

**MEETINGS ON SECURITY, SOME POLITICAL ENGAGEMENTS LINED UP**

Amid civilian killings, ongoing encounter, Shah in J&K today; first visit since Art 370 scrapped

Likely to visit families of recent terror victims, site of 2019 Pulwama attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

IN THE backdrop of a series of civilian killings in the Valley, Home Minister Amit Shah will be in Jammu and Kashmir on a three-day visit beginning Saturday. He is likely to hold a security review meeting in Srinagar and visit some trouble-torn districts in the Valley.

Shah is likely to visit Jammu on Sunday.

This will be Shah's first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after its

special status was scrapped and the erstwhile state was bifurcated into two Union Territories on August 5, 2019.

Shah had visited Jammu and Kashmir immediately after taking charge as home minister in 2019. On that occasion, he reviewed security for the Amarnath Yatra and took stock of progress on central schemes.

Sources said Shah is likely to arrive in Srinagar around 11 am, after which he will chair a unified command meeting at Raj Bhawan on security. The meeting

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Security personnel on the 12th day of the encounter at Mendhar in Poonch district of J&K on Friday. *PTI*

In militant attacks, long Poonch ops, concerns and very few answers

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN & ARUN SHARMA
MUMBAI, JAMMU, OCTOBER 22

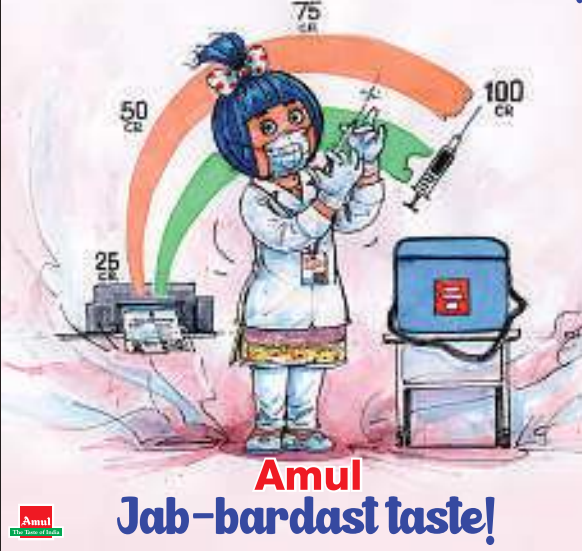
SECURITY FORCES are grappling with two major situations in J&K — the killings of civilians in Kashmir, and a hunt for the militants who killed nine soldiers last week in Jammu's Poonch area.

EXPLAINED

The long-drawn operation in the Poonch heights at Bhatta Durian completed its twelfth day on Friday without success. Security sources said there was yet no clarity on the number of militants, or if they were in one or several groups. Not one of the militants has been sighted yet. All that can be

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Saathi haath badhana saathi re!



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100 cr jabs a symbol of India's potential, will boost economy: PM

HARIKISHAN SHARMA & LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

A DAY after India notched up 100 crore doses in one of the world's largest vaccination campaigns after months of despair caused by the second Covid wave, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the milestone as a "ray of hope", and said that the festival season and the country's policy of self reliance would revive its economy and boost the confidence of its people.

Addressing the nation Friday



PM Narendra Modi addresses the nation on Friday. *PTI*

morning, Modi said that the 100-crore mark was "not just a number" but a symbol of the country's potential. The "difficult but extraordinary" achievement, he said, has also silenced critics who

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PANDORA PAPERS - PART 14

AN INVESTIGATION BY THE INDIAN EXPRESS
WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF
INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS

Gautam Singhania acquired two BVI entities, one to hold Swiss bank account



Trident Trust document shows that Gautam Hari Singhania was the beneficial owner of Deras Worldwide.

SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

GAUTAM HARI Singhania, Chairman and Managing Director of Raymond Limited, acquired two companies in the British Virgin Islands in 2008, records in the Pandora Papers investigated by *The Indian Express* reveal.

While Singhania is named as a beneficial owner in one of the companies, he is listed as a shareholder in another.

Deras Worldwide Corporation, incorporated in July 2008 was acquired by Gautam Singhania the same month. Documents of BVI-headquartered service provider Trident Trust show him as its beneficial owner with a Mumbai address. The purpose of the acquisition was "to hold an account with UBS, Zurich" with Roland Gysel, UBS, AG, Geneva, Switzerland, as its asset manager.

Trident Trust, which acted as the service provider for Deras Worldwide, appointed three directors on the board of the company in July 2008. Trident Corporate Services raised an invoice of \$1,700 for Deras Worldwide on July 10, 2008.



Gautam Hari Singhania

A detailed set of questions sent to the company did not elicit a response.

The second company associated with Singhania was Lyndonville Holdings Limited. Incorporated on January 2, 2008, in BVI through Alcolgal, another global corporate services provider, this company listed Gautam Singhania as one of its shareholders alongside his father Vijaypat Singhania and mother Asha Singhania. The company was, however, liquidated in 2016.

A diversified group with majority business interests in textile and apparel, Raymond Group is led by Gautam Hari Singhania. Its flagship Raymond Ltd is a listed company with a market capitalisation of Rs 2,997 crore as on Friday. In the year-ended March 2021, the company posted a loss of Rs 303 crore on net sales of Rs 3,446 crore. In the previous year, it had posted Rs 201.7 crore in profits on net sales of Rs 6,482 crore.

RUPSA CHAKRABORTY & ASAD REHMAN
MUMBAI, LUCKNOW, OCT 22

FOR 13 horrifying seconds, Arun Tiwari hangs from the 19th-floor balcony of a Mumbai high-rise, before plunging to death.

At his home in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, Arun's brother Vinay



Tiwari was a migrant worker from UP in Mumbai

as a security guard, had ended up as the lone casualty in a fire that broke out on Friday at Avighna Park, a residential building in Mumbai's Lower Parel.

Recalling the events of Friday, Arun's colleagues say they were sitting at the security office in the building complex when the fire alarm started ringing around

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Mumbai fire death: 'Frightening to watch him fall from 19th floor'

Security guard Arun Tiwari fell to his death from the 19th floor after a fire broke out in a Mumbai building on Friday. A video showed him hanging from a balcony before he fell. *Amit Chakravarty*



4 DISCHARGED IN TERROR FUNDING CASE 'Ghee' is code word for explosives, claims NIA; court says no evidence

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THERE IS no evidence on record to show that 'ghee' is a code word for 'explosives' and 'khidmat' is cipher for 'service of terrorists', said a Delhi court while discharging four accused in a terror funding case on Thursday.

The four men — Mohd Salman, Mohd Saleem, Arif Gulam Bashir Dharampuria and Mohd. Hussain Molani — were arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for allegedly receiving money from a Pakistani terrorist outfit, Falah-i-Insaniyat Foundation (FIF), for attracting a group of sympathisers and

sleepers cells to "create unrest in India". The funds were received under the garb of constructing a mosque, the NIA alleged.

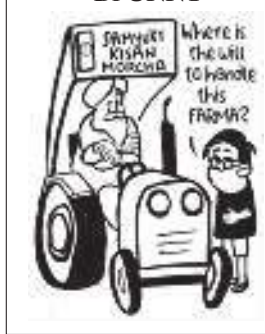
To build its case, the NIA had relied on two messages they said were recovered from the mobile phone of Mohd Salman. One of the messages read "ghee ka intezaam ho gaya hai, Bombay wali party bhi aayegi... unke hatho bhijwa denge" (The ghee is ready, the Bombay team will come too, we will send it through them)", and the other read, "...aap khidmat me the na isliye aapko nahi pata hai (you were in service, hence you wouldn't know)".

The NIA had interpreted the word "ghee" in the messages as

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Karnataka tribal youth is freed in Naxal case: 'Having book on Bhagat Singh not unlawful'

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

JOHNSON TA
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 22

A TRIBAL youth from a remote village bordering the Kudremukh national park in Dakshina Kannada district, who was arrested in 2012 when he was a 23-year-old journalism student, along with his father, by an anti-Naxal unit of Karnataka Police has been acquitted by a district court — after police failed to show any Naxal links of the duo.

Vittala Malekudiya, 32, now a journalist with a leading Kannada daily, and his father Lingappa Malekudiya, 60, who still lives in their village of Kuthloor, were acquitted with the court observing that most of the material seized to prove their Naxal links were articles "required for day-to-day livelihood".

The material also included a book on Bhagat Singh seized from Vittala's hostel room, a letter seeking boycott of Parliament polls until his village gets basic amenities, and clippings of newspaper articles. "Possessing books of Bhagat Singh is not barred under law...the reading of



Vittala, father Lingappa after the acquittal Thursday

such newspapers is not barred under law," the court said.

The Malekudiya were arrested on March 3, 2012, from their home on the basis of "information" obtained by the unit's senior officer that they were assisting five Naxals for whom the force was combing the Kudremukh forest region. The father and son were charged with criminal conspiracy and sedition under the IPC and terrorism under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The five alleged Naxals — Vikram Gowda, Pradeepa, John, Prabha and Sundari — were named in an FIR along with the

Malekudiyas but were never arrested. Ahead of the trial, the case against the five, who are alleged to be underground in a neighbouring state, was separated from that of the Malekudiyas by a magistrate's court.

"I am very happy to be acquitted in this case. We struggled for nine years and fought hard to get this acquittal. We were framed as Naxal extremists but there were no points in the chargesheet to indicate these charges. Our innocence has been proven," Vittala said.

"We attended every court hearing. Even during Covid,

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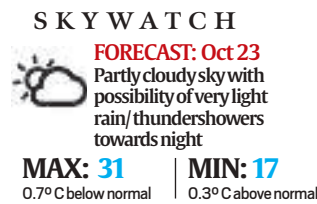
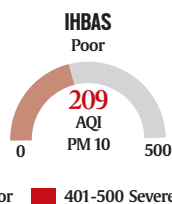
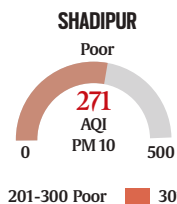
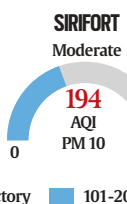
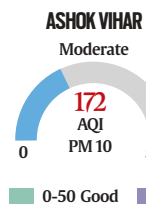
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Good news for now: Pollution low, winter starting on cleaner note



Monsoon season was the 'cleanest' since 2018. Praveen Khanna

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS causing an extended period of rainfall this year have meant that the 2021 winter is beginning with a "cleaner threshold" compared to previous years, according to an analysis by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).

The analysis assesses PM 2.5 levels from January 1, 2018, to October 15, 2021. PM 2.5 levels begin to breach the 24-hour standard resulting in bad air days when the monsoon retreats. This began in September in 2018 and 2020, while it was delayed to October in 2019 and 2021.

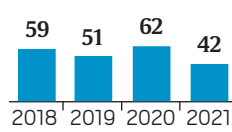
The period from September 1 to October 15 is considered to be 'pre-winter' in the analysis. According to figures provided by CSE, the average PM 2.5 level for the pre-winter season this year was 42 µg/m³, lower than 62 µg/m³ in 2020, 51 µg/m³ in 2019, and 59 µg/m³ in 2018.

Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director, research and advocacy at CSE, said, "The intense monsoon and delayed rains this year contributed to a relatively cleaner pre-winter season this year. What we are seeing now is the effect of the weather. The fire count is lower, but that could also be because of the rains delaying the fires. We cannot predict to what extent the pollution is going to bounce back this winter. We cannot take it for granted that a cleaner pre-winter period will assure a cleaner winter."

CSE's analysis of fire count data from the NASA satellites indicates that fire count in the pre-winter season this year is less than half of what was recorded last year. This is attributed to the rain spells witnessed this year or cloud cover which may have hampered satellite imagery. The fire count (aggregate for Punjab and Haryana) for the pre-winter

BETTER AIR

Average PM2.5 for Sept 1 to Oct 15 (in µg/m³)



season last year was 5,078, as opposed to 2,351 this year. In 2019, it stood at 2,299, up from 1,765 in 2018. The total count for the winter season in 2020 was 75,600, a rise from 48,155 in 2019, and 63,979 in 2018.

The contribution of farm stubble burning to air quality began around October 10, 2021, same as in 2018 and 2020, the analysis noted. This contribution peaked on October 16 this year when 14% of PM 2.5 levels in Delhi were attributed to stubble burning by the SAFAR monitoring system. The contribution of stubble burning to PM 2.5 levels can go up to 40%. The average contribution per day last year was 12.2%, higher than 8.9% per day in 2019, and 10.9% per day in 2018. Last winter, PM 2.5 levels were in the severe category for 23 days, down from 25 in 2019-20, and 34 days in the winter of 2018-19. The winter seasonal average PM 2.5 level was 194 µg/m³ in 2020, 180 µg/m³ in 2019, and 200 µg/m³ in 2018.

Delhi saw a cleaner monsoon this year, but a more polluted summer. The analysis indicates that this year, the monsoon season was the 'cleanest' for Delhi since 2018. The average PM 2.5 levels over the monsoon season this year was 41 µg/m³, compared to 44 µg/m³ in 2020, 46 µg/m³ in 2019 and 49 µg/m³ in 2018. The summer this year showed higher PM 2.5 levels than 2020. Summer in 2020 saw an average PM 2.5 level of 57 µg/m³, while this year recorded a higher average of 79 µg/m³.

Pollutant impact: Govt, IIT Kanpur ink pact

New Delhi: The government has signed an MoU with IIT Kanpur for a source apportionment and forecasting study on air pollutants in Delhi.

The Delhi Cabinet had earlier approved the project called 'Real-time source apportionment and forecasting for advance air pollution management in Delhi.' The study costs Rs 12

crore, according to a senior DPCC official. Air quality will be analysed and interpreted on a weekly, monthly and seasonal basis, with secondary organic and inorganic aerosols, molecular markers and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. The source apportionment project is expected to help identify sources of pollution and can help assess

the impact of different sources like vehicular emissions, industries, dust, and biomass burning.

Anti-cracker drives in city ahead of Diwali

The government has tasked sub-divisional magistrates (SDMs) with organising anti-cracker campaigns across the city ahead of Diwali. SDMs have also

been empowered to take action against the illegal sale of firecrackers and seize them, along with police, according to Environment Minister Gopal Rai.

The government has also directed SDMs of 33 zones to hold meetings on air pollution with RWAs, market associations and NGOs on October 28 and 29. **ENS**

1st meet to discuss parking policy held

New Delhi: The apex monitoring committee for implementation of the government's parking policy held its first meeting Friday to discuss reserved spaces for electric vehicles and area-wise

parking plans. Parking plans by civic bodies in consultation with RWAs, market associations, based on guidelines of the transport department, were discussed. **ENS**

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Extract of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended 30th September, 2021

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Particulars	Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Quarter Ended
	30th September, 2021	30th September, 2021	30th September, 2020
Value of Sales & Services (Revenue)	191,532	350,394	128,385
Less: GST Recovered	17,428	31,918	12,190
Revenue from Operations	174,104	318,476	116,195
Profit Before Exceptional Item and Tax	19,234	36,504	10,589
Profit Before Tax	19,234	36,504	10,589
Profit for the Period*	15,479	29,285	10,602
Total Comprehensive Income (after Tax)*	31,559	48,449	35,031
Paid up Equity Share Capital, Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each	6,551	6,551	6,445
Other Equity excluding Revaluation Reserve**	-	-	-
Earnings per Equity Share (Face value of ₹ 10/- each) (Not Annualised)			
Basic (in ₹) - After Exceptional Item	20.88	39.86	14.84
Basic (in ₹) - Before Exceptional Item	20.88	39.86	14.84
Diluted (in ₹) - After Exceptional Item	20.60	39.21	14.68
Diluted (in ₹) - Before Exceptional Item	20.60	39.21	14.68

* Includes share of Non-Controlling Interest
** Other Equity excluding Revaluation Reserves for the year ended as on 31st March, 2021 was ₹ 6,93,727 crore.

Notes:

- The Audit Committee has reviewed the above results and the Board of Directors has approved the above results and its release at their respective meetings held on 22nd October, 2021. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a Limited Review of the aforesaid results.
- Additional information on Unaudited Standalone Financial Results is as follows:

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Quarter Ended
	30th September, 2021	30th September, 2021	30th September, 2020
Value of Sale & Service (Revenue)	1,08,750	2,03,553	64,431
Less: GST Recovered	5,332	9,565	3,185
Revenue from Operations	1,03,418	1,93,988	61,246
Profit Before Exceptional Item and Tax	10,954	21,142	4,618
Profit Before Tax	10,954	21,142	4,618
Profit for the Period	9,228	17,823	6,405
Total Comprehensive Income (after Tax)	10,020	17,348	7,029

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended on 30th September, 2021 filed with the Stock Exchanges pursuant to Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The full format of the Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended on 30th September, 2021 are available on the Stock Exchanges' websites (www.bseindia.com / www.nseindia.com) and the Company's website www.ril.com.

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e Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items -

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Quantity/ Contract Period	Consignor/ 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.	Vitamin E-50 & VitaminAD3	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Head Office Sector 34 A, Chandigarh. 0172 5041837-38	200/-	2,25,000/-	23.10.2021 from 10.00 AM	01.11.2021 up to 10.00 AM	Technical Bid 01.11.2021 at 02.00 PM
2.	Wiring of Tate Indica, Indigo, Swift dr. Swift & other similar vehicles for official use Model 2017 & above.	7 car 2 boreline camper & other Period from 01.12.2021 to 30.11.2022	Verka Amritsar Dairy Phone No 7335598892 7335548163	200/-	5,000/-	25.10.2021 from 03.00 PM	16.11.2021 up to 04.00PM	17.11.2021 at 12.00PM
3.	Supply of Steam Coal	1500 MT	-do-	500/-	3,00,000/-	26.10.2021 from 03.00 PM	11.11.2021 up to 04.00 PM	12.11.2021 at 12.00 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, 2870284 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.

Incharge (Purchase)

Bank of Baroda

POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable Property)

MSME Kadamkuan, Geeta Bhawan, Kadamkuan, Patna-800003

[As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **BANK OF BARODA** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of the **BANK OF BARODA** for the amount stated herein below and further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

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

Name of Borrower / Guarantors & Description of Immovable Properties

Branch / Name of Borrowers/ Date of Demand Notice / Date of Possession / Amount Outstanding	Description of the properties
M/s Baba Restaurant and Bar Prop.: Mr. Jitendra Kumar Gupta Guarantor cum Mortgagor: Mr. Mangal Kumar Demand Notice: 16.02.2021 Date of Possession: 21.10.2021 Amt: ₹20,66,738.10 (Rupees Twenty Lakh Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight and Paise Ten Only) as on 29.08.2019 which included interest till 31.07.2019 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses w.e.f. 01.08.2019 till date of payment.	Equitable Mortgaged vide Sale Deed No.7052 dated 04.08.2015 in the name of Mr. Mangal Kumar details as under:- All that part and parcel of the commercial & Residential Building situated at Sheet No.55, Municipal Survey Plot No.689, Old Ward No.5, New Ward No.38, Thana No.137, Circle No.13, Holding No.476/354, Mauza-Kadamkuan, Rajendra Path, Patna 800003, Area-1 Dhur 1 Dhurki (71.45 Sq.Ft.) Boundaries: North-Sri Prasad Nath Jaiswal and Rajendra Prasad Singh, South-Kadamkuan Main Road, East-Kadamkuan Main Road, West-Smt. Lal Muni Devi.

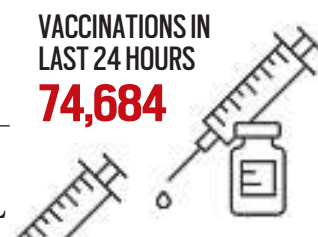
Date : 21.10.2021
Place : Patna

Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda, MSME Kadamkuan Branch, Patna

4 THE CITY

VACCINATIONS IN
LAST 24 HOURS

74,684



		Total		Vacant
TOTAL CASES		15,855		15,626
HOSPITAL BEDS		3,387		3,323
ICU BEDS				
	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Oct 21	22	21	0	42,563
Oct 21	38	8	1	55,909
Total	340*	14,14,095	25,091	2,89,10,811

*Total active cases

BRIEFLY

Court warns of cost if riot probe officers keep seeking adjournments

New Delhi: A Delhi court has told the Delhi Police Commissioner and DCP (Northeast) that they shall be "held personally responsible for the imposition of cost" if IO in Delhi riot cases seek adjournment for compliance of orders on the ground that they were not aware of the directions. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Arun Kumar Garg had over a month ago imposed a cost of Rs 5,000 on police after the IO sought an adjournment to supply a copy of the chargesheet to an accused. The court had also asked the police commissioner to conduct an enquiry and deduct the cost from the officer responsible. However, on Thursday, no report was filed by the police commissioner, though the DCP had requested an extension of time to conduct the enquiry. The court has now asked the commissioner to explain why appropriate action as per law should not be taken against him.

Teacher says being forced to take vaccine, moves HC

New Delhi: The HC Friday asked the government to respond to a petition challenging the decision to not permit teachers and school staff in public schools in case they fail to get themselves vaccinated against Covid-19 by October 15. A petition has been filed before the court by a teacher working in a private-aided school against the decision, contending that he is suffering from a number of medical ailments and has not been taking any allopathic treatment for many years. He has thus sought exemption from taking the vaccine on medical grounds. **ENS**

IN LETTER TO POLICE, TALK OF 'OUTSIDERS, ROHINGYA, BANGLADESHIS'

Namaz row continues in Gurgaon: Protesters zero in on new prayer site

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
GURGAON, OCTOBER 22

WHILE NAMAZ at Gurgaon's Sector 47 site, which has faced protests over the past month from residents, went off peacefully, another site saw a flare up Friday after at least 30 protesters, including those affiliated with Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad, disrupted Friday prayers at Sector 12 A chowk.

Police said protesters raised 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' slogans amid deployment of security personnel. Protesters alleged namaz was being offered "illegally" by "outsiders".

The protesters also told police that if namaz is offered at the same site next Friday and an "untoward incident" were to occur, it would be the responsibility of the administration.

Police sources and district administration officials said that the Sector 12 site had been chosen for prayers "with the consent of residents" after namaz was disrupted at another location. It is among 37 sites finalised on May 18, 2018, by the administration for Friday prayers after discussions with members of both communities. Police said prayers have been offered here for more than



Friday prayers were disrupted at Sector 12 A chowk. PTI

a year now without disruptions.

Protesters, however, alleged the 'permission' granted by the administration was only for one day and conditional on the ground that there would be no objection from local residents.

In a written complaint submitted to the police Friday, a resident of Rajiv Nagar claimed that for some time, people who are not from nearby areas — Rajiv Nagar, Mianwali colony and Gurgaon village — had been offering namaz at Sector 12 A chowk.

In the letter, signed by protesters, she claimed: "I have a suspicion that these people are

Rohingyas or from Bangladesh. Their IDs should be checked and a written list should be prepared. The residents of the area are outraged about this issue and it could escalate into violence."

Kulbhushan Bhardwaj, who was leading the protests on Friday, said, "We don't object to local residents from Muslim community who are offering prayers. But, there has to be an enquiry to check who are these 'outsiders' who are coming here illegally and disturbing harmony. We don't know who they are. This will not be tolerated. Residents in Sector 47 are also protesting. Namaz

should be offered in mosques. We have given a complaint in writing to the police."

Yash Garg, deputy commissioner (DC), Gurgaon, said, "We have taken cognizance of the matter. There were protests today during namaz in Sector 12. We are examining it from all angles and a decision shall be taken keeping in mind everyone's sentiments."

Last week, after consultations with the DC, residents of Sector 47 had decided to defer the protests for at least two weeks.

Addressing the issue after chairing a meeting of the grievance redressal committee in Gurgaon last week, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had said, "Everyone has a right to pray. No one should hurt the sentiments of others, nor should anyone disrupt the prayers. Prayers should be offered at the designated sites as suggested by the administration. At the same time, it should not lead to any hindrance related to any task or traffic. The administration is handling the situation and I have asked them to resolve the issue amicably with agreement of all parties."

Rahees Khan, who had come to pray at Sector 12 A, said, "At 12.45 pm, a group of people raising slogans gathered at the site and tried to disrupt namaz. The

protesters argued with the police for an hour and asked them to shift the location. I have been coming to this site to pray for more than a year."

Satender Singh, SHO, Sector 14 police station, said, "A group of 30-35 protesters including from Bajrang Dal had objected to namaz at Sector 12 chowk. They resorted to sloganeering. We asked them to submit their complaint and issues in writing. They have submitted one. The protesters also said that they would not allow the namaz to be held at the site from next week. The police and district administration are working to resolve the issue."

Haji Shehzad Khan, chairman of the Muslim Ekta Manch, said, "It is the responsibility of the administration to ensure protection for people praying at the designated sites."

Anurag Kulshrestha, coordinator of media cell, VHP, Gurgaon, said: "Representatives from Bajrang Dal, Durga Vahini and VHP, along with residents of the area, had protested. The property where the namaz is being offered is private land. This is a tactic to encroach; it is happening in other sectors too. Earlier, only a few people used to offer namaz here, but now the number is increasing each week."

At Ganga Ram, 375 procedures in five years for disease of food pipe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

SIR GANGA Ram Hospital (SGRH) claimed it has completed 375 special procedures in the last five years to treat a rare and debilitating disease of the food pipe called Achalasia Cardia.

The procedure, called Per Oral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM), was performed on patients in the age group of 14-90 years, with a mean age of 47 years, of which there were 43% females and 57% males, Professor Anil Arora, Chairman of the Institute of Liver, Gastroenterology and Pancreatobiliary Sciences (ILGPS) at SGRH said Friday.

He explained that in Achalasia Cardia, the lower esophageal sphincter (LES), which is present between the esophagus and the stomach, "fails to relax during swallowing and, hence, food cannot enter the stomach and gets stuck in the food pipe". The symptoms include difficulty in swallowing, chest pain followed by vomiting. Patients can suffer from loss of weight and poor quality of life.

It is a rare disease that occurs in one in 1 lakh individuals and is often misdiagnosed as the much more common Gastroesophageal reflux disease which has similar symptoms, said Arora.

He said POEM had become the "preferred treatment option" due to its "minimally invasive non-surgical nature and rapid and almost complete symptom relief with excellent outcomes".

In POEM, the non-relaxing LES is cut from within the cavity of the esophagus using endoscopy. "The procedure takes around 1-1.5 hours and is performed under general anaesthesia and, hence, is painless...", said Arora.

SWAMPED

Patients flock to GTB hospital amid a spike in dengue cases in the capital. On Wednesday, a doctor had said the hospital has been seeing between 100-200 patients a day for the last two weeks. *Praveen Khanna*

Court junks Sharjeel bail plea in 2019 Jamia violence case

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

A DELHI court in its order dismissing the bail plea of JNU student Sharjeel Imam, arrested for allegedly making inflammatory speeches and inciting violence in Jamia Nagar in 2019, observed that the evidence that rioters were incited by his speech and indulged in acts of rioting "is scanty and sketchy". It said the prosecution version can be built on "imaginative thinking", and once this is removed, it "appears to be crumbling like a house of cards".

On December 15, 2019, a mob comprising over 3,000 people attacked police and torched several vehicles in Jamia Nagar during a demonstration against the Citizenship Amendment Bill. The prosecution had claimed the mob was instigated by Imam's speeches against CAA-NRC outside Jamia Millia Islamia.

Additional Sessions Judge Anuj Aggarwal, in his order, also stated a "curious and plain reading of the speech dated 13.12.2019 reveals that the same is clearly on communal/divisive lines". "In my view, the tone and tenor of the incendiary speech tends to have a debilitating effect upon public tranquility, peace and harmony of society," the court said.

It further said the theory of rioters being incited by his speech as propounded by the investigating agency "leaves gaping holes..." "Neither any eyewitness has been cited by prosecution nor there is any other evidence on record to suggest that co-accused got instigated and committed the

alleged act of rioting etc, upon hearing the speech of applicant/accused Sharjeel Imam. Further, there is no evidence corroborating version of prosecution that alleged rioters/co-accused were a part of the audience addressed by applicant/accused Sharjeel Imam on 13.12.2019," the order read.

"In either case, it is not legally permissible to build the edifice of the prosecution version upon the foundation of imagination or upon inadmissible confession before a police officer. Once the legally impermissible foundation of imaginative thinking and disclosure statement of accused/co-accused is removed, the prosecution version on this count appears to be crumbling like a house of cards," the court said.

ASJ Aggarwal quoted English poet John Milton — "give me the liberty to know, to argue freely, and to utter according to conscience, above all liberties and harmony of the society" — to make the point that the "fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression" as enshrined under Article 19 has been placed upon a very high pedestal in the Constitution of this country".

The court, however, held that the fundamental right of "freedom of speech and expression" cannot be exercised at the cost of communal peace and harmony of the society.

The judge also quoted Swami Vivekananda in the bail order: "We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think; Words are secondary; Thoughts live; they travel far".

Sisodia: Tackling job, education crises biggest form of patriotism

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

DEPUTY CM Manish Sisodia Friday said unemployment, lack of quality education, and slow economic growth were the three key challenges being faced by the country and tackling them would be the "biggest form of patriotism".

He was addressing students of the Netaji Subhas University of Technology at the inauguration of a skill centre, a high performing computer centre with 400 high-end computers, an art studio, and the Shaheed Ashfaqullah fitness centre. It was done on the 121st birth anniversary of freedom fighter Ashfaqullah Khan.

Sisodia said while today's youth thought of securing a job at the age of 21, Ashfaqullah Khan faced the "greatest challenge of securing freedom for the



Manish Sisodia

country and joined the freedom movement" at the age of just 27.

"The country is facing three biggest challenges today — every child not receiving quality education, unemployment and low economic progress... In this situation, it is necessary that with the same spirit of patriotism with which revolutionaries like Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan got India its freedom, our youth should work with passion and patriotism to overcome the challenges before

the country," he said.

He said the youth was "actively participating" in the 'Desh Ke Mentor' programme introduced by the Kejriwal government and "in a week, more than 12,000 young people" had joined. "Patriotism is within all of us, but we adopt patriotism as per our convenience. The Kejriwal government has initiated Deshbhakti Curriculum in Delhi schools to expand upon this patriotism. Its purpose is to increase the scope of adopting patriotism in everyday life and to eliminate the fragmented patriotism in its present form," said Sisodia.

He urged the youth studying in the college to "fulfil their responsibility towards the nation by becoming a mentor" and asked them to "guide these children" as "elder brothers and sisters". He said some credit points would be given to college students who become mentors.

CENTRAL DELHI DISTRICT

In a first, women police personnel will be on beat duty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

IN A first, women police personnel have been appointed to beats and sub-divisions in Delhi's Central district, giving them more responsibility in controlling street crimes as well as offences against women and children. Until now, only male staff have been deployed in beats and sub-divisions across the city's 15 districts.

DCP (Central) Shweta Chauhan told *The Indian Express*, "We have now started a path-breaking initiative by deploying all-women staff in earmarked beats and divisions at every police station in the Central district for traditional policing to curb crime and ensure safety and security of citizens." The DCP added that they will be referred to as 'Prashakti Beat Staff'.

"We have also formed a 'Veera Squad' of women police personnel. Both teams will be deployed



Idea is to bring women officers to forefront: DCP Shweta Chauhan. Amit Mehra

for intensive patrolling to control street crime and crimes against women, children. They will perform visible patrolling at sensitive areas on Emergency Response Vehicles, Quick Response Teams vehicles, motorcycles, and scooters to control crime and make streets safer," she said.

Chauhan said the idea behind the two squads is to bring women officers to the forefront: "Crime prevention and detection

Regret not talking to SKM on visit to BJP worker's home: Yogendra Yadav

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

SWARAJ INDIA leader Yogendra Yadav, who was Thursday suspended for a month from the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), Friday said he regretted his "procedural flaw" in not speaking to SKM leaders before meeting the family of the deceased BJP worker in Lakhimpur Kheri, and said it was "naïve" of him to think the gesture would be understood "in the sense in which it was meant".

"There is a question of principle, there's a question of policy and there is a question of procedure. What I did was procedurally flawed. Actually, I went in my personal capacity, with colleagues of the Jai Kisan Andolan, and didn't even name SKM, but when you're in the midst of a struggle like this, whatever you do reflects on everyone else. In that sense, I should have recognised it and spoken to them," Yadav told *The Indian Express*.

Asked what he would have done if the SKM didn't agree at the point, he said, "I would have argued with them, persuaded them, maybe fought with them or postponed my plan by a day or two. I don't know. But not talking to them, and then discovering all this through media, was something which was not correct."

Yadav said in terms of academic philosophy there was the question of substantive ethics and procedural ethics. "In substantive terms, I've made my position clear but procedurally there was a flaw and I admit that."

Yadav said he hoped his suspension could start a dialogue about "issues of humanitarian gestures, of recognising the humanity of your adversary and questions of moral complexity". "The space for anything decent has shrunk so much in our public life irrespective of ideologies and parties... It was naïve of me to expect that a gesture like this would be understood in the sense in which it was meant," he said.

"These are things which have kind of almost disappeared from our public life. I say disappeared as this was very much part of our freedom struggle. Gandhi would worry about workers of Lancashire whose jobs were be-



SKM suspended Yogendra Yadav for a month

ing taken away because of the Swadeshi movement. Gandhi did not say they are foreigners... We need to bring back some of these questions. A big and historic movement like this Kisan movement should take the responsibility of re-rescuing some of these questions that have disappeared from our public life," said Yadav.

He said the decision by SKM was taken in his presence and he got the chance to state his viewpoint, but he didn't have any idea beforehand that his suspension would be on the cards.

In a statement Friday, Yadav said he visited BJP worker Shubham Mishra's home "not to glorify him" but to pay his condolences. "To me, sharing grief of everyone, including our adversaries, is a principle that draws upon humanitarianism as well as Indian culture. As a policy, I have believed that expressing such sentiments do not weaken but actually strengthen any mass movement. Naturally, not everyone in the movement shares this understanding," he said.

"In any public movement like this one, collective wisdom must prevail above individual understanding. I regret not consulting my colleagues in SKM before taking this decision. I also regret that this has hurt many of my colleagues involved in the farmers' movement. I respect the collective decision-making process of the SKM and gladly submit myself to the punishment awarded to me," he said.

Asked by *The Indian Express* if he will continue to participate at protest sites as he's not allowed to speak on stage, Yadav said, "Of course. I enjoy those meetings most where I don't have to speak, and I hope to contribute more than I did earlier."

Man assaults chicken seller at Singhu, held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, OCTOBER 22

A MAN was arrested at Singhu border Thursday for allegedly assaulting a chicken seller and breaking his leg with a stick after the latter refused to give him a chicken for free, said police.

The accused has been identified as Naveen Kumar, a Nihang Sikh from Karnal.

The incident took place on Thursday afternoon when one Manoj Paswan, a native of Darbhanga, who is a poultry farm worker, was carrying some chickens on a cart for a delivery. Police said the accused asked Paswan to give him a chicken, and when he refused, an argument broke out.

Ravi Kumar, SHO, Kundli police station, said, "The accused hit the victim with a stick and broke his leg. The victim was admitted to a hospital for treatment. The

accused, a Nihang, was arrested and an FIR was lodged. He will be produced in court today."

In a video, Paswan can purportedly be heard narrating the incident: "He asked me to give him a chicken. I told him I cannot as there is a count of chickens that are given to us and we have to deliver them. If there is any missing, I would be accused of theft. I took out a slip from my pocket to show him the count. While taking out the slip, the accused saw a beedi in my pocket. He accused me of smoking beedi at the protest site. I told him that I had not... But he started assaulting me with a stick."

A police officer said, "The accused had come to the protest site at Singhu earlier and joined the Nihang sect in April this year."

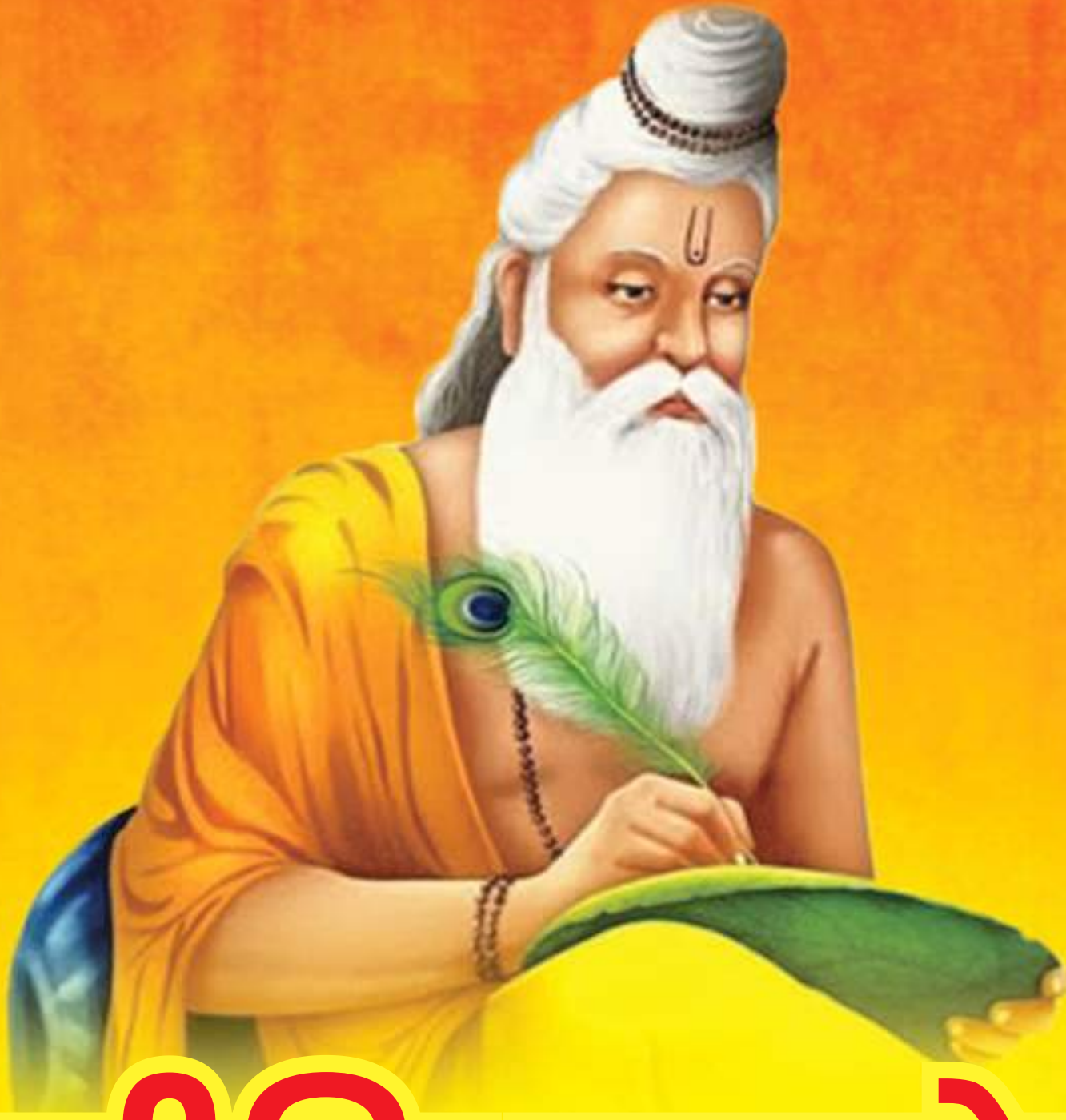
An FIR was registered under IPC sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 506 (criminal intimidation) at Kundli police station, said police.

were earlier considered male bastions. We will now see increased participation of women officers at every level of policing. We are hoping they will play an important role in prevention, detection and investigation of robbery, snatching, pick-pocketing, burglary and organised crime."

Earlier, women officers were deployed mainly for sensitisation of women and children and for tackling crime against women. "In the Central district, we

have also deployed them in beats to handle hardcore crime... Women staff have also been posted in the district's cyber cell and special staff," Chauhan said.

The DCP said they have also set up a 'Pink Booth' manned by women staff in Karol Bagh to resolve grievances of locals. "We have created this booth to provide a safe complaint redressal mechanism for women and girls in busy market areas that they frequent," she added.



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6 GOVT & POLITICS



DELHI CONFIDENTIAL

PICKING CANDIDATES

IN A departure from practice, Congress is set to begin discussions on selection of candidates for the forthcoming Assembly elections much in advance. And the focus is Uttar Pradesh. A meeting of the Central Election Committee – the panel headed by Sonia Gandhi that finalises the candidates – will take place on Saturday to discuss candidate selection for the state. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, the AICC general secretary in charge of Uttar Pradesh, earlier this week announced that 40 per cent of the party's candidates will be women. The party could send a message showing its seriousness by announcing the first list of candidates, with many women in it, soon.

HINDI BOOST

A REVIEW has found that the use of Hindi has seen a marked jump in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat between 2019 and 2020. According to the review by Rajya Sabha Secretary General PPK Ramacharyulu on Thursday, replies in Hindi to applications and representations by the secretariat increased three times while replies in Hindi to communications received in Hindi has doubled. Issue of tender notices in Hindi went up by over a third as well. Sources said a secretariat veteran observed that this increased use of Hindi is significant, given that both Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu and the Joint Secretary responsible for promotion of Hindi, are from non-Hindi speaking states. Naidu has been emphasising on use of Indian languages by MPs in the proceedings of the House and of Hindi in official work.

MAKING SPACE

SHASTRI BHAWAN, which houses several ministries and departments, is perpetually being redone, with the building facing a severe space crunch. Every time there is an expansion or reshuffle of ministerial portfolios, the pace of renovation picks up. Currently, work is underway to carve out an office space for newly inducted Minister of State for Education Rajkumar Ranjan Singh. On Friday, around 8 pm, there was a flutter as a wall mounted fan caught fire on the third floor of the building. The Delhi Fire Services brought the situation under control within minutes.

Ahead of local polls, Odisha Cong working president quits

AISHWARYA MOHANTY
BHUBANESWAR, OCTOBER 22

ODISHA CONGRESS working president Pradeep Majhi on Friday resigned from primary membership of the party, saying that the Congress lacked the desire to serve people.

"I beg to state with extreme sadness and pain that I have decided to resign from the primary membership of Indian National Congress," Majhi, a former MP and an influential tribal leader, wrote in his resignation letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

The resignation is yet to be formally accepted by the party.

Majhi's decision is a setback for the Congress ahead of panchayat polls, scheduled for February next year. The party finished third in the 2017 rural polls, after the BJD and the BJP.

It is not known what Majhi's next step will be, but there is speculation that the former MP may join the BJD.

Chaudhary replaces Rawat as incharge of Punjab Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 22

RAJASTHAN REVENUE Minister Harish Chaudhary on Friday was appointed by the party as its general secretary incharge of Punjab Congress affairs.

Chaudhary replaces former Uttarakhand CM Harish Rawat, whose tenure in Punjab saw a rebellion against Amarinder Singh and his ouster as CML Nayajot Sidhu was appointed PPCC chief in the face of fierce opposition by Amarinder.

Rawat had been seeking from the high command that he should be relieved from the post as he had to concentrate on his election in Uttarakhand.

Apart from Rawat, Chaudhary had earlier worked in Punjab as deputy to former AICC general secretary incharge Asha Kumari and Shakeel Ahmed. He had an important role to play in Amarinder's removal and was tipped to be the next incharge.

PROBE INTO COMMUNALLY SENSITIVE VIDEO

SC notice to Twitter India ex-MD over appeal by UP

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THE SUPREME Court Friday sought former Twitter India MD Manish Maheshwari's reply on an appeal filed by Uttar Pradesh government, challenging a Karnataka High Court order quashing the notice issued to him earlier by UP Police.

In its notice, UP Police had sought Maheshwari's presence in connection with its probe into a communally sensitive video uploaded on the microblogging site earlier this year.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana issued notice to Maheshwari, after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for UP, contended that the matter involved questions of territorial jurisdiction.

Gujarat Cong leaders push for 'experienced' state unit chief

In meet with Rahul, signal resistance to Hardik Patel's bid to be PCC president

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AHMEDABAD, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

SEVERAL SENIOR leaders of the Gujarat Congress are learnt to have told Rahul Gandhi on Friday that they are in favour of an "experienced" leader being appointed as the next state party president to lead the party into Assembly elections next year, signalling that there is resistance to Hardik Patel's bid to become the GPCC president.

Rahul met 23 Gujarat Congress leaders, his first such interaction with them in a long time. He and Raghu Sharma, newly appointed AICC leader in charge of Gujarat, first met the leaders together and then individually. Sources said that among the names suggested for the post of PCC president were former state Congress presidents Shaktisinh Gohil, Bharatsinh Solanki and former Lok Sabha MP Jagdish Thakor. According to sources, many leaders proposed the names of legislators Virji Thummar and Punjabhai Vansh for the post of Leader of Opposition.

The indication from the party high command was that the leadership change in the state could be announced around Diwali. Sources said the leaders insisted on individual meetings with Rahul when he asked whether they would like to have



Rahul Gandhi with Gujarat Congress leaders in New Delhi. PTI

an open discussion.

Earlier this year, GPCC president Amit Chavda and Leader of Opposition in the Gujarat Assembly Pares Dhanani submitted their resignations following the party's poor performance in the state's local body elections. Sources said most of the senior leaders felt the party should be led by an "experienced" leader at this juncture, who can take everyone along and cobble together an alliance with some local parties.

The indication was that the senior leaders have joined hands to block Patel, who is now a working president of the Gujarat Congress, from becoming the GPCC president. Patel, on the other hand, reportedly enjoys the confidence of the central leadership.

Both Patel and Jignesh Mevani, who announced "full support" to the Congress last

month, met Rahul separately and left early since they had to attend a function organised by Kanhaiya Kumar, who recently joined the Congress, in Patna.

Rahul, sources said, asked the leaders to work unitedly and organise a "chintan shivir" to galvanise the party and make it ready for the elections. After the one-on-one meetings, Rahul and Sharma went to Rajasthan Bhawan, where he had lunch with all the senior leaders.

Asked whose prospects seemed strongest for the GPCC and Leader of Opposition posts, a leader said: "Who would not want to occupy these posts? While we are not aware of what they said individually to Rahul Gandhi, two-three names emerged in the common discussion. A decision will be taken by the party high command in the

next three-four days."

Among those who met Rahul were: Chavda, Dhanani, Gohil, Patel, Mevani, Arjun Modhwadia, Siddharth Patel, Tushar Chaudhary, Naran Rathwa, Amee Yagnik, Deepak Babaria, Gyasuddin Shaikh, Shailesh Parmar, Virji Thummar and Punjabhai Vansh.

The Gujarat Congress has seen a downward spiral since the 2017 Assembly elections with several MLAs switching to the BJP. It suffered a rout in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and performed badly in the subsequent Rajya Sabha polls, Assembly by-polls and local body polls.

The Congress had appointed Chavda (45) as GPCC president in early 2018, replacing veteran leader Bharatsinh Solanki.

However, the Congress could not win a single seat in Gujarat in the Lok Sabha elections. In July 2020, Hardik Patel was made the working president, while Chavda remained state party president. Cracks, however, emerged during the 2021 local polls when Patel claimed that he was not given any rally to address by the party.

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Mamata to visit poll-bound Goa on Oct 28

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, KOLKATA, OCTOBER 22

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will visit Goa on October 28. This will be the TMC supremo's first visit to the poll-bound state since her party announced that it will participate in the Assembly elections.

Over the past month, Banerjee's image has been splashed across several hoardings in the state, and her visit to Goa is expected to kick-start the TMC's campaign for the polls, scheduled for early next year.

According to sources, TMC MP Derek O'Brien and political strategist Prashant Kishor will also be in Goa during her visit. Both have been organising the party base in Goa after the TMC won the West Bengal elections.

TMC sources said the party leadership is "optimistic" about defeating the BJP and forming the government in Goa. A leader said, "Goans are annoyed with the BJP government and they want a new alternative because they already have seen the Congress."

Faleiro appointed TMC vice-president

Panaji: Banerjee on Friday appointed former Goa chief minister Luizinho Faleiro as a TMC national vice-president. Faleiro had recently quit the Congress and switched over to the TMC.

ESHA ROY

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

INDIA WILL finalise its stand on various issues related to the COP26 conference in Glasgow next month, at the Cabinet meeting on October 27, it is learnt.

India's main contention at the summit will continue to revolve around the transfer of technology and climate finance from developed to developing country, according to sources in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

Among key issues at the summit will be climate fair

share, climate ambition, climate finance, loss and damage leverage, and carbon markets.

Officials said India's stand on climate change will be that developed countries have a bigger contribution in environmental damage. A senior Environment Ministry official said, "We believe in the polluters-pay principle, and that will be our stand at COP26—that developed countries, which have historically contributed to most emissions that have led to the temperature rise and climate change, take the responsibility of assisting developing nations financially by putting a compensation mechanism in place."

India-UK talks focus on infra, defence

New Delhi: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and visiting British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss held wide-ranging talks on Friday with a focus on infrastructure investment as well as defence and security cooperation.

Truss, who is on a two-day visit to India, also held meetings with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav. She is expected to announce a series of tech and infrastructure tie-ups with India to boost both the economies, said a statement by the British High Commission on Truss' India visit.



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss during Friday's meeting in New Delhi. PTI

Hindutva neither Left nor Right: Hosabale

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

HINDUTVA IS neither Left nor Right, RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale said Friday.

"The world had gone to Left, or was forced to go Left, and now the situation is such that world is moving towards the Right so that it is at the Centre. That is what Hindutva is all about, neither Left nor Right," Hosabale said while releasing a book, *The Hindutva Paradigm- Integral Humanism and the Quest for a Non-Western World View*, by RSS leader Ram Madhav.

Hosabale also talked about colonial practices, which he said were not relevant but continue to persist in the Indian system.

To drive home his argument, he quoted Mahatma Gandhi's Hind Swaraj discourse and the recent remarks by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana on the need for Indianisation of the legal system.

Addressing an event organised by the Karnataka State Bar



RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale and Ram Madhav at launch of the latter's book in Delhi on Friday. Amit Mehra

Council last month, CJI Ramana had said: "Very often our justice delivery poses multiple barriers for the common people... Our systems practise rules being colonial in origin may not be best suited to the needs of Indian population. The need of the hour is the Indianisation of our legal system."

Speaking on Hindutva, Hosabale said that its essence is in taking the best from every cor-

ner and mould them to suit your needs, surrounding and life. "I am from the RSS we have never said in our discourse in the Sangh training camps that we are Rightist. Many of our ideas are like Leftist ideas," he said.

The RSS leader said there is space for ideas of both sides, the Left and the Right, since these are "human experience".

"There is no full stop in Indian

UPSC candidates have no right to cadre of choice: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

SUCCESSFUL IAS aspirants have no right to be allocated to a cadre of their choice, the Supreme Court ruled on Friday.

A bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and V Ramasubramanian said this while setting aside a Kerala High Court order, which asked the Centre to grant Kerala cadre to IAS officer A Shainamol. She had been allotted Himachal Pradesh cadre.

The top court pointed out that in the 1995 case of Union of India and Ors v. Rajiv Yadav, IAS and Ors, a three-judge bench had laid down that allotment of cadre is not a matter of right. The court had said that "a selected candidate had a right to consider the appointment of the IAS but he had no such right to be allocated to cadre of his choice or to his home state. Allocation of cadre was an incidence of service."

Allowing the Centre's appeal challenging the HC decision of February 29, 2017, the bench said Shainamol "as a candidate for All-India Service...has opted to serve anywhere in the country". It said that "once an applicant gets selected to service, the scramble for home cadre starts".

Rejecting arguments that her home state — Kerala — was not consulted before allocating her

Himachal cadre, the court said the State has "no discretion of allocation of a cadre at its whims and fancies", and "therefore, the Tribunal or the High Court should have refrained from interfering with allocation of cadre on the argument of alleged violation of the allocation circular".

The verdict dealt with the question whether consultation in respect of allocation of cadre is required to be done with the State from which the candidate belongs or with the State to which the candidate is being allocated.

It pointed out that the "entire basis" of Shainamol's "claim is that there was no consultation with the State of Kerala" and that the "argument is however untenable".

The court said, "The applicant was allocated to the State of Himachal Pradesh and there was a consent duly given by the Himachal Pradesh for her allocation to that State. In fact, no consultation was required to be carried out in respect of the applicant with Kerala. Therefore, mandate...of the Cadre Rules is satisfied when consultation was made with the State to which allocation was made", it said.

The SC said that the reasoning given by HC that there was cadre deficiency, therefore, the applicant was entitled to be allocated is "strange", and "bereft of any merit".

SC rues delay in filling of vacancies in consumer bodies

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THE SUPREME Court on Friday expressed anguish over the delay in filling of vacancies in district and state-level consumer bodies and said it is not a happy situation that the judiciary is called upon to look into the issue.

"If the government does not want the tribunals then abolish the Act. We are stretching our jurisdictions to see the vacancies are filled. It's unfortunate that the judiciary is called upon to look into this issue...This is not a very happy situation," said a bench of Justices SK Kaul and MM Sundresh.

The court was hearing a suo motu case on the delay in appointment of president and members of Districts Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum and State Consumer Redressal Commissions and their lack of adequate infrastructure.

On August 11, the court had directed that the vacancies be filled

up in eight weeks' time. On Friday, Senior Advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan submitted that the Centre had brought in the Tribunals Reforms Act with provisions similar to those struck down by the apex court in a verdict in the Madras Bar Association case.

The SC had, in a 2:1 judgement in that case, struck down certain provisions of the Tribunals Reforms (Rationalisation and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 2021 which prescribed 50 years as the minimum age for appointment as Chairperson or Members and fixed four years as their tenure, citing the need to ensure impartiality and independence of judiciary. Following this, the government brought in the Tribunal Reforms Act.

Sankaranarayanan also pointed out that the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court had, in a recent order, quashed some of the provisions of the Consumer Protection Rules, 2020, pertaining to the appointment of president and members to State and District Consumer bodies.

WhatsApp plea: In Delhi HC, Centre defends new IT rules

SOFIAHSAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE CENTRE on Friday told the Delhi High Court that WhatsApp and Facebook, "which monetise users' personal information" for commercial purposes, are not legally entitled to claim that they protect privacy. It also said that WhatsApp needs to create a mechanism to identify an unlawful information's origin and originator without compromising end-to-end encryption.

The Government was responding to WhatsApp's petition challenging the 2021 IT Rules' requirement of enabling traceability of online messages. It said the petition is not maintainable as the company is a foreign entity and cannot claim rights under Article 21, including the right to privacy.

"The IT Rules are framed on the basis of numerous parliamentary and judiciary recommendations which seek to protect the users against child sexual abuse material, fake news and other harmful online content which was considered to be beyond the bounds of free speech," the Ministry of Electronics & IT said.

Customs: Kerala IAS officer told gold smugglers about intel info

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 22

IN ITS criminal complaint in the Kerala gold smuggling case, the Customs department said on Friday that ex-principal secretary to the Kerala Chief Minister, M Sivasankar, told the smugglers to be careful as the state intelligence had information about their activity through the diplomatic channel of the UAE Consulate.

The complaint has been filed against 29 accused, including Sivasankar, at the economic offences court in Kochi as a part of initiating prosecution proceedings against them.

It added that Swapna Suresh, a key accused and a former employee of the UAE Consulate, had deposed regarding Sivasankar's alleged warning to them.

Another accused, P S Sarith, was quoted as saying that Sivasankar told him he could organise a job for him in case he wanted to stop smuggling through the diplomatic channel.

The department said that Sivasankar, by the act of divulging the intelligence report to unscrupulous elements, was knowingly involved in misdeclaration and evasion of Customs duty.



New Delhi



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BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

India-US sign deal for torpedoes

New Delhi: India has signed a Rs 423 crore contract with the US government for the purchase of MK 54 Torpedo and Expendable (Chaff and Flares) torpedoes for the Navy's P-8I maritime surveillance aircraft from the US. "These weapons are the outfit of P-8I Aircraft which is used for Long range Maritime Surveillance, Anti-Submarine Warfare and Anti-Surface Warfare (ASV)," the Defence Ministry said. **ENS**

RAJASTHAN

CM's OSD skips police summons

Jaipur: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's Officer on Special Duty, Lokesh Sharma, skipped his second summons by Delhi Police on Friday due to a "family emergency". He had been summoned in connection with the phone tapping case. Sharma was asked by the Delhi Police to appear at its office at 11 am on October 22, in connection with the FIR lodged by Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. **ENS**

HARYANA

8 of family killed as truck hits car

Chandigarh: At least eight members of a family were killed and a girl sustained severe injuries when a speeding truck rammed into their taxi parked along the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway near Jhajjar's Badli town Friday. The deceased included four men, three women and a child. The truck driver fled after the accident, which took place early morning. The family was travelling in a Delhi-registered Ertiga. **ENS**

UTTAR PRADESH

In queue for 2 days, farmer dies

Lalitpur: A farmer died in a queue at a fertiliser shop on Friday in the Jakhlau area, where he was allegedly waiting for his turn for two days. "Bhogilal Pal (55) of Nayagaon died due to cardiac arrest around 9.30 am. He was standing in a queue for the past two days," police said. The victim's son, Kripal, said: "Today, he was waiting for his turn but fell unconscious and was taken to a hospital... he was declared brought dead." **PTI**

Lakhimpur Kheri SIT chief gets charge of new range

MANISH SAHU

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 22

DESPITE BEING pulled up by the Supreme Court over the pace of its investigation in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident, the UP government took a surprise step Friday by shifting the DIG heading the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in the case to a different police jurisdiction as part of a reshuffle in the force.

According to a government order, SIT chief Upendra Kumar Agarwal will now take charge as DIG in charge of the Devipatan

range. Lakhimpur Kheri falls under the Lucknow range, and the 2005-batch IPS officer had been attached to the DGP's headquarters in Lucknow since August this year.

When contacted, ADGP (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said that despite the new posting, Upendra Kumar would continue to head the SIT.

However, UP Police sources told *The Indian Express* that with the Devipatan range office in Gonda district, about 200 km from Lakhimpur Kheri, the new posting could present a challenge for Kumar.



Upendra Kumar Agarwal

"It would not be possible for him to come daily to Lakhimpur Kheri and supervise the investigation. He is likely to take charge from Lakhimpur Kheri itself tomorrow morning but since the SIT's investigation is presently at a crucial stage, he may go to his new office only after a few days," sources said.

Upendra Kumar will take

charge as DIG (Devipatan range) and take over from Rakesh Singh who will now be IG (Prayagraj range).

The state government transferred four other IPS officers as part of the reshuffle: IG (Ayodhya range) Dr Sanjeev Gupta has been made IG (law and order); IG (Basti range) Anil Kumar Rai will take charge as IG (PAC Central Zone) Lucknow; IG (Prayagraj range) KP Singh will be IG (Ayodhya range); and IG (law and order) Modak Rajesh D Rao will be IG (Basti range).

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court had questioned the UP gov-

ernment on the status of the probe in the Lakhimpur Kheri case in which eight persons, including four farmers, were killed on October 3. The three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana asked the government to "dispel [the] impression" that the state is "dragging its feet" in the case.

On Friday, a local court in Lakhimpur Kheri remanded the main accused Ashish Mishra, the son of Union MoS Ajay Mishra, and three others in police custody for two days. This is the second time that Ashish has been remanded in police custody.



TMC MP's CONVOY ATTACKED

TMC MP Sushmita Dev's convoy was attacked by unknown people in Amtali area of Agartala on Friday. In her complaint, she said the attackers vandalised vehicles, assaulted party workers and stole mobile phones. Police have filed a case. While TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee blamed the state's ruling party, BJP's Nabendu Bhattacharya denied any role of his party. **ANI**

Kerala eatery owner dies by suicide, blames lockdown on FB

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 22

A TAKEAWAY restaurant owner allegedly died by suicide by jumping in front of a speeding train in Kurichi village in Kottayam, Kerala. Before walking to the railway track early Tuesday morning, 42-year-old Sarin Mohan took to Facebook, holding the government responsible for his death. "When everything collapsed, lockdown decisions were changed. Now I am facing the threat of money lenders. I am an example for how the life of an ordinary person can be destroyed by trapping him in debt. Good-hearted people can help my family. I have a wife and two children. My autistic son also has the right to live," he said on Facebook. Mohan started his takeaway restaurant last year. His wife Radhu Mohan said money lenders were harassing her husband. "He expected a Mudra loan (the Central government loan scheme for micro enterprises) of Rs 10 lakh, but that did not materialise," she said. Local police said they are yet to get details of Mohan's financial liability.

Kerala orders probe into 'forced adoption'

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 22

KERALA GOVERNMENT on Friday ordered a probe into the incident relating to a child being forcibly taken from his mother, a SFI leader, by her parents and handed over to a state-run shelter for adoption.

The issue has come as an embarrassment for the ruling CPI (M) as the parents of the SFI leader, Anupama S Chandran, are local party leaders. It has also emerged that party leaders had been privy to the matter.

State Health and Family Welfare Minister Veena George said a departmental inquiry has been ordered into the incident. "The shelter of the child welfare committee had received the child. A probe would be held into what happened to the child after that,"



Anupama S Chandran and Ajith Kumar. *Express*

she said. "The mother of the child had also complained to the committee in April about her missing son. We have to look into whether there have been any procedure violations in handing over the child for adoption."

It was in October last year that Anupama gave birth to a baby boy at a private hospital, but three days later her parents took him away from her and abandoned him at a government shelter. The family was against Anupama's relationship with Ajith Kumar, a local

MUZAFFARNAGAR RIOTS CASE

BJP MLA Saini, 11 others let off: 'lack of evidence'

MANISH SAHU

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 22

A COURT on Friday acquitted BJP MLA Vikram Saini and 11 others in a case related to the 2013 Muzaffarnagar communal riots. Saini and the others were accused of involvement in violence that broke out after the killing of cousins Sachin and Gaurav at Kawaal village on August 2013. Saini, the MLA from Khatauli, was the village pradhan when the incident occurred.

"Special Judge Gopal Upadhyay acquitted Vikram Saini and 11 others over benefit of doubt due to lack of evidence," said Narendra Sharma, government counsel, after the Muzaffarnagar court's verdict. The five prosecution witnesses were declared hostile after they did not support prosecution story, he said.

Saini and the other accused, who were out on bail, were present in court on Friday.

The case dates back to August 27, 2013, when Sachin and Gaurav were lynched to death soon after they allegedly killed a youth,



BJP MLA Vikram Saini

Shah Nawaz Qureshi, at Kawaal.

During the protest over the killing of Sachin and Gaurav, violence broke out in the village. The protesters pelted stones and set a car belonging to a Muslim on fire, said defence counsel Bharatwar Ahlawat.

The situation was brought under control after the arrival of a police team.

Next day, an FIR was lodged against 12 people, including Saini, under various charges, including rioting and criminal intimidation, said Ahlawat.

The three deaths are believed to have triggered the communal riots in Muzaffarnagar and adjoining districts, in which 65 people were killed and around 60,000 were displaced.

Two more cases relating to the riots are pending against Saini, in which is he accused of making hate speeches, said Ahlawat.

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE

600
DAYS SINCE
PANDEMIC
BEGAN

NEW CASES: 15,834

ACTIVE CASES: 1,74,363

TOTAL VACCINATION: 1,00,59,04,580

DAILY DEATHS
590

TOTAL DEATHS
4,53,632

WEEKLY CFR
1.15%

OVERALL CFR
1.34%



TESTS TODAY: 13,05,566 | TOTAL TESTS: 59,83,72,047

WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 1.24% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 5.71%

STATES REPORTING MOST CASES

STATE	NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY POSITIVITY	TOTAL VACCINATION
■ Kerala	9,361	81,490	10.46%	3,77,17,821
■ Maharashtra	1,632	24,138	1.40%	9,39,97,714
■ Tamil Nadu	1,152	13,531	0.92%	5,43,45,766
■ West Bengal	846	7,577	2.38%	6,94,37,486
■ Mizoram	737	9,286	12.25%	12,03,907

STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

STATE	TODAY'S DEATHS	TOTAL DEATHS	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Kerala	484	27,765	1.19%	0.58%
■ Maharashtra	42	1,43,574	1.27%	2.18%
■ Tamil Nadu	19	35,987	1.16%	1.35%
■ West Bengal	12	19,033	1.59%	1.21%
■ Karnataka	11	37,995	1.79%	1.27%

Note: Data as on Oct 22; vaccination numbers as of Oct 21. Deaths include those from previous days. Kerala added more than 400 deaths in a data cleaning exercise

Ready to export 20-30 million doses: SII chief

ANURADHA MASCARHENAS

PUNE, OCTOBER 22

SERUM INSTITUTE OF India (SII) can export 20 million-30 million doses of its Covid-19 vaccine, Covishield, and is waiting for directions from the government in this regard, the company's CEO Adar Poonawalla told *The Indian Express* on Friday.

In an email response to a set of questions, Poonawalla added that the company hopes to launch its vaccine for children, Covovax, by February-March 2022. His response comes in the backdrop of India achieving 1 billion Covid-19 vaccinations.

"By the end of October, we will start producing 240 million

doses of the vaccine up from our current output of 220 million doses. Raw material shortages have been addressed," he said.

Speaking on the export of Covishield to WHO-backed platform COVAX, he said: "We are still awaiting proper direction from the Government of India. That said, based on our production capacity, and India's demand - we should be able to export 20 to 30 million Covid-19 vaccine doses per month to Covax, and then many more from next January onwards."

"By February-March 2022, we hope to launch Covovax for children. At present, we are undergoing trials for children. At the moment, we are stockpiling smaller quantities," the SII chief said.

At IE Thinc session, experts discuss post-Covid education

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

HOW THE implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 should be contextualised in a post-Covid world and how school education needs to be adapted to achieve the aims of the policy were central to the IE Thinc session on 'NEP 2020: India's Foundation to Become a Knowledge-Based Economy'.

At the session on Thursday, a panel of educators and experts said prioritising and emphasising certain reforms in the road to recovery will be essential, and use of technology cannot be seen as a saviour even while using it to perpetuate the same learning system.

The panelists at the session were Madhav Chavan, co-founder Pratham; Dr Dhir Jhingran, founder director of Language and Learning Foundation; Merlia Shaikh, founder and CEO of Madhi Foundation; and Asya Kazmi, global education policy lead at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The session was moderated by Ritika Chopra, National Education Editor, *The Indian Express*.

The session began with a keynote address by Union



Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who said children will "need more than a conventional school space to learn". "NEP 2020 has highlighted the need for hybrid and innovative modes of learning. Our government has launched the PM eVidya, which includes digital content portal Diksha for one nation, one digital platform... the National Education Policy will be successful if all the initiatives - be it Nipun Bharat, PM Poshan or Vidyanjali - become mass movements," he said.

On whether the road ahead will involve choosing between prioritising deep learning reforms as envisaged by the NEP and recovery from the losses of the pandemic, Dr Jhingran said a dichotomy between the two does

not exist. "Mitigating the learning losses of the pandemic require a two- or three-year academic plan for bridging, and where key skills and competencies of previous grades have to be taught, this kind of work cannot be done unless there are certain reforms... Recovery is not two months of remedial teaching..." he said.

Shaukath said there has to be a balance between a radical and conservative approach to recovery and reform, and said that going back to rigidly grade-specific textbooks will not be sensible, given that students will not be at grade-level when they return to school.

On role of scaling up innovations adapted during Covid, Kazmi said, "We know what works... The focus is now innovating for implementation: how do we do it at scale and how do we do it for those where are most under-served? ... There's also the role of technology in innovation but technology alone is unlikely to be the solution."

Speaking on limitations of changes accelerated by the pandemic, Chavan said, "We are making technology subservient to curriculum, syllabus... Our attitudes to examination and assessment have not changed yet, and that will take some reform..."

ELGAAR PARISHAD CASE

NIA opposes plea seeking probe into 'restrictions' on letters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

ARGUING THAT Anand Teltumbde was writing "objectionable content" in his letters which were turned into a magazine article, compelling the jail authorities to withhold some of them, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) sought dismissal of the plea by the wife of the Elgaar Parishad case accused, lodged in Talaja Central Jail in Navi Mumbai, seeking an inquiry into alleged restrictions on two activists on writing to their spouses and lawyers.

The NIA said prisoners can send and receive letters to their family members, subject to scrutiny of content of the letters.

The NIA, through its Mumbai branch Additional Superintendent of Police Anil Kumar Nair, gave an affidavit in reply to Teltumbde's plea, which was listed before a division bench of Justice Nitin M Jamdar and Justice Sarang V Kotwal, on Friday.

The court has been hearing a plea by Rama Anand Teltumbde, along with Susan Abraham Gonsalves, wife of co-accused Vernon Gonsalves, alleging that letters from their respective spouses were being either withheld or posted belatedly by jail authorities.

Stating that such restrictions were against the rights of the prisoners, the plea said the alleged act by the jail authority was "deliberate and malicious".

To check edible oil prices, Centre suggests limit to states: no stocking beyond 2 months

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

WITH COOKING oil prices continuing to remain high, the Centre has called a meeting of states on October 25 to review enforcement of its order regarding stock limit of edible oils and oilseed.

The government has also asked states to ensure that stakeholders do not hold stock beyond two months of their capacity.

In a letter, the Department of Food and Public Distribution said, "Demand and consumption of edible oil is different for different States/UTs... However, for finalising stock limit quantity of edible

oils and oilseeds, the State/UTs may consider/explore previous stock limit imposed for edible oils and oilseeds by the State/UTs. It may be considered that any stakeholder (refiner, miller, wholesaler, etc.) should not hold stock in excess [of] two months of capacity."

On October 8, the department had imposed stock limits on edible oils and oilseed up to March 31, 2022. The department had left it to states to decide the stock limit of edible oil and oilseed "on the basis of available stock and consumption pattern of State/Union Territory", with a few exceptions.

Addressing the media on Friday, Food Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey said despite international

Week after Chhattisgarh tribal stir, govt clears Parsa coal block

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

RAIPUR, OCTOBER 22

A WEEK after Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel met tribals who had marched over 300 km to Raipur to protest against coal mining in Hasdeo Aranya, the Centre has given stage II clearance for mining in Parsa coal block in Chhattisgarh.

Parsa is one of the six coal blocks allocated in the region despite their agitation, according to Hasdeo Aranya Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, a joint platform of protesters from Sarguja and Korba districts.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change letter issued on Thursday states that clearances were based on the state government's recommendation. The

protesters claim that when they met the CM, they were told the Centre was pushing for coal mining in the region. "The state government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval," the letter stated.

According to Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan, one of the groups fighting for the Hasdeo Aranya forest, this will lead to the destruction of at least 1 lakh trees in 841 hectare area.

"We have been fighting against the fake gram sabhas that were allegedly conducted in 2017-2018 in Hariharpur village, Salhi village and Fatehpur village..." Alok Shukla, convener of Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan, said recently.

EXPLAINED Govt move to cut prices

ON OCTOBER 14, government cut import duty on crude palm oil to 0%, with agri-cess of 7.5% till March 2022. Import duty on crude sunflower oil and crude soyabean oil was reduced to 0%, with agri-cess of 5% until next March. Import duty on refined palm oil, refined sunflower oil and refined soyabean oil was cut to 17.5% until March 2022.

Agra man’s death in custody: Case transferred to Aligarh police

New Delhi: UP Police on Friday transferred the investigation into the death of a sanitation worker – who allegedly died in police custody in Agra – to the Aligarh Police. Arun Valmiki, accused of stealing Rs 25 lakh from a police station premises, allegedly

died in police custody on October 17. His family has alleged he was tortured by the police – a charge denied by the force. The case triggered a political row this week, with Opposition leaders hitting out at the BJP-led state government and demand-

ing justice for the victim. “The investigation has been transferred to Aligarh Range Police. The facts of the case were examined and it was done to ensure there is no conflict of interest,” said Rajiv Krishna, ADG, Zone Agra. ENS

TELANGANA STATE MEDICAL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Director of Health Campus, Sultan Bazar, Hyderabad - 55, Telangana State

Tender Notice No.3 / TMSIDC / Medicines wing / 2021-22, Dt:22-10-2021

Tenders are invited through e-procurement platform (online) for Procurement and supply of following under Rate contract: (1) Medicines from Manufacturers and Importers (2) Surgical, Consumables & CTS items from Manufacturers, Authorized Distributors and Importers, (3) Procurement of Medical Equipment & Furniture and (4) Procurement of Diagnostic Equipment and Diagnostic reagents for Medical Colleges and Teaching Hospitals. Managing Director, TMSIDC Reserves the right to cancel the tender at any time without assigning any reason. For complete details, please visit website: <https://tender.telangana.gov.in> from 23-10-2021 onwards.

DIPR No.2245-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2021-22, Dt:22-10-2021 Sd/- Managing Director

IHQ of MoD (ARMY) QMG BRANCH
ADDL DTE GEN OF ARMY POSTAL SERVICE

REGISTRATION AS APPROVED DISTRIBUTORS FOR SUPPLY OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES TO, 1 CENTRAL BASE POST OFFICE

1. Applications are invited from interested firms/ distributors for supply of Newspapers and Magazines to Newspaper Centre (NPC), 1 Central Base Post Office for further distribution to Armed Forces Units/ Institutions on annual contracts basis.

2. The Firms applying for registration are required to be registered under Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

3. Applications are invited between 25 Oct 2021 to 29 Oct 2021 at APS Directorate.

4. Interested parties may submit application on the printed letter head of the firm to Additional Directorate General Army Postal Service. Any other information may be obtained from the undersigned.

AQMG (Staff & Establishment)
Additional Directorate General Army Postal Service
Quartermaster General's Branch
Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army)
Rao Tula Ram Marg, Shankar Vihar, New Delhi-110010
Telephone No: 011-26153580, E-mail ID-rajhans.milap@gov.in
davp 10622/11/0002/2122

TATA POWER DELHI DISTRIBUTION LIMITED
A Tata Power and Delhi Government Joint Venture

TATA POWER-DDL
Regd. Office : NDPL House, Hudson Lines, Kingsway Camp, Delhi 110 009
Tel : 66112222, Fax : 27468042, Email : TPDDL@tatapower-dcl.com
CIN No. : U40109DL2001PLC111526, Website : www.tatapower-dcl.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS Oct 23, 2021

TATA Power-DDL invites tenders as per following details:

Tender Enquiry No. Work Description	Estimated Cost/EMD (Rs.)	Availability of Bid Document	Last Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date and time of Opening of bids
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001346/21-22 Rate Contract for Supply of Single Phase Static Energy Meters	6.80 Crs/ 7,10,000	26.10.2021	16.11.2021;1600 Hrs/ 16.11.2021;1615 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001345/21-22 Rate Contract for supply of DT Meter Wiring Kit of various Ratings	1.20 Crs/ 75,000	26.10.2021	16.11.2021;1600 Hrs/ 16.11.2021;1700 Hrs
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001342/21-22 Rate Contract for procurement of safe & high rise Antenna Masts	85 Lacs/ 2,12,500	26.10.2021	16.11.2021;1600 Hrs/ 17.11.2021;1700 Hrs

Complete tender and corrigendum document is available on our website www.tatapower-dcl.com → Vendor Zone → Tender / Corrigendum Documents
Contracts - 011-66112222

Directorate of Ports & Inland Water Transport, Paribahan Bhawan (2nd Floor), A.G. Square, Unit-II, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar-9
Phone-0674-2390355, Fax-2396885 Email:- portsniwt.od@nic.in
e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO-DPIWT-03/2021-22, DATE- 11.10.2021
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Sl No	Name of work	01.	02.
1		Construction of Passenger Jetty and Public Rain Shelter at Kasturikan in Bhadrak District.	Construction of Passenger Jetty and Public Rain Shelter at Nimitala in Bhadrak District.
2	No. of Works	02 (Two) Nos.	
3	No. of Covers	02 (Double) Cover	
4	Value of works	01. Rs. 135.45 Lakhs 02. Rs. 178.40 Lakhs	
5	Bid Cost	Rs 10,000.00 per each work.	
6	Period of Completion	11 (Eleven) Calendar Months	
7	Time & Date of availability of bid document in the portal	From dated 26.10.2021 to 15.11.2021 upto 05.00 P.M.	
8	Last time & date for receipt of bids in the portal	Up to 5.00 PM. of dated 15.11.2021	
9	Date of opening of bid documents	12.00 Noon onwards of 16.11.2021	
10	Class of Contractor	"B" & "A" Class Contractor	
11	Name and address of officer inviting Bid	Director, Ports & Inland Water Transport, Odisha, Bhubaneswar	

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in.

Director
Ports & IWT, Odisha, Bhubaneswar
OIPR NO- 02006/11/0004/2122

PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

TENDER NOTICE No: - CIVIL/HO/71/02/2021-2022

Offers by way of e-tendering (Percentage) are invited by the Joint City Engineer, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation from contractors in e-tendering system for following works.

1) The contractor shall quote his Percentage offer on the Cost of work excluding Royalty and material testing charges as mentioned below.

2) The offer for work shall be exclusive of GST. The GST at the applicable rate shall be paid separately by PCMC for work

3) Regarding the Royalty, the policy that the corporation determines will be binding on you.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated cost put to the Tender (4+6) (Rs)	Cost of Work excluding Royalty & Material testing charges (Rs)	Royalty (Rs)	Testing Charges (Rs)	Earnest money (0.50%) (Rs)	Security Deposit (5%) (Rs)	Time limit in calendar Months including Monsoon	Cost of Tender Document GST (Non Refundable) (Rs.)
1	Establishment of Transfer Station (Only Civil Works) for Garbage Collection in the open space of MIDC J Block at Bhosari Neharunagar and Gayran Sector of Nigdi Sector No.23 in Pimpri Chinchwad City.	8,11,96,870	7,95,64,970	16,60,749	16,31,900	4,05,984	40,59,850	6	22,523
2	Establishment of transfer station (Only Civil works) for Garbage Collection near sewage Treatment Plant at Kasarwadi, Sangvi Cemetery and Thergaon (near MM School) Chinchwad Bridge in Pimpri Chinchwad City.	9,91,34,520	9,66,89,770	13,46,330	24,44,750	4,95,673	49,56,730	6	22,523

Time table for the tenders shall be as follows:

Online sale of tenders	Date- 23/10/2021 to 08/11/2021
Last date of submission of tenders	Date - 08/11/2021 up to 3.00 pm
Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time	Date - 28/10/2021 at 3.00 pm
Place of Pre Bid Meeting	Office of Joint City Engineer, Civil Engg. Deppt 1st Floor, PCMC Main Building Pimpri, Pune - 411018
Date of opening of tenders	Date - 10/11/2021 at 3.00 pm (if possible)

The Municipal Commissioner PCMC reserves the right to accept or reject any tender partially or completely without any reason thereof. The details of above works, such as Security Deposit, Earnest Money Deposit, Terms & Conditions of the Tender and Schedule of works, are available on web site www.pcmcindia.gov.in, <http://mahatenders.gov.in>.

In case of any technical problem related to the tender document, the same can be referred to the NIC email support at eproc@nic.in or on telephone numbers 0120-4200462, 0120-4001002, 0120-4001005, 0120-627787.

Sd/-
(Shrikant Savane)
Joint City Engineer,
Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation,
Pimpri – 411 018.

ADVT No. 1152
No: ENGG/TEN/BRTS/650/2021
Date : 22/10/2021

In hybrid format, IFFI plans to draw big names and movies

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

ORGANISERS ARE preparing to open the annual International Film Festival of India (IFFI), which returns to Goa in a hybrid format on November 20, with big screen names and titles to showcase. The 52nd edition of India's largest festival will honour Hollywood stalwart Martin Scorsese and celebrated Hungarian filmmaker Istevan Szabo with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award.

Organised in a hybrid format for the second year in a row due to the pandemic, streaming giants are set to play a major role. Netflix, Amazon Prime, Zee5, Voot and Sony Liv will participate at the festival through physical and virtual events. “India is a land of storytellers; our tales have captured the imagination of the world,” said Union I&B Minister Anurag Thakur, announcing details about the festival in New Delhi on Friday.

The festival will host India premiere of Netflix movie The Power of Dog, by Jane Campion, who was named Best Director at the Venice Film Festival this year. Thakur said that IFFI will provide a platform to young budding talent from across India to connect with mainstream cinema filmmakers and the industry. IFFI will invite 75 creative minds under the age of 35 to interact with industry leaders.

Stalin launches web portals in fresh IT push

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

TAMIL NADU Chief Minister M K Stalin has launched two web portals that use Tamil computing software to ensure micro governance, ease of doing business and develop a competitive edge for the state's IT and ITES sectors. The two web portals are named e-Munnetram and IT Nanban. The two computing software programmes, Keezhadi Keyboard and Tamizhi -- Tamizhinayam Unicode converter, are particularly aimed at tracking the state's 200 major infrastructure projects, costing more than about one lakh crore. “Thee-Munnetram portal will review progress by capturing key details such as the agreement date, start date, cost estimates, project progress... The portal allows Heads of Departments to update the progress periodically...” a government release said.

CORRIGENDUM
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AUTHORITY
24, Tilak Marg, New Delhi

This is with reference to the advertisement no. **davp 09125/11/0002/2122** published in the newspaper on **25.09.2021** on the subject "inviting nominations for appointment as Whole Time Members in the National Monuments Authority".

The e-mail address for submitting the applications may be read as **ms-nma@nic.in** and **director@nma.gov.in**. The last date for receipt of nominations/ applications is extended till 9th November, 2021 (Tuesday). All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

davp 09125/11/0003/2122

KOREGAON BHIMA PROBE COMMISSION SUMMONS PARAM BIR SINGH

Pune: The Koregaon Bhima Commission of Inquiry on Friday issued summons to IPS officers Param Bir Singh and Rashmi Shukla to appear as witnesses in the probe into events that led to the violence on January 1, 2018. ENS

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
VILLUPURAM HIGHWAYS
(Construction & Maintenance) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE

T.N.NO. 22/2021-22/HDO. DATED: 22 - 10 - 2021

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender (Two cover system) through online only will be received upto 01-12-2021, 13:00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Villupuram Circle for Rehabilitation to Road Over Bridge, pertaining to Villupuram (H) C&M Division.

Details of work, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender document and all other details are available from 29-10-2021 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in> If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only

Superintending Engineer (H), C&M Circle, Villupuram

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TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No	Total
1	CE/MM	M -15 to M -49	35

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit website : www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in enquiry@tangedco.gov.in

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NANAJI DESHMUKH VETERINARY SCIENCE UNIVERSITY
JABALPUR 482004 M.P.

No. : 2267/Tenders/Registrar/2021 Dated : 22.10.2021

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited from reputed manufacturers and their authorised dealers for the supply of equipment items. Tender documents and detailed information are available on website www.mptenders.gov.in and university website www.ndvsu.org. Schedule : Purchase of online tenders from 26.10.2021 to 17.11.2021. Online submission of bid upto 17.11.2021. Submission of technical/physical bid to the office upto 24.11.2021. Corrigendum, if any, will only be posted in above websites. No press notice will be issued separately.

REGISTRAR

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Public Works Division Aurangabad
E-Tender Notice No. 21 Of 2021-2022

E- Tender for the following works in B-1 Form for the (03) Work(s) is invited via online E-Tendering system from Contractor of Eligible Class by Executive Engineer Public Works Division, Aurangabad (Ph No. 0240-2331174) on behalf of Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra. All details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-Tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> and on www.mahapwd.com as per online tender schedules.

sd/-
Executive Engineer
for Public Works Division,
Aurangabad

dgjpr 2021-22/2422

दी अंबाला जिला दुग्ध उत्पादक सहकारी संघ लि. अंबाला
अल्पावधि ऋण के लिए निविदा सूचना

हरियाणा राज्य में लगभग रु. 130 करोड़ (एक सौ तीस करोड़ रुपए मात्र) के अल्पावधि ऋण के प्रावधान हेतु अर्थात सभी संबद्ध दुग्ध संघों के लिए राष्ट्रीयकृत/सूचीबद्ध/निजी बैंकों से व्याज दर एवं अन्य नियम व शर्तों वाले मोहरबंद कोटेशन आमंत्रित हैं। ऋण दिसंबर 2021 (संभावित) से मार्च 2022 तक निकाला जाएगा। मोहरबंद कोटेशन जमा करने हेतु अंतिम तिथि 12.11.2021 प्रातः 11.00 बजे तक है एवं उसी दिन प्रातः 11.30 बजे बैंकों के प्रतिनिधियों को कार्यालय दुग्ध संघ, अंबाला सिटी में उपस्थित होना चाहिए, को उपस्थिति में खोले जाएंगे। लिफाफे के ऊपर “अल्पावधि ऋण हेतु मोहरबंद कोटेशन” स्पष्ट रूप से लिखा होना चाहिए।

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हस्ता./-
मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी,
दुग्ध संघ, अंबाला

मिल्क प्लांट, जी टी रोड, अंबाला शहर
(ISO 9001:2015 & 22000:2005 प्रमाणित संस्था)
फोन नं.: 0171-2540614 और 2540622
E-mail: milkplant@vitaambala.com

5310/HRY

YSR STEEL CORPORATION LIMITED (YSRSCIL)
(A Joint Venture of Government of Andhra Pradesh)

4th Floor, IHC Corporate, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522503

NIT No: 07/YSRSCIL/Consultancy/2021-22 Dated: 23-10-2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR SELECTION OF EPCM CONSULTANT

YSRSCIL intends to invite tenders from well qualified and reputed Consultants for providing Engineering, Procurement Assistance and Construction Management (EPCM) Consultancy Services for setting up a 3 MTPA Greenfield Integrated Steel Plant through BF-BoF route with HR coil as the finished product, at YSR (Kadapa) District A.P.

The last date for submission of tender is 12.11.2021.

The detailed notice inviting tender and other tender documents can be downloaded from the website <http://www.sphighgradeusteels.com/tenders.php>.

Sd/- Managing Director, YSRSCIL

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, (Patiala)
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number: 96461-18774)

Tender Enquiry No. MQP-190/2021-22/PR Dated: 13.10.2021

CE/Metering, PSPCL, C-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-Tender for procurement of 1050 No. -/5 AMP, 11kV/110V DLMS Compliant AC, 3 Phase, 4 Wire CT/PT Operated fully Static and AMR compatible HT Tri Vector Feeder Energy Meters (CATEGORY A) of accuracy class 0.2S and Empanelment of technically eligible Firms for private sale of above material.

For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 13.10.2021 from (02.00 P.M. onward).

NOTE: Corrigendum & amendments, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

C-383/21 9186/PB

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR-2, PANCHKULA-134154
(www.hssc.gov.in)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Final Result for the post of Junior System Engineer of (DHBVN) Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat No. 01.

In continuation of earlier notice dated 22.04.2021 and on the basis of Written Examination, Scrutiny of Documents and Socio-economic criteria for the post of Junior System Engineer of DHBVN, against Advt. No. 11/2019, Category No.01, the Commission has finalised and declared the result for 04 posts ESP category. The result has been shown Roll No. wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket.

Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No.03, Junior System Engineer (04 Posts ESP category)

ESP GEN (01 Posts)	
1191004054	(53)
ESP SC (02 Posts)	
1191013484 1191013650	(71)
ESP BCA (01 Posts)	
1191017041	(76)
SC Waiting	
1191015758 1191017152	(70)
BCA Waiting	
1191016423	(74)

CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR SELECTION

1.) WRITTEN EXAMINATION..... 50 MARKS
2.) SOCIO ECONOMIC CRITERIA..... 10-MARKS
TOTAL:- 100-MARKS

NOTE:- 1.While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.
2. The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. www.hssc.gov.in, and also published in Dainik Savera, Hari Bhoomi, Dainik Jagran, Punjab Kesari for Hindi and The Tribune & Indian Express.

Sd/-
Secretary
Haryana Staff Selection Commission
Dated:-22.10.2021

5320/HRY

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER
TEL. BASIN, BHAWANIPATNA, DIST. KALAHANDI, ODISHA
e-mail ID- celtelbasinbhp@gmail.com
“e-procurement Notice”

BID Identification No: CETEL-TID-07/2021-22.

1. Name of the work : Balance estimate for Renovation of Saradhapali Distributary off-taking at RD. 500m of Champamal Distributary of Hariharajore Irrigation Project, Birmaharajapur (RD. 0.000 km. to RD. 4.475 km and Saradhapali minor RD. 07.785 km to RD. 4.080.

2. Estimated Cost : Rs 508.39 lakhs

3. Bid document Cost : Rs. 10,000.00

4. EMD : Bid Security Declaration to be furnished.

5. Class of Contractor : 'A' & 'Special' Class

6. Period of Completion : 12 (Twelve) calendar months

7. Other details are as follows:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	On-line bidding of Tender	Last date/Time of receipt of Bids in the portal	Date of Opening of Tender (Cover-I)	Place of opening of Bid
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna	BID ID: CETEL-TID-07-2021-22	From To	26.10.2021 10.00 A.M. 17.11.2021 up to 5.30 P.M.	17.11.2021 up to 5.30 P.M.	O/o the Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal “<https://www.tendersorissa.gov.in>”

Sd/- Chief Engineer & Basin Manager
Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna
OIPR NO - 32317/11/0008/2122

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EXPLAINED POLITICS

Behind Cong's continuous struggle in Gujarat

Some 25 state unit leaders have called on Rahul Gandhi to discuss leadership issues. Why is the party in such a state despite improving its vote share over the years?

LEENA MISRA

AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 22

ON FRIDAY, some 25 leaders of the Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) met Rahul Gandhi in Delhi. They included four former PCC chiefs, one woman (the Rajya Sabha MP Amee Yagnik), and one Muslim (the MLA Gyasuddin Shaikh). This was the first such representation from Gujarat to discuss leadership issues. Gujarat votes in Assembly elections next year.

The party, which has seen its vote share improving over the years, is struggling with organisational issues. The posts of GPCC president and Leader of Opposition have been vacant since March when Amit Chavda and Paresh Dhanani respectively resigned, following the party's rout in local body elections. The current number of Congress MLAs is 65, down from 77 in 2017, with several having defected ahead of Rajya Sabha elections in 2020.

Top-heaviness

In the over 26 years that the Congress has been out of power, the party has retained a dedicated set of voters, but has not been able

to swing any new voters its way, nor has it been open to any new ideas or faces. For instance, in spite of winning 77 of the 182 seats in 2017, largely credited to the disaffection among Patidars on account of the state-wide quota agitation led by Hardik Patel, the 28-year old has not been welcome in the PCC since he joined the party in 2019.

Gujarat has been ruled by the BJP since 1995, except for a break in 1997-98 when Shantersinh Vaghela rebelled to launch his party and form a government with the backing of the Congress. But the elections that followed in 1998 indicated no room for a third force with Vaghela's party winning just four seats. BJP won 117 seats and the Congress 53, polling 35.2 per cent in the seats it contested. This was the pre-Narendra Modi era.

Election trends

Over the years, in the Modi era, after the BJP won its highest number of seats at 127 in 2002, in elections that followed the communal riots post the Godhra train burning, its seat share has fallen from 69.78 per cent in 2002, to 54.4 per cent in 2017, while the Congress's went up from 28.2 per cent to 42.31 per cent. This, coupled with a higher turnout, clearly

suggests anti-incumbency.

The 2017 election was held at a difficult time for the Congress. With four months to go, Leader of Opposition Vaghela walked out of the party, with six other MLAs following him, some joining the BJP days ahead of a crucial Rajya Sabha election.

Yet the Congress did well, owing largely to the churning building up in the state itself. There was disaffection in the BJP's main constituency – the Patidars – manifested in the state-wide agitation for quota led by Hardik Patel. In 2016, the public flogging of Dalits in Una saw ripples across the country and gave rise to Dalit leader Jignesh Mevani who went on to win as independent MLA with the backing of the Congress in 2017. In addition to there was distress among farmers because of erratic rains and failed crops, coupled with nationwide anger among certain sections of traders caused by demonetisation and the teething issues in the GST regime.

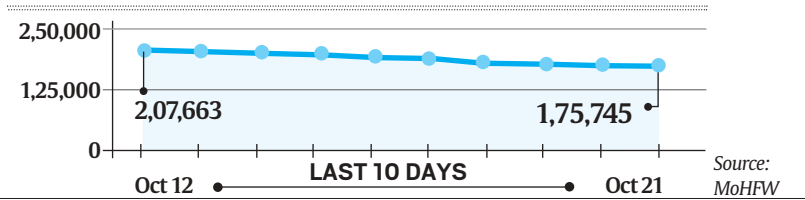
BJP's maverick moves

Notwithstanding the pandemic and the criticism about its mishandling, the migrant crisis and the economic losses due to the lockdown, the BJP quickly covered lost ground to

post a resounding victory in the local self-government bodies' elections in February this year. The Congress was largely clueless after Sonia Gandhi's political adviser Ahmed Patel, a Rajya Sabha MP and the man seen as the party's trouble-shooter and strategist, died of Covid 19 some four months before the elections.

The BJP, on the other hand, conducted a few experiments with the electorate using the local elections as a dry run. It appointed C R Paatil, a Surat-based MP with roots in Maharashtra, as the state unit chief who announced a target of winning all 182 seats in 2022. The BJP parliamentary board then decided not to give any tickets to candidates who had done three terms, and who were over age 60, in the local body polls, and not to appoint more members from a family in posts in the party organisation. The formula worked, and the party, braver with its victory, went ahead and replaced the entire Vijay Rupani government last month, bringing in a dark horse Bhupendra Patel as Chief Minister and a team of fresh faces. Although the move came as a shock to some sections of the BJP, sources said the party had been working on it for three months before the announcement. Rebellion had preceded the

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move, with some ministers unwilling to let go of their positions and their supporters holding protests, but all that was contained.

In contrast, in Punjab which goes to polls soon, the tensions continue after the Congress replaced Amarinder Singh as CM. The situation in Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh, too, continues to be fluid.

Congress's nagging issues

In 1985, the Congress won 149 of the 182 seats under the leadership of the late CM Madhavsingh Solanki. The BJP has targeted breaking this record in 2022, and begun working on an electorate that is young and has never seen a Congress government in Gujarat. Solanki was known to have used the grouping of the KHAM (Kshatriya-Harijan-Adivasi-Muslim) to win elections, isolating the upper castes like the Patels (Patidars). The BJP became a welcome option for the Patidars, and Gujarat became a successful laboratory for its Hindutva politics. The Congress, which largely relied on its traditional vote banks, lost ground as it had nothing new to offer. Modi's taking charge as Chief Minister in 2001 only made the BJP stronger as it was seen as a party willing to take risks and ex-

periment, mirroring the enterprising nature of its electorate.

Congress leaders say the party's biggest dilemma today is "Who is the Congress party for? Is it for Dalits, for Muslims, for the youth? For tribals?" And they have no answers as all these core constituencies have got fragmented. The induction of Hardik into the Congress may, in a way, be compared to when Vaghela merged his new party with the Congress in 1999; he was the first with roots in the RSS to be appointed GPCC chief. While the party did badly in the Assembly elections, under his leadership, Congress did well in the Lok Sabha elections of 2004 and 2009, when the UPA was in power at the Centre. But in 2014 and 2019, the party did not win a single seat in Lok Sabha from Gujarat.

But Vaghela remained unacceptable to the local leadership in Gujarat, as has Hardik. Rahul's bringing in Mevani and Kanhaiya Kumar may be a sound move, but the local party unit has to back it to succeed. The voting pattern in the local elections, where AAP and Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM won seats in Patidar- and Muslim-dominated constituencies, also indicates space being made for a third force, by nudging out the Congress.

On the set: death of Bruce Lee's son and child actors, injuries to Bachchan, others

A cinematographer has died after actor Alec Baldwin misfired a prop gun while shooting a film. A look at some of the serious accidents that have happened on set over the years, causing death and injury.

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IN A freak accident, Golden Globe winning actor Alec Baldwin misfired a prop gun during the shooting of the Western film *Rust*, fatally wounding the cinematographer Halyna Hutchins, and injuring the director Joel Souza. Baldwin, who is also the producer of the film, being shot in New Mexico, is currently being questioned by police.

Over the years, there have been many serious accidents on the sets of films, both in India and abroad. Some of the major ones:

Hollywood

TWILIGHT ZONE: THE MOVIE (1982): The film during whose shooting the actor Vic Morrow died, along with two child actors. They were shooting a scene at Indian Dunes, California, in which a low-flying helicopter was chasing Morrow and the two children. The helicopter spun out of control and landed on the three actors, killing them instantly. The accident led to litigation against the filmmakers for nearly a decade and brought about new safety guidelines for film sets.

ROCKY IV (1985): While shooting for the climactic fight between Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) and Ivan Drago (Dolph Lundgren), the latter punched Stallone so hard that he landed in an ICU for nine days. In an effort "to keep it real", Stallone had asked Lundgren to "really connect" and "just go out there and try to clock me". Lundgren threw an uppercut that pushed Stallone's heart to his ribcage. Stallone also got hurt in an accident on the shoot of the *The Expendables* (2010).

TOP GUN (1986): Art Scholl, an ace stunt pilot, died while shooting for this early Tom Cruise film. He was flying a Pitts S-2 camera plane, which failed to maintain altitude and crashed into the Pacific Ocean. Scholl was attempting a spin. The aircraft is



Clockwise from top left: *The Crow*, the shooting of which witnessed Brandon Lee's death); *Coolie*; *Khakhee*; *Kill Bill*; *The Dark Knight*; *Top Gun*; and *Indian 2*.

yet to be recovered. Scholl's work includes *The Right Stuff*, *The Great Waldo Pepper*, *Blue Thunder* and *Iron Eagle*. *Top Gun*'s end credits close with the line, "The film is dedicated to the memory of Art Scholl."

THE CROW (1993): Bruce Lee's son Brandon Lee died during this shooting. The scene required him to be shot by bullets as he entered a room, but the dummy rounds were improperly made. A .44 calibre bullet hit Brandon Lee in the abdomen and lodged in his spine. He died in hospital after six hours of surgery. A month-long investigation concluded that the death was caused by negligence of the film crew.

KILL BILL (2003): Actor Uma Thurman

suffered a concussion and injured her knees when she drove a rickety convertible on a highway during an action sequence. Apparently the route hadn't been tested by the crew, and it contained an unseen curve.

THE DARK KNIGHT (2008): Stunt artiste Conway Wickliffe died during the test run of a scene. Wickliffe, who had earlier worked on *Batman Begins*, *Casino Royale* and *Die Another Day*, was leaning out of a car, holding a camera, to rehearse an action sequence where the Joker, played by Heath Ledger, blasts the Batmobile with a rocket launcher. Wickliffe's car crashed into a tree; the driver survived. The crash, The film is

dedicated to Wickliffe and Ledger, who died later that year.

Indian films

COOLIE (1983): Amitabh Bachchan was grievously injured during the shooting in 1982. During a fight sequence with the actor Puneet Issar, Bachchan mistimed a jump and was seriously wounded in the abdomen. He was flown to a Mumbai hospital from the Bangalore University campus, where the shooting was taking place. Bachchan received blood from 200 donors, and prayers from thousands more, and recovered. The film became a huge success; the director, Manmohan Desai, even changed parts of it to accommodate Bachchan's accident.

SWORD OF TIPU SULTAN (1989): Actor Sanjay Khan suffered massive burns when a huge fire broke out on the sets of the TV show at Premier Studios in Mysuru. The fire was later found to have been caused by the lack of safety measures and loose wiring, and the absence of fireproof materials contributed to the fire getting out of control. The fire killed 62 people. Khan had to undergo 72 surgeries and spend more than a year in hospital.

KHAKHEE (2004): Actor Aishwarya Rai was injured during the shoot of this cop drama, directed by Rajkumar Santosh. A jeep went out of control, hit Rai and threw her into a bush. The jeep was supposed to have halted 20 feet away. Rai fractured her left foot.

INDIAN 2: The shoot of the Kamal Haasan film, currently in the post-production stage, witnessed a freak accident that led to the death of three technicians on set and injuries nine others. Lead actors Kamal Haasan and Kajal Aggarwal, and director Shankar, narrowly escaped injury as a massive crane fell on the set. The three dead were assistant directors on the film, which was being shot at EVP Film City, near Chennai.

THIS WORD MEANS

Metaverse: The post-Internet future — with Facebook and others

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FACEBOOK PLANS to rename itself — and the change could be announced at the company's annual Connect Conference on October 28 or earlier, according to a report by the multimedia technology blog *The Verge*.

For Facebook, the rebranding will be a statement of its growing ambitions and focus on a new area: 'metaverse', short for metaverse. The company has said it will invest \$50 million to create a "responsible" metaverse. It announced plans this week to hire 10,000 people in the European Union over the next five years to build it.

Why is Facebook so invested in the metaverse? What's with the renaming?

We could see a new parent company under which Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, and others will operate — the same way as Alphabet is now the parent company of Google. CEO Mark Zuckerberg sees the meta-

verse as becoming a reality soon. Facebook, which also owns the Oculus VR gaming platform, wants to take the lead in building it.

This is a signal that Facebook wants to be known for more than just social media. The timing would seem right also considering the negative publicity it is facing with the latest whistleblower revelations. The company is already under regulatory scrutiny in a large number of countries, including in the US.

How did the idea of metaverse originate?

The expression first appeared in American author Neal Stephenson's *Snow Crash* (1992). The novel is set in a dystopian world where governments have ceded power to private corporations, and describes many aspects of the modern world such as virtual reality and digital currency.

The idea of the metaverse later appeared in works such as Ernest Cline's 2011 science fiction novel *Ready Player One*, which Steven Spielberg made into a film in 2018.

Before that, there was *The Matrix* (1999) — and there has been a significant volume of



In the metaverse, as it's being envisioned, the physical and virtual worlds will coexist. Reuters

writing since. In 2020, VC investor Matthew Ball wrote an essay, 'The Metaverse: What It Is, Where to Find it, Who Will Build It, and Fortnite' on his blog, and in June this year he released a nine-part update called 'The Metaverse Primer'.

So, what exactly is the metaverse?

Simply put, the metaverse is a parallel, virtual world where users can have different identities, possessions, and characters. It is

supposed to be the post-Internet world, a decentralised computing platform of sorts, which is continuous and live. It is an entirely digital economy, and the way most Silicon Valley intellectuals see it, the metaverse exists in both the digital and physical realms.

Ball's essay cites interoperability as key to the success of the metaverse. Virtual reality would be an element of the metaverse, but the idea goes beyond just donning a VR headset and starting to play a game. According to

Ball, the metaverse does not reset or pause or end, it just "continues indefinitely".

Metaverse is not something just one company can build. Nor is Facebook the only one working on it. Epic Games, creator of Fortnite, has big plans for the metaverse using its Unreal engine. In fact, Fortnite already has many elements that would conform to the idea — such as live events, its own currency, etc.

How will the metaverse work?

Fortnite recently held a 'music experience' where upcoming artists were able to have interactive experiences with their musical sets inside the game, which allows other brands and creators to showcase their products.

The metaverse is being envisioned as a new world order, where services could be offered virtually in exchange for other virtual assets, or cryptocurrencies. Your existence will be enmeshed with the digital world in a much deeper, complex way.

Because everything and everyone is supposed to be a part of this, interoperability will be crucial. To ensure that the metaverse func-

tions smoothly, it would require a rewriting of the current rules for most Internet services and functions, according to Ball.

What is Facebook's plan?

Facebook has said the metaverse will let users hang out with people who are not in the same physical space. It is not difficult to imagine why the company would want a digital world where we spend most of our time interacting with friends, where virtual assets have higher importance, and where the rules are different. Oculus VR could be a gateway.

Facebook says the metaverse won't be "built overnight", it needs to work on several questions, and that many of the products will "only be fully realised in the next 10-15 years". In September it announced the XR Programs and Research Fund, which is a two-year, \$50 million "investment in programs and external research" where it will partner with the "industry civil rights groups, governments, non-profits, and academic institutions to determine how to build these technologies responsibly".

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LOWERING THE BAR

Special court order in Aryan Khan case is another instance of lower courts choosing jail over bail, despite SC guidelines

DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY even for a single day is one day too many.” Nearly a year ago, reproaching the Bombay High Court for denying bail to TV anchor Amab Goswami, Supreme Court Justice D Y Chandrachud had unambiguously stated the principle which courts must uphold in order to remain the “first line of defence” of the liberty of citizens. He was also reaffirming what the highest court of the land had said earlier: That “bail, not jail” must be the judiciary’s reflex; that the process must not descend into punishment. That the accused — innocent till proven guilty — must not be consigned to long stints in prison when they pose no danger of influencing the investigation, or escape. But the refusal of a special court to grant bail to Aryan Khan, son of actor Shah Rukh Khan, raises the question: Why is it that, despite such clear guidelines, the lower courts, more often than not, give the benefit of the doubt to the prosecution and the state? Of course, Khan’s innocence or lack of it must be established through due process. The 23-year-old was detained by the Narcotics Control Bureau in a drug bust on a cruise ship even though no drugs were found in his possession, he has no previous history of crime or drug abuse, and no blood test was carried out. The NDPS Act distinguishes between a drug consumer and peddler, and forbids treating the former as hardened criminals. The NCB, however, seems not to have made crucial distinctions, and has charged all those arrested in this case of “conspiracy” under a harsher provision of the law (Section 29).

If there was any lesson from the public ordeal of actor Rhea Chakraborty last year, similarly accused by the NCB on the basis of WhatsApp chats, eventually amounting to little, it was this: There is a line between the pursuit of justice and headline-hunting through high-profile cases — and the NCB appears to not know the difference. In Chakraborty’s case, which spun off from a web of conspiracy theories surrounding the suicide of actor Sushant Singh Rajput and which set off a toxic media coverage, the NCB had brought a grave charge against the actor. She was charged under Section 27 A of the NDPS Act, which accused her of being involved in “financing” drugs. The Bombay High Court, while granting her bail last year, rejected the NCB’s charges as “highly disproportionate” and “extremely unreasonable”. The court also rejected the prosecution’s argument that “celebrities” be treated harshly and made an example of, saying that no actor must “incur any special liability” in the eyes of the law.

At a time when a powerful executive does not shrink from using investigative agencies or harsh laws as weapons, the judiciary’s reluctance to stand up for personal liberty has costs — for an Aryan Khan or a Rhea Chakraborty, or the legions of less privileged languishing in prisons or in the many habeas corpus cases that have seen unconscionable delay. “The writ of liberty runs through the fabric of the Constitution,” Justice Chandrachud had said. If only the spirit behind his words runs down the judiciary as well.

VACCINE OPTIMISM

Lowering of risk aversion, festive season, could prompt greater spending by households, even as need for vigilance remains

ADMINISTERING OF 100 crore vaccines is a major milestone in India’s fight against the Covid-19 pandemic — it is also consequential for the economy. With more than 70 per cent of the adult population in the country now having received at least a single jab, and around 30 per cent of those eligible having received both jabs, fear is slowly abating, reviving spirits, triggering a change in outlook. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi put it in his address to the nation on Friday, a sense of optimism is coming back. Vaccinations, after all, not only reduce demands on the health system, they also impart a positive impulse through both demand and supply side channels.

With infections subsiding — new case additions have touched a seven-month low — and easing of restrictions on activities, there has been an improvement in most high frequency economic indicators over the past several weeks. The Nomura India Business Resumption Index has risen to an all-time high of 108.8 for the week ending October 17 — the pre-pandemic level equals 100. However, there is a visible divergence, with contact-intensive services lagging behind the rest of the economy. But this is also slowly changing. With the spread of vaccinations reducing the threat of the disease, household consumption of these services is likely to pick up. The easing of restrictions on contact-intensive services will aid the recovery — the government has recently removed the constraints imposed on domestic flights capacity. This will provide a boost to mobility, and improve the business prospects of sectors such as tourism which has been badly hit by the pandemic. This lowering of risk aversion, which coincides with the festive season, could prompt greater spending by households.

However, considering that the RBI’s latest consumer confidence survey signals continued pessimism among urban households — perhaps reflecting the outlook of those more engaged with the contact-intensive and unorganised/informal sectors — how quickly this lingering distress dissipates remains to be seen. Unless demand picks up materially, capacity utilisation is unlikely to perk up — as per the central bank’s latest survey, it stood at 60 in the first quarter of the current financial year, down from 69.4 per cent in the previous quarter. This will act as a constraint on private investment. There is also the threat of another wave of infections. As the PM also cautioned in his address, there is still a need to remain vigilant.

CRICKET’S PLAN B

The UAE, no cricketing superpower, has become an important and trusted address for the game

AT THE PEAK of the Gulf Boom in the ‘70s and ‘80s, the UAE was an oasis for millions of migrant labourers from the subcontinent. Now, the desert nation with neither a cricketing heritage nor a thriving fascination for the game, is home to its cricketing powerhouses. Whenever a crisis, natural or man-made, comes, they simply shift base to the welcoming “Gulf”. It has been Pakistan’s home for 12 years, since the Lahore terror strikes on Sri Lanka’s team bus in 2009; it could resume being their home, now that there is a new frisson of fear in travelling to Pakistan. It has housed the PSL, and the IPL too, in 2014 due to the general polls and in 2020 and 2021 because of the pandemic. From Saturday, it will host the T20 World Cup, embellishing its reputation as cricket’s trusted Plan B.

Nearly half of those living in the Gulf states are of Pakistani, Indian or Bangladeshi origin, so the audience is there. So are the pitches, stadiums and facilities, most notably at Dubai’s billion-dollar Sports City complex and Abu Dhabi’s state-of-the-art cricket centre. The climate is favourable, with play possible for seven months of the year. The concrete theatres of sport might not wield the raw romance of the Sharjah Cups of the last century, but in today’s cricketing world, they are indispensable. The UAE might not be a cricketing superpower, but the country is an important cricketing destination.

The T20 World Cup will be Virat Kohli’s swan-song as T20 captain. Besides, India’s quest for a title, since winning the inaugural edition, has been fraught with frustration. It will launch its campaign against Pakistan, who will seek to harness its experience playing in the Emirates. Then there is the West Indies, defending champion and T20 master, a ragged Australia, still hunting for its maiden title, an understated New Zealand, World Test champion, fearless England, the World 50-over champion, and South Africa under its first black captain. The stage is set, in cricket’s home away from home.

Wisdom after Covid

Pandemic has set the stage for a decade of churn. Central banks across the world are facing a great challenge



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THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL crisis and the current pandemic are likely to reorient our thinking on conventional macroeconomics. As real world developments force intellectual re-evaluation, it also opens the space for policy innovation and experimentation. Policy becomes a function of context rather than ideology. That can only be a good thing. For example, there are now serious doubts on the long-standing wisdom that the economy functions best with an “invisible hand” and it should not be jeopardised through government “intervention”. In many countries, including in the US, industrial policy is back on the table.

Perhaps the greatest scholastic challenge is currently being faced by central banks across the world. They must deal with rising inflation. In fact, since the global financial crisis of 2008, they have been striving valiantly to push it up, and now they are struggling to bring it down. More importantly, there is now a perceptible difference in what is driving inflation: It is neither wage increases nor fiscal expansion. It is global supply shocks.

Within a span of a year, the global energy market has gone from a massive glut to a massive shortage. In theory, for central banks, bringing inflation down is easier than pushing it up since there is no ceiling on interest rates. But, two problems confront them. One, they cannot raise interest rates because they have got everyone addicted to low or no rates. And, two, inflation caused by supply disruption is not amenable to monetary treatment. Of course, a slowdown caused by supply disruption last year did not need the monetary stimulus meant for addressing demand shortfall.

It is an irony that in the last decade, due to very minimal investments in commodities exploration due to ESG constraints, supply chains are significantly unprepared to meet the demand which is now almost equal to pre-Covid times. Regarding the much talked about semiconductor shortage, there are no

closed plants to reopen. Annual inflation is running at 5.2 per cent in the US, 3.2 per cent in the UK and 3.3 per cent in the EU. These supply side issues are largely structural in nature, hence it’s correct to assume elevated inflation expectations will likely fuel a global inflation cycle. Independent research by the Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis has concluded that higher inflation in the US is a broader, not a transient phenomenon. But that is left unsaid.

So, what is new in explaining the current inflation upswing that the standard textbooks do not say? One of the important tools for understanding inflation behaviour through standard economics textbooks is the Phillips curve, which presumes that inflation is partly driven by gap variables measuring how much economic activity deviates from its potential. Gap variables can include the per cent deviation of real GDP from potential GDP, also known as the output gap/domestic slack. Any central bank monetary policy statement, including that of the RBI, always identifies the gap variable as a significant determinant of inflation.

In the modern version of the Phillips curve, inflation depends not only on gap variables but also on expected inflation. However, recent research indicates that with improved anchoring, the expected inflation term in the Phillips curve becomes more stable. Consequently, movements in the level of inflation are driven less by expected inflation and more by the output gap. Herein lies the missing link, with reference to India.

To find out what drives inflation in India, we endeavoured to conduct a similar exercise. Our results indicate that in India the link between inflation change and output gap was never strong — the gap coefficient was under plus/minus 0.40, and it has been declining overtime. Interestingly, the link is completely lost with the emergence of Covid-19.

Thus, the concept of output gap is grossly

inadequate to explain the inflation behaviour in India. If the output gap is not the cause, is it inflation expectations? Well, the record of “inflation expectations” in explaining current inflation globally, including in India, is not stellar, to put it mildly.

Perhaps, it is possible to hypothesise that inflation in India reflects an economy that is supply-constrained with productivity of enterprises held back by a license-compliance-inspection (LIC) system. The good news is that it is being addressed. The not-so-good news is that much remains to be dismantled and results will take time.

There is another aspect. Developing countries are always judged differently. Take the example of the dividend transfer from the RBI to the central government. In the US, government debt held by the Federal Reserve banks increased by \$3 trillion from the end of 2019 till the second quarter of 2021. As a result, the Federal Reserve earns interest on this debt which it dutifully remits to the US treasury. Of course, the privilege for America is excessive whereas the burden is exorbitant for developing countries if they seek to emulate such a fiscal transfer from the central bank to the government. Not surprisingly, in India, there has been a hue and cry after the Jalan committee recommendations on dividend transfer from the RBI.

Five decades ago, real world developments challenged the then prevailing orthodoxy. What emerged at the end of it shaped the global economy through the next four decades with more markets, greater financialisation, less government and freer trade culminating in wider inequality and higher debt burdens. The stage is set for another decade of churn. But what emerges at the end of it may be less intellectually tractable than at the end of the Seventies.

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WE ARE MANY

Furore against Fabindia ad is dispiriting. This Diwali let light fall on darkened minds



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THE CURRENT ATMOSPHERE is vitriolic in its divisiveness. Reactionary and sectarian forces keep raising their ugly heads. A recent example is of the furore over the Fabindia advertisement; and its speedy removal. Let’s check this out, as the issue goes to the core of Indian culture and secularism. Fabindia, an all-India clothing and furnishing brand known for its ethnic products, posted a promotional tweet advancing its 2021 Diwali Collection. The “contentious” caption read as follows: “As we welcome the festival of love and light, Jashn-e-Riwaaz by Fabindia is a collection that beautifully pays homage to Indian culture.” Fabindia’s “crime” was using an “Urdu” phrase to promote a “Hindu” festival, of “de-Hinduising” Diwali. (“Jashn-e-Riwaaz” means a celebration of traditions).

Social media imploded. Tweets poured in accusing Fabindia of “hurting Hindu sentiments”, “Abrahamisation of Hindu festivals”, and the like. Following the uproar, Fabindia withdrew its “controversial” tweet. Were Hindu sentiments appeased? Fabindia has caved in to an outrageous outcry; to voices that are caveman-like in their ignorance and backwardness.

However, the matter cannot end here. We must speak out against bigotry and small-mindedness. Hindu customs are in no danger. They have survived, grown, and flourished through the centuries. What is actually being attacked are the famed Indian principles of tolerance and inclusivity.

Incidentally, I am a Hindu, and take pride

in Hinduism. But, more importantly, I am a proud Indian, with great admiration for our cultural ethos and dynamic Constitution, which reflects the unique Indian philosophy.

Article 51-A (f) of the Constitution states that it is the fundamental duty of every citizen, and particularly the duty of the state “to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture”.

It is pertinent to note that the Constitution speaks of cherishing and protecting our “composite” culture — a legacy of the blending of great minds, traditions and beliefs. The Constitution does not talk of “Hindu” culture. Nor did Fabindia, in its impugned caption. The company rightly spoke of “Indian” culture.

In this context, it’s apposite to quote Jawaharlal Nehru. In *The Discovery of India*, he wrote: “It is, therefore, entirely misleading to refer to Indian culture as Hindu culture.”

Referring to the special characteristics of Indian Culture, the Supreme Court, in the Kerala Education Bill case, highlighted India’s distinctive cultural values, paraphrasing from Tagore’s *A Hymn to India*: “Throughout the ages, endless inundations of men of diverse creeds, cultures and races — Aryans and non-Aryans, Dravidians and Chinese, Scythians, Huns, Pathans and Mughals — have come to this ancient land from distant regions and climes. India has welcomed them all. They have met and gathered, given and taken and got mingled, merged and lost in one body. India’s tradi-

tion has thus been epitomised in the following noble lines: ‘None shall be turned away from the shore of this vast sea of humanity that is India.’”

The Supreme Court affirmed: “It is thus that the genius of India has been able to find unity in diversity by assimilating the best of all creeds and cultures.”

To come back to the Fabindia matter and the “Urdu” phrase that caused a hue and cry, it is significant to record that Urdu is an official language of the Indian state, listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. Urdu is an inherent element of the Indian “composite culture”; a “rich heritage” that the Constitution exhorts us to “value and preserve”.

It is relevant to recall here the words of Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India: “Urdu language is a cultural heritage of all Indians. It does not belong to one religion, but to the entire country.” “Urdu is one of the most beautiful languages spoken around the world”. (January 2017)

Festivals in India are celebrated in a spirit of oneness. Diwali, Eid, Christmas, Holi, are some examples of festive togetherness. People of all faiths join in these festivities, visit each other’s homes, feast, make merry. Children, especially, know no boundaries.

Diwali is a festival of lights. Let light fall on darkened minds and let’s rejoice, intermingling with faiths and traditions of all kinds.

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OCTOBER 23, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIRA MEETS REAGAN

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi at her first ever meeting with US President Ronald Reagan at Cancun reiterated India’s opposition to the sale of F-16s in Pakistan. Reagan listened politely and justified the sale from an American perspective. Mrs Gandhi emphasised that arming Pakistan with sophisticated arms would aggravate the situation in the area. An American spokesperson said that Reagan told Mrs Gandhi that the US was aware of India’s fears but decided on the sale of arms “because of its concerns and obligations” arising from the Soviet presence in Afghanistan.

CANCUN SUMMIT

THE SUMMIT OF 22 rich and poor nations began at Cancun. It aims at mustering the political will to advance the cause of world development and began with a rousing call from Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo. He said that by assembling in Cancun the leaders had created new hope and “we must respond to that hope in good faith”.

ANT-DACOITY LAW

THE UP GOVERNOR has promulgated an ordinance giving wide powers to the government to curb dacoity. These include setting

up special courts and attaching the property of people assisting dacoits. People assisting the police will be declared public servants and they and their families are to get police protection.

RIFT IN IRAN

IRAN’S PARLIAMENT REJECTED the nomination of Ali Akbar Velayati as the country’s prime minister, indicating a rift in the ranks of fundamentalist supporters to Ayatollah Khomeini. The newly-appointed president had nominated Velayati, a specialist in children’s diseases, to the premiership. Eighty members voted against his candidature.



THE IDEAS PAGE

Jabs against cynicism, for hope

As India crosses a Covid vaccination milestone, it's time to stop undermining government's efforts



JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA

INDIA BEGAN THE world's largest vaccination drive on January 16, 2021, to inoculate its citizens against the Covid-19 virus. In just nine months, we have administered 100 crore doses. Over 74 per cent of the country's eligible population has received at least one dose of the life-saving vaccine.

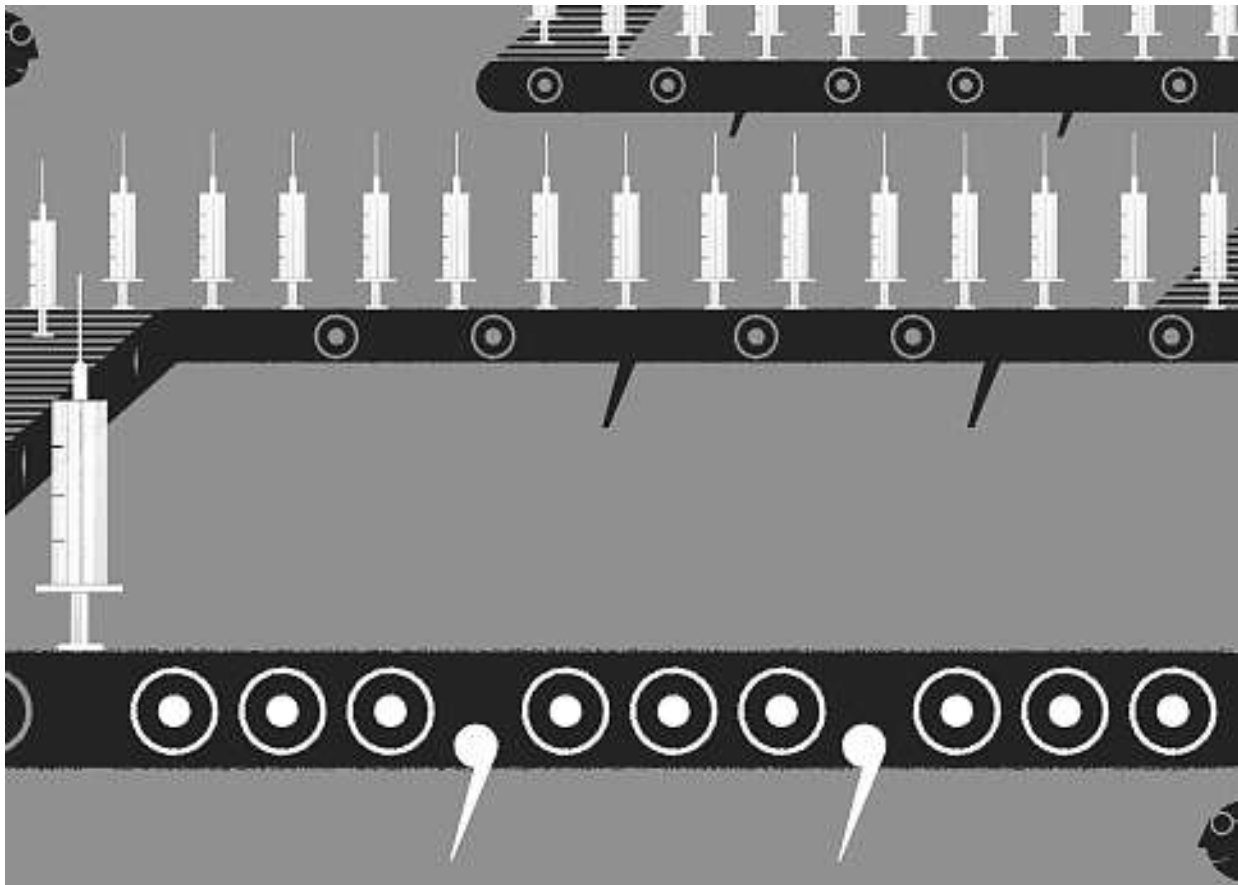
India has managed to administer twice the number of vaccine doses as the US, which has administered just over 40.7 crore vaccine doses. This is despite our vaccine drive having started almost a month after the US.

While the world has administered close to 7 billion doses, India alone has administered 1 billion or 100 crore doses — this means that 14 per cent of the doses given were by India, even though our share of the world GDP is only about 3.2 per cent. Clearly, despite the many challenges before us, India managed to punch far above its weight. We have administered more vaccines than the entire European Union put together. Himachal Pradesh, Goa, Sikkim, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Ladakh and Lakshadweep have managed to administer at least one dose to 100 per cent of their eligible adult population. States like Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh have more people who are fully vaccinated than the entire population of nations including Saudi Arabia, Iran, Australia, Peru and the UAE.

In the last few weeks, India managed to cross the one crore daily vaccination mark at least five times. On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday on September 17, in a massive Jan Abhiyan, India set a new record by vaccinating 2.5 crore Indians on a single day. The pace of vaccinations has increased dramatically since the Centre took the drive into its own hands after observing that the decentralisation policy wasn't yielding the results it should have.

While the Covid battle so far has been primarily fought with the two made-in-India vaccines — Serum Institute of India's Covishield and the indigenously-developed Covaxin by Bharat Biotech — India has also developed the world's first DNA vaccine, ZyCoV-D. But we need to also think about the gargantuan task undertaken by the country in the vaccination process. Imagine a vial of vaccine coming out of a plant in Pune or Hyderabad, going to the Central Drugs Laboratory in Kasauli for testing and then reaching a remote part of the country — all this while ensuring its temperature is in the desired range and being monitored centrally. Imagine the number of truck journeys and flights involved in the transportation process and the number of cold storage facilities required to store 100 crore vaccine doses. Imagine the number of syringes and needles transported to every part of the country.

Unlike in the past, this was a fast, time-bound and well-planned campaign. India developed what is perhaps the world's best technological tool to ensure an equitable process. PM Modi led from the front in ensuring that there is no VIP culture in vaccination and that the rich and powerful do not jump the queue. The CoWin platform ensured that one could take the two doses at different places without



C R Sasikumar

worrying. It also sent timely reminders for the second dose. India not only implemented the world's largest vaccination programme but also innovated at scale.

Unfortunately, even as India's priority was and continues to remain "corona virodh", some in the Opposition continue to prefer Modi *virodh*. Right from labelling the vaccines as "BJP vaccines" and spreading canards about their safety, which led to initial vaccine hesitancy, to the opportunistic flip flop by some state governments on the procurement of vaccines, and attempts to shift the blame for their own Covid mismanagement on to the central government, this brand of combative politics — as opposed to a much-desired consensual politics — could have been avoided.

An entirely sponsored campaign of calumny and propaganda was unleashed with the intention of tarnishing the efforts of the Modi government even if it harmed India's international reputation. The opposition parties' hypocrisy is unparalleled. To undermine India's historic milestones, they conveniently chose one parameter — measuring the number of vaccines administered relative to the population instead of the absolute number of vaccines. But when it was suggested that while comparing India's Covid management to the rest of the world, the same metric should be used — India's Covid fatalities relative to the population — they conveniently chose to measure absolute figures of fatality to once again paint a doomsday scenario.

Take the example of UP. A state with a population of almost 24 crore has managed to contain the number of daily new Covid cases to under 50 for several weeks now and the total active cases are just around 100-odd. The number of fatalities in UP due to Covid is around 23,000. So, a state with 17-18 per cent of India's population has contributed just about 5 per cent of the total Covid fatalities. UP has managed to administer over 12 crore vaccine doses — the highest number by any

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state in the country — and has conducted the maximum number of tests at around 8 crore.

On the other hand, models that were much celebrated have been contributing almost 50-60 per cent of the Covid cases and fatalities for the last several weeks, despite representing just 11-12 per cent of India's population. Kerala, with a population of 3.5 crore — virtually one-seventh of UP's population — has unfortunately registered over 27,000 fatalities, despite its legacy of having better healthcare infrastructure. Yet, we see a fake narrative being painted against the Centre and BJP-governed states while there is an eloquent silence on the state of affairs in the non-BJP states, like Kerala. There is a concerted effort to target the Kumbh Mela and Kanwar Yatra but silence on the relaxations given during Eid in Kerala, which came under criticism from the Supreme Court as well.

Sadly, there is no vaccine for the pandemic of political cynicism, hypocrisy and intellectual dishonesty that tries to undermine the historic milestones of India by peddling half-truths and biased narratives. These milestones don't belong to one party or one government, but the entire nation. Disliking the person under whose leadership India is soaring to new heights shouldn't be reason enough to undermine the scientists, healthcare workers and people of India. Eventually, the contagion of lies and propaganda will be defeated by the vaccine of truth and facts.

One of the most effective tools against Covid-19 is social distancing. But in the battle against a pandemic, we must not distance socially and politically, we must unite. National interest is always better served by "sabka saath" and that should be the only driver of our public service during these times. So let us unite and celebrate India's achievement of giving 100 crore jabs of hope and let us continue to work together to defeat this pandemic.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Military proximity between China and Russia is inevitable, and neither the US nor the West has the right to judge it."

— GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

The good fight at DU

New vice-chancellor needs to restore autonomy of the university, create and protect spaces of freedom



APOORVANAND

THE UNIVERSITY OF Delhi is lucky that it did not have to wait for a vice-chancellor, like JNU. Yogesh Singh was recently appointed the new VC. The university is not familiar with him nor does he know the university. It is strange that in the selection process of the most important person of the university, the university community is not involved in any meaningful way. This is not how the leadership question is dealt with in the best universities of the world but obviously, we have other aspirations — like being a good "nationalist" university.

The first utterances of the new VC, however, raise hope. He assures us that he would be the VC of all members of the university community. Our previous VCs, unfortunately, patronised particular teacher factions depending upon their own leanings or convenience or allowed themselves to be patronised by them. How can one forget the shameful episode of the suspension of the previous VC, who was trapped in the fight between factional interests?

The academic community of the university is deeply divided. Factions take pride in their political — rather than professional — identities. DUTA elections are fought on this basis and clients are cultivated. It has resulted in a loss of collegiality at the university. It makes the task of a VC easy and difficult at the same time. The new VC, if we trust his words, would hopefully bring the university community together.

The second assurance is even more significant. Singh says recruitment has to be a continuous process and not an episodic event. He has also said that one of the most important tasks of a VC is to make good recruitments. After all, it is the teacher who gives the university its identity. Unfortunately, in DU, recruitment has been hostage to political factionalism. Appointment to nearly 4,500 vacant teaching posts must start forthwith. The culture of ad hoc appointments, again promoted by the factional teacher politics and a lethargic administration, is ruining the university and the lives of young aspiring teachers. The VC needs to break this logjam but it has to be done if the university is to survive as an academic space.

My colleague Prem Singh pointed out that when we discuss recruitment, the non-teaching section of the university is forgotten. It is hugely overloaded with work as there is an acute shortage of staff due to lack of recruitment for a long time. For a university to run efficiently, you need to have a self-assured supporting staff. The VC should pay attention to this aspect.

Yogesh Singh said in an interview that the VC would be guided by the deans and department heads. He also said he would abide by the ACT, its rules, regulations and statutes.

This is reassuring.

It is urgent to restore autonomy to the heads and deans, which means activating the basic academic, administrative units. The faculty bodies and the academic councils need to revitalise themselves and do their job. The heads and deans mostly act as the rubber stamp of the VC whereas they have a duty to give him honest academic advice. They seldom do this. To be in his good books, they only nod their heads in agreement or hound the critics.

The episode of the imposition of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) in 2013 and its rollback is only one example. The most recent decision of changing the structure of the undergraduate programme and implementing FYUP with multiple entry-exit points was done keeping in abeyance all processes of academic decision-making. It was shocking that nearly all the deans and heads together robbed their faculty of the right to have, and express, academic opinion. The promise of the VC can be realised only if the deans and heads find their moral spines.

The VC, hopefully, will strive to restore academic credibility to the syllabus and curriculum processes, make them stable, not vulnerable to experiments like CBCS, learning outcome-based curriculum, etc. He also needs to assert and protect the right of the university to make its own academic decisions, not follow dictates from above.

The most encouraging remark of Singh was that every institution has its own *atma* or soul. So, the leaders need to approach the institution with humility and not kill this *atma*. You can even call it the individuality or personality of the institution. We have seen this *atma* being butchered in JNU where a VC, insensitive to its unique character, created engineering, medical, management schools, destroying its character as a social science university.

Delhi University lives in its colleges. Their glory needs to be brought back. It is not only the classes but theatre, seminars, discussions that make undergraduate life vibrant and exciting. Unfortunately, the aggression and violence displayed regularly by the student-wing of the ruling party has made colleges nervous and slowly, life has ebbed out of them. We have seen invitations to speakers revoked, programmes cancelled in the last seven years. Teacher orientation and refreshment programmes are run on the ideological lines of the ruling party and do not serve any academic purpose.

Apart from this, another huge responsibility of the VC is to keep the university afloat in the face of severe cuts in fund allocation. He will have to persuade the UGC and government to give adequate funds to the university to keep its library, laboratories functional, commensurate with international standards.

The governance of a university is challenging, as it is to create and ensure safe spaces for free and autonomous minds to grow. The leader, in doing so, has to fight with pressures from society and political power. It is, however, a good fight.

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RUCHI GUPTA

How to democratise the party

Instead of internal party polls, scrapping anti-defection law might be the answer

THE CASE FOR internal democracy in political parties does not need to be made afresh. It is obvious that institutional intermediaries in a representative democracy must themselves be democratic. However, beyond the rhetoric, internal democracy in a political party is less straightforward.

Democratic accountability in a political party is qualitatively different from that in a country. A political party is a collaborative platform to capture state power to achieve a certain vision for society. It follows that some ideas and ideals are core to a political party and its members. This commonality does not exist in a country since citizenship is not an elective choice. In a country, there are sharp differences between citizens on the vision and values themselves and the role of democracy is not just to create a framework to negotiate conflict but to ensure that the state is representative of the largest section of the electorate through periodic elections. Thus, while democracy at the level of the country is a bottom-up opportunity to change direction altogether, democratic accountability in a political party exists within an ideological framework. Any suggestion to achieve internal democracy in a political party must be evaluated within this context.

The most common suggestion to achieve internal democracy is through internal elections for leadership positions within the party. The logic is two-fold: Elected representatives

will not just be grounded themselves but will also hold the leadership accountable for its shortcomings. This suggestion has merit but some issues bear discussion. First, proponents underestimate the ability of existing repositories of power to subvert internal institutional processes to consolidate power and maintain the status quo. Second, the assumption that the lower levels would be independent and hold the higher levels of leadership to account glosses over the many ways power asserts itself. The likely outcome instead is alignment at all levels to allow for vertical consolidation of factional power. Third, the outcome of internal elections is contingent on the independence and quality of the electorate. In indirect elections (through delegates), the electorate would likely mirror the existing balance of power. In direct elections, there is concern of ideological dilution and/or capture through opportunistic membership. Donald Trump hijacking the Republican Party through primaries is a recent example. Democratic states constrain the pure will of "the people" through constitutional checks and it is reasonable to apply guardrails for ideological platforms.

It is evident that internal elections may factionalise power but cannot establish normative accountability, which extends to all members of the party along three interconnected axes of ideology, organisation and competence. Normative accountability is thus rooted in a dynamic context and is necessary

for a deliberative process. However, this too is not straightforward. Political parties are repositories of hard power and draw a mix of individuals driven by ideology and personal interest. Over time, this balance has tilted towards the latter leading to irreconcilable internal conflicts of interests, which cannot be resolved through deliberation in open meetings. The consequent bad faith renders such meetings useless with much substantive discussion and decision-making happening in the background.

Ultimately, internal institutional processes replicate the balance of power instead of substantially altering it. Political power exists both in the formal and informal sphere and any institutional process which tries to run counter to aggregate power is likely to run aground. Therefore, whether a political party follows a democratic approach in internal decision-making is a function of the personal proclivities of the leadership and/or the balance of power within the organisation. This isn't necessarily controversial: Unlike for the state, democracy is not an end in itself for a political party. The highest possible attainment of individual well-being and individual self-will through a democratic state is an end in itself. The purpose of a political party is the acquisition of state power. Democratic functioning may be an ideological imperative, operational choice, or legitimising tactic but it is not an end in itself for a political party. If this conclusion

seems dissatisfying, the problem is not the underlying principle of discretion but its operation due to the wholesale degradation of ideology and public purpose within political parties.

Epilogue: Instead of looking at internal party processes, one way to decentralise power is by getting rid of the anti-defection law. The need to canvass votes in the legislature will create room for negotiation in the party organisation too. Moreover, the electoral process will be independent of the party machinery and internal coalitions will evolve in a more measured manner than in one-time organisational elections. Most importantly, this reform will impose a similar burden on all political parties and may create space to change the overall political culture. However, this is an imperfect solution: The party organisation is more expansive than elected representatives alone; second, the candidate often has marginal electoral value over the party platform and this may lead to a selection of rubber stamp candidates; and this amendment may further undermine Opposition in the face of a heavy-handed executive.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AFGHAN INSTABILITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A waiting game' (IE, October 22). The political and economic instability in Afghanistan could turn the war-ravaged country into a breeding ground for terrorism. The indifferent attitude of the international community towards Afghanistan could push the country towards a major humanitarian crisis. Terrorism proliferates by tapping disgruntled and misguided populations, the countries of the region that are busy cutting a favorable deal with the Taliban regime must expedite the process of extending humanitarian relief at the earliest. Political recognition to the Taliban regime should be accorded based on tangible indices like their performance in redistributing foreign aid, their commitment to an inclusive government, and their record safeguarding human rights.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

INGENIOUS MOVE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The 40 per cent promise' (IE, October 21). AICC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi's decision to field women in 40 per cent seats in the upcoming assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh will dwarf BJP leaders claiming to be the only well-wishers of women by quoting the NDA government's action to ban the triple talaq. Her announcement will definitely change the poll scene dramatically in the state as other parties will also try to give tickets to a good

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number of women to prevent Priyanka Gandhi from being seen as a sole bellwether for a good cause.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

EXPORT IMPACT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Not a zero-sum affair' (IE, October 22). Increased average tariffs and anti-dumping duties on imports will have a far-reaching impact on the export competitiveness of certain products, whose production depends on imported raw materials. Stringent rules of origin and amendments to the Customs Act have created apprehensions in the minds of global manufacturing companies that wish to shift their base away from China. Export promotion under the PLI (production linked incentives) scheme requires a smooth flow of goods and services in the global market. Increasing fuel prices and shortage of containers have already increased the logistics costs.

Dhawal Joshi, Churu

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TOPOF THE WORLD



Swedish rapper Einar

SWEDEN

Award-winning teenage rapper shot dead

AN AWARD-WINNING 19-year-old Swedish rapper was shot to death in southern Stockholm in an incident that media reports on Friday said was likely to be gang-related. The case has shocked the Swedish entertainment world and highlighted what officials said was the urgent need to deal with growing criminal gang activity in the Nordic country. The rapper Einar was struck by several bullets in the Hammarby suburb south of central Stockholm and died on the spot late Thursday, police spokesman Ola Osterling told the Swedish news agency TT. Police are looking for at least two suspects who allegedly shot the rapper. The motive of the shooting remains unclear. **AP**

AFRICA

Ethiopian strikes in Tigray force UN flight to turn back

ETHIOPIAN MILITARY airstrikes on Friday forced a United Nations humanitarian flight to abandon its landing in the capital of the country's Tigray region, several aid workers said, and a government spokesman confirmed that authorities were aware of the inbound flight. The development appeared to be a sharp escalation in the intimidation tactics that Ethiopian authorities have used against aid workers amid the intensifying, year-long Tigray war. The friction between the government and humanitarian groups is occurring amid the world's worst hunger crisis in a decade, with close to a half-million people in Tigray said to be facing famine-like conditions. **AP**

RUSSIA

Huge blast kills 16 at Russian chemicals plant

SIXTEEN PEOPLE were killed in an explosion and fire at a gunpowder and chemicals plant in Russia's western Ryazan province on Friday, Russian state TV said, and one man was taken to hospital with serious burns. The disaster wiped out practically the entire shift of 17 workers who were on site at the time, according to a list of names posted on social media. A video showed the moment of the explosion, with a huge fireball rising into the air, and photos of the aftermath showed a scene of destruction, with smoke still rising from the rubble. **REUTERS**

Key suspect held for triggering Bangladesh violence: police

ANISUR RAHMAN
DHAKA, OCTOBER 22

A 35-YEAR-OLD Bangladeshi man, a key suspect who was arrested on Thursday night in connection with violence against minorities and mob attacks on temples in the country during Durga Puja festivities, will be interrogated by security agencies, police said on Friday.

Iqbal Hossain was arrested from Cox's Bazar sea beach area after a massive manhunt.

Attacks on Hindu temples have been reported in Bangladesh since last Wednesday after an alleged blasphemous post surfaced on social media during the Durga Puja celebrations.

Late on Sunday night, a mob damaged 66 houses and set on fire at least 20 homes of Hindus in Bangladesh.

"We have arrested (eastern) Cumilla's Iqbal Hossain, who is the key suspect in a week of widespread communal unrest from the Cox's Bazar beach," a police headquarters spokesman said.

He added that police and other security and intelligence agencies would now interrogate Hossain, whom the police earlier described as a "vagabond".

TV footage showed Hossain was brought under heavy security escorts from Cox's Bazar to Cumilla by road while officials said after initial interrogation he would be produced before a court seeking him to be placed under police remand for next several days.

"We expect the court to order him to be remanded in our custody when several other security and intelligence agencies would interrogate him as well," another police officer in Cumilla said. **PTI**

'A GREAT EUROPEAN'

After 107 summits, EU leaders give warm send-off to Merkel

SABINE SIEBOLD & PHILIP BLENKINSOP
BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 22

EUROPEAN LEADERS paid warm tributes to Angela Merkel on Friday as they wound up an EU summit, her 107th as Germany's chancellor over nearly 16 years and probably her last, with one hailing her as a "haven of calm" in the maelstrom of EU diplomacy.

Before the leaders of the 27 European Union countries got down to business, they watched a two-minute video of her summit highlights and she was presented with a farewell gift representing the Europa building where summits are held.

In a speech, European Council President Charles Michel — who chairs EU summits — described her as "a monument", and said gatherings of leaders without her would be like Rome without the Vatican or Paris without the Eiffel Tower.

"You are a compass and a shining light of our European project," he concluded, and a standing ovation followed.

If German political parties now in talks following last

diate charges were filed.

It was not clear if Baldwin was performing at the time of the shooting or how many rounds were fired and little was known about the weapon. On Friday, Baldwin tweeted, expressing his condolences to Hutchins' family and calling the shooting an accident.

"There are no words to convey my shock and sadness regarding the tragic accident that took the life of Halyna Hutchins, a wife, mother and deeply admired colleague of ours. I'm fully cooperating with the police investigation," he wrote on Twitter. "My heart is broken for her husband, their son, and all who knew and loved Halyna."

Images of the 63-year-old actor — known for his roles in *30 Rock* and *The Hunt for Red*



MELBOURNE REOPENS

People sit in socially distanced groups in a city shopping complex on the first day of eased Covid regulations, in Melbourne on Friday. Melbourne residents flocked to the city's pubs, restaurants and hair salons in the early hours of Friday after the world's most locked-down city emerged from its latest spate of restrictions designed to combat the spread of Covid-19. The city has so far endured 262 days, or nearly nine months, of restrictions during six separate lockdowns since March 2020. **Reuters**

Russia's Covid-19 infections, deaths soar to another record

VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
MOSCOW, OCTOBER 22

CORONAVIRUS INFECTIONS and deaths in Russia climbed Friday to another pandemic record, putting a growing strain on the country's health care system.

The government coronavirus task force reported 37,141 new infections and 1,064 deaths in the past 24 hours. That brought Russia's death toll to 228,453, Europe's highest by far.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has responded to the worsening situation by ordering Russians to stay off work from Oct. 30 to Nov. 7, when the country is already observing an extended holiday.

Russian authorities expect the order to help limit the spread of

PFIZER: VACCINE OVER 90% EFFECTIVE IN KIDS

KID-SIZE DOSES of Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine appear safe and nearly 91% effective at preventing symptomatic infections in 5- to 11-year-olds, according to study details released Friday as the US considers opening vaccinations to that age group. The shots could begin in early November —

with the first children in line fully protected by Christmas — if regulators give the go-ahead. Details of Pfizer's study were posted online. The US Food and Drug Administration was expected to post its independent review of the company's safety and effectiveness data later in the day. **AP**

the virus by keeping them out of offices and off public transportation, where mask mandates have been widely ignored. The government also urged local authorities to tighten their own restrictions during the period.

In some regions where the situation is even more threatening,

Putin said the nonworking period could start as early as Saturday and be extended past Nov 7.

Asked Friday if the Kremlin could extend the nonworking period nationwide or order a tighter lockdown, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said it would depend on the evolving situation. **AP**

Qureshi: Afghan Taliban vow to not let soil be used by Pak Taliban, Baloch nationalists

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 22

THE TALIBAN leadership in Afghanistan has vowed to not let its soil be used by Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) to carry out terror operations in neighbouring Pakistan, according to Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi.

Qureshi and Pakistani spy agency ISI chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed made an unannounced visit to Kabul on Thursday to



Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi visited Kabul on Thursday

meet the Taliban administration in Afghanistan, including Interim Prime Minister Mullah



BRITAIN

QUEEN SPENDS NIGHT IN HOSPITAL

Britain's Queen Elizabeth, 95, will spend Friday resting and undertaking light duties after she spent a night in hospital for the first time in years for what Buckingham Palace termed "preliminary investigations". The monarch stayed in hospital overnight on Wednesday but returned to her Windsor Castle home to the west of London the following day.

Biden says US will defend Taiwan; China says no room for compromise

REUTERS & AP
BALTIMORE, BEIJING, OCT 22

THE UNITED States would come to Taiwan's defence and has a commitment to defend the island China claims as its own, US President Joe Biden said on Thursday, though the White House said later there was no change in policy towards the island.

"Yes, we have a commitment to do that," Biden said at a CNN town hall when asked if the United States would come to the defense of Taiwan, which has complained of mounting military and political pressure from Beijing to accept Chinese sovereignty.

China on Friday said there is "no room" for compromise or concessions over the issue of Taiwan.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin reassessed China's longstanding claim that the island is its territory at a daily briefing a day after Biden made his comment. "When it comes to issues related to China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and other core interests, there is no room for China to compromise or make concessions, and

US President Joe Biden participates in a CNN town hall in Baltimore on Thursday. **Reuters**

no one should underestimate the strong determination, firm will and strong ability of the Chinese people to defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity," Wang said.

Washington has long followed a policy of "strategic ambiguity" on whether it would intervene

EXPLAINED Questions over 'strategic ambiguity'

EVER SINCE Washington cut diplomatic ties with Taipei in order to recognise Beijing, the US has maintained a 'strategic ambiguity' on how it would respond to a possible attack on Taiwan. The US is legally committed to ensure that Taiwan can defend itself, but as a policy, the US does not openly say whether or not it would militarily come to Taiwan's aid in the event of an attack. Biden's latest comments raised questions regarding whether strategic ambiguity was still US policy, but the White House quickly confirmed that nothing has changed.

militarily to protect Taiwan in the event of a Chinese attack.

A White House spokesperson said Biden at his town hall was not announcing any change in US policy and "there is no change in our policy", but declined further comment when asked if Biden had misspoken.

US intel: China may dominate advanced tech

Washington: US officials issued new warnings Friday about China's ambitions in artificial intelligence and a range of advanced technologies that could eventually give Beijing a decisive military edge and possible dominance over health care and other essential sectors in America.

The warnings include a renewed effort to inform business

executives, academics and local and state government officials about the risks of accepting Chinese investment or expertise in key industries, officials at the National Counterintelligence and Security Center said.

The counterintelligence centre's acting director, Michael Orlando, said Thursday that the US "can't afford to lose" ground

to China in several key areas: artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, quantum computing, semiconductors and biotechnology.

Orlando noted that Chinese businesses and academics are beholden to the Chinese Communist Party and are required to serve the party's interests. **AP**

S Africans pray for safe return of 4 Indian-origin boys abducted on way to school

FAKIR HASSEN
JOHANNESBURG, OCTOBER 22

THOUSANDS OF South Africans participated in special prayers across the country on Friday as four Indian-origin brothers who were abducted on Wednesday morning while on their way to school remained missing.

Zidan, 6, Zayyad, 11, Alaan, 13, and Zia, 15, are the sons of businessman Nazim Moti, who is based in Polokwane, the main city of Limpopo province in the north of South Africa.

They were abducted by seven armed men wearing white overalls in two vehicles that blocked the car they were travelling in on their way to school on Wednesday morning. The driver, 64, was left unharmed.

Police spokesman Brigadier Motlafela Mojaepelo said a large team of specialised police officers countrywide, especially in neighbouring Gauteng province, are involved in the search.

There has been no word from their abductors for three days now, although the family lawyer, Philip Smit, told local media that he believes the kidnapping was ransom-motivated.

But the distraught family said no payment demand had been made as they appealed to the public to assist in finding their children.

However, Martin Ewi, a senior researcher at the Institute for Security Studies and an expert on organised crime in Africa, concurred with Smit's view.

"When children are abducted, it is usually children of rich families. Criminals will spot a child, notice that the family are wealthy and think, 'Here is a chance to make some money,'" Ewi told the Network 24 news service.

Ewi said that since 2016 there has been an increase in the number of rich families being targeted.

The prayers on Friday were organised by Catherine Constantinides, a former Miss Earth South Africa. She tweeted: "These are not just four children of a family from Polokwane, these are OUR children as a nation. I cannot begin to imagine the horror for the family and for these four boys." **PTI**

House votes to hold Steve Bannon in contempt

Bipartisan support for vote against Trump ally who defied Jan 6 probe subpoena

MARY CLARE JALONICK
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 22

THE HOUSE has voted to hold Steve Bannon, a longtime ally and aide to former President Donald Trump, in contempt of Congress for defying a subpoena from the committee investigating the violent January 6 Capitol insurrection.

In a rare show of bipartisanship on the House floor, the committee's Democratic chairman, Mississippi Rep. Bennie



Steve Bannon

Thompson, led the floor debate along with Republican Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, one of two Republicans on the panel. Still,

the vote Thursday was 229-202 with all but nine GOP lawmakers who voted saying "no."

The House vote sends the matter to the US attorney's office in Washington, where it will now be up to prosecutors in that office to decide whether to press the case to a grand jury for possible criminal charges. It's still uncertain whether they will pursue the case — Attorney General Merrick Garland would only say at a House hearing on Thursday that they plan to "make a deci-

sion consistent with the principles of prosecution."

The partisan split over Bannon's subpoena — and over the committee's investigation in general — is emblematic of the raw tensions that grip Congress nine months after the Capitol attack.

Democrats have vowed to comprehensively probe the assault in which hundreds of Trump's supporters battered their way past police and interrupted the electoral count certifying President Joe Biden's victory. **AP**

Alec Baldwin fatally shoots member of film crew with prop gun

MORGAN LEE & WALTER BERRY
SANTA FE, OCTOBER 22

ACTOR ALEC Baldwin fired a prop gun on the set of a Western and killed the cinematographer, officials said. The director of the movie was wounded, and authorities are investigating what happened.

Halyna Hutchins, cinematographer on *Rust*, and director Joel Souza were shot at on Thursday in the desert on the southern outskirts of Santa Fe.

A spokesperson for Baldwin said there was an accident involving the misfire of a prop gun with blanks. Santa Fe County Sheriff's spokesman Juan Rios said detectives were investigating what type of projectile was discharged and how. No im-

Alec Baldwin outside the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office. **AP**

October as well as his impression of former President Donald Trump on *Saturday Night Live* — showed him distraught outside the sheriff's office on Thursday.

Prop guns fire blanks, gunpowder charges that produce a

flash and a bang but not a hard projectile. But when the trigger is pulled, the paper or plastic wadding is ejected from the barrel with enough force that it can be lethal at close range, as proved to be the case in the death of an

actor in 1984. In another on-set accident in 1993, the actor Brandon Lee was killed after a bullet was left in a prop gun.

Gun safety protocol on sets in the United States has dramatically improved since then, said Steven Hall, a veteran director of photography in Britain. But he said one of the riskiest positions to be in is operating the camera — noting that person would be in the line of fire in gripping scenes where someone appears points a gun at the audience.

Hutchins, 42, was airlifted to a hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Souza, 48, who was wounded in the collarbone area, was taken by ambulance to a medical center.

Sheriff's deputies responded about 2 pm to the movie set at the Bonanza Creek Ranch after

911 calls described a person being shot there, said Rios, the sheriff's spokesman. The ranch has been used in dozens of films, including the recent Tom Hanks Western *News of the World*.

"This investigation remains open and active," Rios said in a statement. "No charges have been filed in regard to this incident. Witnesses continue to be interviewed by detectives."

One of Hutchins' final social media posts was a photo of the *Rust* actors standing together in solidarity with crew members. Members of the IATSE union she belonged to are to vote soon on a new contract with producers after threatening to strike in recent weeks over issues including long hours and safety on sets.

Hutchins, a 2015 graduate of the American Film Institute,

worked as director of photography on the 2020 action film *Archenemy*, starring Joe Manganiello. She was named a "rising star" by 'American Cinematographer' in 2019.

"I'm so sad about losing Halyna. And so infuriated that this could happen on a set," said *Archenemy* director Adam Egypt Mortimer on Twitter. "She was a brilliant talent who was absolutely committed to art and to film."

Manganiello called Hutchins "an incredible talent" and "a great person" on his Instagram account. He said he was lucky to have worked with her.

Hutchins had Ukrainian citizenship, according to the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry. The country's consulate in San Francisco is working together with US law enforcement officials. **AP**



GOLD

₹46,678



RUPEE

₹74.90



OIL

\$83.28



SILVER

₹64,210

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of October 21

SENSEX: 60,821.62 ▼ 101.88 (-0.18%) NIFTY: 18,114.90 ▼ 63.20 (-0.35%) NIKKEI: 28,804.85 ▲ 96.27 HANG SENG: 26,126.93 ▲ 109.40 FTSE: 7,231.37 ▲ 41.07 DAX: 15,607.45 ▲ 134.89

International market data till 1900 IST

POLICY WATCH
MPC MINUTESVarma diverged
from policy stance,
called for tighteningENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

WHILE THE Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) retained the accommodative stance and kept the main policy rates unchanged in the review earlier this month, Jayanth R Varma, a member of the MPC, has strongly argued for tightening the policy stating that inflation and growth risks are "well beyond the control" of the MPC.

"A pattern of policy making in slow motion that is guided by an excessive desire to avoid surprises is no longer appropriate," Varma, professor, IIM Ahmedabad, said in the policy review, according to the minutes of the MPC meeting held on October 8.

"Since August, I have become increasingly concerned about two other risks that have become salient globally in recent weeks. The first is that the ongoing transition to green energy worldwide poses a significant risk of creating a series of energy price shocks similar to that in the 1970s. This means that the upside risks to long term inflation and to inflation expectations are now more ag-

'MONETARY SUPPORT'



It is felt that continued monetary support is necessary... RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said

gravated," Varma said proposing a hike in reverse repo rate.

"I am not in favour of the decision to keep the reverse repo rate at 3.35 per cent, and vote against the accommodative stance," Varma said.

According to RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, going forward, if there are no spells of unseasonal rains, food inflation is likely to register significant moderation in the immediate term, aided by record kharif production, more than adequate food stocks, supply-side measures and favourable base effects. "It is felt that continued monetary support is necessary as the economic recovery process even now is delicately poised and growth is yet to take firmer roots," Das said.

'ORDERS SET OUT IN ARBITRATOR AWARD CORRECTLY GRANTED'

SIAC rejects Future plea to lift
interim stay on Reliance dealENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE SINGAPORE International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) has turned down Future Retail's plea to lift the interim stay on its Rs 24,700 crore deal with Reliance Retail, providing a boost to Amazon's challenge that the deal was in violation of the agreement that it had with Future Coupons, the parent firm of Future Retail.

The arbitration centre's rejection of lifting the stay comes a day after it had ruled that Future Retail would be considered a party to the ongoing arbitration between

LEGAL TROUBLES

In August last year, Future Retail's Rs 24,713 crore deal to sell its retail, wholesale, logistics and warehousing units to Reliance Retail came under legal trouble, with Amazon claiming its "contractual rights" have been violated

Amazon and Future Group despite the former claiming otherwise. In its plea, Future Retail had, before the SIAC, said that since it is not a

party to the dispute between its own promoter Future Coupons and Amazon, it should be left out of the arbitration. In a filing with the exchanges on Friday, Future Retail said that it had received the arbitration centre's decision on its plea, which said that the orders set out in the emergency arbitrator's award of October 25, 2020 were correctly granted and that they have not been "vitiated by any subsequent events or proceedings".

In August last year, Kishore Biyani-led Future Retail's Rs 24,713 crore deal to sell its retail, wholesale, logistics and warehousing units to Reliance Retail came under legal trouble, with Amazon

claiming its "contractual rights" have been violated. This was because in 2019, Future Retail had signed another deal with Amazon. As part of the deal, Amazon had acquired 49 per cent in Future Coupons, the promoter firm of Future Retail in a deal worth nearly Rs 2,000 crore.

As part of the deal between Amazon and Future Coupons, Future Retail would be able to place its products on Amazon's online marketplace. It had given Amazon a 'call' option, which enabled it to exercise the option of acquiring all or part of Future Retail's shareholding in the firm within 3-10 years of the agreement.

'Since June 2020, monthly active
users of shortform content up 1.37x'

Shortform content has grown 1.37x in terms of monthly active user (MAU) and 1.1x in terms of daily active users from June 2020, a RedSeer report said

Overall time spent growth in social media has been organic at about 8%, and non-social media (shortform video) time has grown at 57%

Domestic apps have grown in the past one year and shortform video continues to grow

Source: RedSeer Consulting/PTI

Failure of a large NBFC can disrupt
small, mid-sized ones: RBI Dy GuvENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

RESERVE BANK of India Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao on Friday cautioned that the failure of any large non-banking finance company (NBFC) or housing finance company (HFC) may translate into a risk to its lenders with the potential to create a contagion.

"Failure of any large and deeply interconnected NBFC can also cause disruption to the operations of the small and mid-sized NBFCs ...," he said at a CII NBFC summit.

"While we are aware that differential regulation in NBFC sec-

4 LAYERS

Under a proposed scale-based framework, NBFCs would be divided into 4 layers: base, middle, upper layer, and a possible top layer

tor is required to allow it to bridge the gap in last mile connectivity and exhibit dynamism, this premise remains valid till the time their scale of operations is low," he said.

Rao said it is in the background that "we have conceptualised the scale-based regulatory frame-

work aligning it with the changing risk profile of NBFCs."

A scale-based regulatory framework, proportionate to systemic significance of NBFCs, may be optimal approach where the level of regulation and supervision will be a function of the size, activity, and riskiness of NBFCs, he added.

Under the proposed framework, NBFCs would be categorised into four layers — base layer, middle layer, upper layer, and a possible top layer.

The idea is to introduce prudent regulations and intensive supervision for such entities proportionate to their systemic significance.

G7 reach
breakthrough
on digital
trade, data

British International Trade Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan and USTR Katherine Tai, in London. Reuters

REUTERS

LONDON, OCTOBER 22

THE GROUP of Seven wealthy nations agreed on principles to govern cross-border data use and digital trade, Britain said in what was described as a breakthrough that could liberalise billions of dollars of international commerce.

The deal sets out a middle ground between highly regulated data protection regimes used in European nations and the US' more open approach. "We oppose digital protectionism and authoritarianism and we have adopted G7 Digital Trade Principles that will guide the G7's approach to digital trade," the communique said.

Elevated tax levels in the
country are also playing
a major role in current
record high prices

is at Rs 95.6, up Rs 7 per litre over the same period.

Does India's pitch with oil exporters to lower prices really make a difference?

The government says it has been reaching out to key oil producing countries, asking them to boost production of crude oil. Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has said the key reason for high international crude oil prices is that "the supply of crude was being kept below demand". India has long pushed for Middle Eastern countries to remove the "Asian premium" that Asian countries have to pay for crude oil as key oil producers set higher prices for India than for the US and European countries. Despite a 40 cent per barrel cut in the official selling price of light crude to Asia, Saudi Arabia is still charging a \$1.30 premium on the benchmark price for light crude sold to India.

Experts have said nations like India do not have much bargaining power in current market scenario where supply is lower than demand. In March, the then Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said India would source crude from whichever country provides the best price. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY

Powell on taper

Washington: US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said the Fed should start the process of reducing support of the economy by cutting back on its asset purchases, but should not yet touch the interest rate dial. REUTERS

Right of Way

New Delhi: The DoI notified Indian Telegraph Right of Way (Amendment) Rules, 2021 for uniform procedure for establishment of over-ground telegraph wires. ENS

WTO DG, PM

New Delhi: World Trade Organization (WTO) Director General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on Friday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

BORL to merge

New Delhi: Bharat Petroleum said its board cleared merger of Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd (BORL) with itself.

Power Min meet

New Delhi: Power Minister RK Singh chaired a virtual meet with senior state government officials and industry partners to review activities in energy efficiency and clean energy transition. PTI

Evergrande bond

Hong Kong: Evergrande seemed to have averted default with a last-minute \$83.5-million bond coupon payment to a Citibank trustee account, sources said. REUTERS

Sebi gives nod to
₹16.6K-cr Paytm
parent IPO; set to
be India's largestVIJAY
SHEKHAR
SHARMA
FOUNDED
COMPANY
IN 2000

IPO size: Around ₹16,600 CRORE
MID-NOVEMBER listing likely
COAL INDIA IPO was the largest so far, which raised ₹15,000 crore over a decade ago

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

ONE97 COMMUNICATIONS, the parent entity of Paytm, has received approval of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) to launch the \$2.2 billion (around Rs 16,600 crore) initial public offering (IPO), the largest in India's corporate history.

The firm, founded by Vijay Shekhar Sharma in 2000, is planning to raise Rs 8,300 crore by issuing fresh stock and the same amount in an offer for sale that will result in some pre-IPO investors offload shares.

According to sources, the company is likely to list its shares on the BSE and the NSE by mid-November. The company is looking at a valuation of Rs 150,000 crore to Rs 165,000 crore from the IPO. The company was valued at around Rs 120,000 crore when it last raised funds two years ago.

As of FY21, its total revenue from operations stood at Rs 3,186 crore from 114 million annual transacting users and had facilitated 74 billion transactions.

The largest IPO, so far, was from Coal India, which raised Rs 15,000 crore over a decade ago.

In July this year, the company announced that all Chinese nationals on the board of Paytm had been replaced by US and Indian citizens, while there is no change in the existing shareholding. Alipay representative Jing Xiandong, Ant Financial's Guoming Cheng, and Ailaba representatives Michael Yuen Jen Yao (US citizen) and Ting Hong Kenny Ho have ceased to be directors of the company.

The primary market witnessed a host of unicorn listings in 2021. Zomato listed on the BSE and National Stock Exchange in July. Nykaa will launch its IPO later this month while IPOs of Policy Bazaar, Mobikwik, Pine Labs and Delhivery are in the pipeline.

Meanwhile, as per a PTI report, FSN E-Commerce Ventures Ltd, which runs Nykaa, has fixed a price of Rs 1,085-1,125 a share for its Rs 5,352-crore initial public offering, which will open on October 28.

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Date: October 22, 2021

Notice Inviting Tender

"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Iron Ore & Manganese, Limestone and Graphite"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10 (B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Odisha has identified 06 (six) Minerals Blocks as under for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes of grant of Mining Lease:

- (one) mineral block of Iron Ore & Manganese
- (four) mineral blocks of Limestone
- (one) mineral block of Graphite

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligibility conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited: (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp>).

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited.

Last date for purchase of Tender Document after payment of a tender fee on website of e-auction platform provider is November 29, 2021 and the last date for submission of the bid is December 06, 2021 on or before 15:00 hours (Indian Standard Time). The Price of Tender Document for mineral block is Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh) except for Teherai Iron Ore and Manganese Block. The Price of Tender Document for Teherai Iron Ore and Manganese Block is Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh).

Teherai Iron Ore and Manganese Block is being auctioned under second attempt of auction as per clause (b) of sub-rule (11) of rule 9 of Mineral (Auction) Rules 2015 and amendments thereunder.

Further, Tarama Apartment Private Limited is debarred from participating in Teherai Iron Ore and Manganese Block.

List of Mineral Blocks for Auction				
Sr. No.	Name of the Block	Mineral	Type of Block	Tender Document Price
1.	Teherai Iron Ore and Manganese Block	Iron Ore Manganese	Expired Lease	Rs. 5,00,000
2.	Pipalmunda Limestone Block	Limestone	Virgin Block	Rs. 2,00,000
3.	Garramura Limestone Block	Limestone	Virgin Block	Rs. 2,00,000
4.	Uskalvagu Limestone Block	Limestone	Virgin Block	Rs. 2,00,000
5.	Behera-Banjipali Limestone Block	Limestone	Virgin Block	Rs. 2,00,000
6.	Naringpanga Graphite Block	Graphite	Virgin Block	Rs. 2,00,000

Sd/-
Director of Mines, Odisha
OIPR-30004/11/0006/2122

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

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No. TP/AMRUT/3/2021/40

SHORT e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE/INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) No. 2 of 2021
The undersigned re-invites bid online (3rd call) through e-Procurement system i.e. through website www.assamtenders.gov.in from Govt. registered class I A Contractor of APWD/APHD or similar equivalent class of Govt. registered contractor in 2 (two) bid system for the following work under AMRUT.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Approx. value of Works	Bid Security	Cost of Bid document and Bid processing fee	Period of completion
1	Construction, testing commissioning of Elevated Service Reservoir (ESR) for Capacity 2700 Cum of Staging Height 16 M with Boundary Wall and Road including all allied works, Distribution Pipeline and House Service Connections & Water Meter Installations for Phase-2 Part of Silchar Town (24x7) Water supply Project, all complete, including Two (2) months Trial run after commissioning.	Rs. 18,76,22,919/-	@2% of value of work	Rs. 20,000.00	15 months

All other relevant information and the detailed Bid Documents shall be available in website www.assamtenders.gov.in and can be viewed/downloaded from 25.10.2021 up to 11.00 hrs. of 08.11.2021. Bid is to be submitted through online and in no case manual bid shall be entertained.

Sd/-
Mission Director
AMRUT, Assam
Janasanyog No. 1745/21



New Delhi



Classifieds

PERSONAL

My father's name in my educational documents is wrongly written as Gopal Dutt while his real name is Gopal Datt Sharma. Vipin Sharma S/o Heights, Golf Course Road, Sector-54, Gurgaon (Haryana) - 122001, have changed my name to Vivek Chopra. 0040588895-2

0070758355-1
I, Vivek Kumar, S/o Balwant Rai Chopra R/o -H-701, SunCity Heights, Golf Course Road, Sector-54, Gurgaon (Haryana) - 122001, have changed my name to Vivek Chopra. 0040588895-2

I, Tejbeer S/o Ghan Shyam R/o Dunda, Asaoti, Palwal have changed my name to Tejbir for all purposes. 0040588875-1

0050185671-1
I, Tanmay S/O Mr. Madan Lal R/O 77 F Pkt-A-1, LIG Flats Mayur vihar ph 3, Delhi 110096 Have changed my name to TANMAY JAIN, 9891119020

0050185670-1
I, Sumit Kumar S/o prabhu nath Gupta R/o-L-506, Tower-L Park-Elite Premium, Sector-84 Faridabad, Haryana, have changed my Name to Sumit kumar Gupta 0040588894-4

I, Sumit Kumar Gupta S/o prabhu nath Gupta, R/o-L-506, Tower-L Park-Elite Premium, Sector-84 Faridabad, Haryana, have changed my minor Daughter Name Samaira to Samaira Gupta 0040588894-5

I, Shashi Rawat W/o-Prem Singh Rawat, R/O-E-139 Sector-22, Gautam Budh Nagar-201301,P, have changed my name Shashi Rawat to Jomti Devi Rawat for all, futures purposes. 0040588895-5

I, Ramona Dhall W/o Sandeep Dhall R/o-H-No-17/16AB Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Arti Dhall 0040588894-1

I, Ram Kumar/Ram Kumar Goel, S/o Late, Kashi Ram Goel, R/o-249, Swayam Sewa-Group Housing-Society, Jhilmil Colony, East-Delhi-110095, have changed my name, from Ram Kumar/Ram Kumar Goel to Ram Kumar, for all, future purposes. 0040588895-3

I, Zayak Khan R/o 9/94, Aryan Vihar, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi do hereby inform that correct name of my father is Md Shahid Ahmad and not Shahid Ahmad 0040588901-1

I, Pradeep Kumar S/o.OmDutt Sharma R/o-GALI.NO.2, CHIRANJULI LAL COLONY, MOHALLA NYADARGANJ, DADRI, GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, 203207, U.P, have changed my name to Pradeep Kumar Sharma for all, future purposes. 0040588895-6

I, Nirdesh Kumar, S/O Bhisam Kumar Chauhan R/O N-26/27, Near-Station Shadi-Nagar N.S.Mandi Azadpur Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Nirdesh Kumar Chauhan. 0040588887-1

I, Neha W/o Sumit Kumar Gupta R/o-L-506, Tower-L Park-Elite Premium, Sector-84, Faridabad Haryana have changed my Name to Neha Gupta 0040588894-3

I, Kachhiya Pritiben Gopalkumar D/o, Gopalkumar Natvarlal Kachhiya W/o, Bhavinbhai Bharatbhai Kapatel R/o, Flat. No.313-0, Tower-1, Piyush-Heights, Sec-89, Kheri Kalan, Faridabad (Haryana)- 121002, Have Changed my name, from Kachhiya Pritiben Gopalkumar to Pritiben Bhavinbhai Kapatel, for all purposes. 0040588875-7

I, Harsh Warden Chaudhary S/o Dharmendra Singh Malik R/o 409, Village Pinna, Shamli Road, Muzaffarnagar UP-251306, have changed my name to HARSSH MALIK for all purposes. 0050185630-1

I, Brijpal Singh, S/o Shri.Sadar Singh, R/o-A/12/249, Rajveer-Colony Ghazoli-Extension, Delhi-110096, have changed my name, from Brijpal Chaudhary to Brijpal Singh, for all, future purposes. 0040588895-4

I, Bhisam Kumar/ Bhisam Singh, S/O Shiv Chann Singh, R/O-N-26/27, Near-Station Shadi-Nagar N.S.Mandi Azadpur Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Bhisam Kumar Chauhan. 0040588887-3

0040588875-6
I, hitherto known as Mansi Loimal, D/o Sh.Vibhor Loimal W/o Sh. Arjun Goyal, R/o-Flat. No.503, Tower-Emperor-3, Supertech-Emerald Court, Plot.No.4, Sec93A, Noida, Gautam Buddha-Nagar, Uttar-Pradesh-201304, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mansi Goyal. 0040588895-8

0040588894-1
I, Vinita Bais/W/o YOGESH KUMAR, R/O FLAT.NO.310, ADITYA EAST-PARK APARTMENT, PLOT.No DGH/2, CHANDRA NAGAR, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR-PRADESH 201011, changed my name to VINITA. 0040588875-9

I, Surjit Singh S/O.Sohan Singh, R/O H/L-8, L-block, Anand-Vihar, jail-road, Hari-Nagar, New-Delhi-110064, inform that Surjit Singh and Surjit Singh Rangar one and same person. 0040588869-4

I, Shruti D/o Sh.Chandra Bhushan Thakur R/o-304, Tower-B-2, SRS Residency, Sector-88, Faridabad-121002, have changed my name, from Shruti to Shruti Thakur, for all future purposes. 0040588869-1

I, Shivali Gupta W/o Anshu Mendiratta R/o B-100, Phase-1, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-52 have changed my name to Shivali Mendiratta. 0040588869-2

I, Sanjay Kumar Madan, S/o Ram Lal Madaan, R/o A-2/392, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name from Sanjay Kumar Madan to Sanjay Madaan. 0070758338-1

I, Sachin S/o Jaideep Singh, Address-1195/C, St.no.9R, Prem Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, changed my name to Sachin Hooda. 0040588869-5

I, Roopini D/o Kamal Kant Monga, R/o C-10, Ram Nagar Om Vihar Uttam Nagar New Delhi, have changed my name to Roopini Monga. 0040588875-5

0040588894-2
I, Chunnai Lal Ahuja S/o Prabhu datta R/o-3C-202 NIT Faridabad Haryana, have changed my name to chunnai Lal 0040588894-2

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Subhash Chand, R/o 168, Gali.No.2, Bhudutt-Colony, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, have changed my name to Rajesh Mittal. 0040588875-3

I, Promila Dahiya, w/o Bijender Singh, r/o, House.no.14-15, 2nd-floor, pocket-22, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Promila for all purposes. 0040588875-4

I, Neha W/O-Manas Das R/O,N-34, 1st-Floor Majnu Ka Tilla Near Civil-Lines Delhi-110054, have changed my name to Neha Popli. 0040588895-1

I, Neeru Madan, W/o Sanjay Madaan, R/o A-2/392, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name from Neeru Madan to Neeru Madaan. 0070758340-1

I, Neeraj Singh S/O Kishor Singh, R/O Chassana, Sarh, Udhampur, Jammu And Kashmir-182315. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Khasho Singh and Kashliya Devi in my 10th Class Certificate No- 0518506. the actual name of My Father and My Mother are Kishor Singh and Kushalya Devi, which may be amended accordingly. . 0070758348-1

I, Naresh Kumar Jaggarwal, S/o Hira Lal Jaggarwal, R/O 201-A, 5th-Floor Masjid-Moth, South-Ext-II, South-Delhi, Delhi-110049, have changed my name to Sant Narayan Das Acharya, for all, Future purposes. 0040588869-9

I, Munender Singh Rathour S/O Kishan Singh Rathour R/O Flat No-R-1, Ashirwad Kunj, Krishna Mandir, Plot No-J-3/77, Khirki Extension, Malviya Nagar, Delhi-110017, have changed my minor daughter's name from Sreshthi Rathour aged 14 years to Samishthi Rathour forever 0070758322-1

I, Mohd Faisal S/o JalaJundil R/O B-360, J.I.colony, hastsal Road, uttam nagar, new Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Faisal for all purposes. 0040588896-1

I, Lalita W/o Chander Mani Gauba R/O House No 426/12, 3rd Floor, Krishna Colony, Behind Geeta Bhawan, Gurugram, Haryana-122001 have changed my name to Lalita Gauba for all future purposes. 0040588888-2

I, Krishna Mohan, S/O Late Shri Ram Tej R/o 15/3, Trilok-Puri, Delhi-110091, have changed my minor son's name Aryan to Aryan Mohan, for all, future purposes. 0040588875-10

I, Ishpreet S/o Hardeep Singh R/O W2C154, Wellington Estate-2, DLF, Phase-5, Shakarpur-Gurgaon (Haryana)-122002, have changed my name to Ishpreet Singh Babber. 0040588875-8

I, HARPREET KAUR, w/o HARMEET SINGH KANDHARI, ADD-G-201, AMBIENCE ISLAND, NH-8, GURGAON, SHADI-NAGAR N.S.Mandi Azadpur Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Bhisam Kumar Chauhan. 0040588869-6

0040588875-3
I, Gurpreet S/o Palvinder Singh R/O 10/6, 10 Block, Nehru Nagar. Srinivaspuri, Delhi-110065, that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Gurpreet Singh and S Palvinder Singh respectively in my Driving Licence. The actual name of mine and my father is Gurpreet Singh and Palvinder Singh respectively 0070758317-1

0040588875-6
I, Vijay Kumar S/O Malik Ram R/o 156 S/F, (S.P Mukherjee) Tilak Nagar Delhi-110018, Have changed my Name to Vijay Alagh for All purposes. 0040588869-8

0040588875-9
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I, GINITA SAXENA D/O SUSHIL KUMAR SAXENA R/O F-1/17 KRISHNA NAGAR DELHI-110051, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GINITA SANDHU, FOR ALL PURPOSE 0040588869-7

I, ETI BALA PRAMANIK, W/O Sh.LOVKUMAR PRAMANIK, R/o-36-A, SAIDA-MOHALLA CHILLA-VILLAGE MAYUR-VIHAR PHASE-1, EAST-DELHI-110091, inform that ETI BALA PRAMANIK and ITI BALA PRAMANIK is same and one person. 0040588869-3

I, Ashok Aggarwal S/o Bishan Chand Aggarwal R/O 2036, Sector-28, Faridabad have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Aggarwal. 40588875-2

I, Archana W/O, Hardeep Singh R/O D-2/7 Gf Ardee City, Gurgaon-122011 have changed my name to Archhna Kaur for all purposes. 0040588892-1

I, MANJURI DEB, W/o MOHIT GHAI, R/O- H-NO -D/6/10/1 SEC-6 ROHINI, Delhi-110085, INFORM THAT MANJURI DEB AND MANJURI GHAI BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE PERSON. 0070758298-1

I, Urvashi Gupta D/o Mukesh Gupta, R/o H.No.46, Road No.72, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi 110026 have changed my minor Daughter's name from Tvisha to Tvisha Gupta for all official purpose. 0040588870-1

I Sahil S/o Raj Kumar R/o House No-69, Israna, Panipat, Haryana-132107, have changed my name to Sahil Jain 0070758310-1

I Pooja Goel D/o Sh.Asha Ram Goyal R/O V-287, Khajoor Wali Gali No.2, Arvind Nagar, Garhi Mendu, Bhajanpura, Delhi-110053 is also known as Ruchi Gupta. Both names are of one and the same person. 0040588865-5

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I Dharmender Kumar Yadav S/o Sh.Rajaram R/O Ward No.04, at Husaini Chak, Husena Begusaraj, Bihar-251211 is also known as Harminder Kumar Yadav. Both names are of one and the same person. 0040588865-6

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I Bhagwati Pandey Alias Bhagwati Pandey D/o Reva Dhar Pandey and W/o Deva Datt Joshi R/o 29, Kurmanchal Nagar, Pilibhit Road, Izzat Nagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh-243122, have changed my name to Bhawana Joshi 70758316-1

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I, Km Aarti W/O Nirdesh Kumar Chauhan R/O N-26/27, Near-Station Shadi-Nagar N.S.Mandi Azadpur, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Arti Chauhan. 0040588887-2

I, Lalita W/o Chander Mani Gauba R/O House No 426/12, 3rd Floor, Krishna Colony, Behind Geeta Bhawan, Gurugram, Haryana-122001 have changed my name to Lalita Gauba for all future purposes. 0040588888-2

I, Krishna Mohan, S/O Late Shri Ram Tej R/o 15/3, Trilok-Puri, Delhi-110091, have changed my minor son's name Aryan to Aryan Mohan, for all, future purposes. 0040588875-10

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In the Court Sh. Shishir Aggarwal Administrative Civil Judge Cum-ARC (Central Delhi) 10054 N.D.O.H. 02/11/2021 To:- Nikhil Kumar W/o The State
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Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 16.10.2021.
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0040588558-1

I,Vaisakh Chavadymadom Nadarajan S/o Nadarajan Unni, H.No.329 Block-K Street No-6A, Mahipalpur,Delhi,have changed my new name to Vysakh Chavadymadom Nadarajan. 0040588793-6

I,Sushila W/o Ravinder Singh R/o D-48 Harijan Basti, Maasoodpur, Vasant Kunj, Delhi-110070, have changed my name to Ratna Singh.

0040588802-1

I,Shivansh S/o Shiv Sharan Dubey R/o-60 Rajendra Park Ext. Nangloi Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Shivansh Dubey. 0040588793-4

I,Satya Bhushan,S/O-Shri Hans Raj,R/O-C-9/109,Sector-7, Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Satya Bhushan Garg. 0040588111-2

I,SUJOY CHANDRA,S/o Sachin Chandra R/o -101,KALYPSO-COURT TOWER-1 JAYPEE GREENS WT SECTOR-128, NOIDA,G-B-NAGAR-201304,have changed my name to SUJOY SACHIN CHANDRA.

0040588811-5

I,Ruby Abbas,w/o Sayed Taj Abbas,R/O S-4, A-95,Dilshad Colony,Delhi-110095,have changed my name to Khurshid Fatima,for all,future purposes.

0040588793-9

I,Rohit S/o Ishwar Singh R/o-18 Near Somervelly Public School Village Badli Delhi-110042, changed my name to Rohit Singh. 0040588793-3

I,RAVINDER KUMAR,son of,OM PRAKASH,residing at,G-124, 3RD-FLOOR, HOUSE NO-30, MOHAMMAD PUR VILLAGE, R.K.PURAM, DELHI-110066 have changed my name to SATISH KUMAR. 0040588816-1

I,Parveen Kumar,S/o Late, Mahavir Singh Employed as Advocate in the Supreme Court of India,resident at, Flat. No.147, DDA-Flat, Safdarjung-Enclave,New Delhi-110029,have changed the name of minor son Meydthanksh Kumar aged-17 years 4 months and he shall hereafter be known as Meydthanksh Kumar Chauhan.

0040588785-8

I,POONAM/POONAM KALA/POONAM BHAGWAT, W/O. VIKAS BHAGWAT,ADD-FLAT NO-63-A-POCKET-C,MAYUR-VIHAR PHASE-II,DELHI-110091,Changed my name to POONAM KALA BHAGWAT,. Permanently.

0040588802-8

I,NOSAD,S/o Badruddin, R/o-No.6,Mata Sundri-Road,Darya-Ganj,Delhi-110002,inform that my name wrongly-written MOHD NAUSAD in my minor dauther birth-certicate but my actual-name is Nosad,for all,future purposes.

0040588785-2

I,NEHA SLHANI W/O MANOHAR LAL LOHANI R/O 65, 2nd-FLOOR, TAGORE-PARK,MODEL TOWN-1, DELHI-110009, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NEHA LOHANI.

0040588793-10

I,Maninder Singh,S/O Charanjit Singh Randhawa,R/O H.NO.-37A,Mandir-Road, Raji Vihar, Kakrola N.S.I.T. Dwarka,Delhi-110078, Have Changed my Name to Maninder Singh Randhawa. 0040588785-10

I,Maninder Kaur W/o Harpal Singh Sandhu,R/o WZ-85, Mukherjee Park ,Tilak-Nagar New-Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Maninder Kaur. 0040588811-8

I,MAHABIR/MAHABIR SINGH S/O RAJENDER SINGH R/O VILLAGE NASIRPUR BANGER, RATDHANA,SONIPAT-131001.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAHAVIR SINGH.

0040588785-9

I,JHAMMAN S/O SHER SINGH R/O HNO.189-190,BLOCK-D1, SECTOR-20,ROHINI EXTENSION, DELHI-110086. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JHAMMAN LAL.

0040588802-5

I,GAYATRI D/O FATEH CHAND R/O A-91,NEAR MANGE RAM PARK,POOTH KALAN VILLAGE, DELHI-110086. CHANGED MY NAME TO GAYATRI SHARMA.

0040588793-5

I,Devendra Awadeshwari Sharan,S/o Sh.Awadeshwari Sharan,R/o Villa.No.B-182, Paramount Golf Foreste BGH-A,Opp.Sector Zeta,Site C Surajpur,Greater-Noida, Surajpur, Gautam Buddha-Nagar,Uttar Pradesh-201306, have changed name to Devendra Sharan,for all future purposes. 0040588802-6

I,Deepak Kumar Aggarwal,S/o Sh.Ved Prakash Aggarwal,R/o C-16,Gali-no-4, syndicate-Enclave, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Deepak Aggarwal,for all,future purposes.

0040588793-1

I,DEVESH SINGHAL/SINGHAL DEVESH GIRISH S/O- GIRISH KUMAR SINGHAL, R/o-557,RAVI KUNJ KANCHAN-NAGAR HATHRAS UP-204101,changed my name to DEVESH KUMAR SINGHAL. 0040588802-3

I,Abbas S/o Allah Baksh,H.No -34,Masjid Wali Gali, Sakatpur (159),Gurugram(Haryana)- 122101,have changed my name to Abbas Khan. 0040588793-2

I,ARTEE AGRAWAL W/o-DEVESH KUMAR SINGHAL, R/o- 557 RAVI KUNJ KANCHAN NAGAR HATHRAS UP-204101. Changed my name to ARTI SINGHAL.

0040588802-2

I,ARCHANA W/O SANDEEP BUDHIRAJA R/O C-11/38,TOP-FLOOR,SECTOR-5,ROHINI, DELHI-110085.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ARCHANA BUDHIRAJA FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040588802-4

I,ARCHANA RANI, W/O. RAMAKANT GARG,ADD-3105, 2ND-FLOOR STREET SANGATRASHAN PAHARGANJ CENTRAL DELHI-110055, changed my name to ARCHANA GARG, permanently.

0040588785-6

I,AMIT PANWAR R/o-4/001, Ashok Vatika,Jay Pee Greens, Greater Noida,UP-201306,have changed my minor son name, from RUDRA PANWAR to RUDARAVEER PANWAR.

0040588811-7

I,AHMED, S/O JUNAID RAZAK, ADD-FB/1, UMMAAT-APT, MAULANA AZAD-ROAD, SHAHEEN BAGH-AKOLA, JAMIA-NAGAR,SOUTH EAST DELHI-110025,changed my name to AHMED KHAN,permanently.

0040588785-5

I, Yogeshwar Chaudhary,S/O Mr.Charan Singh Dukiya,R/o Flat.No.207,House No.597/3, JBL-Apartments, Ward.No.3, Mehrauli, Delhi,have changed my name,from Yogeshwar to Yogeshwar Chaudhary,for all,future purposes.

0040588816-4

I, Vivek Goel S/O Shiv Shankar Goel, R/o 30, Pana Chhajan, Ward 10, Ber, Jhajar, Haryana-124201, Declare that name of Mine & My Wife and My Minor Son has been wrongly written as Vivek Goyal & Poonam Goyal and Divanshu in my minor Son, Divanshu Goel, aged about 15 Years, In his 10th Class Certificate No- 1719367. The actual name of Mine & My Wife and My Minor Son are Vivek Goel & Poonam and Divanshu Goel, which may be amended accordingly. 0070758133-1

I,Mahesh Chand,S/o. Lt.Shri. Inder Lal R/o.324, A/2,Hari-Nagar, Ashram, New Delhi-110014, My minor son name wrongly -written as Nischal instead of Nischal Kumar,for all,future purposes.

0040588785-1

I,Pramod Kumar S/o Ayodhya Prashad R/o B-337, 3rd-Floor, Greenfield-Colony, Faridabad, Haryana-121003,have changed my name to Pramod Kumar Sharma. 0040588811-10

I, Vandana w/o Harish Bhadri, R/o H-261, Karampura, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Vandana Bhadri

0040588741-1

I, V. Bhargawa S/o Sh. Mahavir Prasad R/o B-71, Block-B, Mansarovar Park, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed the name of my minor daughter Riddhima aged 15 years and she shall hereafter be known as Mitakshara Bhargawa.

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I, V. Bhargawa S/o Sh. Mahavir Prasad R/o B-71, Block-B, Mansarovar Park, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed the name of my minor son Ritwik Savyasachi aged 15 years and he shall hereafter be known as Shrivats Krishna. 0040588793-8

I, V. Gopala Rao G alias Vijayagopalarao Gummedidala alias G V Gopal Rao alias Vijay Gopal Rao Gummedidala alias G V Gopalrao alias Vijaya Gopal Rao Gummedidala alias Vijay Gopal Rao G S/O Sreehari Rao Gummedidala, R/o G-1-412 C-27, MIG Huda Complex, Vanasthalipuram,

Hayathnagar, K.v. Rangareddy, Telangana-500070, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Vijay Gopal Rao Gummedidala.

0070758158-1

I, Usha D/o Mohan Singh W/o Mohammad Shahrukh R/o H-16/238/3, Ratiya Marg, Sangam Vihar, Pushpa Bhawan, Delhi-110062, have embraced ISLAM religion and renounced HINDUISM w.e.f. 05/07/2018.

0070758159-1

I, Taniya Aggarwal D/o Ravi Aggarwal/R/o 1539/109, Ganesh Pura-A, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to TANYA AGGARWAL for all future purposes. 0070758200-1

I, Surinder Singh Chahar S/O Manphul Singh, R/o 862A, Sector 17B, near Ifcco colony, Gurgaon (Haryana) PIN-122001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Suresnder Singh Chahar.

0070758166-1

I, Sonu Wadhwa, W/O Vijay Khanna R/o MM-155, Sector-D, Aliganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226024 , have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sonu Khanna. 0070758122-1

I, Niru Choudhary D/o Sh. Ram Singh Choudhary Permanent R/o Ward No.-8 Janki, Distt. Kailali, Nepal have declare that in my educational certificates my father name wrongly written as Ram Kumar Choudhary instead of Ram Singh Choudhary. In future he will be known as Ram Singh Choudhary for all purposes.

0070758194-1

I, Simrandeep Kaur D/o Mr. Amrik Singh Taneja W/o Mr. Jasmeet Singh R/o D-119,East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 changed my name from Simrandeep (Alias Simrandeep Taneja) to “Simrandeep Kaur” after my marriage.

0040588709-7

I, Savita Saluja, W/O Krishan Saluja R/o House No- 1336 A, H.B.C. Sector- 15A, Hisar, Haryana- 125001 , have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sukhdarshan. 0070758132-1

I, Satish Kumar S/O Chander Kishor, R/O DDA Flat- 70, PKT- 14, Rohini Sector- 20, Delhi- 110086, Have changed the name of my minor Son Rayan Sh aged about 5 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Swarnim Kumar.

0070758130-1

I, SHREYA BHUTANI,W/O-PARUL ARORA, R/o-164 Ram Vihar, Delhi-110092,have changed my name to SHREYA ARORA,for all future purposes. 0040588811-1

I, SARITA W/o Late Umesh Singh Rana & D/o Pan Singh, R/o H.No.102, Gali No-1, Saidulajab, Mehrauli, Gadaipur, New Delhi-110030 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SARASWATI DEVI

0040588741-2

I, S Rajan S/O Shambhu, R/O D-133/D-203, 2nd Floor, Krishna Park, Devli Road Khanpur, Delhi-110062, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rajan .

0070758129-1

I, Renu W/O Ashok R/o Opp. Vaishno Devi Mandir, Rudra Colony, Hanuman Mandir wali gali, Bhiwani, Haryana- 127021, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Renu Gupta. 0070758136-1

I, Rahul Madan, S/o Sanjay Madaan, R/O A-2/392, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name from Rahul Madan to Rahul Madaan.

0070758120-1

I, Mayank Tyagi S/o Girish Chand Tyagi R/o B-1118, 3rd-Floor, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Mayank Kumar Tyagi, for all purposes. 0040588724-1

I, KM BABITA, D/o HURMAT SINGH ADD-FLAT.NO.F-4, SECOND FLOOR, 9/9, GAUSHLA, KISHANGARH, VASANT KUNJ, NEW DELHI-110070, changed my name to BABITA.

0040588785-3

I, Girish Chandra S/o Gajram Singh Tyagi R/o B-1118, 3rd-Floor, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Girish Chand Tyagi, for all purposes. 0040588724-2

I, Gayatri Devi , W/O Harendar Prasad Mehto R/o B- 109, B-Block, Arjun Park, Near Aakash Public School, Najafgarh, South West Delhi- 110043 . have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Gyanti Devi. 0070758121-1

I, G Aparna alias Aparna G Rao alias Aparna Rao G alias Aparna Gummedidala alias Aparna Rao alias G Aparna Rao D/O Vijay Gopal Rao Gummedidala, R/o C-27, MIG Phase-I Huda Complex, Opp Vanasthalipuram, Hayathnagar, K.v. Rangareddy, Telangana- 500070. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Aparna Rao Gummedidala.

0070758150-1

I, ERUM FATIMA,W/O ALI MOHAMMAD,ADD-B-11, ST.NO.9 MASJID WALI GALI NEW BIRI PURI KRISHNA NAGAR SHAHDARA, DELHI-110051. Changed my name to IRAM FATIMA, permanently.

0040588785-4

I, Dipu , W/O Neeraj Kumar R/o B4-308, Unihome, Sector-117, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh- 201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Dipti Mishra. 0070758131-1

I, Dippli Kanchha D/o Sanjay Tiwari R/o RG-57, Gali-No.5/2, Kh.No.34, Main Surajpur, New Delhi-110046 have changed my name to Diksha Tiwari.

0040588816-3

I, Bikash Anand S/O (Late Shri B. K. Sinha residing at CM-109, Abhimanya Apartments, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi-96, have changed my son's name from Rakshit Anand to Rakshit Sinha vide affidavit dated 09 Oct 2021. 0050185605-1

I, Ayush Kumar Singh S/O Babalu Singh, R/o Rasara, Chandwak, Jaunpur, Kerakat, Uttar Pradesh- 222129, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ayussh Siingh. 0070758160-1

I, Ayush Kumar Singh S/O Babalu Singh, R/o Rasara, Chandwak, Jaunpur, Kerakat, Uttar Pradesh- 222129, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ayussh Siingh.

0070758124-1

I, Kamla W/o Brij Mohan R/o H.No.B-2/25, Raghubir Nagar,New Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Kamla Bansiwali.

0040588785-1

I, Atibhav Vivek Kumar Saxena, S/O Vivek Kumar Saxena, R/o House No- F -503, Freedom Park Life, BPTP, Near Artemis Hospital, Sector-57, Gurgaon, Haryana-122003 have changed my name to Atibhav Saxena for all purposes

0040588781-1

I, Asha W/o Yogesh Kumar R/o H.No.125, Top-Floor, Harsh Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Asha Goel permanently.

0040588816-2

I, Asha Kiran,W/o Maneesheel Talwar,R/o C-41, Street No-5, West Jyoti Nagar,Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Asha Talwar. 0040588811-9

I, Aditya Khatri S/O Rajeev Khatri, R/O H. No- 84, Raipur (84), Sonipat, Haryana- 131001. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Rajiv Khatri and Jyoti Khatri in my 10th Class Certificate No- 1474399 . The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Rajeev Khatri and Jyoti Gulia, which may be amended accordingly.

0070758125-1

I, Thomas Daniel S/O Chandra Bhan Maurya, R/o Beladar, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh- 273412, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Shyam Sunder Maurya ,I have changed only my name not my religion. 0070758135-1

I have changed my name from 'Lalit Kumar Garg' to 'Lalit Kumar'. My address is CB-02, SECTOR-44, NEAR PEARLS GATEWAY TOWER, NOIDA. 201301 0040588703-1

I Saurabh Jaiswal S/O Prakash Veer R/O B3-705, Panchsheel Greens-2 Apartment, Greater Noida west, sector-16 have changed my name from Saurabh Jaiswal to Saurabh Kumar Jaiswal and shall be known with the same name for all future purposes.

0070758185-1

I Sameer Saxena s/o Shri Ram Mohan Saxena R/O Flat no.70 pocket-F Green view Apartments, Shaikh Sarai Phase-I New Delhi-110017, Have changed my name from Sameer Kumar Saxena to Sameer Saxena for all future purposes. 0040588740-1

I Ruchi Anand alias Ruchika Bhagat D/o Late Sh.Madan Lal Anand W/o Sh.Neeraj Bhagat R/O F-226, Vikas Puri, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi,Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Ruchika Bhagat for all purposes. 0040588709-6

I PRIYA JAIN, D/O RAJINDER KUMAR GARG, R/O LCGO1 PHA COURT GREENTHE LABURNUM CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX SECTOR 28 GURGAON 122001, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRIYA GARG. 0070758197-1

Ishwar Devi D/o Late Sh. Puran Chand W/o Late Sh. Harish Kukreja R/o 83,West Avenue Road, Punjabi Bagh, West Delhi, Delhi-110026 have changed my name to Ish Kukreja for all purposes. 0040588709-5

I Ashok Kumar Kapoor S/o Late Shri Buta Ram Kapoor R/o Flat 401, Tower-6, Vipul Lavanya Apartments, Sector-81, Gurugram-122004, have changed my name from Ashok Kumar Kapoor to Ashok Kapoor vide affidavit dated 08.10.2021 at Gurugram 0040588784-1

I,NEELAM W/O -SH. ANURAG BHAIRO,R/O-B-27,PARK VIEW APARTMENT,LIBERAL CGHS, INDER ENCLAVE, MIANWALI NAGAR,PASCHIM VIHAR,NEW DELHI-110087,after marriage have changed my,name to NEELAM BHAIRO for all,future purpose. 0040588811-4

I Rajnish Chander S/o Late Sh. Harish Kukreja R/o B/83, West Avenue Road, Punjabi Bagh, West Delhi, Delhi-110026 have changed my name to Ranjish Kukreja for all purposes.

0040588709-4

I,MEDHA,D/O KULDEEP SINGH, R/O-C-141,STREET.NO.7, MAJLISPARK,ADARS-NAGAR DELHI-33,HAVE ADDED SURNAME TO MY NAME AND NOW I WILL BE KNOWN AS MEDHA SANGWAN.

0040588816-6

I,Chhaya Chandra W/o SUJOY Sachin CHANDRA,R/o 101, KALYPSO COURT TOWER-1 JAYPEE GREENS WT SECTOR-128, NOIDA,G-B-NAGAR-201304, have changed my name to Chhaya SUJOY CHANDRA.

0040588811-6

I,ABANI,D/O KULDEEP SINGH, R/O-C-141, STREET.NO.7, MAJLISPARK, ADARSHNAGAR, DELHI-33,HAVE ADDED SURNAME TO MY NAME AND NOW I WILL BE KNOWN AS ABANI SANGWAN.

0040588816-5

I,AARUSHI SURI D/o-SH.VINOD SURI R/o-M-293,GURU HARKISHAN NAGAR,PASCHIM VIHAR,NEW DELHI-110087, have changed my name to ARUSHI SURI for all future purposes.

0040588811-3

LOST & FOUND

LOST My B.TECH 1st, 4th Year Marksheet at Shahdara Market on 2nd Oct-21. AKTU Roll No. 1590013026 If Found Please contact: 9560546153.

0050185604-1

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Builder Floors DLF, Sushant Lok,Ananraj,Ansals Essencia, Suncity,Sectors Gurgaon 9811141172 VOHRA ESTATE RERA REGISTERED.

0050185482-1

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under 10% Management quota (reservation as applicable) CET-2021 qualified candidates visit College reception for application form within 18 days at:

Guru Ram Dass College of Education (Affiliated to GGSIPU) West Jyoti Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-94, #011-22819051, 22801081 (Mon-Fri, 10am - 5pm)

LOST & FOUND

I, Veena Jain W/o Sh. Dhanender Kumar Jain, am the absolute owner of Flat No. 135D, Pocket-F, GTS Enclave, Delhi-110093 and reside on the same address. I inform that the following documents of the above said property/flat have been lost. 1: A document of GPA and Will by Raj Bahadur in favour of Laxmi Chand, 2: GPA by Sh. Laxmi Chand in favour of Smt. Veenaa Jain; 3: Original Allotment Letter and Possession Letter by DDA to Raj Bahadur have been lost.

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Be it known that my clients Sh Bal Mukund Khandelwal S/o Late Sh Sohan Lal and Smt Karla Khandelwal both R/o RZ-18A/317, Gali No-1.8, Shivpuri, West Sagarpur, New Delhi-110046 have disowned and debarrd their son namely Sh Nitin Khandelwal and his wife Smt Sweeti Khandelwal from all their moveable and immovable properties and have cancelled all their relations with them in future as they are continuously harassing, torturing, abusing and quarrelling with them are completely out of their control. If any one deals with them shall be doing at his/her own costs and risks and my clients shall not held responsible of any of their acts and deeds.

Sd/- **Rakesh Sharma** (Advocate)
Ch. No. 438, Dwarka Court Complex, New Delhi

PUBLIC-NOTICE
Be it known to all concerned that my clients Smt. Kalawati Mehra W/O Lt. Sh. Vidya Rattan Mehra R/o WZ-3485, Raja Park, Shakuri Basti, Delhi-110034 have disowned/debarred her son namely Sh. Gautam, daughter in law Ms. Kiran, Grandchildren Master Lakshya and Lavanya from all moveable and immovable properties due to their conduct, misbehavior and being out of her control. Any person dealing with them in any manner shall be on his/her risk and consequences.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या-२, दुमका

शुद्धि पत्र

PR 254023

इस कार्यालय का निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या DWS/DUMKA-2/15/2021-22 दिनांक 01.09.2021 जो PR 254023 Drinking Water and Sanitation (21-22) D में प्रकाशित है, जिसमें निम्नलिखित शुद्धियों की जाती है :-

कार्य की तालिका	पूर्व में निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय	शुद्धिकरण के उपरान्त तिथि एवं समय
1 निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	25.10.2021 upto 05:00 PM	29.10.2021 upto 05:00 PM
2 परिमाण विपत्र का मुल्या एवं अग्रघन की राशि जमा करने के तिथि	26.10.2021 upto 02:00 PM	30.10.2021 upto 02:00 PM
3 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	26.10.2021 upto 05:00 PM	30.10.2021 upto 05:00 PM

इसके अलावे SBD में कुछ त्रुटियों का निराकरण कर Revised SBD Website पर Upload किया गया है। शेष

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पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता
प्रमण्डल संख्या-2, दुमका

PR 255361 Drinking Water and Sanitation (21-22)_D

Govt. of Jharkhand

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department, Nirupan Bhawan, 4th floor, 56-Set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi-834002

e-mail--- eercdapsfdran-jhr@nic.in

e-Procurement very Short Notice, 3rd Call

e-Tender Reference No .-RCD/FSD /AP/ RAN/33/21-22 Dated 21.10.2021

1-	Name of Work	Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Construction of two (02) number of H.L. bridges in Pagla More- Gediya-Jamtara Bypass road at Jamtara District in the state of Jharkhand from Consultants empanelled in Category- II with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no -686 dated 29-01-2019
2-	Tentative Length of Work	18m, and 15m
3-	Work completion time	45 Days
4-	Date and Time of Publishing of Tender on official website	23.10.2021, 05.00 PM
5-	Last date and Time of submission of Tender (With Tender Fee and EMD)	29.10.2021, 12.30 PM
6-	Date and Timing of Bid opening	01.11.2021, 12.30 PM
7-	Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, RCD, Ranchi, Nirupan Bhawan, 56 set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi-834002, Mobile No-9431591027
8-	Bid Submission Address	Chief Engineer (Communication), Road Construction Department, 1st Floor, Engineer Hostel No-2, Dhuruva,Ranchi-834004
9-	Mode of Bid Submission	e-Tendering -(http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
10-	Previous PR Number	254174 Road (21-22)

For further information please go through the website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer
Field Survey Division,A.P
Road Construction Department,Ranchi

PR 255354 Road(21-22)#D

OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI

{ENGINEERING SECTION}

KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI, PIN – 834001

e-mail :- support@ranchimunicipal.com

LETTER No :- 113/Eng

e-Procurement Notice

DATED:- 21-10-2021

1. Name of Tender Inviting Officer :-Chief Engineer,RMC, Ranchi

2. Date of Publication of Tender on Website :-26-10-2021

3. Last date/Time for receipt of online bids :-26-10-2021 to 08-11-2021 Up to 5:00 PM

4. Last date/Time for receipt of EMD (Hard Copy) :-09-11-2021 Up to 1:00 PM

5. Date/Time of Opening bid :-12-11-2021 Up to 12:30 PM

6. Helpline number :-9661121799

Sl. No.	Ward No.	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Period of completion
01	3	Detailed estimate for laying of paver block at different roods of ward no. 03 under RMC	1,25,67,291/-	2,51,500/-	10000/-	270 Days
02	4	Detailed estimate for laying of paver block at different roods of ward no. 04 under RMC	96,54,825/-	1,93,500/-	10000/-	180 Days
03	5	Detailed estimate for laying of paver block at different roods of ward no. 05 under RMC	1,27,56,694/-	2,55,500/-	10000/-	270 Days
04	6	Laying of Paver block at various location under ward no. 06	61,09,575/-	1,22,500/-	10000/-	180 Days
05	7	Laying of Paver block at various location under ward no. 07	85,53,405/-	1,71,500/-	10000/-	180 Days
06	9	Construction of Pavers Block Road at Bariatu Housing Board colony's different road in ward no. 09	96,12,111/-	1,92,500/-	10000/-	180 Days
07	10	Construction of Pavers Block Road at sundar vihar tiril and tunki toli different roads in ward no. 10	84,88,060/-	1,70,000/-	10000/-	180 Days
08	11	Improvement of road with paver block in different Place of ward no. 11	20,63,601/-	41,500/-	10000/-	180 Days
09	13	Laying of Paver Block at various location under Ward No- 13	61,80,425/-	1,24,000/-	10000/-	180 Days
10	14	Laying of Paver Block at various location under Ward No- 14	27,83,446/-	56,000/-	10000/-	180 Days

1. As per guidelines issued by State Govt. of Jharkhand regarding MSY letter no 56, dt: 18/08/2020 for every schemes contractors have to work with enrolled registered labour of Ranchi Nagar Nigam, Ranchi (as per govt. norms minimum wages applied).

2. जिन संवेदक के पास कार्य लिखित है वैसे संवेदक जो इस निविदा में भाग लेंगे उन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi

PR 255336 (Ranchi Municipal Corporation) 21-22 (D)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

No. CC-6/Leasing/SLR/VP/2021

Date: 20.10.2021

E-TENDER NOTICE

Special facility to registered lease holders, Courier Companies as well as business man for loading unloading/of parcels in VP & brake vans for SLR compartments at reasonable rates

Safe

Fast

Economic

Reliable

North Central Railway has invited open tender for leasing for carriage/transportation of parcels in VP/SLR Compartment of following trains for reasonable Rates.
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, NCR, Prayagraj for and on behalf of President of India invites tender for leasing of following trains for the period of **FIVE YEARS** on 15.11.2021 up to 13.00 hrs. and same will be opened at 15.00 hrs. The tender documents can be downloaded from Railways website www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in & Government of India Portal www.ireps.gov.in. For which the cost of tender documents and EMD should be submitted along with tender in favour of Senior Divisional Finance Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj,Without cost of downloaded tender form as well as Earnest money, tender will not be considered. The competent authority reserves the right to reject/accept any partial tenders without assigning any reasons. The tender will be received and opened in the office of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj on the above mentioned date and time. Open tender for VP/SLR Compartment will be invited for a period of Five Years. Offer(s) received below reserve price shall not be accepted irrespective of mode of lease.
Note: Eligibility criteria to lease holders for leasing tender: (1) The annual turnover of the business of the applicant/firm/company, who applies for registration of leaseholder under the scheme, shall have the business to the following extent (Audited balance sheet & Profit Loss account of financial year 2020-2021) must be attached with tender documents at the time of opening of tender and with the application for registration. (2) The leaseholder shall be liable to pay **GST & any other taxes** as imposed by the Central Government from time-to-time for transportation of parcels. (3) The lease holder will have to pay 'Development charge' or any other charges levied by the Railway Administration on the Freight over and above the Lumpsum Leased Freight.

Tender No	Station From	Station To	Scale	Distance (in KM)	Reserve Price for each SLR/VP Compartment per tonne in Rs.	Reserve price for 24 tonne Round Trip VP in Rs.	Available Train No.	Leasable compartments	Running of train per year (Days)
150/2021	Kanpur Central	New Delhi	R	440	1812.52	NA	12033/02033 06 days in a Week	FSLR	1560 Days
151/2021	Kanpur Central	Bhiwani	P	607	1580.40	NA	14723/ 04723 Daily	FSLR	1825 Days
152/2021	Prayagraj	Lokmanya Tilak Terminus	P	1510	3529.71	NA	22130/02130 02 days in a week	FSLR	522 Days
153/2021	Kanpur Central	Lokmanya Tilak Terminus	R	1338	4806.81	173046/-	12541/02541 -12542/ 02542 Daily	VP	1825 Days
154/2021	Prayagraj	Anand Vihar	R	621	2449.62	88187/-	02428/12428 -02427/ 12427 Daily	VP	1825 Days
155/2021	Kanpur Central	New Delhi	R	437	2071.50	74574	12451/02451 -12452/ 02452 Daily	VP	1825 Days

1. Tender forms shall be available on www.ireps.gov.in 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender. The Tender Notice can also be viewed on Railway's website www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightaway ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 5. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost (TDC) in respect of e-Tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. 6. Cost of tender document should be deposit under allocation Z-650 and Earnest Money should be deposited under Allocation DMX. 7. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 8. Tender online can be submitted up to 13.00 hrs. On 15.11.2021. 9. Verified Audited balance sheet & Profit Loss account of last financial year i.e. 2020-2021 must be attached with tender. 10. Affidavit for no Railway Dues is recoverable from the tenderer against previous contracts in original. 11. Railway Administration reserves the right to postpone/modify or to cancel any one or all the tenders without assigning any reasons or to accept any of the tenders through it may not be necessarily the lowest. 12. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date opening of the tender. Tender received after the date and time specified above shall not be considered.

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North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in railway.northcentral@CPRONCR

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD

Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl. No.

Tender Inviting Authority

Specification No. and Description of work/material

Due date & time for Submission of Tender

1

CE/MECHANICAL/COAL

COAL – 89 (dt.22.10.2021) Movement of 4,34LT +/- 10% of Coal from Mahanadhi Coal field Ltd's (MCL) sources Through road – cum – Rail (RCR) mode from MCL mines (Hingula, Balaram, Bharatipur, Ananta and Jagannath) to Ex. Nirugudi and Ex-Hindola sidings and loading on to Railway rakes.

28.10.2021 up to 11.30 hours

The tender Specification can be down loaded from TANGEDCO website, www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.in.gov.in, <https://tenders.gov.in/nicgepapp> at free of cost. Tender will be opened through the NIC portal.

CHIEF ENGINEER MECHANICAL COAL

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

IRRIGATION & CAD DEPARTMENT

IRRIGATION CIRCLE, MALL, NALGONDA DIST.

Tender is invited by the Irrigation Circle, Mall (V), Chinthalpally (M), Nalgonda Dist. vide Tender Notice No. 07/SE/2021-22. Dated: 21.10.2021 for the work of 'Constructions of (3 nos) Lift Irrigation Schemes Viz. (1) Ambabhavani LIS on foreshore of Nagarjuna Sagar Reservoir, near Vizag Colony, Neredugummu (M), (2) Kamalabapally LIS on foreshore of Nagarjuna Sagar Reservoir, at Kamalabapally (V), Chandampet (M) and (3) Pogilia Lift Irrigation Scheme on Krishna River near Pogilia, Chandampet (M) in Nalgonda District' for an ECV 328.60 Crores is available from 23.10.2021 at 11:00 AM to 10.11.2021 at 05:00 PM. For further details see in eProcurement website.

R.O. No.: 17108-PP/CL/ADV/T/1/2021-22

Date: 22.10.2021

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Mall, Chinthalpally (M), Nalgonda (Dist.)

OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD, AGRA

114, Fatehpur Sikri Road, Near Sadar Bazar, Agra Cantt.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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S. No.	NIT NO.	Name of work and location	Last Date of Submission of bid	Application Fee	Earnest Money
1.	No.T/2/HOSPITAL/21-22/ C B A / 2021	TENDER TO RUN, OPERATE & MAINTAIN MATERNITY WARD (COVID & NON-COVID) & ICU, NCIU, P-ICU and GENERAL SURGERY FACILITY ON PPP MODE IN CANTONMENT GENERAL HOSPITAL, AGRA CANTONMENT BOARD	05/11/2021	Rs. 1100/=	Rs. 1,00,000

The detail may be obtain from <https://agra.cantt.gov.in> and <https://defproc.gov.in/nicgep/app>.

CEO, Agra Cantt

DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T) M-6

D-BLOCK : MOTI NAGAR : NEW DELHI-110015

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PRESS NIT NO. 05 (2021-22)

Item No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Date of release of tender in E-procurement solution	Last date /time of receipt of tender through e procurement
1	Replacement of old/ badly damaged sewer line of 250 and 300 mm dia in A-6 block Kothi from H.No. 25 to 82, H.No. 213 to 260 and H.No. 1 to 15 through pipe busting method in Paschim Vihar under EE (NW) III AC-15.	Item Rate	Tender ID No. 2021_DJB_209819_4 on 16.10.2021 at 03:52 PM	02.11.2021 Up to 3:00 PM
2	Replacement of badly damaged sewer line of 250 dia from H.No. 1 to 49, 218 to 233, 197-217 in A-3 block (Kothi) Paschim Vihar with pipe busting method under EE (NW) III AC-15.	Item Rate	Tender ID No. 2021_DJB_209819_5 on 16.10.2021 at 03:56 PM	02.11.2021 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. 509 (2021-22)

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Ex. Engineer (T) M-6

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क्र. 582/- वि.शा./2021

निविदा आमंत्रण घोषणा-पत्र

भोपाल, दिनांक 22.10.2021

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार मोहरबंद निविदायें निर्धारित प्रपत्र पर ऑनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

क्र.	ऑनलाईन टेण्डर नं.	कार्य स्थल का नाम	अनुमानित राशि	धरोहर राशि	निविदा प्रपत्र की कीमत	टेकेदार की श्रेणी	कार्य हेतु निर्धारित एस.ओ.आर.	कार्य की अवधि
1	2021_UAD_159373_2	Consultancy Services for support in Setting up of solar PV power projects to supply power to various electrical connections of Nagar Nigam, Bhopal (Second call)	1,60,00,000/-	12,500/-	1,00,000/-	As per as Tender Document	NON SOF ITEM	365 Days

नियम व शर्तें :-

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OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI

{ENGINEERING SECTION}

KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI, PIN – 834001 e-mail :- support@ranchimunicipal.com

LETTER No :- 112/Eng

e-Procurement Notice

DATED:- 21-10-2021

1. Name of Tender Inviting Officer :- Chief Engineer, RMC, Ranchi

2. Date of Publication of Tender on Website :- 25-10-2021

3. Last date/Time for receipt of online bids :- 25-10-2021 to 14-11-2021 Up to 5:00 PM

4. Last date/Time for receipt of EMD (Hard Copy) :- 16-11-2021 Up to 1:00 PM

5. Date/Time of Opening bid :- 17-11-2021 Up to 12:30 PM

6. Helpline number :- 9661121799

Sl. No.	Ward No.	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Period of completion
01	50,51, 53	Laying of paviour block at different roods under ward no- 50,51 & 53	3,68,43,266/-	3,70,000/-	10,000/-	365 Days

1. As per guidelines issued by State Govt. of Jharkhand regarding MSY letter no 56, dt: 18/08/2020 for every schemes contractors have to work with enrolled registered labour of Ranchi Nagar Nigam, Ranchi (as per govt. norms minimum wages applied).

2. जिन संवेदक के पास कार्य लिखित है वैसे संवेदक जो इस निविदा में भाग लेंगे उन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi

PR.NO.255331 Ranchi Municipal Corporation(21-22):D

कार्यपालक अभियंता, का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, रामगढ़

ई- प्रोक्युरमेंट सूचना, (प्रथम आमंत्रण)

निविदा सूचना संख्या- पेजजल090/ रामगढ़-4 / 21-22 दिनांक 22.10.2021

क्रो	कार्य का नाम	विवरण
1	कार्य का नाम	Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of R.C.C Intake Well cum Pump house, R.C.C Gangway 80 M long and 3.60 M wide, 7.00 MLD capacity Conventional Water Treatment Plant, R.C.C Elevated Service Reservoir 4 Nos, RCC Ground service reservoir -1 Nos., Staff Quarter, Compound Wall, Railway Crossing, River Crossing, infiltration gallery, Supply and Laying Raw & Clear water Rising main and Distribution Network, House connection 11466 Nos Supplying and installation of V.T and Centrifugal Pump Motor, Five years Operation and Maintenance with allied works etc. all complete job for Patratu & Adjoining Village Rural Water Supply Scheme under DW&S Division, Ramgarh on "Turn Key Basis".
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	5489.96000 लाख
3	अग्रघन की राशि	54.90000 लाख
4	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	10000.00 रूप
5	कार्य पूर्ण करने का समय	30 माह + 3 माह (ट्रायलरन)
6	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	28.10.2021 को 5.00 बजे अपराह्न
7	प्री-बीडमीटिंग की तिथि	02.11.2021 को 3.00 बजे अपराह्न अभियंता प्रमुख पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखंड राँची के कार्यालय में
8	बीड प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	13.11.2021 को 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
9	परिमाण विपत्र एवं अग्रघन की राशि जमा करने की तिथि	16.11.2021 को 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, रामगढ़ एवं अधीक्षण अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल हजारीबाग के कार्यालय में
10	निविदा खोलने की तिथि	16.11.2021 को 4.30 बजे अपराह्न
11	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, रामगढ़
12	निविदा खोलने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, रामगढ़
13	ई- प्रोक्युरमेंट पदाधिकारी का फोन नं	06553 223193
14	ई- प्रोक्युरमेंट प्रकोष्ठ का हेल्प लाइन नं	0651 2480345

नोट :- परिमाण विपत्र एवं अग्रघन की राशि घट बढ़ सकती है।

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पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, रामगढ़

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	MODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HSIIDC	SWEEEPING OF METALLED ROADS INCLUDING BERMS (ROW) COMPLETE AT INDUSTRIAL GROWTH CENTRE, SECTOR - 1, 2 & 3 SAHA (APSAHA).	25.10.2021 17.11.2021	24.93 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9415682243 is.saha@hry.nic.in
2	GMDA GURUGRAM	SPECIAL REPAIR OF MASTER DRAINAGE ROAD BETWEEN SECTOR 68/89 (ASSET ID 131), GURUGRAM	21.10.2021 04.11.2021	325.06 LACS	https://www.gmdc.gov.in	xeen1nfm1.gmdc@gov.in
3	HSIIDC	DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF WAYSIDE AMENITIES ALONG KMP EXPRESSWAY UNDER DEPT MODE (DESIGN, BUILD, FINANCE, OPERATE, TRANSFER) FOR SITE AT KM 95.350 (LHS)	22.10.2021 22.11.2021	1 CRORE	www.hsiidc.org.in	8558839223 kmpcol.hry@hsiidc.org.in
4	HSIIDC	DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF WAYSIDE AMENITIES ALONG KMP EXPRESSWAY UNDER DEPT MODE (DESIGN, BUILD, FINANCE, OPERATE, TRANSFER) FOR SITE AT KM 47.882 (RHS)	22.10.2021 22.11.2021	1 CRORE	www.hsiidc.org.in	8558839223 kmpcol.hry@hsiidc.org.in
5	HAFED	SHORT TERM TENDERS FOR PURCHASE OF RAW MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR HAFED CATTLE FEED PLANT, BHATKA & SIKHERA.	23.10.2021 02.11.2021	7.27 LACS	hafed.gov.in	01737506020 hafed@hry.nic.in

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SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is here by informed that one person Namely: Suraj S/o Chandar Mohan R/o H. No. L 47, Pratap Nagar, Delhi. Age: About 28 Year, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval, Built: Normal, Wearing: Red Colour T-shirt and black Colour Pajama, has been missing since 04.10.2021 at 02:00AM form his house the area of PS.

Gulabi Bagh.

In this regard a DD No. 005A dated 07.10.2021, has been registered at P.S. Gulabi Bagh, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Gulabi Bagh, Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. 23651692, 8750871634
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/1596/N/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a male namely Raj Kumar, S/o: Ramsuhag Shah, R/o: WZ-5A/97, Vishnu Garden Khayala, New Delhi has been reported missing since 06.09.2021 at 11.30 AM. from above said address. In this regard DD No. 64A dated 17.09.2021 has been registered at P.S. Khayala, New Delhi. The description of missing male is as under:

Name: Raj Kumar, Age: 27 Years, Height: 5'7", Built: Medium, Complexion: Wheatish, Hair: Black, Wearing: Red T-Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans and Chapple in Feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing male please inform P.S. Khayala, New Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

Police Station Khayala, New Delhi
Ph: 9891412474, 8750871132

DP/590/WD/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one person namely Gokul Ram S/o Sh. Rattan Lal R/o H.No. D-54/86, Gali No.2, Swami Shradanand Colony, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 21.05.2019 at about 07:00 PM from his house. In this regard a case vides FIR No. 645/19 dated 23.10.2019 u/s 365 IPC has been registered at PS. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.

The description of missing person is as under:

Name : Gokul Ram, Father's Name : Sh. Rattan Lal, Age : 44 yrs, Height : 5'5", Face : Round, Built : Medium Complexion : Fair, Wearing : Metalic Kurta, Pajama & Chappal in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

SHO
P.S., Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27811933
27811934

DP/1320/ON/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely Arjun S/o Nari R/o Vill-Devrani, PS- Wile Chowki, Distt. Basti, Nepal Aged-about 14 Years has been reported missing since 11.03.2019 at about 02:00 PM from Child Welfare Committee, Palika Dham, Gole Market, New Delhi vide FIR No.26/19 Dated 11.03.2019 u/s 363 IPC registered at Police Station Mandir Marg, New Delhi. His physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Fair, Height: 4'2", Face: Wide, Built: Normal, ID: He is mentally sound.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing boy, may inform SHO, Mandir Marg, New Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Sd/-
Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Mandir Marg, New Delhi
FAX No. : 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-23364100, 23366730
DP/343/NDD/2021 Mob.: 8750870522

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that a male person namely Gulshan@Tillu, S/o Kanhya Lal, R/o H.No. P-1/80, Sultan Puri, Delhi, Age: 31 years, Height: 5'10", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Wearing: White Colour Shirt, Blue Colour Pant and Hawai Chapple in his feet has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Sultan Puri since 2

Sindhu’s return cut short by An Seyoung in straight games



This was PV Sindhu's first tournament since she won her bronze medal at the Tokyo Games. File

Odense: Returning to action after a break, India's double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu on Friday bowed out of the Denmark open badminton tournament after losing in straight games to world no 8 Korean An Seyoung in the women's singles quarterfinals here. Playing her first tournament since winning the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics in August, Sindhu couldn't match her fifth seeded young Korean rival, going down 11-21 12-21 in 36 minutes.

Sindhu had also lost to An Seyoung in straight games the last time they clashed here two years ago in their only career meeting. The reigning world champion, who had taken a break to rejuvenate after a hectic Olympics campaign, just couldn't find a way across the attacking game of the Korean, who was always a step ahead during the contest. An Seyoung made a superb start and took

just six minutes to grab a massive seven-point lead at the break with Sindhu unable to find a crack in the Korean's game. The Indian tried to control the net but committed few unforced errors with the Korean showing great athleticism to return everything thrown at her. The Korean dominated the forecourt and played some exceptional shots, including a few diving forehand returns, to lead 16-8.

In the end, Sindhu netted to give 10 game points to the Korean, who sealed the opening game when the Indian erred again. Sindhu tried to change her tactics by playing high lifts but she was not disciplined enough and after trailing 7-8 at one stage, she slipped to 8-11 at the break. It was a one-way traffic after the interval as An Seyoung jumped to 20-10 in a jiffy. Sindhu saved two match points before committing another error. **PTI**

Pooja Rani, youth world champ Arundhati enter Rd 2 of nationals

Hisar: Asian champion Pooja Rani (81kg) and the fast-rising Jaismine (60kg) were among the boxers who advanced to the second round with convincing wins in the Women's National Championships here on Friday. Representing Haryana, Asian bronze-winner Jaismine comfortably beat Chhattisgarh's Rajbala by the unanimous 5-0 verdict in her opening round, while defending champion Pvilao Basumatary of Assam out-punched Karnataka's Theertha Lakshmi at the St Joseph's International School here. Also moving ahead was youth world champion Arundhati Chaudhary (70kg) after outclassing her Haryana rival Kiran in her bout. Chaudhary is representing Rajasthan. Rani, whose Tokyo Olympics campaign ended in the quarterfinals, too entered the second round, beating All India Police's Pinki 5-0. Rani is representing Haryana in the event. Forty nine bouts were contested on day two which features more than 320 pugilists from 36 states/union territories/boards. **PTI**

Top European leagues want change in UCL's new format

Europe's top soccer leagues want to re-visit the changes to the Champions League format, agreed by UEFA in April under the threat of a breakaway Super League. Jacco Swart, Managing Director of the European Leagues organisation, told a news conference on Friday that there would be a second phase of negotiations with UEFA and they would look to secure several changes. The new format from the 2024/25 season will see the Champions League group stage expand from 32 to 36 teams, who will play in a single league format. Instead of the current six matches, each team will play a minimum of 10 games against 10 different opponents. "We do think that changes will be made... topics we are addressing are related to the number of matches and the match days, to the access list and the financial distribution model for the entire competitions," said Swart. **REUTERS**

Germany, Brazil, Thailand: T20 the vehicle to drive cricket to ever newer horizons

MIHIR VASAVDA
OCTOBER 23

IF CRICKET is a religion in many parts of the world, then T20 is its missionary spreading the gospel to newer lands.

Starting Saturday, the big boys of world cricket will get the main event underway after an opening act that, by and large, went unnoticed. Many purists might be tempted to describe the T20 World Cup as the lesser World Cup. But a realist would know this, inevitably, is the future.

For all barbs flung at it, T20 is turning out to be cricket's best vehicle, perhaps the only one, to shatter the image of being a mere Commonwealth legacy. From America to Afghanistan to Brazil, Thailand and even Germany, T20 has taken cricket to previously unexplored countries, to a point that the sport is now able to make a genuine claim to be at the Olympics.

On Thursday, around the time when Scotland, for the first time, made it into the main rounds of the T20 World Cup, football powerhouses like Italy, Germany and Brazil were taking small, yet significant, steps in the cricketing arena.

While Brazil continued their unfettered march in the women's game by defeating Canada, Germany, despite losing to Italy, entered the global qualifying round of the T20 World Cup for the very first time. "One of our players even took a hat-trick," German cricket's general manager Brian Mantle says. "Imagine, the first player to take a hat-trick in T20 Internationals was Brett Lee. And the 21st is a German player."

Democratising the sport

And therein lies a story. Cricket's T20 version is faster, requires unique skill-sets and provides wholesome, all-round entertainment. But at the same time, it also has democratised the sport. Just like the way 7s has done for rugby, 3x3 for basketball and the indoor variant, possibly 5s in the future, for hockey.

A lower financial commitment and shorter duration – also the fact the shorter versions of rugby, hockey and basketball require half the number of players to be good – have given teams with little to no history a chance to rub shoulders with the best and, on occasions, even beat them; like Scotland did to Bangladesh in the first round of the T20 World Cup.



In hockey, countries that aren't even a blip on its landscape in the traditional 11-a-side game are up there among the best in the indoor format. At the top of the indoor hockey chart is Austria, with Iran ranked third in the world, followed by Russia and the Czech Republic – Germany is the only traditional hockey power in the top five. And at the Tokyo Olympics, Mongolia fielded a team in 3x3 basketball, which was the first time ever the country competed in a team sport at the Games.

Cricket, rugby crossover

The crossovers between cricket and rugby, however, are particularly intriguing. The traditional formats of both these games are enshrined in traditions; a lot of emphasis is laid on quality and, by extension, they have remained closed sports. Their shorter versions, however, are breaking into uncharted territories.

In rugby's case, the inclusion of 7s in the Olympics aided its unshackled growth. "A country like Germany is very good in 7s rugby, one of the best teams in Europe, because that is the Olympic sport. And so, the Olympic federation will invest in Rugby 7s," Mantle says.

Not just Germany, but teams such as Samoa and Kenya, too, barged onto the scene while the likes of Kazakhstan and South Korea started winning regional tournaments. Of course, the most heart-warming story of the last decade as far as 7s is concerned has been Fiji. A decent 15s outfit, Fiji has come of age in the shorter format to dethrone the All Blacks and become the undisputable kings of 7s, having won back-to-back Olympic titles.

As more and more teams got better at 7s, the sport has also matured. Initially seen as a development tool wherein players looked to improve their running and passing, 7s has now



(L) Scotland are making their World Cup main round debut by defeating Bangladesh. (Above) Fiji has come of age in the shorter format to dethrone the All Blacks and become the undisputable kings of Rugby 7s.

Afghanistan, the role models

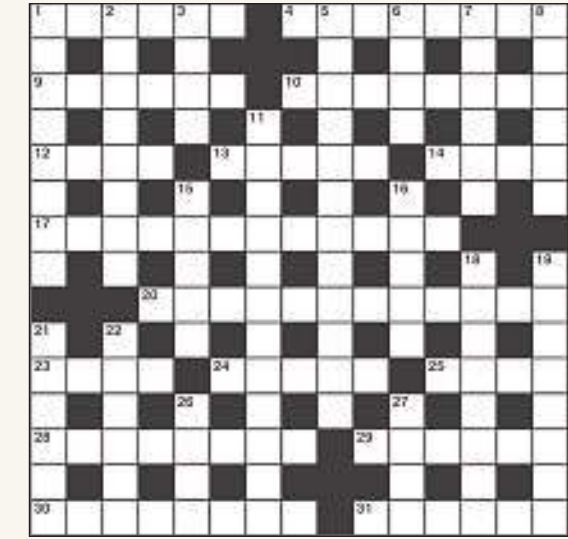
Perhaps, nothing better illustrates the launchpad that T20 cricket is than the rise of Afghanistan, who could be for T20 what Fiji are for 7s. "We are good at T20 because that's the format in which we get maximum exposure, apart from the fact that it is financially viable," says former Afghanistan Cricket Association chief executive Shafiq Stanikzai.

Despite their troubled build-up, owing to the recent situation at home, Afghanistan are expected to notch up a surprise or two at the T20 World Cup. The impact of Afghan players, however, goes beyond the country's borders. Cricketers from Afghanistan have played a critical role in German cricket's recent surge as well. "In the last five years, a lot of refugees have come from Afghanistan to Germany, about 2,00,000, and every second one is a cricket fanatic. A lot of them played cricket and a couple are in the national team," Mantle says.

Even though it is unlikely that anyone other than the traditional powerhouses will win the T20 World Cup, teams like Afghanistan and Scotland, who defeated Bangladesh in the first round of the ICC event, have shown that with each passing edition, it could get harder and harder to beat them.

And that is inspiration enough for other associate nations. "These guys are our role models. Scotland's target is to get on the field against England, India, Pakistan... to play them and sometimes beat them. In the same way, it's our target to get on the field with Afghanistan, Scotland, Ireland or the Netherlands; to play them, see how good we are compared to them and maybe one day to actually beat them," Mantle says. "If one day, we could do what they have done, it would be great. It's a long way to go, though."

CROSSWORD 4568



- ACROSS**
- 1 It's half-day closing, pal! (6)
 - 2 Picadors are involved here and there (8)
 - 9 A sailor standing (6)
 - 10 Crack discovered far below the surface (8)
 - 12 Heard I'd watched (4)
 - 13 Glue a piece of wood (5)
 - 14 Ground needed for play (4)
 - 17 Business figures show what may happen after a slump (5,7)
 - 20 It's used for oiling locks (12)
 - 23 A hot-tempered expression (1)
 - 24 A charming French accent (5)
 - 25 A burning issue (4)
 - 28 Don't come - give support elsewhere (4,4)
 - 29 Goes off for the booty (6)
 - 30 Having risen a man starts to go (8)
 - 31 Second thoughts about offensive practical jokes (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Loses a game (8)
 - 2 Sacked no doubt (2,3,3)
 - 3 Unmarried sisters (4)
 - 5 They have a down-to-earth occupation (12)
 - 6 Fire out of control? (4)
 - 7 Twice appearing as understudy (6)
 - 8 ADC gets set to review military trainees (6)
 - 11 Sporting event that has its ups and downs (12)
 - 15 Long time at the Pole (5)
 - 16 Silly Annie is upset (5)
 - 18 A tonic it may be a mention in dispatches (8)
 - 19 Causes of ill-feeling again? (8)
 - 21 An organ two Poles come in to work (6)
 - 22 A pastry dish is made up in layers (6)
 - 26 Willing but handicapped? (4)
 - 27 Box of ship's timber? (4)

Solutions Crossword 4567: Across: 1 Dig in, 4 Vacuums, 8 Boo, 9 Valentine, 10 Ringlet, 11 Extol, 13 Height, 15 Styles, 18 Anger, 19 Integer, 21 Crime wave, 23 Ada, 24 Trestle, 25 Ashes. Down: 1 Deborah, 2 Grounding, 3 Novel, 4 Valets, 5 Content, 6 Uri, 7 Spell, 12 Telegraph, 14 Harvest, 16 Streaks, 17 Finale, 18 Ascot, 20 Theta, 22 Ice.

JUMBLED WORDS

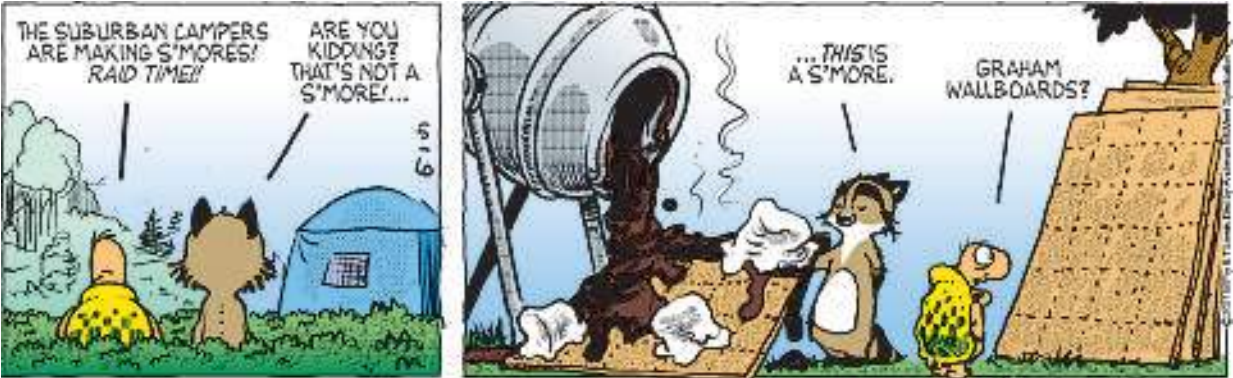
Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

We don't _____ momentarily, but over the long-term. - John C. Maxwell (6)

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Answer: We don't mature momentarily, but over the long-term. - John C. Maxwell

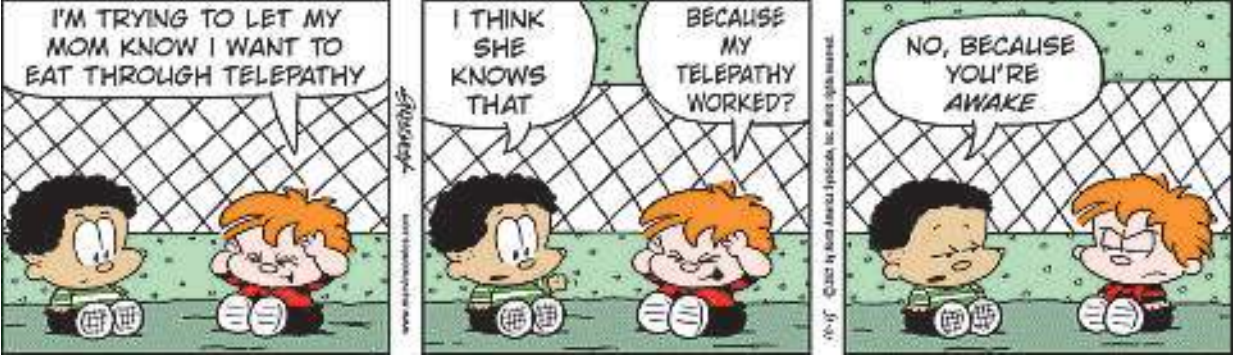
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SUDOKU 4633

Difficulty Level 3s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4632



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Jupiter is waiting in the wings, so don't become demoralised if delays have affected family arrangements or domestic improvements. It is not yet time for such matters to proceed. But, when is the right time? You'll know well enough, that's for sure.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Today's one of those days when you'd do best to re-orientate yourself and change your attitudes. The events of the last twenty-four hours may have caused you to think again. You'll be surprised, though, how quickly today's problems disappear, like a mirage in the desert.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Travel plans may still be interrupted or delayed by various irritating planetary alignments, misunderstandings, rather than mechanical failures, are likely to be the root cause of any difficulties. That's why all you have to do is check important arrangements and then double-check.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Just as long as you have answered those awkward outstanding questions, then your security is assured, so you may put financial cares behind you. Rather, realise that in all areas of your life it is genuinely equal, free and open partnerships which hold the key to future success and happiness.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Sometimes you relish a battle, but you have suffered enough in the past not to want to put yourself through the mill again. You may therefore decide to draw a veil over recent contentious issues and set out on a fresh and optimistic path. And don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)
On the whole you can congratulate yourself on a successful week. The Moon plays a powerful role, which should bring a feeling of emotional warmth and security to complement your many worldly achievements. Why not appreciate such fortunate stars?

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)
Many of you may have felt a sense of euphoria after recent emotional encounters. Others may have been knocked off balance, but you will surely benefit from the creative events which are due to follow. You can loosen up, get back to basics and fulfil a childhood dream.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
The weekend may not be the best time to deal with professional complications, unless you're a workaholic. It's probably far better to turn your hand to those family and home opportunities which have arisen over the last two or three days and enjoy a new leisure attraction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)
You'll probably experience a shift of mood around midday as the Moon switches positions and adjusts its emotional power over your psyche. This may prompt a change in your plans, but do keep other people informed, otherwise you can't blame them if they don't give you whole-hearted backing.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Get financial business out of the way this morning. The Moon now urges you to put such mundane business aside and think about what you really want to do. You can ponder your long-term future, and consult younger relations as to what they think should happen next.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
There's still some confusion over major plans. Although you may still not be able to travel as you would wish, or you might have to postpone an important agreement, it will be worth your while to continue along your current course, just as long as you ask the right questions.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
One of your great struggles in life is to learn to be more practical and less disorganised. Now that the Moon is changing its position, you may decide to try your hand at a little essential do-it-yourself, home improvements, or perhaps lay the foundations for a major new project.

SPORT

ICC T20 WORLD CUP



PLAYING TODAY

3.30pm: Australia vs South Africa

7.30pm: England vs West Indies

Live on Star Sports Network

Dubai awaits a cricket festival like no other, India-Pak on Sunday

EXPRESS AT T20 WORLD CUP

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
DUBAI, OCTOBER 22

THE T20 World Cup is here finally, after pandemic-induced postponement that had it tagged on the back end of IPL. If there was any worry about IPL triggering fatigue in viewers, it was stubbed out by the schedule, which threw up the assured box-office hit - India vs Pakistan - on Sunday.

The qualifying phase of the world cup is over and the real deal starts on Saturday with Australia taking on South Africa but for many in Dubai, and else-

where, the mouthwatering Sunday clash is the real McCoy.

For the locals, it feels like the T20 World Cup is a one-game tournament, with people happily forking out AED 2,400 (Rs 49,000 approx) for a ticket.

At the world-famous Dubai Expo, India and Pakistan live not quite cheek by jowl, but at close quarters. India's neighbour is Italy, while Pakistan's pavilion overlooks Indonesia's. There's absolutely no conflict. Pakistanis are lining up to see India's art, culture and science. A Keralite was seen asking a security guard about the direction of Pakistan's pavilion. Cricket, though, is a different ball game.

At the Dubai airport on Friday morning, a person overseeing the passengers' Covid tests was eager to know if the India-Pakistan T20 World Cup game

would be happening at all. "Maybe, the government will take a decision tomorrow," he said, referring to speculations about the match.

A Dubai Sports City (DSC) functionary, helping the International Cricket Council in organising the T20 World Cup, rubbished the rumour, talking at length about how he has been struggling to fend off requests for tickets for Sunday's game.

That the DSC officials are overexcited speaks volumes for the game's magnitude. They are used to watching the likes of Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Lewis Hamilton and Roger Federer year in, year out. Of late, Dubai and the United Arab Emirates for that matter, has become the epicentre of world sport. It is the Indian Premier League's favourite escape route.



The Indian team's mentor MS Dhoni uses the sidearm during a practice session in Dubai.

Twitter/BCCI

When this year's T20 World Cup had to make a Covid-forced switch, UAE became an automatic choice as a replacement. In a few months' time, as the Fifa president Gianni Infantino said,

UAE would be hosting the Club World Cup.

Cricket came to this part of the world in the early 1980s, through a business magnate Abdul Rahman Bukhatir, with

former Pakistan captain Asif Iqbal in tow. But Sharjah, the carnival notwithstanding, remained the desert's tenuous link to the sport until the turn of the century. Now there has been an explosion.

From hosting one of the richest ATP tour events to Formula One in Abu Dhabi, Badminton Super Series finals, the Dubai Rugby Sevens and the Dubai Desert Classic golf, this region has opened its heart to world-class sporting events. "I think, this is because of the world-class infrastructure here and the marketing drive. Weather is also a factor," former head of marketing and sponsorship at DSC, Sarah-Jane Carter told *The Indian Express*.

Sounds similar to what Harmeeek Singh, strategic director of the UAE Athletics Federation told this paper about

a month ago. "The infrastructure that we have here is state-of-the-art, something that makes the developed countries want to look at us. Dubai and UAE have always been known for being the leaders, rather than following, so we bring the biggest and the best."

This year is the 50th anniversary of the formation of the United Arab Emirates and the T20 World Cup is another global sporting event it can revel in.

But leaving aside the marquee game, it's been a slow burn in terms of fanfare. Only a couple of cardboard cut-outs greet the visitors near the Dubai International Stadium. As of now, the Expo clearly trumps the World Cup and there's a school of thought that the ICC has failed to hard-sell cricket's power-hitting showpiece. UAE's absence

in the tournament can't be a factor, for the country has become a global sports hub without boasting any world-class sports-person.

This is a young country and out of its 9.89 million population, 88.52 per cent are expats (Global Media Insight data). This is the reason why an India versus Pakistan game will always be the biggest sporting attraction here, especially for the fact that the arch-rivals have been meeting again after a gap of two years.

The locals have been analysing the team combinations and there is also much interest in MS Dhoni donning the role of mentor for India. Much would depend on the two matches in the weekend, especially the India-Pakistan game, for the world cup to sustain interest in the desert.

QUICK SINGLES

Namibia stun Ireland to enter Super 12 stage

Sharjah: Gerhard Erasmus led from the front with a well-crafted unbeaten fifty to guide debutants Namibia to a historic eight-wicket win over Ireland in the first round Group B match and qualification spot in Super 12s of the ICC T20 World Cup here on Friday. Erasmus (53 not out off 49 balls) guided Namibia's chase of 126 in the company of David Wiese, who made an unbeaten 28. Needing 77 off the last 10 overs, Erasmus and Zane Green (24) shared 48 runs for the second wicket to keep Namibia in the contest. "We run a tight ship. Small country, small number of people play cricket. We should be proud of ourselves," Erasmus said in the post match presentation.

Brief Scores: Ireland: 125 for 8 in 20 overs (Paul Stirling 38, Kevin O'Brien 25; Jan Frylinck 3/21) lost to Namibia 126 for 2 in 18.3 overs (Gerhard Erasmus 53 not out, David Wiese 28 not out; Curtis Campher 2/14)

In dead rubber, Lanka thrash Netherlands

Sharjah: Already qualified for the Super 12s, Sri Lanka thrashed Netherlands by eight wickets in their final T20 World Cup first round match with the spin duo of Wanindu Hasaranga and Maheesh Theekshana bamboozling the opposition batters here on Friday. The inconsequential match ended inside two hours, as Sri Lanka first bundled out the opposition for a paltry 44, the sixth lowest total in T20 history, and then cantered to the target in just 7.1 overs. The chase was a walk in the park, as opener Kusal Perera, blazed his way to an unbeaten 33 off 24 balls, as he tore apart the Netherlands attack. It was Sri Lanka's third win in as many matches and they topped Group A with six points. The days surely belonged to the young Sri Lankan spinners, Hasaranga (3/9) and Theekshana (2/3), who spun their web around the Netherlands to bowl them out in 10 overs.

Brief Scores: Netherlands 44 all out in 10 overs (Colin Ackerman 11; Lahiru Kumara 3/7, Wanindu Hasaranga 3/9, Maheesh Theekshana 2/3) lost to Sri Lanka: 45 in 7.1 overs (Kusal Perera 33 not out; Brandon Glover 1/12).

SUPER 12 GROUP 1: Australia, South Africa, England, West Indies, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka
GROUP 2: India, Pakistan, New Zealand, Afghanistan, Scotland, Namibia.

SUPER 12 STAGE

Windies: Glorious uncertainties of T20 cricket

Unpredictability is their middle name but if the team switches to its six-hitting mode and the stars align in their favour, they will remain strong contenders

SANDIP G
OCTOBER 22

SPECTACULAR ONE day, chaotic the next. Like yesteryear Pakistan, West Indies veer between the extremes.

The T20 champions of the world, trailblazers, trendsetters, they could crash out in the first round, or blast through to the title and fill the humid Emirates air with a re-rendition of the Champions track.

Twice they have been champions, but twice they have exited in the preliminary stages of the six-edition-old tournament as well. Two-time champions they might be, but they have lost more T20 games than they have won (win percentage 47.03). Only Ireland, Zimbabwe and Bangladesh, among Test-playing nations, have a worse win percentage. In World Cups, though, they tend to fare better, their win

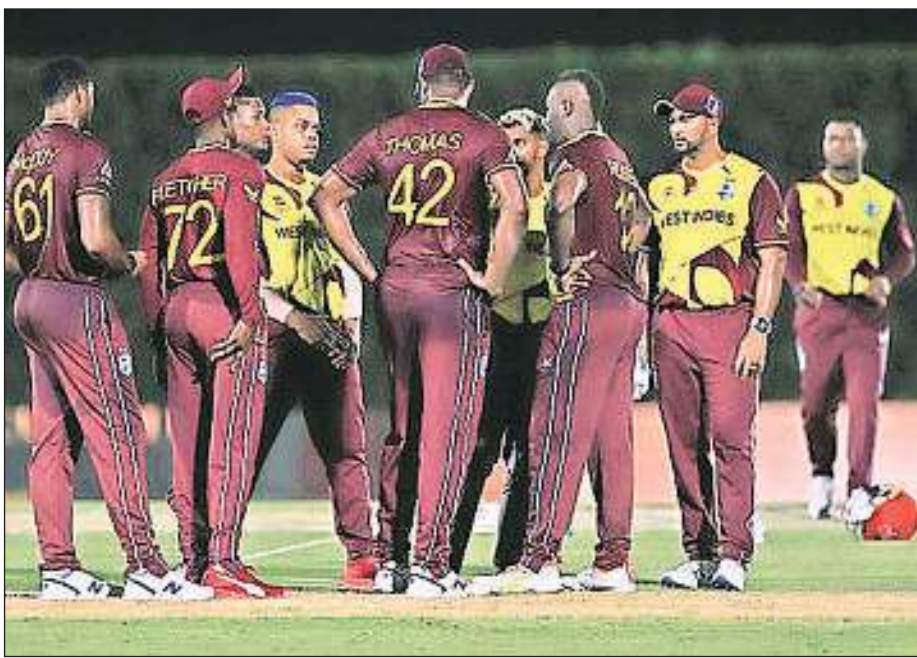
percentage of 58 the third-best after India and Sri Lanka.

Suffice is to call them the unpredictable of the T20 galaxy, where their stars sparkle the brightest. Few teams could imagine, let alone, boast of the vaunted T20 firepower than that at the disposal of the West Indies. As if the format was designed with Chris Gayles, Kieron Pollards and Dwayne Bravos in mind. In them, they have the top two run-getters in this format; the top three six-hitters, and the most prolific wicket-taker too.

The second-highest wicket-taker too is a West Indian - Sunil Narine, who is bizarrely not in the team.

Even mega-utilitarian Jason Holder, who most teams would have installed in their playing eleven without second thoughts, can't find a spot in the squad.

The highest exporters of guns-for-hire in franchise cricket, they are familiar with



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most cities, bowlers and conditions in the world, and have doubtlessly won franchise T20 titles in every country.

To call them favourites is irresistible, though it should be resisted as there are fragile layers to what appears as the Iron Man's Guardian of the Galaxy

suit. The form of some of their luminaries is indeed concerning. Gayle was scratchy in his few games for Punjab Kings before he left the team citing bio-bubble fatigue; his franchise teammate Nicholas Pooran looked awfully out of depth; Shimron Hetmyer was inconsistent, and

in a way embodies the mercurial nature of his team; six-savvy Evin Lewis's form tapered off as the UAE instalment of the Indian Premier League progressed, struggling to cope with the sluggishness of the pitches. Andre Russell is returning from an injury that kept him out of the fi-

nal stretch of the league, while Fabian Allen has sustained an injury and flown home.

Questions to answer

Most of them looked either rusty or knackered in the warm-ups against Afghanistan and Pakistan, mustering totals in the early 130s in both games. Unsurprisingly, they lost convincingly, giving head coach Phil Simmons some selection and structural headaches. What suits Gayle the most — opening or one drop? Is Hetmyer under-utilised at No. 3?

Where should Roston Chase bat? Or should they keep it all flexible, which they rarely do?

The constitution of their bowling frame doesn't look sturdy either. There is a raft of medium pace all-sorts, but they lack a genuine quick. Oshane Thomas is the fastest, but wildly erratic, as his T20 economy rate of 9.06 indicates. Fellow seamer Obed McCoy is a slight upgrade, but prone to waywardness. It's perhaps the reason they recalled the forgotten Ravi Rampaul, who last played an international match in 2015. He is not an epitome of thrift either — in his last Caribbean Premier League game of the season, he was plundered for 56 runs in four overs, though

the 37-year-old was the league's highest wicket-taker.

More worrying is the lack of depth in the spin bowling department. Apart from Chase's loopy off-breaks, Hayden Walsh Jr's googly-leg-break assortment and the untested left-arm spinner Akeal Hosein, there is little else, which makes the omission of Narine baffling. In effect, they would be over-reliant on the change-of-pace expertise of Russell, Bravo, and at times Pollard.

The influence Pollard and Bravo would wield is central to where they end up. If they could recreate their IPL exploits, West Indies would likely reach the semifinals or go deeper.

At the core of the team selection, and their philosophy is the sheer belief that whatever the opponents could score, they could outscore. In their ravenous mood, they take conditions and dimensions of the ground out of the equation, breaking windows and shattering morales.

They could out-six most teams in the world like they did to win the title in 2016. Should they settle into six-hitting gear, they would be a fun team to watch. And of course, a formidable team to beat too, when the mood seizes and stars align.

Australia: No aura, no fear

TUSHAR BHADURI
OCTOBER 22

IT SAYS a lot about Australia's prospects and aspirations for the T20 World Cup that the players in the squad most talked up are Mitchell Marsh and, after his stellar stint with Royal Challengers Bangalore in the Indian Premier League, Glenn Maxwell.

They are ranked seventh in the ICC T20I charts, below Bangladesh, and come into the tournament having lost their last five bilateral T20 series. But even if one disregards recent track record, it's the complete lack of fear factor and aura that defines the Aussies who will take the field in the Arabian desert.

Not since Allan Border brought a little-known bunch of cricketers keen to make their name to the 1987 World Cup in the subcontinent has a team from Down Under been so unheralded going into an ICC showpiece event. The likes of David Boon, Geoff Marsh, Steve Waugh, Dean Jones, Tom Moody and Craig McDermott were yet to become household names, while the likes of Simon O'Donnell and Mike Veletta played key cameos in the campaign.

It all ended in a glorious climax at Eden Gardens. Something similar happening in the UAE a few weeks from now is not beyond the realms of possibility, but the smart money will not be on Australia adding its first T20 world title to the five it has in the 50-over version.

With the ICC event starting immediately after the IPL — at the same venues — the franchise tournament offers vital pointers



Australian captain Aaron Finch, returning after a knee injury, will lead a team which has lost its last five bilateral series.

to where teams stand in terms of their key personnel. Australia's batting mainstay either can't buy a run of late (David Warner), can't get into the playing XI of their IPL side (Steve Smith) or are coming back from injury (skipper Aaron Finch). Marcus Stoinis was a first-choice player for Delhi Capitals when the league resumed in the UAE, but the all-rounder got injured and couldn't get back in even after regaining fitness. Dan Christian did feature frequently for RCB in the latter half of the competition, but can be termed as an honest trier, a T20 journeyman, rather than a match-winner in his own right at the highest level.

Marsh has been hyped up after a few decent innings on the ill-fated twin trips to the Caribbean and Bangladesh, but he has been in and around the set-up for a decade now without quite cracking the code in international cricket. Maxwell's talent and X-factor make him an irresistible

option, but he is not known for consistency and game awareness in big international tournaments.

All on the bowlers

The pace trio of Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins are much talked about. But they are more potent over five days than 20 overs, and even in their best format they featured in back-to-back home series losses to India.

Hazlewood was part of the IPL-winning Chennai Super Kings team, but Cummins hasn't played a T20 since late April and Starc hasn't been consistent of late. Ashton Agar and Adam Zampa have had some good results in tandem and will be expected to deliver if the pitches favour tweekers, especially later in the tournament. But spin has rarely been an Australian strength in the T20 format. To be effective, they need their batsmen to put reasonable scores on the board, which wasn't often

the case in the West Indies and Bangladesh. The squad for the T20 World Cup includes names like Nathan Ellis, Josh Inglis, Kane Richardson, Daniel Sams and Mitchell Swepson. Not exactly names that will instill fear in any opposition. The paucity of batting talent often necessitated Matthew Wade, a wicketkeeper by trade, to play as a specialist batsman in various formats. He finds himself in the T20 World Cup squad as well.

Warner was a pale shadow of his dominant self during the few short and miserable stints he had in the second half of the IPL. The left-hander seemed rushed by the quicks and struggled for timings against the others as his feet and mindset were all over the place. But skipper Aaron Finch, who himself is returning after knee surgery, has maintained that the two will be opening the innings during the World Cup.

Smith made only two appearances for Delhi Capitals in the UAE, once as an opener and once at No.3. He is not the type of player who comes out all guns blazing from the start. But the Australian squad is not blessed with riches as far as batting against quality spin is concerned, so it would be foolhardy to leave Smith out. Maxwell comes in on the strength of his recent IPL form, to be followed by either Stoinis or Marsh. This batting line-up is hardly likely to put the fear of God into any opposition. The Aussie fans would hope that their out-of-form players regain it overnight, those returning from injury find their rhythm straightaway, and those short of match practice have excellent muscle memory.

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