went one step further in a recent Indian Premier League game against Rajasthan Royals. He planted his back knee on the ground and awaited Mustafizur Rahman's full delivery. Somehow, incredibly, from that position, he found timing and power to swat a six.

Usually, when the knee buckles on to the ground, batsmen tend to lose a bit of power. The crouching position allows for a golfer-like knee flex and the freedom to still



Glenn Maxwell almost single-handedly dragged RCB to the IPL playoffs and is the prime hope for Australia at the T20 World Cup. *File*

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RANJIT MENON
SPORTS PSYCHIATRIST

coaches and fans needing you to perform, and when you are not performing at the level they expect you to, you feel like you are letting them down," Menon says.

In many ways, Maxwell has a boy's view of what it is to be a batsman. The pre-determination in most shots, the child's confidence that he can pull off reverse-laps and such, the urge to whisk the ball to unconventional areas - he bats like someone raised on gaming platforms, and is perhaps the true representative of this generation.

Unsurprisingly, confidence is the key to such a batting style. Which he had oodles of. Simon Helmot, a coach in the Big Bash and IPL in the past, rewinds to a moment in a dugout 10 years ago. Coming in at 157/6 with less than 10 overs left, Maxwell smashed Australia's fastest domestic fifty (27-ball 61, the fifty came off 19) to help chase down 269. His previous highest for Victoria Bushrangers was 33.

"When I congratulated him all excited, he goes, 'You look surprised, coach. That's what I do!' and everyone laughed. It was the break-out match for us, and for him," Helmot says.

"At u-19 level, he had the ability to strike the ball at far greater power than others. When he came to Victoria Bushrangers, he could hit the ball to different places and set himself differently from most at the crease. The confidence was striking."

Helmot's faith didn't waver from then on. Even last year, when the runs weren't coming, the coach was confident. Maxwell had yet again overhauled his technique - he keeps doing it as if it were a PlayStation game - and has now opened up his stance completely. The shoulder and front leg were almost facing mid-wicket, while the bat curiously was left open, facing mid-off at times. Last IPL, he repeatedly tried dragging the ball to the outside but it wasn't coming off as well as he would have liked. Helmot was unfazed, though.

"He is a problem-solver. About the lack of runs - is it the technique or wrong shot selection? I feel, as he wasn't using the offside that much in the IPL (last year) but will use the switch-hit more and the reverse-paddle. The new technique and strategy haven't matched yet; it will, I feel, from now on."

Helmot's assessment has been proved right. The bat-angle has been tinkered a touch but the rest of the open stance has remained and runs have flowed. The reverse-paddle and switch-hits too have been frequently seen, along with the big heave-ho to the outside in the 2021 IPL. RCB used Maxwell smartly, giving him the middle overs - 7th to 15th - to free himself and unleash hell.

The Australian set-up also played its part in the unravelling of Maxwell's psyche. At that 2019 World Cup, Maxwell talks about a couple of episodes that are pretty revealing.

He had copped a fierce blow in the nets from Mitchell Starc and had gone to hospital hoping that his bone "was broken". "It doesn't feel like it's snapped right through. I was thinking about things I could do on the way back to snap it ... I was so angry with myself. I had indirect anger at other people on it. It didn't make sense ... I was frustrated with the way (I was) playing, I was frustrated with how I was being perceived ... this (injury) was my ticket out of disappointment."

The day he returned from hospital, Maxwell was thrown into another intense net session, with Justin Langer (head coach) and Ricky Ponting (who was the batting consultant during that World Cup) turning on the heat. "I was on a few painkillers and I had J.L. and Ponting just bounce the crap out of me in one net to see if I was ready to go. And that was my fitness test and got hit a couple of times, but I

just sort of literally, blank-faced and just went, 'yep, yep, this is what I'm doing here. Sure. Whatever makes everyone else happy. I'll just, I'll just do it. I'll just get through the rest of this tournament.'"

It wasn't long after that Vini Raman cottoned on to the fact that he was depressed and urged him to seek professional help. "Some athletes might have pre-existing vulnerability, be it genetics or whatever. They have had this issue for a long time and when they come to a high-performance environment, it manifests itself. The second set of people are those who haven't had this issue before but because of that environment and pressure, they start to develop a new onset of illness," Menon says.

Rishabh Pant was chirping from behind the stumps during RCB's last league game. "Jo mere ko daal raha tha, voh daal ... inko kaisey pata chalega?! (Bowl the one they bowled to me. How will they understand?)" Pant told Axar Patel in Hindi with a chuckle when Maxwell was new to the crease. And Patel kept firing it in full to keep Maxwell quiet for a few balls. Maxwell's response came swift and furious.

He shuffled around, went down on his knee to reverse-crash a Patel delivery to the backward point boundary. Next ball, he scythed the reverse-hit through covers. The spinners were off and Maxwell then returned to his open-stance whack through midwicket to the seamers. When Rupal Patel hurled one outside off, he smashed it over extra cover. He stayed unbeaten on 51 as RCB pulled off a last-ball win. It was his sixth fifty in this IPL and when he failed in the next game - the Eliminator - RCB too sunk.

As the irate trolls on social media began to show their class, Maxwell would react: "Some of the garbage that has been flowing on social media is absolutely disgusting! We are human beings who are giving our best each and every day. Try being a decent person maybe instead of spreading abuse ..."

Menon says it's not his place to advise Maxwell or sports persons to stay off social media. "He has reacted in the manner he thought was best. To let them know the players' point of view. He is a grown-up adult, a tough man, and will decide how best to react. I will say this: the pressures on athletes from social media have grown manifold in the present times. That's a

huge difference from the past; now nameless, faceless mobs can reach you. It adds another dimension to the whole athlete-fan relationship and does heap more pressure."

The T20 World Cup will be fascinating to track Maxwell. In some respects, the last year or so when he has dazzled, the external expectations were perhaps a touch lower. Now that he has sparkled in the IPL and shown the world the heights that an unshackled Maxwell Version 2.0 can achieve, the expectations would be back. What would the man who bats like a boy do?

With the knee down, the risk escalates as, in some ways, they can be a sitting duck. It needs guts, and other escape-shots like the lap-over-head and acquaintance with badminton shots.

slipped in the bathroom trying to reach a soap slithering away on the floor. Moin went through with his sweep and ended up on his stomach, peering casually at the flying white ball. That was a happy accident. Jadeja's, though, was a consciously done job.

The crouching-swat has traditionally been the preserve of lower-order unorthodox players like Moin in the past or Rashid Khan in the present. Rashid probably possesses the best crouching swat-smash cur-

rently and has pulled off some stunning sixes in Australia's Big Bash League. He would open his stance up as he crouches and nothing apart from his bats move once the ball is released. It's a 'Chal Hutt bey' (Buzz off, mate) shot worthy of a Shatrughan Sinha dialogue.

Jadeja probably punted on the fact that Rahman will go for his yorker, as always. And he waited. As the ball flew towards his shins, the bat started to swoop down to connect cleanly. What would have happened had Rahman bounced the ball shorter? Would Jadeja have lapped it over his own head? Had he practised for that shot?

For that matter, did he even train for this knee-down-swat in the nets? In the 90s when Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis were threatening to saw off the toes of batsmen with reverse-swinging balls from hell, no one attempted such pyro-techniques. Would these have worked against them?



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

SHOT STORY

THE STROKE THAT DEFINES THE PLAYER, THE PLAYER THAT DEFINES THE STROKE

Jadeja's swat: Improvised, but not a knee-jerk reaction