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## KERALA: THREE YEARS AND THE RAVAGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Owing to years of rampant mining, lack of scientific land-use policy, and a railway project in the offing, Kerala is no longer the safe haven it was, say experts. The alarm bells on climate emergency are yet to ring in Thiruvananthapuram, though.

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Bodies of 7  
trekkers found; 12  
dead, three still  
missing

their way out. One of the team  
members remains missing.

Counting the trekkers found  
dead Saturday, the number of casu-  
alties in rain-related incidents since  
October 17 in the higher reaches of  
Uttarakhand, triggering landslides  
and avalanches, has now crossed 75.  
Twenty-six people are injured.

SDRF Commandant Navneet  
Bhullar told *The Sunday Express* that  
they had deployed high-altitude  
teams, climbers and Army helicop-  
ters for the search and rescue oper-  
ations, but were hamstrung due to  
bad weather and snowfall.

Bhullar said the trekkers who  
died in Uttarkashi had started their  
trek on October 14-15 from Harsil.  
"On October 19 we were informed  
by their tour organiser that the  
weather was worsening and the  
team was stuck at over 15,000 feet.  
We immediately responded, using  
two Advanced Light Helicopters  
(ALH). Continuous operations have  
been on since."

The SDRF Commandant added  
that in Bageshwar, two rescues had  
been made successfully, with the  
third ongoing. "At Pindari glacier, 34  
people were stranded, including six  
foreign nationals, and all were res-  
cued. Fortunately they had just  
started their trek when hit by bad  
weather. They were just 11 km from  
the last habitation and found shel-  
ter. At Kafni glacier we rescued 19 lo-  
cals who had climbed up to take  
their goats for grazing and had got  
stuck."

At Sunderdunga, Bhullar said,  
the 10-member team included five  
trekkers, a staff member and four  
porters-cum-guides from Khati vil-  
lage, where the trek started. "The  
four porter guides came back after  
bad weather hit and said there was  
an avalanche that had left four peo-  
ple dead while two were missing,"  
Bhullar said.

Officials said they had received  
information regarding some locals  
also being stuck in Joling Kong in  
Pithoragarh, and SDRF teams would  
reach them by Saturday night.

West Bengal officials said  
Uttarakhand had identified five from  
the state who had died in the  
Uttarkashi incident as Tanmay  
Tiwari (30), Vikash Makal (33),  
Sourav Ghosh (34), Shuvayan Das  
(28) and Richard Mandol (31). Out  
of the six, four were from South 24  
Parganas.

Of the two injured, one is Mithun  
Dari, from South 24 Parganas dis-  
trict. His elder brother Manoj Dari  
said Mithun was admitted at an  
Uttarkashi hospital. "On October 14  
morning, the day he started the trek,  
he called me and said he would not  
be available on his phone for four-  
five days. On Friday morning I saw  
on the TV that his entire team was  
missing. Today morning, he called me."

Among those still missing is  
Sukhen Majhi, and the family said  
they had not got any word on Majhi's  
whereabouts.

Anthony Gayen, the brother-in-  
law of the deceased Vikash Makal,  
said: "We are in the dark on what ex-  
actly happened and if they are in-  
deed dead because we have not got  
any information from the govern-  
ment. Everything we know is from  
the media. We request the West  
Bengal government to arrange to get  
their bodies home."

The family of Anita Rawat, 38,  
based in Hari Nagar in Delhi said she  
had left for the trek 10 days ago and  
was supposed to join a group of trav-  
ellers from across the country. Ani-  
ta's family originally hails from a  
village in Tehri, Uttarakhand, and she  
had always been a keen trekker,  
when not helping run the family  
sweet shop.

"She loved travelling and had  
wanted to go on this trek for some  
time. Anita had told us she would be  
back before Karwa Chauth... Family  
members have gone for identifica-  
tion (of the body)," Rawat's uncle  
Dharmendra Singh Bhandari said.

The family's Jyoti Sweet Shop  
started as a small set-up, but busi-  
ness grew over the years and it is now  
run from a bigger store. The family  
said Rawat was a medical profes-  
sional, and worked in Medanta  
Hospital before quitting her job to  
help run the business following her  
brother's death. Unmarried, she lived  
in a joint family.

CJI: Judicial  
infrastructure an  
afterthought, ad  
hoc, unplanned

halls available is 20,143 (including  
620 rented halls)... Twenty-six per  
cent of court complexes do not have  
separate ladies toilets and 16% do not  
have gents toilets... Only 54% of court  
complexes have purified drinking  
water facility... only 5% have basic  
medical facilities," he said.

"Only 32% of courtrooms have  
separate record rooms... only 27%  
have computers placed on the  
Judge's dais with video-conferenc-  
ing facility... These are the hard facts,"  
he said.

Judicial infrastructure, the CJI  
said, "is important for improving ac-  
cess to justice and to meet the grow-  
ing demands of a public that is more  
aware of its rights and is developing  
economically, socially, and cultur-  
ally". He said the building that was  
inaugurated in Aurangabad on  
Saturday was envisioned in 2011.  
"This is not the fault of any institu-  
tion or organ of the state but is em-  
blematic of a deeper structural prob-  
lem that has plagued judicial  
infrastructure development in our  
country since independence," he  
said.

Stating that an effective judiciary  
can aid in the effective growth of the  
economy, the CJI said that "if we  
want a different outcome from the  
judicial system, we cannot continue  
to work in these circumstances".

He said he had sent a proposal  
for establishment of a National  
Judicial Infrastructure Authority to  
the Ministry of Law and Justice, and  
was hoping for a positive response  
soon. He urged the Law Minister to  
expedite the process and ensure that  
the proposal is taken up in the win-  
ter session of Parliament.

The CJI also said that there is a  
common notion that only criminals  
or victims of crime approach the  
courts and people take pride in stat-  
ing that they have never seen a court  
building in their lifetime. "But, it is  
high time that we make efforts to re-  
move the taboo associated with ap-  
proaching courts for the affirmation  
of rights," he said.

"Courts are extremely essential  
for any society that is governed by  
the rule of law. Court buildings are  
not merely structures made of mor-  
tar and bricks. Rather, they actively  
assure the constitutional guarantee  
of right to justice. The courts in India  
have repeatedly upheld the rights  
and freedoms of individuals. They  
stood up whenever the individuals  
or society were at the receiving end  
of the executive excesses. It is an as-  
surance that the seeker of justice,  
however weak, need not worry about  
the might of the State," he said.

A month on,  
transfers of 2  
judges, both linked  
to Calcutta HC,  
still on hold

Union law minister that the recom-  
mendations would be "cleared in a  
day or two".

"I seek cooperation and support  
from the government to enable ac-  
cess to justice and strengthen the  
democracy," the CJI had said at an  
event organised by the National  
Legal Services Authority.

The delay in notifying the two  
transfers has raised concerns in judi-  
cial circles over whether this might  
lead to a fresh standoff between the  
government and the Supreme  
Court. The collegium did not cite any  
reasons for its recommendations.

Justice Bagchi was recom-

## Amit Shah takes stock of J&amp;K security

The Srinagar city witnessed  
unprecedented security as Shah  
arrived in Srinagar on Saturday  
morning and was received by J-K's  
Lt Governor Manoj Sinha. The es-  
tablishment has put in place a  
three-tier security setup in place,  
detained hundreds, arrested sev-  
eral under Public Safety Act over  
the last ten days and seized two-  
wheelers in the last two days.

No sooner than he arrived in  
Srinagar, the Union Home

Minister drove to the residence of  
slain police officer Parvez Ahmad  
at Nowgam in the outskirts of  
Srinagar city. Ahmad, an  
Inspector with J-K Police's intel-  
ligence wing, was shot dead by  
militants in June this year. Shah  
offered a government job to his  
wife.

In the evening, Shah inter-  
acted at Raj Bhawan with the  
families of civilians, politicians  
and policemen killed by militants.

Those included the family of  
prominent Kashmiri Pandit  
chemist M L Bindroo, who was  
shot dead by militants in Srinagar  
on October 5 and the family of  
Sikh principal Supinder Kour,  
who was shot dead by militants  
on October 7 in Srinagar. He also  
met families of policemen Qazi  
Sagheer - killed in a gunfight with  
militants last year - and Arshid  
Ahmad. The Union Home  
Minister also met the family of

Mohammad Shafi, a civilian killed  
by militants on October 2 at  
Batamaloo Srinagar, family of BJP  
councilor Reyaz Ahmad Peer who  
was killed in militant attack ear-  
lier this.

Shah also flagged off the  
Srinagar-Sharjah direct flight.  
While the first direct interna-  
tional flight from Srinagar airport  
was inaugurated in February  
2009 to Dubai, the weekly flight  
operation was later suspended.

## Shah to youth: Here's hand of friendship

Government of India... I have  
come here to seek your coopera-  
tion. The administration has ex-  
tended its hand of friendship to-  
wards you."

Officials in J&K administration  
said over 40,000 youth were con-  
nected through video conferenc-  
ing and attended the event.

Shah said no one would be al-  
lowed to disrupt peace in Kashmir.  
"Come forward and strengthen the  
democracy here. From the per-  
spective of peace, development,  
and infrastructure, this is the ideal  
situation, and no one would be al-  
lowed to stop it," he said.

The Union Home Minister said  
elections in Jammu and Kashmir  
would be held after the delimita-  
tion exercise is over. "Some people  
say they will not allow delimita-  
tion. Why should it not happen? Delimitation  
will happen, elections  
would follow, and then statehood  
would also be restored."

Referring to panchayats and  
District Development Council elec-  
tions, Shah said his government

had opened these opportunities for  
the youth. Taking a dig at the polit-  
ical families in the Valley, he said,  
"What did 70 years of jamhooriyat  
(democracy) give: 87 MLAs, six  
MPs and three families... but Shri  
Narendra Modi has given 30,000  
elected representatives in such a  
short time. Those who are making  
a noise are doing so because  
jamhooriyat has come out of the  
custody of three families, and it  
now belongs to the poor. Shri  
Narendra Modi brought democ-  
racy to the grassroots level."

The Union Home Minister said  
curfew in the Valley and a ban on  
internet in the aftermath of abro-  
gation of Jammu Kashmir's special  
status and its bifurcation into two  
Union territories was done to safe-  
guard Kashmiri lives. "For some  
time you suffered, but it only saved  
your children... when the situation  
normalised, we opened every-  
thing," he said.

Asking the youth to set bigger  
targets, Home Minister Shah  
wanted them to use all opportuni-

ties that came their way. "One thing  
you should always remember.  
Everyone's life is full of opportuni-  
ties. Now it depends whether you  
want to move forward with a nega-  
tive mindset or an optimistic mind-  
set... Don't set small targets, don't  
think, whether you could complete  
it or not. Just set the target and move  
in that direction with speed. God  
will definitely support you," he said.

He said the situation in Jammu  
and Kashmir had improved after  
the abrogation of the special status.  
"From 2014 to 2021, every year only  
30 people died. Terrorism has de-  
creased and stone pelting has  
ended. Nobody would be allowed  
to disrupt the peace in Jammu and  
Kashmir. We will deal with them  
strictly. No one would be allowed  
to interrupt development. It is our  
commitment," he said.

"Till now more than 4,00,000  
people have lost their lives. Should  
we end it or not? Can development  
coexist with terrorism?" he asked.  
While the government can make  
efforts to end terrorism, it is the

youth who can end it. "It is the  
youth who have to end terrorism,  
you have to do it. You have to be-  
come the ambassadors of peace  
and development," he said.

Without naming them, Shah  
said he also wanted to seek an ac-  
count from the three families.  
"Earlier, students used to go to  
Pakistan. We have built seven new  
medical colleges and 11 nursing  
colleges. There is no need to move  
out of the valley. This should have  
happened many years ago. In 2014,  
there were only 500 medical seats  
here. Today, there are 1,150 MBBS  
seats... We have NIT, IIM and poly-  
technic colleges now. Tell us why  
they didn't come in 70 years."

He said Jammu and Kashmir is  
the first place that has adminis-  
tered the first dose of coronavirus  
vaccine to 100 percent people and  
the second dose to 50 percent of  
its population. "As per the popula-  
tion, Jammu and Kashmir was  
given the highest oxygen plants. It  
is because J&K has a special place  
in Modi's heart," he said.

'He didn't come  
home... next day,  
before his turn at  
the fertiliser shop,  
he died'

The district has around 3 lakh  
hectares of cultivable land. Last year,  
in the month of October and  
November, around 32,000 metric  
tonnes of fertilisers were consumed  
in Lalitpur. Sources said the district  
had stocks of 19,000 metric tonnes,  
but was struggling to meet demand  
following the rain last week. DM  
Kumar said the demand had sud-  
denly increased.

Late monsoon rains have  
spurred demand for sowing of mus-  
tard, chana, wheat and other rabi  
crops, but farmers across the coun-  
try have been struggling to access di-  
ammonium phosphate necessary to  
be applied at the time. Stocks are low  
due to a surge in international prices  
in the past six-seven months. *The  
Indian Express* had reported earlier  
that all-India stocks of DAP and  
muriate of potash on September 30  
were less than half of a year-ago lev-  
els. The Department of Fertilisers is  
operating a 24x7 war room to run  
rakes as per demand, with the allo-  
cation to Uttar Pradesh mainly as of  
now to Aligarh, Mathura, Agra,  
Mainpuri, Etawah, Farrukhabad,  
Kanpur, and other rake points near  
the state's potato- and mustard-  
growing tracts.

Sources said the other reason for  
the rush at shops in Lalitpur is that  
out of the total 270 shops in the dis-  
trict, just around 150 are functional.  
Others are closed because of various  
reasons, including their licences not  
being renewed. District officials are  
now looking at ways to reopen the  
shops as soon as possible.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh  
Yadav demanded that the govern-  
ment compensate Pal's family,  
adding in a tweet that never in the  
history of Independent India has the  
farmer been so harassed and humili-  
ated as now.

Lalitpur's wait though may be  
ending. Kumar told *The Sunday  
Express* that arrangements have

been made for supply of fertilisers  
to the district and stocks were likely  
to reach soon.

After 3 yrs and  
memories of a  
lifetime, India play  
Pak today

for making ticket purchases "high-  
tech". "They only accept credit card  
payments (online). We aren't up-  
market people, we don't have credit  
cards. And now, those who have ex-  
tra tickets are demanding a very high  
price. Still we have come and we will  
get our tickets. We have come with  
a slogan — Khelo meri jaan, sath hai  
tumhara chacha aur poora Pakistan  
(Give it your best dears, with you are  
uncle and whole of Pakistan)."

India have been good at shutting  
out the outside noise, one of the rea-  
sons for their World Cup dominance  
when it comes to Pakistan. Virat  
Kohli puts things in perspective. "We  
are in a situation where we are in  
charge of what we need to do on the  
field. For that to happen, we need to  
be in the most balanced space pos-  
sible. In games like these, such un-  
necessary stuff, from a professional  
point of view... it's fine as long as that  
stays outside our controlled environ-  
ment and we focus on what we  
need to do as cricketers. Hence, I  
have always maintained that it (an  
India-Pakistan match) has never  
been different to any other game of  
cricket that we play."

His Pakistani counterpart, Babar  
Azam, speaks about the team's ren-  
dezvous with Prime Minister Imran  
Khan before coming to the UAE. He  
says Khan advised them to draw in-  
spiration from the mentality and re-  
solve of the 1992 World Cup-win-  
ning squad.

Iqbal agrees that Dubai has now  
taken the baton from Sharjah to  
carry forward the legacy of India-  
Pakistan cricket.

Purely from a cricketing point of  
view, the ex-Pakistan captain also  
considers India the bigger favourites  
to win the T20 World Cup. "As far as  
Sunday's game is concerned, there  
is no reason why Pakistan can't beat  
India. But being realistic, if Pakistan

win, I don't see them going on to win  
the World Cup. However, if India lose  
to Pakistan, they can go on to win the  
World Cup because of the strong  
team they have. Pakistan doesn't  
have the strength to win X number  
of matches to win the World Cup. At  
the same time, I sincerely hope the  
Pakistani cricketers prove me  
wrong."

Avoid jail for drug  
users, seizure of  
small amounts:  
Social justice  
ministry

several high-profile cases, the latest  
being the arrest of actor Shah Rukh  
Khan's son Aryan Khan in an alleged  
drug bust on a cruise ship.

In the case of sections dealing  
with punishment for possession of  
different drugs and psychotropic  
substances, the ministry has sug-  
gested that the law exclude those  
caught with "small quantities"  
(meant only for personal consump-  
tion) from a prison term.  
Compulsory treatment in govern-  
ment centres has also been recom-  
mended for them.

Small quantities under the NDPS  
Act mean amounts less than those  
specified by the Union government  
by a notification in the Official  
Gazette. For instance, the govern-  
ment has set 100 grams as the limit  
for a small quantity of cannabis, and  
2 grams in case of cocaine.

The NDPS was framed in 1985,  
taking into account India's obliga-  
tions to the UN conventions. The Act  
prohibits trade, production, use and  
possession of drugs and psy-  
chotropic substances, irrespective  
of purpose, except for medical and  
scientific reasons. However, cases of  
possession for personal consump-  
tion or cases of drug use make up a  
majority of the NDPS cases.  
According to a study released by  
Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy last  
year, 97.7% of NDPS cases in  
Maharashtra in 2017 and 97.3%  
cases in 2018 involved were that of  
"possession for personal consump-  
tion".

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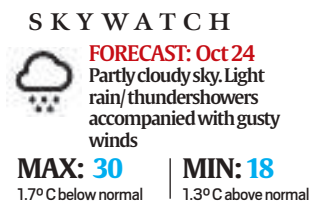
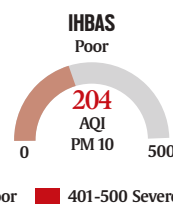
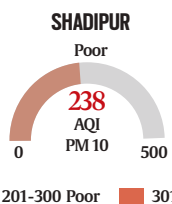
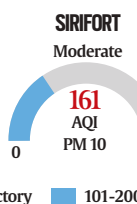
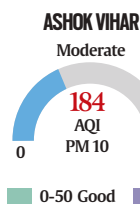
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## Cases of environment offences rose in 2020, but there's a catch

**ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

THE CRIME in India report released by the National Crime Records Bureau for 2020 indicates that the number of cases registered for environment-related offences has increased compared to the previous year. In 2020, 61,767 such cases were registered, compared to 34,676 in 2019 and 35,196 in 2018.

Till 2017, offences under Noise Pollution Acts and the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act were not included under environment-related offences. From 2017, when both categories began to be factored in as offences pertaining to the environment, maximum number of cases in the environment category were registered under these acts.

In 2017, maximum number of offences (29,659) was under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act. In 2020, 80.5% of environment-related cases were under Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (49,710). This was followed by 7,318 cases (11.8%) under Noise Pollution Acts. A total of 2,287 cases were registered under the Forest Act and Forest



**Majority of cases filed under Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act which, experts say, doesn't fall in category of environment.** *Archive*

Conservation Act; followed by 992 under Environmental (Protection) Act; 672 under Wildlife Protection Act; 589 under the Air and Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act; and 199 under the National Green Tribunal Act.

Sections under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003, include prohibition of smoking in a public place, prohibition of advertisement of cigarettes and other tobacco products, and prohibition of sale of these products to persons below the age of 18. It lays down the manner in which warnings are to be made and sets out punish-

### EXPLAINED Numbers since 2014

Cases under 7 environment and pollution-related acts are considered under the environment-offences category. The NCRB report first mentions environment-related cases in 2014 when 5,835 cases were registered. This dropped to 5,156 in 2015 and further to 4,732 in 2016, and rose exponentially in 2017 to 42,143.

ments for smoking in certain places, and advertisements.

Environmental lawyer Ritwick Dutta pointed out that the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act has very little to do with the environment: "It does not fall under the Ministry of Environment or the Pollution Control Boards, and it is not an environmental crime. To show more enforcement, cases have been included under environment-related cases."

Tamil Nadu registered the

highest number of cases, 42,756, of which 42,731 are under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act. This was followed by Rajasthan with 9,543 cases (94% of cases were under the Noise Pollution and Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act). UP registered 2,981 cases, including 1,317 under the Forest Act and Forest Conservation Act — the highest under this Act for any State. Fourteen states and two Union Territories have seen an increase in cases compared to 2019.

Only 8 states and Delhi have registered any case under the Air and Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act in 2020. Delhi registered a single case under the Act in 2020, the sole case from 2016 onwards. In 2020, Delhi registered 23 environment-related offences (16 under Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 6 under the Wildlife Protection Act), up from 14 in 2019.

"The dismal record shows when we look at the number of cases filed under the Air and Water Act. Under this Act, the Pollution Control Board will have to register a case before a magistrate. There are hardly any cases under this Act in most polluted cities," Dutta said.



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1.	<b>Sri Kanhaiya Singh</b>	<b>₹28,34,417.00</b> (Rupees Twenty Eight Lac Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen Only) as on 31.05.2015 plus accrued int., charges & other miscellaneous expenses etc.	<b>Owner of Property:</b> Sri Krishna Nandan Singh & Smt. Pappi Devi. <b>Description of Property:</b> 1. a) Equitable Mortgage of residential landed property, measuring an area of 1 Bigha 2 Katha 5 Dhur and located at Mouza-Jagdar, Tauzi No.-2569 C/1762 B Thana-Birpur, Thana No.-467, Khata No.-301, Khesra No.-839, District-Begusarai, Bihar. This property is registered in the name of Sri Krishna Nandan Singh S/o Late Ram Swaroop Singh vide Sale Deed No.2291 dated 15/03/2010. The boundaries of this property are: North-Mokir Alhe & Lalan Singh others, South-Khesra Haja 839, East-Mahendra Singh & Manoj Singh others, West-Satyabhama Devi & Ranjan Singh others.	1. Sri Krishna Nandan Singh 2. Smt. Pappi Devi.	12.05.2017 16.03.2020	₹36,34,416.00 ₹3,63,441.60 ₹10,000/-
			1. b) Equitable Mortgage of residential landed property, measuring an area of 1 Katha 2 Dhur and located at Mouza-Jagdar, Tauzi No.-2569 C/1762 B Thana-Birpur, Thana No.-467, Khata No.-337, Khesra No.-835, Distt.-Begusarai, Bihar. This property is registered in the name of Sri Krishna Nandan Singh S/o Late Ram Swaroop Singh vide Sale Deed No.2291 dated 15/03/2010. The boundaries of this property are: North-Bino Mahto, South-Rajendra Singh, East-Khesra No.837, West-Brick Soling Road. 2. Equitable Mortgage of residential landed property, measuring an area of 3.5 Katha located at Mouza-Jagdar, Tauzi No.-2569 Thana-Birpur, Thana No.-467, Khata No.-309, Khesra No.-843, Distt.-Begusarai, Bihar. This property is registered in the name of Sri Krishna Nandan Singh S/o Late Ram Swaroop Singh vide Sale Deed No.4344 dated 20/05/2008. The boundaries of this property are: North-Mokir Alhe, South-Bhola Mahto, East-Mokir Alhe, West-Warsin of Late Jitendra Prasad Singh.	1. Sri Krishna Nandan Singh S/o Late Ram Swaroop Singh 2. Smt. Pappi Devi W/o Sri Kanhaiya Singh	12.05.2017 16.03.2020	₹20,68,416.00 ₹2,06,841.60 ₹10,000/-

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**Date : 22.10.2021**  
**Place : Begusarai**

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1.	<b>Classic Enterprises, Prop.: Sri Subodh Kumar S/o Late Bachcha Singh</b>	<b>₹46,29,551.22</b> (Rupees Forty Six Lac Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty One and Paise Twenty Two Only) as on 31.12.2020 with further interest from 01.01.2021 plus other charges, costs etc.	Partition Deed No.1614 dated 13.03.2013, situated at Mauza-Bihat, Pragana-Malki, Thana No.504, Anchal, Sub Registry-Teghra & District-Begusarai, in the name of Sri Subodh Kumar, Sri Nikesh Kumar, Sri Pawan Kumar & Sri Sujit Kumar (a) Tauzi No.6048/897, Khata No.1802/555, Khesra No.3079/3080, Area-03 Katha 10 Dhur. Boundary: North-Osho Ashram, South-Hissedar, East-Soling Road, West-Fariq Doyam (b) Tauzi No.6048/897, Khata No.1802/555, Khesra No.3079/3080, Area-05 Dhur 15 Dhurki. Boundary: North-Osho Ashram, South-Hissedar, East-Fariq Aauwal, West-Warsan Jhilo Kumari & Warsan Lalji Singh.	1. Sri Subodh Kumar S/o Late Bachcha Singh 2. Sri Nikesh Kumar S/o Sri Nageshwar Singh 3. Sri Pawan Kumar S/o Sri Ram Pratap Singh 4. Sri Sujit Kumar S/o Late Bachcha Singh	07.01.2021 03.04.2021	₹30,28,000.00 ₹3,02,800.00 ₹10,000/-

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**63,917**

TOTAL CASES	HOSPITAL BEDS		Total	Vacant
	ICU BEDS		15,713	15,499
	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Oct 22	38	8	1	55,909
Oct 23	40	46	0	61,152
<b>Total</b>	<b>334*</b>	<b>14,14,141</b>	<b>25,091</b>	<b>2,89,71,963</b>

\*Total active cases

## SPECIAL CUT-OFF LIST OUT ON MONDAY

## DU admissions: 86% seats full

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

OVER 60,000 students have been admitted for around 70,000 undergraduate seats at Delhi University (DU) at the end of the admission process based on the third cut-off list. How many colleges and courses will remain open in the fourth list will depend on the response to the 'special cut-off' which is to release Monday.

Before the fourth cut-off on October 30, the university will release a special cut-off to give a chance to those applicants who could not secure admission based on the first three cut-offs for various technical reasons.

"It is for those applicants who had applied in any of these lists but could not take admissions for various reasons. This is especially done for those who missed out on the chance. For this, no new cut-off will be released and colleges that have seats left will admit based on their last announced cut-off. Those students who have already taken admission on the basis of the first three



The fourth cut-off list will be out on October 30. *Archive*

lists will not be allowed to cancel the admission or migrate based on the special cut-off," said Rajeev Gupta, Chairman, Admission Committee.

A total of 60,155 students had taken admission at the end of the third list. In the fourth cut-off list, at least two colleges will

likely close for all courses in the unreserved category. Hindu College had only three courses open in the third list — BCom (Hons), Economics and BSc (Prog) Physical Sciences with Electronics.

"In the unreserved category, even these will be closed. I think

we've reached the number of admissions in all of them," said Principal Anju Srivastava.

At Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) too both Economics and BCom (Hons), the only courses the college offers, will likely be closed. "Our unreserved seats are full. We may

have some reserved categories open, but we will have to see what happens to them after the special cut-off list," said a source.

Miranda House may also have a majority of its courses closed.

However, there may be some scope in colleges like Ramjas and Kirori Mal College. At Ramjas College, Physics and BA Programme — which had a 100% cut-off in the first cut-off — may still be open depending on the response to the special cut-off.

Ramjas College, for example, has filled up less than 50% of its total seats. "We have admitted students to around 725-750 seats till now. Courses like Physics will remain open most likely," said Principal Manoj Khanna. The college has a total of 1,673 seats.

At KMC, the situation is the same. "Most of our courses will be open barring 2-3 programmes. We had closed admissions to BCom (Hons) but most of the students left, so now we will open it again. Out of the 1,506 sanctioned seats, around 960 admissions have been completed," said Admission Convenor Siddhartha Lahon.

## ‘Quality education for each Dalit child’: Kejriwal vows to fulfil Babasaheb’s dream

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

FELICITATING 22 Dalit students who scored above 90% in their class XII exams, on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said he has "vowed to fulfil Babasaheb's dream" of quality education for all Dalit children.

A celebration of Valmiki Jayanti was held at Thyagaraj Stadium on Saturday, in which a "Pratibha Samman Sammaroh" was organised during which Kejriwal presented 22 Dalit students, who passed class XII from Delhi government schools with scores above 90%, with certificates and shields.

"Both B R Ambedkar and Lord Valmiki teach us that the only way to be successful, to flourish, is through education. Babasaheb dreamt for each and every Dalit child to get the highest quality of education. I promise to you all that it is my solemn resolve to realise his dream. I will make sure that what this country's leaders could not do in 70 years, I will make that happen and ensure that every Dalit child gets the best possible education on of-



Kejriwal presented 22 Dalit students, who passed class XII from Delhi government schools with scores above 90%, with certificates and shields. The event was part of Valmiki Jayanti celebrations at Thyagaraj Stadium, Saturday. *Amit Mehra*

fer," said Kejriwal.

Speaking about social welfare schemes available for the education of underprivileged children, he said, "This year, 2.5 lakh students have made the shift from private schools to government schools. Additionally, aspiring lawyers, doctors, engineers looking to attend coaching for various competitive exams face a large fee barrier, which our government has ensured to pay for. Get your kid admitted, and we will take the responsibility for their fees."

"We have also ensured a loan of up to Rs 10 lakh for higher education without any collateral, which in case of failure to repay would be taken care of by the Delhi government. And after graduation, as the Social Welfare Minister and I have discussed, if a student wants to pursue masters or doctorate in a foreign country like Babasaheb Ambedkar and can't afford it — our government will pay for it. You will not have to struggle like Babasaheb, we are here for you," he added.

## BRIEFLY

## Small stretch on Yellow line to be closed for a few hrs today

*New Delhi:* There will be no service between Model Town and Vishwavidyalaya on Delhi Metro's Yellow Line on Sunday till 7.30 am due to maintenance work, said DMRC on Twitter Saturday. The GTB Nagar station will be closed at this time while services on the rest of the network will be normal.

## Man held for killing pets

*Gurgaon:* A 28-year-old man was arrested for allegedly killing his pet animals, a dog and a cat, in DLF Phase 3 Friday. Police said the accused admitted to beating them to death in "a fit of rage".

## Singhu murder: Police remand of accused extended

*Gurgaon:* The district and sessions court in Sonapat extended the police remand of four Nihang Sikhs, who were arrested for their alleged involvement in the murder of Lakhbir Singh at the Singhu border, by two days Saturday.

## Minor raped

*New Delhi:* A minor was allegedly abducted and raped in the Central range Friday. Initial investigation revealed that the victim was playing outside her house when the accused lured her with Rs 10 to buy sweets. Police are conducting raids to nab the accused. **ENS**

## Include all trees in building plans to minimise felling: Forest official to MCDs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

THE DEPUTY Conservator of Forests (DCF), South division, has written to commissioners of Delhi's municipal corporations stating that building plans that are approved should include the location of all trees at the site to prevent unnecessary felling.

"Whenever any construction or reconstruction activity takes place in a plot, trees located in the setback area of the plot and those located outside the plot boundary on public land or the street are almost always proposed to be felled by applicants...," noted the letter from Amit Anand, DCF, South division, who is also the Tree Officer.

A setback area is a certain area around the plot within which construction is not permitted. The letter points to an instance in Hauz Khas Enclave in March when two full-grown



The letter explains that this could lead to felling of all trees standing on public land outside any plot. *Archive*

neem trees were felled though they were within the setback area.

The letter goes on to explain that this could lead to a situation where all trees standing on public land outside any plot will be felled, "leaving no avenue trees inside residential colonies".

Anand said, "When a building plan is being approved, it

should include the location of all trees vis-à-vis the plot where construction is taking place. Due diligence should be done by the agencies while approving these plans."

He explained that when forest department officials inspect the site on ground for tree felling permissions, they are not sure which trees will be affected as

the plans do not specify that. "Applicants then tell us that the trees in the setback area are also included in the plan," he said.

Besides, in one building, multiple entry gates are sometimes being approved and permissions are sought to fell trees to facilitate movement. "This is rampant. If you remove trees from the entire frontage of the building for the gates, trees will no longer be left in the city," said Anand, adding that before approving building plans, the agencies concerned must ensure that tree felling is minimised.

The Unified Building Bylaws for Delhi mention that building plans must include existing physical features including trees. Anand's letter to the MCD commissioners states that if all trees are not marked in the approved building plans, he may be "constrained to reject the approved plan and direct the user agency to approach the competent authority for a revised building plan".

## Man stabbed to death in robbery bid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

A 42-YEAR-OLD electrician was stabbed to death, allegedly by two unidentified armed assailants, in Central Delhi's Patel Nagar in what police suspect is a robbery bid. The man, Manoj alias Chhotu Ram, was on his way home and meant to take his wife for 'karwa chauth' shopping soon after.

Police said the assailants took his phone, ring, chain and around Rs 1,100 in cash after stabbing him. Police have found CCTV footage from the spot and are conducting raids to nab them.

DCP (Central) Shweta Chauhan said the victim was a resident of Faridpur in West Patel Nagar, and originally hailed from Rajasthan. He is survived by his wife, a 13-year-old son and a five-year-old daughter, and was the sole breadwinner.



Manoj had left the shop in Baljeet Nagar around 8.30 pm and barely walked 100 metres when he was attacked. *Amit Mehra*

"Manoj was stabbed on the left side of his abdomen and declared dead by doctors at RML Hospital. We have got some vital leads and raids are being conducted," Chauhan said.

CCTV footage shows two people were running after stabbing the victim. The injured man is seen walking behind them and

later collapsing near a motorcycle. He stands up but again falls on the road.

Manoj's younger brother Bablu told *The Indian Express*: "He was talking to his wife over the phone. He told her that he would reach home soon and asked her to get ready to go to the Friday market for 'karwa chauth' shop-

ping. After 20-25 minutes, his wife received a call asking her to reach the hospital..."

According to police, Manoj had left the electrical shop in Baljeet Nagar around 8.30 pm and had barely walked 100 metres when he was attacked.

"We heard screaming and rushed to the spot. He was lying in a pool of blood. It appears some people stabbed him with the intention of robbing him. We rushed him to a local hospital from where he was referred to RML," said Anant Kumar, an eyewitness.

Another eyewitness recalled that Manoj shouted 'chor-chor' and tried to chase the accused before he fell to the ground. Passersby who saw him in a bloody state alerted police.

According to his employer Karan Kumar, Manoj was an expert in repairing electrical equipment and appliances.

## North MCD has no stock of anti-dengue meds, says Atishi, BJP denies claim

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

AAP MLA Atishi alleged that the North MCD had failed to procure adequate medicines ahead of the dengue season. She alleged that the civic body had not purchased 6 out of the 7 required medicines this year.

"There are seven such medicines that are required to be used for dengue-malaria control as per records: diflubenzuron, BTI, Cyphenothrin, Malathion technical, MLO, Alpha Cypermethrin, and Temephos. Of these seven, diflubenzuron, BTI and MLO are out of stock and barely 20 kg of Temephos has been stocked. Out of 7 essential medicines/chemicals needed, 5 have no stock and it is natural that the remaining 2-3 days' worth has also been exhausted since North MCD's sharing of the data," she said.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor, however, rejected the allegations: "She has spoken on the basis of half-baked information obtained from North DMC's central store on the sensitive issue and said the NDMC has no stock of medicines. The truth is that all zonal offices of North DMC have 2-3 weeks of fogging and sprinkling medicines stock, and hospitals including Hindu Rao have proper stock of medicines."

Delhi has been battling a dengue outbreak for the past three-four weeks, with cases this year so far exceeding the cases recorded in 2019 and 2020. One person has died so far.

"North MCD's own statistics in response to questions from our



Delhi has been battling a dengue outbreak for the past three-four weeks. *Archive*

Leader of Opposition about the procurement of these medicines for this financial year, April 1 till today, shows clear under-procurement of 6 out of the 7 essential items. This shows that in the last six months, North MCD has not even procured 1 litre of 6 of these medicines to save the people of Delhi from dengue-malaria. MCD papers state the stock is still in the tender process on the GeM portal," Atishi said.

Kapoor said 2,900 DBC workers are working hard to check and control mosquito breeding: "If Atishi still feels that MCDs' preparations are lacking, she should ask her CM Arvind Kejriwal to provide additional medicine stock to MCDs instead of splashing public money on his photo hoardings."

Meanwhile, Kejriwal claimed Delhi was now "close to winning the battle" against the vector-borne disease. "We all have to work together to stop mosquito-breeding. We have to do this for 10 weeks, and defeat dengue..." he was quoted as saying in a statement issued by the CMO.

## 5 including officials of ESIC and doctor held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

FIVE PERSONS, including Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) officials and a doctor, have been arrested for allegedly pilfering medicines meant for public health facilities in the national capital.

Police said the accused have been identified as Chandra Prakash, (33), Ankita Mishra, (23), Praveen Mangla, (40), Sumesh Rathni, (52) and Dr Avinash Saini.

"Two persons were caught red-handed with a large cache of medicines bearing ESIC stamps. One of them was identified as Chandra Prakash, a pharmacist in ESIC at Okhla. The recovered medicines were issued for ESIC cardholders. However, during a probe, it was found that while most of the cardholders had never visited the said dispensaries, some of them who did had purchased medicines different from the cache recovered from the accused," a senior police officer said.

While Chandra Prakash and Mishra hail from Haryana's Faridabad, Mangla is from Badarpur, Sumesh from Kalkaji Extension (both Delhi) and Saini from Greater Noida in UP.

During investigation, it was also revealed that Chandra Prakash was in touch with Saini on WhatsApp, and suggested rare and expensive drugs to prescribe to patients. "A Medicine Stock Report was obtained from ESIC dispensaries at Okhla and Tigr, and the batch numbers of the seized medicines were matched with it. The same medicines were also allegedly prescribed by Saini to ESIC beneficiary cardholders," the officer said.

## FROM COVID TO EDUCATION

## New govt journal hopes to put children's voices — and issues — first

SUKRITA BARUAH  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

A NEW journal launched Saturday by Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) is seeking to put children's voices, their challenges and rights in the spotlight and make them a central part of policy-making related to children.

The first issue of the bi-annual journal, 'Children First', was released Saturday with the theme 'Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on the Lives of Children'. The journal is multidisciplinary, covering

health, education, nutrition, children protection, law and policy, all in relation to children. The next issue will be on the disruptions that education has experienced.

Said the journal's chief editor Dr Venita Kaul, "It is perhaps the first attempt to give voice to children, a generally unrepresented constituency, by bringing into focus their issues, challenges, concerns by providing a platform to researchers, practitioners, grass-root level workers, parents, activists and all others who engage with children, child rights to share their views and experiences... keeping this diverse par-

ticipation in mind, the journal attempts to narrow the gap between academic research and reflective practice."

The first issue includes research work on learning losses during the pandemic by researchers from Azim Premji University; on how children have navigated their social lives online by sociologist Remya Ann Matthew; on students' perception of the experience of online teaching-learning by government school teacher Neha Yadav; and an analysis of the impact of school closure on education and nutrition by re-



Chief guest, SC judge Justice Ravindra Bhat, commented on the importance of representation of children. *Delhi government*

searchers from IIT Roorkee. It also includes interviews,

commentary, and notes from the experiences in different places

such as Delhi's Nizamuddin Basti, low income communities in Hyderabad, and tribal rural communities in Rajasthan.

Chief guest at the launch, Supreme Court judge Justice Ravindra Bhat, commented on the importance of representation of children. "It's important and, to my mind, crucial that the role of a children's commission is to evolve and aid the formation of policies for those who have no voice and agency... Like many other sections of society, children are given a very paternalistic treatment. Policies are made or finalised by people who

may or may not be involved with children and children's rights... The fact remains that the children on whose behalf these policies are made — or at least those whose experience might count — are rarely taken into consideration. It's time that children's voices are also heard and I congratulate this effort as a first where children's voices are kept in the forefront," he said.

Deputy CM Manish Sisodia took this idea further and said that giving primacy to children will lead to a 'social revolution'.

"... there are cages which we are not ready to recognise.

Children are losing their childhood to the bars behind which we imprison them in the name of respectability, love, care, and caring for the children's future... The next revolution will be children being considered equal to adults... This rebellion will come from within children, and it should, that 'Don't think of us only as your property, don't just think that you are bigger than us in society and that we will be shaped as you want it to be...' I hope that the journal will give some material and food for thought to those who think in this direction," he said.



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# 6 GOVT & POLITICS

BJP leader asks women not to go to police stations after dark; she says video clipped

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LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 23

OPPOSITION PARTIES in Uttar Pradesh hit out at BJP national vice-president Baby Rani Maurya on Saturday for allegedly asking women not to visit police stations after 5 pm, prompting a denial from her.

Maurya, a former Governor, said the video being circulated online is a "clipped" version, with her comments taken out of context.

On Friday, a video had emerged on social media of an event in Varanasi, where Maurya purportedly said, "...ek mahila adhikari, ek sub-inspector wahaan baithti hai. Lekin ek baat main zaroor kahungi. Paanch baje ke baad, andhera hone ke baad, kabhi thane mat jaana. Phir agle din subah jaana, jao to apne ghar se kisi ko bhai ko, apne pati, apne pita ko saath le kar jaana, agar-zoori ho. Lekin mahilaon ke liye yeh kaam hua hai..." (One woman officer or a woman sub-inspector sits there. But I will say that after 5 pm, when it gets dark, don't go to police station. Go there the next morning. If you go, go with a male member of family — your brother, husband or father...but for women, this work has happened).

The BJP has been projecting Maurya as its Dalit face in UP ahead of the Assembly polls.

Maurya told *The Sunday Express*, "I don't have a lot to do with this statement. I was in Varanasi yesterday (Friday) on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti at a Dalit hamlet where Dalit and Muslim women were in attendance. I was telling them about the Yogi government and Modi government's achievements..."

"The SP is in panic... they are scared and I don't know which statement they clipped and put on social media..." she added.

SP spokesperson Rajendra Choudhary said, "Whatever she said can be heard in the video. We have nothing to do with it at all. Her allegation is false."

## Amid row over Pak friend, Capt may announce new party soon

KANCHAN VASDEV  
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 23

AMID A controversy over Pakistani journalist Aroosa Alam, and Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa's flip-flop on Saturday by saying that state police cannot inquire against her, former chief minister Amarinder Singh is preparing to announce his own political outfit before Diwali, it is learnt.

Randhawa, who had tweeted Friday to say that a probe will be conducted on Alam's alleged ISI links, Saturday said, "She is a foreign national. How can a state hold an inquiry against her? It should be done by RAW and NSA."

Amid his U-turn, a war of words ensued over Alam with Punjab Pradesh Congress

## Marking SP as rival no. 1, Yogi calls it Kalyug avatar, Ram-drohi

### Polls near, SP starts a new wing for SCs — led by ex-BSP veteran

LALMANI VERMA  
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 23

INDICATING THAT Samajwadi Party (SP) is the main opposition to BJP in next year's Assembly polls, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath tore into the party on Saturday, calling it a "kalyug avatar" of the Mahabharat. He said riots took place in every district of the state under the previous Akhilesh Yadav government, and that Hindus were harassed under that regime.

Adityanath's attack on the SP comes days after the Prime Minister, during an address in Kushinagar, also took on the party.

Accusing opposition parties in UP of being against Lord Ram, Adityanath said such "Ram-drohis" not only harmed the faith but also "disturbed the social fabric, harmed development and threw the state in the fire of riots" under their government. "Those who are not the well-wisher of Lord Ram can never be your well-wisher," he said.

Addressing a Samajik Patinidhi Sammalean for Vishwakarma Samaj, organised by BJP, Adityanath said, "Maintaining distance from Ram-drohis who shield terrorists, embrace rioters, tear the social fabric, would be better for your present, and also for the future of your coming generations."

Without naming the SP, or its leaders, he alleged that during 2012-17, an "entire family" was involved in plundering. "They had all the relations of Mahabharat — chacha, maama, naana, bhatija (uncles, grandfather, nephews, etc). They all reminded of the relations of Mahabharat."

He said, "*Mahabharat ka drishya agar dekhna thha toh 12 se 17 (2012 to 2017) ke beech me jo sarkar pradesh me thhi uska who jeevant kalyugi avatar thhi* (the



UP CM Yogi Adityanath in Varanasi, Saturday. PTI

government between 2012 and 2017 was a live demonstration of the kalyug avatar of Mahabharat."

Adityanath maintained that riots occurred in every district of UP in that period, and that Hindus were harassed. "If Hindus went to lodge a complaint, they themselves were booked m(in some case)," he said, adding that no one can dare get involved in riots under the present government.

"At that time (2012-17), riots occurred before your festivals — before Holi, Rakshbandhan, Vijaya Dashami, Deepawali, Janmashtmi, Shivratri, Ramnavmi. No one could celebrate festivals because curfew was imposed by that time," he claimed.

"Everyone lived in fear, under the shadow of curfew; they could not celebrate festivals."

"*Aur doosri taraf yeh log jaate they badi besharmi ke saath gol topi pehan kark; pradesh ki janata ko apmanit karne ka karya bhi karte they* (on the other hand, those people went around shamelessly, wearing skull caps to insult people of the state)," Adityanath said.

Adityanath also said that BJP protected the setu-bandh (Ram Setu) — built by sons of Lord Vishwakarma (Nal and Neel) — while the Congress, the SP and the BSP made efforts in 2005 to harm setu-bandh.

Adityanath was referring to the Sethusamudram shipping canal project controversy.

LALMANI VERMA  
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 23

THE BJP has started wooing OBCs and SCs with targeted sammelans across UP. The BSP has been holding meetings of the Brahmin community and appealing for "*bhainchara*" (brotherhood) with SCs. Not to be left behind, with state elections just months away, the SP too has joined the queue.

For the first time since the party was set up in 1992, it has formed a dedicated wing for Scheduled Castes (SCs): Samajwadi Baba Saheb Ambedkar Vahini. And in what its own leaders claim is a masterstroke, the party has appointed a Dalit leader who was with the BSP for 29 years to head this new wing.

"We have to take the ideologies of Bhimrao Ambedkar and Ram Manohar Lohia along. We have to make deprived and oppressed sections aware of the ideologies of both leaders and their contribution to society," says Mithai Lal Bharti, the man at the helm of the wing who switched sides two years ago.

"In view of the 2022 polls, our office bearers will reach out to Dalits and other deprived sections, and appeal to them to support SP and remove BJP from power. BJP is anti-reservation and anti-Constitution," he says.

Before joining SP in September 2019, Bharti had worked with BSP for 29 years and served as its Ballia district president, Purvanchal region co-ordinator and Bihar and Chhattisgarh in-charge.

Bharti, 48, says he is a post-graduate in Hindi from Purvanchal University. But what he really treasures from those days is an opportunity to serve a



SP chief Akhilesh Yadav with Mithai Lal Bharti, president of Samajwadi Baba Saheb Ambedkar Vahini. File

meal to Kanshi Ram when the BSP founder had visited his hometown Ballia in 1997-1998.

The SP, meanwhile, has high expectations from the new wing — until now, the party had dedicated wings for OBCs, Scheduled Tribes (STs), minorities, women and other sections.

"There was no separate wing for Scheduled Castes. There were demands from within the party and some student leaders to create such a wing to work exclusively among Dalits... Party national president Akhilesh Yadav ji had made an announcement about it much earlier but a separate vahini has been formed now," said Juhi Singh, SP state spokesperson.

Bharti says his first task is to set up organisational units from the national to state, district, sector and polling booth levels.

So far, SP did not have a dedicated programme for Dalit voters. The party's strength has always been support of the Yadav community among OBCs and Muslims. But with around 23 per cent vote share, SCs have played a significant role in UP politics.

In the 2012 Assembly polls, when the SP won a majority of 224 seats, it had bagged 58 reserved seats for SCs followed by

BSP (15), Congress (four), and RLD and BJP (three).

In 2017, SP could get only five SC-reserved seats as BJP recorded a victory that included 67 reserved seats, apart from three such seats each for BSP, and NDA allies Apna Dal and Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party.

According to SP's Scheduled Tribes cell chief Vyasji Gour, his wing was working for both STs and SCs until now. "But the tribal population is confined to limited areas. So the party has created a separate wing for SCs..." he said.

According to political observers, the new frontal organisation appears to be an attempt by SP to build inroads among BSP's Dalit vote base given how their 2019 alliance airbrushed the bitter memories of 1995.

After the Babri demolition in 1992, the newly formed SP under Mulayam Singh Yadav and the fledgling BSP had allied to bring their OBC and Dalit core vote bases together to prevent the BJP from returning to power in the Assembly elections.

However, both parties and eventually their core voters — Yadavs and Jatavs — became bitter rivals after the infamous Lucknow guesthouse incident of 1995.

## KARNATAKA BYPOLL Cong banks on minority votes: CM Bommai

*Hanagal:* With the Hanagal and Sindgi Assembly seat bypolls less than a week away, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Saturday the Congress is at the mercy of minority votes to win elections. He said the Congress remembers minorities only when elections are around. "They have pushed them (minorities) into a well... whenever there is an election, they throw them a rope... but pull it back once the elections are over," Bommai said at an election meeting in the Chikkanshi Hosur village in Hanagal.

He also challenged former chief minister Siddaramaiah to visit the villages in Hanagal to see the development there before inviting him for a debate on a public platform. **ENS**

## Congress can't be alternative to BJP: Kerala CPI(M) to party central panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

WITH CHIEF Minister Pinarayi Vijayan leading the charge, the CPI(M)'s Kerala leadership has argued in the party's Central Committee, a meeting of which is underway in Delhi, that the Congress cannot be the "fulcrum" of anti-BJP Opposition unity and it cannot be considered as an alternative to the BJP.

Sources said the central committee members from Kerala argued that this understanding should reflect in the draft political resolution, which the party is preparing for its national conclave, Party Congress, to be held in Kannur in Kerala next year.

The last Party Congress held in Hyderabad in 2018 had concluded that the BJP was the "main threat" and that the BJP and the Congress cannot be treated as "equal dangers". The party had then decided that the main task is to defeat BJP and its allies by rallying all "secular and democratic forces" but this has to be done without a "political alliance" with the Congress.

Sources said the outline of the draft political resolution approved by the CPM politburo and presented before the Central Committee advocates continuation of this stand. But since then, the CPM had entered into electoral understandings with the Congress.

While the Left parties fought the Assembly elections in alliance with the Congress, the CPM was part of the Congress-



Pinarayi Vijayan

led alliance in Assam. In Tamil Nadu, the two parties were a part of the DMK-led alliance. CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury argues for continuation of this tactical approach.

But Kerala leaders, sources said, believe that the Congress's approach to fight communism was insincere, and on many issues, opportunistic. They argue the Congress often takes a soft Hindutva approach.

Sources said Central Committee members from Delhi, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh supported this approach. But they believe that the Congress, which is still the main Opposition party with a presence in most states, cannot be ignored at the national level.

Sources in the Central leadership believe that there was no need to change the line taken during the last Party Congress or reopen the debate. They argue that instead of discussing the party's approach to the Congress, the party should be focusing on forging a wider unity in the wake of people's movements like the farmers' agitation and increasing trade union unity gaining strength.



Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in Barabanki, UP. Express

## Priyanka flags off 'Pratigya Yatras' with 7 promises

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 23

CONGRESS GENERAL secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra Saturday launched her party's 'Pratigya Yatras' in UP's Barabanki district with seven promises, including sops for farmers and jobs for 20 lakh people, ahead of next year's Assembly elections.

Also among the resolutions was one on reservation of 40 per cent tickets for women candidates.

Priyanka flagged off the three

10-day yatras for western UP, eastern UP and Bundelkhand. "The fourth one, for the Awadh zone, will be announced soon," said Congress spokesperson Anshu Awasthi.

Besides the job and reservation promises, Priyanka announced that the party would provide scooters and smartphones to girl students, give full loan waiver for farmers, buy wheat and paddy at Rs 2,500 and sugarcane at Rs 400 from farmers, halve electricity bills of all people, and distribute Rs 25,000 to each family as aid.

## Goa CM to be replaced, says AAP; BJP denies

MAYURA JANWALKAR  
PANAJI, OCTOBER 23

SENIOR AAM Aadmi Party leader Manish Sisodia Saturday claimed, citing "reliable sources", that the BJP was planning to replace Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant ahead of the state Assembly elections. The BJP dismissed the assertion.

The Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, speaking to reporters in the national capital, claimed to possess an internal BJP document that made note of the Sawant government's "failures" in the coastal state, where elections will be held early next year.

Sisodia's statement comes a day after Sawant, state BJP chief Sadanand Tanavde and General Secretary (Organisation) Satish Dhond met Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president J P Nadda in New Delhi after they were called to the national capital.

BJP's Goa election in-charge

Devendra Fadnavis said: "That's absolutely false and baseless. It's like saying AAP will be replacing Arvind Kejriwal in Delhi."

Sisodia said: "We have learnt from very reliable sources that the BJP is going to change its CM in Goa. Just two months before the Assembly election, it is going to replace Pramod Sawant and appoint a new chief minister. They have done this in Uttarakhand, in Karnataka."

Sisodia claimed that the BJP had drawn up a '10-point failure list' which included issues such as "mismanagement" of Covid-19 and Cyclone Tauktae, "deteriorating" law-and-order, and "scams".

Goa BJP chief Tanavade said: "Who are AAP leaders in Delhi to decide our party's decision? Just months before the election, can there be a leadership issue? This is common sense. Will any political party do such a thing? These are all rumours. There was no such discussion in the meeting in Delhi. It was about the election



Manish Sisodia

strategy of the party. Today the PM has appreciated him (Sawant)."

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Saturday virtually addressed the people of Goa and spoke with beneficiaries of the flagship state programmes, including the Swayampurna Goa (self-reliant Goa) scheme.

Sawant had started the programme, modeled on the central Atmanirbhar Bharat programme, in October last year.

The Prime Minister interacted with seven people, including a sarpanch and a chairman of the municipal corporation. He

lauded Goa's "new model of development" and praised the Sawant government for playing a leading role in implementing the central schemes.

Modi also lauded Sawant's efforts for taking Goa to "new heights".

After the virtual programme, Sawant said: "The Prime Minister has appreciated the efforts of team Goa, of the officials. If we continue to work like this, Goa will become a model for the Swayampurna Goa and Atmanirbhar Bharat programme."

On his meeting in Delhi with Shah, Nadda and BJP's Goa election in-charge Devendra Fadnavis, the Chief Minister said: "The meeting was about preparing for the forthcoming Assembly election. We had a discussion regarding that."

Meanwhile, Sawant's office announced on Saturday: "CM is travelling out of state for a personal program and will not be available in the state for Public

EXPLAINED

### Praise from top leadership

BESIDES THE Prime Minister lauding his government, CM Sawant received a pat on the back from Home Minister Amit Shah for the state's handling of Covid-19, during his visit to Goa on October 14, and from party chief J P Nadda during the latter's visit in July. Nadda had praised Sawant for his "very good work".

Meetings till Monday October 25, 2021".

Sources said he is traveling to Gujarat and is set to return Sunday

## Sawant: Work during Covid, state schemes will help BJP win polls

LIZ MATHEW  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

WITH ASSEMBLY elections scheduled early next year, and ruling BJP in the state working on finalising its poll strategies, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said the success of Swayampurna Goa, his government's flagship programme and the management of Covid-19 situation and the economy will be the highlights of the campaign.

While BJP's moves to get smaller parties in the NDA fold are "yielding results", parties such as Trinamool Congress and Aam Aadmi Party, which are trying to find their feet in Goa politics, will come a cropper, he said.

"Around 60 departmental schemes are being implemented in Goa," he said. Stating that first-dose vaccination figure in Goa is 100 per cent, and 75 per cent eligible people have received the



Pramod Sawant

second jab as well, Sawant told *The Sunday Express*, "Our Covid-19 management and financial management have been really successful."

Sawant, who is in Delhi for discussions with BJP leaders for the party's election preparations in the state, said the tourism sector, a big revenue generator for Goa, has been revived after the success of vaccination in the country. "We have also allowed, with the Centre's support, chartered flights and some international flights," he said.

On the political situation in the state, where new entrants TMC and AAP are getting many Congress leaders and workers, apart from civil society leaders, to join them, Sawant said: "BJP's position on ground is strong. We

have the support of 27 MLAs and an Independent (legislator).

Other parties such as MGP (Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party) and Goa Forward Party (are also with BJP), but there will be some developments — I think there could be some mergers. At present, Congress is the opposition party; despite its MLAs leaving the party, it still has a vote base..."

On TMC and AAP, Sawant said that "nothing is going to happen" despite the "hype" they have created — "because they do not have base voters..."

Stating that BJP will get a majority on its own in the 40 member Assembly, Sawant said, "*Bayees mein bayees paar* (22-plus seats in 2022) will be BJP's target. We are firming up various ideas... The main focus will be that the BJP government will make Goa self-reliant in its next tenure, for which we have already initiated programmes."



# After his bribe charge, Malik says all know who was RSS J&K in-charge

**VARINDER BHATIA**  
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 23

DAYS AFTER he alleged that he was told he would get a Rs 300-crore bribe if he cleared two files belonging to "Ambani" and a "senior RSS functionary" during his tenure as Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Governor, Satya Pal Malik said on Saturday that it would "not be correct" to name the person, but "everybody knows who was the RSS in-charge in J&K".

Speaking to *The Sunday Express*, Malik, who is currently serving as the Governor of Meghalaya, said: "It would not be correct to name the person, but you can figure out who was the RSS in-charge in J&K. But I feel sorry, I should not have taken the RSS's name. If anybody is functioning in his individual capacity or doing any business, only he should have been referred to. Irrespective of which organisation he is affiliated to, the organisation should not have been brought into it."

Meanwhile, asked about Malik's allegations, RSS leader Ram Madhav said in Surat, "ask him who or what it was". When told that he was in J&K at that time, he said: "Nobody from the RSS would do something like that; but I really don't know in what context he said it, or whether he said it or not. You should ask him... He may have said 'somebody said this'... I have no knowledge about this, nobody from the RSS ever does this... He said in 2014 that we are losing the elections, and that we have done injustice to farmers. Do we believe all this? This could be his opinion, what is the truth, we don't know."

Malik made these remarks at a "public meeting" in Rajasthan



Satya Pal Malik

on October 17. In a video of his speech, Malik says: "Two files came before me in J&K. One of them pertained to Ambani, the other to a senior RSS functionary. One of the secretaries told me these are shady deals, but you can get Rs 150 crore each from these".

Asked if he took action against those who were trying to bribe him or government officials for getting their projects cleared, Malik said: "They were not trying to bribe me. But there was a bribe in those projects. There were a few people who were taking it... There was no requirement for any further action since I cancelled both the projects. That punishment was sufficient."

In his speech, Malik also referred to the Roshni scheme, alleging that NC leader Farooq Abdullah, his son Omar Abdullah and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti were among the beneficiaries. Both the NC and PDP leaders have said Malik's charges are baseless, and have threatened to take legal action against him. "Whatever I said is true," Malik told *The Sunday Express*. "She (Mehbooba) is like a daughter to me because Muftiji was my very dear friend. I never spoke anything derogatory against her. I only said people took advantage of it. She did not take it (land) in her name, but her workers took plots of land on a very large scale. You know that benami works a lot in this country," he said. **WITH ENS, SURAT FULL REPORT ON**

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# Shah in Srinagar: Snipers, detentions, 'ban' on 2-wheelers

**BASHAARAT MASOOD**  
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 23

SHARPSHOOTERS ATOP buildings, bullet-proof mobile bunkers across the city, policemen in civvies on sensitive locations, an unofficial ban on two-wheelers, and hundreds of detentions, including under the Public Safety Act (PSA) -- Srinagar was put under a heavy security umbrella as Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived on Saturday for his first visit to Jammu and Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

With October alone seeing 11 civilian deaths in targeted killings in the Valley -- most of them migrant workers -- a jittery security establishment has put in place a three-tier security set-up for the visit that will end on Monday. A senior officer said the security protocol, to thwart an attack during Shah's visit, was the strictest in recent years.

The roads leading to the Raj Bhawan and Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre where Shah is expected to chair an event on Monday have been closed for civilian movement.

In the run-up to the visit, police detained around 900 people from different parts of Kashmir. Those detained include people identified as stone-pelters, relatives of militants and alleged

"over ground workers" of militant groups. Many of them have been detained under the PSA, that allows the government to hold a person without trial for up to a year.

Police sources said that in the last week alone, around 50 people have been booked under the PSA. On Friday, the J&K government issued orders to shift 26 of the PSA detainees to the Agra jail in Uttar Pradesh.

Police have also imposed an unofficial ban on the plying of two-wheelers, especially in Srinagar city. Hundreds of two-wheelers have been impounded, despite riders producing all the necessary documents.

While J&K Police said in a tweet that the seizure of the two-wheelers was not linked to Shah's visit, owners said police had asked them to collect their vehicles only after his trip ends on Monday. Police have blamed the spree of recent attacks on militants who arrived on two-wheelers, fired at the intended targets, and fled.

Some online delivery companies said their services had been hit as a result.

"J&K admin's recent spree of seizing bikes in Kashmir is a collective punishment and another way to snatch whatever means Kashmiri youth have to earn their livelihood in a dignified manner," tweeted PDP president Mehbooba Mufti.

# Three more arrested in Lakhimpur violence case

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 23

THE UTTAR Pradesh Police's Special Investigation Team (SIT) Saturday arrested three people who were allegedly in one of the SUVs that drove into a group of protesters in Lakhimpur Kheri on October 3, killing four farmers. A journalist was also killed in the incident.

The SIT identified those arrested as Mohit Trivedi, Rinku Rana and Dharmendra, all of whom are from Lakhimpur Kheri. With this, the number of people arrested in connection with the killing of the farmers

and the journalist rose to 13. "We have almost arrested all the accused found involved in the killing of farmers and a journalist. If any other new name comes up then we will take action against them also. We are also collecting electronic evidence against the accused," said an SIT officer.

The investigating agency produced the three before a local court that sent them to judicial custody. The court is likely to hear the SIT's application for a 14-day custody remand of the three on Monday, said a police officer. "Arrested persons were in the back seat of a Scorpio," said a police officer.

# Bangladesh protests: Jamiat claims attacks, cops say keeping watch

**DEBRAJ DEB**  
AGARTALA, OCTOBER 23

AMID A series of rallies by Hindu organisations here against vandalisation of Durga Puja pandals in Bangladesh, the Tripura State Jamiat Ulama (Hind) submitted a memorandum to the office of Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on Friday, alleging attacks on mosques and minority habitations in the past three days.

A senior Tripura Police officer said while there had been "a few

stray disturbances", there was no major incident of law and order. "We are providing security to nearly 150 mosques," the officer said, confirming vandalism at a mosque near Agartala. He said they were investigating the incidents and analysing CCTV footage. Unakoti SP Rati Ranjan Debnath said they were probing an incident regarding an idol in the district of North Tripura. Pointing out that the idol was located in an abandoned place atop a hillock in Unakoti, Debnath said: "There was heavy rainfall the past few days...

It's hard to imagine anyone would walk over 45 minutes through thick vegetation to (carry out something like this) in an abandoned place. There is no communal tension here."

In its memorandum to the CM, along with the office of Director General of Police VS Yadav, Tripura Jamiat president Mufti Tayebur Rahman said a section of people were trying to disrupt communal harmony in the state. Speaking to reporters Friday, Rahman said: "No one from Hindu or Muslim communities of Tripura supported the

heinous incidents (in Bangladesh). We also protested against it at the Bangladesh visa office."

BJP spokesperson Nabendu Bhattacharya said the party was against any such incident, and leaders of its minority morcha had reached out to "everyone across the state" to ensure peace.

On Oct 21, over 15 people, including three police personnel, had been injured when activists of the VHP and Hindu Jagran Manch had clashed with police during a rally at Udaipur in Gomati district against the Bangladesh violence,

ignoring Section 144 restrictions. The organisers claimed they had permission for the rally, but police stopped them when they tried to make their way to areas near some minority-dominated parts.

Local RSS leader Abhijit Chakraborty, who was part of the rally, said, "We suspect some people might have tried to confuse the administration that we would disrupt law and order."

The same day, massive rallies were held at Agartala and Dharmanagar in North Tripura district over the attacks on minori-

ties in Bangladesh. A Bangladesh International Film Festival scheduled to start in Agartala on Oct 21 was cancelled. Assistant Bangladesh High Commissioner at Agartala Md Jobayed Hosen said, "We had finalised almost all the preparations. In the meanwhile, incidents of intolerance occurred in Bangladesh and generated reaction in this state. We considered the feedback we received and the overall feedback on social media and other mediums, and decided to cancel the film festival as of now."



## REMEMBERING INDIA'S MILK MAN

Participants at a cycle rally organised by Amul in Mumbai to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of Dr Verghese Kurien, known as the Father of India's White Revolution. This year marks 75 years of Amul. Amit Chakravarty

# Forced adoption: SFI leader sits on protest; Kerala govt offers help

**SHAJU PHILIP**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 23

THE CPI(M)-led government in Kerala got into damage control mode Saturday as the alleged forcible separation of a boy from his mother, an SFI leader, snowballed into a controversy even as the aggrieved woman sat on protest in front of the secretariat.

Women and Family Welfare Minister Veena George said the state will take Anupama S Chandran's demand for her child to the family court. She said before adoption formalities are

completed, the court will be informed. It will also be told about the government investigation into the baby's adoption.

The state women's commission has also offered legal assistance to Chandran, 23, who protested before the state secretariat Saturday, demanding her son be returned. She ended her stir after the government promised to look into her demand.

Chandran has alleged that her parents, local CPI(M) leaders, forcibly took away her son last October, three days after her delivery. They allegedly considered the child illegitimate as Chandran's partner Ajith Kumar,

a DYFI leader, was then married to Nasiya, another party worker.

According to Chandran, her parents, with the support of CPI(M), forged documents to facilitate the baby's abandonment at a government shelter, paving the way for his adoption.

Meanwhile, Nasiya told reporters that Chandran had agreed to giving up her son for adoption. "She agreed to give her child up for adoption realising I would not end my marriage. I knew about their relationship and Ajith mentally tortured me to get divorced. It was only after the divorce that she raised the demand," said Nasiya.

# After wife death, ex-serviceman, 4 children die by suicide: cops

*Belagavi:* A 46-year-old retired serviceman and his four children are believed to have committed suicide in Karnataka's Belagavi after the death of the man's wife due to black fungus, police said on Saturday.

Police said Gopal Hadimani and his four children -- three of whom were minors -- consumed poison at their home in the district's Hukkeri Taluk on Friday night.

Police were alerted by the neighbours after neither of the family members were seen outside on Saturday morning. The relatives said Hadimani was unable to cope after the death of his wife due to black fungus after she was infected with Covid-19 in July this year. "He and his children often used to tell us that they cannot live without his wife," a relative told reporters. Police are investigating the case.

**ASHISH MISHRA SAMPLE SENT TO LAB TO CONFIRM DENGUE**

*Lucknow:* The sample of Ashish Mishra, who is in jail over the Lakhimpur Kheri violence, has been sent to a laboratory for confirming dengue. A jail official said: "His sample was sent for testing on Friday."

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## Broadcast Covid cautions, govt tells TV channels

*New Delhi:* A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation, in which he recommended caution during the forthcoming festive period, the Union Ministry for Information and Broadcasting issued an advisory to all TV channels to carry messages informing people about the im-

portance of respecting and adhering to Covid-19 appropriate behaviour.

"It remains crucial to not let our guards down, especially in view of the upcoming festive season and we must continue to remain vigilant and celebrate our festivals with utmost precautions," it said.

"It is advised that private satellite TV channels may broadcast messages and other content to inform people about the crucial need to adhere to COVID appropriate behavior, exercise due precautions, avoid crowded places, adhere to limits on public gathering, etc. and not let our guards down," it said. **ENS**

# GOVT. OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

## Allotment of Electric Auto Rickshaw (TSR) in Delhi

- Are you holding a driving license of LMV in Delhi? If yes, you can apply for allotment of E-Auto-rickshaw in Delhi.
- Online applications are invited for registration of 4261 electric-Auto Rickshaw (TSR) in the NCT of Delhi at [transport.delhi.gov.in](http://transport.delhi.gov.in).
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- Any person having a valid driving license holder of Light Motor Vehicle (LMV) (car, jeep etc.) or holder of TSR driving license.
- Should be a resident of Delhi, with Aadhaar address in Delhi.
- **Help-line number - 1076.**

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Poll-bound UP: Kejriwal in Ayodhya on Oct 26

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party Convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will visit Ayodhya on October 26 to offer his prayers to Ram Lalla at a makeshift temple there, the party announced on Saturday. Kejriwal's visit to poll-bound Uttar Pradesh will come at a time the AAP has been striving to expand its base in the state. "Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal will visit Ayodhya ahead of

Diwali. On October 26, he will visit Ayodhya and offer prayers at the Ram Lalla Temple," AAP said on Twitter. While Kejriwal has visited Uttarakhand, Goa, Punjab and Gujarat -- poll-bound states where the AAP is trying emerge as a serious player -- UP has not yet figured prominently in the Delhi CM's political stipstips so far. The Delhi CM's last visit to UP was in February. **ENS**

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**



E-Tender No.: JHS-N-W-30-21      Dated: 21.10.2021


**E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite sealed open Tender through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following works.

<b>E-Tender No.</b>	JHS-N-W-30-21
<b>Description of work</b>	Comprehensive annual maintenance of Ansoldo make EI system installed at GWL goods, MLAR, KHJ & BJI of Jhansi division. This includes maintenance of complete equipment along with all subsystems like CPU and all the requisite cards of the EI system, interface equipment / object controller for interface with the field signaling gears, maintenance terminal with VDUs, keyboards & printers, operator panel interface etc.
<b>Approx Cost</b>	₹ 6128979.56
<b>Earnest Money</b>	Nil
<b>Cost of Tender Form</b>	Nil
<b>Opening of Tender</b>	15.11.2021 Time 15.00
<b>Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance</b>	36 Months





Tender on line can be submitted upto **15.00 hrs.** on **15.11.2021**. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). (**NORTH CENTRAL RLY / JHANSI DIVISION-SANDT**). **1127/21 (A)**

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**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

**Notice of Inviting E-Tender**

Dy. CST/Project/JP acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No **SNT-Prj.-JP-2021-22-07** closing date 15.11.2021 15.00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal. Like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. 1. **Name of work with it location:** Provision of MSDAC at BKN, HHM, KLYT, LKS, HSR and BNV Stations on Bikaner Division. 2. **Approx. Cost of work (RS):** 15932948.10/- 3. **Earnest Money (RS):** Nil (Online Payment Only). 4. **Date & Time for Submission up to on** [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in): 15.11.2021 Up to 15.00 hrs. 5. **Website Particulars & Notice board location:** [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and Dy. CST/Prj./JP Office **597/VJM21**


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**WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION, JABALPUR, OPEN TENDER (Single Packet System)**

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), West Central Railway, Jabalpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against E-Tender Notice No. **DYCECJBP-06-2021**, Dated **22.10.2021**. The Closing date will be **18.11.2021 at 15.00 Hrs**. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers will not be entertained against the above tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. The tender shall be opened at the notified date and time. (1) **Nit No.:** DYCECJBP-06-2021 (2) **Dated:** 22.10.2021 (3) **Name of work with it location:** Balance work of construction of augmentation capacity of 50 HHP diesel locos at New Katni Junction diesel shed. **Approx. Cost of work:** ₹ 6,74,35,625.81/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹ 0.00/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 0.00/- **Completion Period (in months):** 12 Months including monsoon. **Time and Date of closing & opening of E-tender:** Closing at 15.00 hrs. & Opening after 15.00 hrs on 18.11.2021. Tenderers are required to submit their bid online through IREPS website <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. Tenderers are advised to regularly visit IREPS website <https://www.ireps.gov.in> to note any changes/corrigendum. Minimum Eligibility Criteria as per tender form shall be applicable for this tender. Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), West Central Railway, Jabalpur

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**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-tender is invited on Behalf of the president of India for the under mentioned work :- **1.E-Tender No. ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-46-21-22**


**Name of work :** Supply of portion and welding of 60kg/52kg (New/SH, 90/72 UTS rail) rail joints by Fusion Welding of Rail by Alumino Thermo process on cess /in situ as per IRS specification T-19-2020 with contractor's materials, labour , T&P etc. including welding supervisor complete in all respect under jurisdiction of CAO/Con/South. **Approx cost of the work in (Rs):** 4,19,22,454.23/-, **Cost of tender form in (Rs):** 0.00, **Earnest Money in (Rs):** 0.00, **Period of work completion :** 12 (Twelve) Months.

**2.E-Tender No. ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-47-21-22. Name of work :** Creation of infrastructure and test setup at 'Diesel Shed Patratu' for homing of electric locomotives, Phase-I Rail line Project under jurisdiction of Dy.CE/C/BRKA. **Approx cost of the work in (Rs):** 4,19,22,454.23/-, **Cost of tender form in (Rs):** 0.00, **Earnest Money in (Rs):** 0.00, **Period of work completion :** 06(Six) Months.

**Date and time for closing of tender :** 12.11.2021 at 15.30 hrs.

Any e-tenders which is sent by post /courier /Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on website <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. **Note:** In case of any discrepancies found in tender notice ,English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in connection with this e-tender. **Any change /addendum/corrigendum will be published on IREPS website only.**

For CAO/ Con/ South East Central Railway, MHX, Patna **PR/01024/CONS/ENGG/71/21-22/60**

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead at E. Pole KM No. 18/26-24 Down Line near Shadipur Flyover on 15.10.2021 at 12:54 P.M. In this regard **DD No. 20-A Dated 15.10.2021** has been lodged at **P.S. Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi**. Dead body has been preserved for Identification in DDU Hospital Mortuary for 72 Hours. The description of the dead body is given as under:

**Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 40-45 years **Height:** About 5'6" Feet, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Injury Mark:** Head Injury, **Wearing:** Brown Colour T-Shirt and Sky Blue Pant Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

**S.H.O**  
**P.S. Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi.**  
**DP/337/RLY/2021**      **Ph.: 011-25688505, 8750871309**


**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

General public is hereby informed that one boy Namely **Pankaj Sharma S/o Parveen Sharma R/o H.No. G-56/16, Laxmi Park, Nanoglio, Delhi**, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi since 24.09.2021. In this regard, a case **DD No. 56-A, dated. 26.09.2021** has been registered at **P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**. The description of the missing boy are as under.

**Age:** 20 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Orange Colour T-Shirt & Blue Colour Lower and hawai chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing boy then please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi at following Tel No./ e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

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**Fax No. 011-24368639**      **Sd/- SHO**  
**Nihal Vihar Delhi**  
**PH.011-25946700**


**DP/1229/OD/2021**

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 11.10.2021 at 22:31 PM at KM Pole No. 1527/07 & 9 Down Main Line Near CRRI Office, Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station. In this regard DD No. 25A dated 11.10.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station. Identification of unidentified dead body is as under:**

**Name: Unknown, Age: 45-50 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Injury: Left leg and left arm broken, deep injury mark on the above the left eye and other parts of the body as well, Wearing: Red Colour Shirt and Black Pant.** If anyone has any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

**SHO**  
**Police Station, Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station**  
**DP/335/RLY/2021**      **Ph: 011-24356743, 8750871311**

**WESTERN RAILWAY**

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/37/2021 Date 21.10.2021**



S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
923	Servoplex SHC-120	6910 Kg	08.11.2021
924	Rubber Spring Plate for Draw and Buff Gear	2338 Nos	10.11.2021
925	UIC Type Rubber Vestibule Arrangement	150 Nos	10.11.2021
926	Roof Mounted Air Conditioning System	120 Nos	10.11.2021
927	Hermetically Sealed Compressor	227 Nos	11.11.2021
928	Modified Transition Screw Coupling	301 Nos	12.11.2021
929	Permanent Field Diverter	24 Set	12.11.2021
930	EP Contractor Complete	57 Nos	16.11.2021
931	Brake Gear Bush	156555 Nos	17.11.2021
932	Spare Part Kit	776 Set	19.11.2021
933	Body Side Lower Panel of Lavatory	1411 Nos	19.11.2021
934	Complete Brake Gear Arrangement	80 Set	19.11.2021
935	Rheostatic Braking Resistor	23 Set	22.11.2021

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3	Seat profile complete (3 seater & 2 seater)	6880 Nos	10.11.2021
4	Rly Signalling Cable Size 12 Core x 1.5 Sq.mm	1191 Km	16.11.2021
5	6 Quad 0.9mm Dia Cable	585.90 Km	30.11.2021

Corrigendum :- Please read Qty as 20 Nos instead of 10 Nos. at Sr. No.906 (High Reach Pantograph) of **Tender Notice No.S/36/2021 Dt. 11.10.2021**.

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and [www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in)

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Suspended sub-judge gets 10 yrs' jail for rape

ARUN SHARMA  
JAMMU, OCTOBER 23

A FAST-TRACK court in Jammu on Saturday awarded ten years of rigorous imprisonment to a suspended sub-judge for raping a domestic help. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 on him. Presiding Officer Khalil Choudhary further sentenced Rajesh Kumar Abrol to simple imprisonment of seven years and imposed a fine of Rs 20,000 for cheating the woman. Abrol was suspended following the FIR and was subsequently arrested. The court said, "It is not only

the duty of the court, but social and legal obligations are clearly enjoined upon it to impose adequate punishment according to law while taking into consideration not only the crime, but also the criminal.. Furthermore, deterrence and reformation are primarily social goals." Choudhary added: "It is the duty of the court to impose adequate sentence, for one of the purposes of the requisite sentence is protection of the society and legitimate response to its collectively concise. The paramount principle that should be a guiding laser beam is that the punishment should be proportionate." Abrol was convicted on

Thursday for raping and cheating the domestic help on the pretext of providing her legal support. The court held that "all the evidence on record unerringly points towards the guilt of the accused. There is a complete chain of events and facts to indicate that within all human probability, the crime was committed by the accused". According to the prosecution, in January 2018, the woman accused Abrol of marrying her when he was already married. She said she had sought legal help from Abrol who promised her the same if she worked as his domestic help for a monthly salary of Rs 5,000.

FIRs against them, 2 Meerut constables on the run: police

AMIT SHARMA  
MEERUT, OCTOBER 23

TWO CONSTABLES of Meerut Police were missing on Friday night soon after FIRs were lodged against them for alleged extortion related to a cow smuggling racket in the state. The two police constables, Rahul and Sandeep Nagar, were part of an alleged cow vigilante group, which was extorting money from vehicles carrying cattle for the past four years. The racket is believed to have been operational in Meerut, Ghaziabad, Muzaffarnagar and adjoining districts.

It was organised at a time Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath put a blanket ban on cow smuggling in the state and launched a drive against illegal abattoirs after he came to power in 2017. The FIR -- filed on Friday -- was lodged against nine people, including the two cops, at Meerut's TP Nagar police station. Five of the accused have been arrested while four, including a right wing leader, are on the run. Raids are on to nab them, police said.

Meerut SSP Prabhaar Chaudhary's special cell got inputs about an extortion racket on Delhi-Dehradun Highway following which he formed a team headed by SP(Rural) Keshav Prasad, which caught five members on Friday. "The gang was netting extortion money to the tune of Rs two lakh daily from vehicles carrying cattle from the animal market for their milk dairies or for personal use. Each truck had to cough up a minimum of Rs 2,000 to ensure a safe passage," said an officer of the special team. The FIR is part of the police drive to weed out corruption from the force. There are currently four UP cops, including President's Gallantry Award recipient Bijendra Pal Rana, who are believed to be absconding after police action was initiated. The drive has seen 75 constables being sent to police lines as punishment since July and 53 others, including inspectors, moved out of their police stations. "The extortion racket busted by the special team on Friday night is a major success and the drive against corruption within the system will continue," the SSP said.

BRIEFLY



Atul Rai

UTTAR PRADESH  
BSP MP  
booked under  
Goonda Act

Varanasi: Bahujan Samaj Party MP Atul Rai was on Saturday booked under the Gangster Act, said police. Police said Rai has many criminal cases registered against himself. Police Commissioner A Satish Ganesh said Rai's properties acquired from criminal activities will be confiscated. **PTI**

UTTAR PRADESH  
Faizabad railway station to be renamed

Lucknow: The Yogi Adityanath government on Saturday announced that the Faizabad Railway Junction would be re-named to Ayodhya Cantt. CM's office tweeted, that the Government of India has given its nod and CM Adityanath has given approval to issue a notification to this effect. by the Faizabad district administration. In 2018, the UP Cabinet had cleared the proposal to rename both Faizabad district and division as Ayodhya. The decision was taken on the basis of a proposal submitted by the Faizabad district administration. **ENS**

TAMIL NADU

Cargo ship rams into boat off TN coast

Chennai: A cargo ship collided with a fishing boat off Tamil Nadu coast and in the impact, two fishermen, part of a crew of 17, were 'thrown out' and the Coast Guard rescued them on Saturday. The collision was due to 'negligence' and it caused injuries to 17 fishermen besides 'damage' to the boat, South Asian Fishermen Fraternity (SAFF), general secretary Father Churchill claimed, demanding compensation for the fishermen. He urged the government to take steps to get fishermen compensation on par with international standards **PTI**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one man Namely **Vijay Singh S/o, Ram Swaroop R/o RZ-G/49, Nihal Vihar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 03.10.2021 from the area of PS : Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard, a case **DD No. 08A dated 04.10.2021** has been registered at **P.S Nihal Vihar, Delhi**. The description of the missing man as under.



**Age:** 42 years, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Unknown. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing man then please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
**Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641**  
**Fax No. 011-24368639**      **Sd/- SHO**  
**Nihal Vihar, Delhi**  
**DP/1228/OD/2021**      **PH.011-25280980, 25268394**

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 30-35 Yrs., Height: 5'6", Sex: Male, Complexion: Wheatish, Injury Marks: Body Crushed, Wearing: Blue Colour T-Shirt & Blue Colour Jeans Pant, Place of Recovery: Found dead at E-Pole K.M. No. 18/4-17/44 Down Line Railway Track Near Palam Railway Station, New Delhi.** In this regard **FIR/DD No. 5A, U/s 174 Cr.P.C., Dated 19.10.2021** has been lodged at **Police Station, Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign. **SHO**  
**P.S. Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi**  
**DP/348/RLY/2021**      **Ph.: 011-25688505, 9868936595**

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004


No.: JDA/EE&TA to Dir.Engg.-II/2021-DD-110      Date : 22.10.2021

**NOTICE INVITING BID**  
**NIB No.: EE & TA to Dir. Engg.-II/24/2021-22**

Bids are invited for works given below in various zones as per details given below :-

S. No.	Zone	UBN No.	Cost of Work (Lacs)	A&F	Nature of Work	Last Date
1.	EE-PRN-North	JDA2122AO365	306.54	210/2021-22	Construction and Repair of Road Cut Done by PHED	15.11.2021
2.	EE-Elec.-I	JDA2122WLOB00372	1195.50	222/2020-21	Electrification of JDA Scheme West Way Heights (Part-I)	11.11.2021
3.	EE-Traffic Works-I	JDA2122WLOB00373	15000.00	145/2021-22	Traffic Improvement and Beautification Works at B2 Bye Pass Junction, JDA, Jaipur, Rajasthan	22.11.2021

Details are available at Procurement Portal website [www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in), [www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) and [www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in)  
Raj. Samwad/C/2021-22/7593      **Executive Engineer & TA to Dir. Engg.-II**

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**Mechanical Division, Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir, Srinagar**  
• Fax No: 0194-2497056 • Email: [enxmds@gmail.com](mailto:enxmds@gmail.com) • Website: [www.mechkashmir.org](http://www.mechkashmir.org) • **GIST of Short Term e-Tender**

**NIT No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MDS/TS/2020-21/ 119 /e-tendering**  
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **21.10.2021**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from registered dealers/firms/suppliers for the below mentioned work:-

Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money	Estimated Cost	Time of completion (in days)	Position of TS/AA	Position of funds
1	2	3	4	5	6	8
Supply of Ultra High Molecular Weight Polyethylene (UHMW-PE) and Compound Styrene Butadiene Rubber (C-SBR) Cutting edges with allied accessories for Snow Clearance fleet of Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir	200	Bid Security declaration as per Annexure B of NIT	4.90 Lakh	07	AA accorded vide No: MED/K/Adm/15 8 of 2021 Dated: 08.08.2021/ TS Submitted	Available.

**1. Downloading of Bids:** The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website [www.jkenders.gov.in](http://www.jkenders.gov.in) from **21.10.2021 (14.00 hrs)**

**2. Submission of Bids:** The Bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from **21.10.2021 (14.00 hrs) to 26.10.2021 (18.55 hrs)** in two covers.

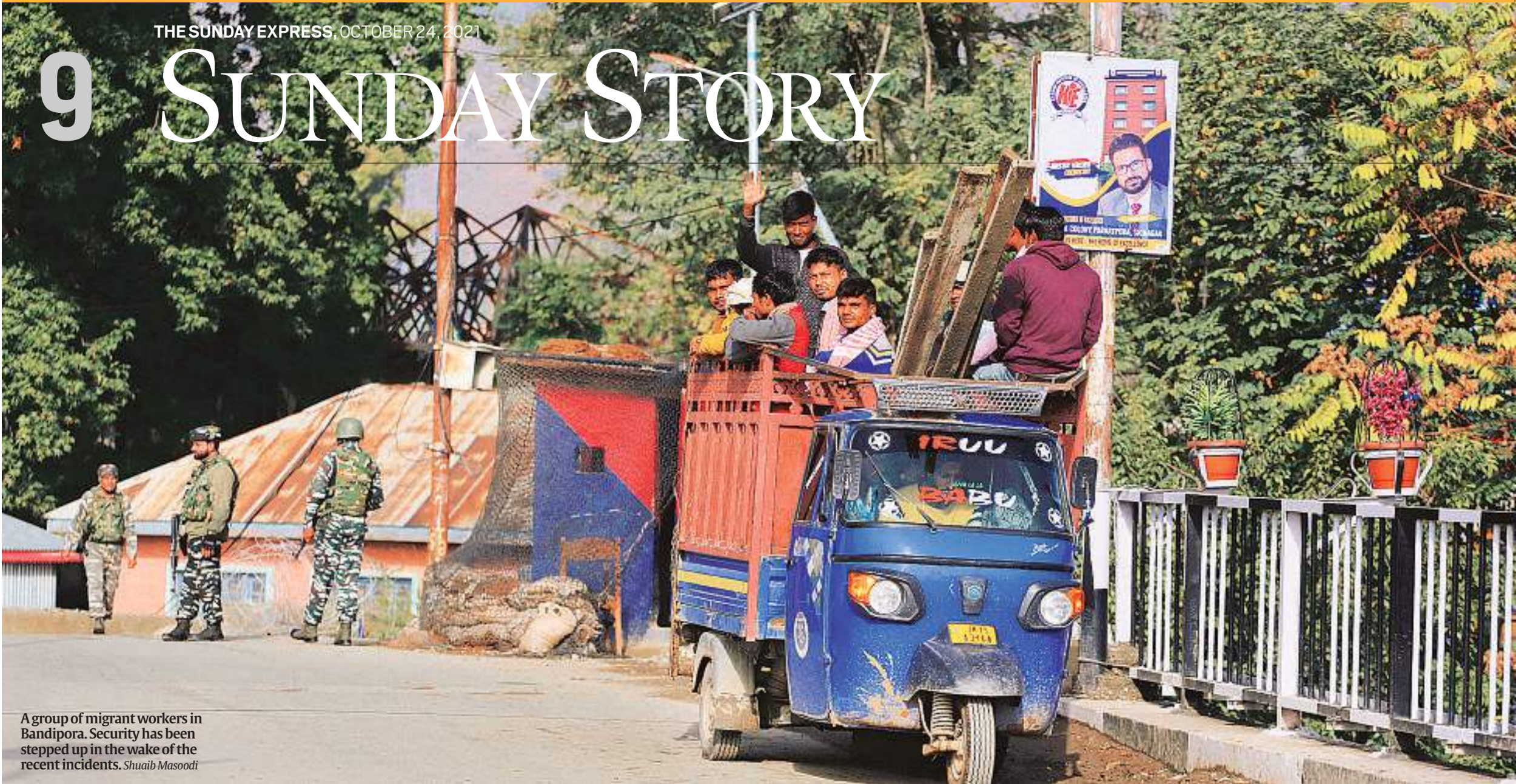
**3. Opening of Bids:** The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on **27.10.2021 (14.00 hrs)** or any subsequent date convenient to the TOC in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Mechanical MED Kashmir.

**Sd/- (Er. Rajesh Sharma) Executive Engineer nical Division, Srinagar**  
**No: MDS/ TS/ 16/00-05 Dated: 21.10.2021**      **DIPK-11160/21**



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# 9 SUNDAY STORY



A group of migrant workers in Bandipora. Security has been stepped up in the wake of the recent incidents. Shuaib Masoodi

## WINTER IS HERE

Recent civilian killings have led thousands of migrant labourers to leave the Valley. But, it's a relationship likely to survive.  
DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & NAVEED IQBAL on an economy that rests on workers from the heartland, and on migrants who have found here a home

WITH A forlorn look on his face, Sajjad Wani is puffing cigarette after cigarette. The owner of a furniture-making unit in Pulwama's Litter in South Kashmir has a series of orders pending with him, but no workers to complete them. With logs of raw wood lying beside a row of intricately carved pieces and his machines covered in sawdust, the unit bears the look of a place that was busy till a few days ago.

On October 17 evening, one of his carpenters, Sageer Ahmed (55), was shot dead by suspected militants near his rented accommodation about 50 metres away from the unit. A resident of Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh, Ahmed had arrived in Kashmir two years ago in search of work. Following his death, the seven other carpenters working at Wani's unit — all from Uttar Pradesh — left the Valley, fearing for their lives.

"Under normal circumstances they would have left in December before the snowfall. Now I don't know how to deliver my orders. There aren't many local carpenters available. Those who are, are either not good enough or absolutely lazy. Ahmed was not only very skilled at carving wood but also very hardworking. He was my chief carpenter and pretty much handled the operations of the unit," says Wani.

A few kilometres away, Farooq Mir, a farmer, is thrashing bundles of harvested paddy with his family members to separate grains from the chaff. "Usually this work is done by labourers from Bihar and UP. But after the Litter killing, all have run away... If they do not return next year, harvesting will be a problem," says Mir.

Over the past two decades, migrant labourers from India's heartland have become an integral part of Kashmir's economy. While they come from various states, including Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, those from UP, Bihar and West Bengal form the bulk. The Union Territory administration has no compiled data, and industry and trade bodies put their figure between two and four lakh. However, research scholars studying migrant patterns, and the 2011 Census data, say their actual numbers could be over 11 lakh in Kashmir Valley alone.

They are spread across sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, construction and brick kilns, or work as barbers and hawkers. In fact, it is difficult to find a barber shop in Kashmir run by a Kashmiri.

"While most labourers leave by the end of November or December, only to come back by March next year, barbers stay on. They have their families here too. But this time even they have run away," says Shamim Wani, who runs a bakery in Pulwama.

It is the second such exodus of migrant labourers from the Valley, the first seen soon after similar killings in the aftermath of the August 5, 2019, decision of the Centre, stripping Jammu and Kashmir of its special status and bifurcating the state into two Union territories. In the past two weeks, 11 civilians, including migrant labour and non-Muslim Kashmiris, have been killed. Those shot include Srinagar's famous pharmacist Makhani Lal Bindroo, a Kashmiri Pandit, and a teacher and a principal shot at their school, sending shockwaves up to Delhi. Most of the killings are confined to Srinagar and South Kashmir.

Sajjad Wani says he didn't have the heart to stop anyone from leaving. "I can't guarantee my own life in this place. How can I guarantee anyone else's? So I let everyone go."



At a Sopore tailoring unit, migrants say work has declined back home in Uttar Pradesh; barber shops like the one above, in Choor, Baramulla, are run almost exclusively by non-Kashmiris in the Valley. Shuaib Masoodi/Deeptiman Tiwary

and plastic garbage recycling. The estate's president, Javed Bhatt, says they have managed to retain most of their labour as they stay on the estate itself, and police provide perimeter security.

However, the same is not true of other sectors, Bhatt says, and local labour is hard to come by. "Kashmir's economy is heavily dependent on migrants, with their maximum presence in the construction business as masons, painters and carpenters. There are also household help from Jharkhand... Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has sold us a dream that Rs 60,000 crore investment is coming from Dubai. Who will invest if this kind of an environment continues and there is no workforce?"

What Bhatt draws confidence from is that workers who had left in the aftermath of the 2019 change returned next year as well as in 2021, despite Covid and security fears.

Fayyaz Malik, the general secretary of the Sopore Fruit Mandi, the largest wholesale market of apples in Kashmir, clocking an annual business of Rs 7,000 crore, says most of the buyers of their stocks are "outsiders". Non-locals are generally not involved in the plucking, segregation and packing of apples.

"Traders and agents of *arhatiyas*, along with their labour from various states, camp here for six months to buy fruits and transport them. If the number of buyers goes down because of the fear, prices of fruits will fall. Already we have not had a good harvest the past couple of years because of weather changes," says Malik.

Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Sheikh Ashiq says last week business leaders held a meeting with the divisional commissioner. "We all expressed our concern at what was happening with migrants in the Valley. We told the government that this is going to hamper your development goals. All infrastructure projects are going to be delayed," Ashiq says.

A senior government official said they are seized of the matter. "Security forces are doing their job and the situation will be back to normal. Ensuring security for a robust economic environment is a government's commitment," the official said.

Home Minister Amit Shah, who arrived in Kashmir on Saturday for his first visit post-August 5, 2019, and held a security review, recently announced that more than Rs 25,000 crore worth of investments have been locked in for J&K. The UT administration has claimed that JSW Steel is among four corporates which have decided to invest in the Valley.

Though Kashmir does not have much of an industry, it has always been a market for



### THE UNREST IN NUMBERS

Incidents	2020 (Till July 15)	2020 (Total)	2021 (July 15)
Terrorism-related incidents	120	-	84
Civilians killed	19	37	15
			(11 in Oct alone)
Security personnel killed	25	46	7
Police killed	6	15	10
Militants recruited	85	172	69
Militants killed	(NA)	225	84

### THE DISTRICT-WISE KILLING OF CIVILIANS IN 2021, TILL OCT 21

Sopore	4	Bandipora	1	Pulwama	1
Srinagar	10	Kulgam	5	Awantipora	5
Anantnag	4	Budgam	1	TOTAL	31

migrant labour. Locals say people have been coming from Bihar and UP to Kashmir for work for at least four decades.

Around the mid-2000s, when the UPA government announced a Rs 24,000 crore "reconstruction package" for Kashmir and the Valley saw relative peace, these numbers surged. This also coincided with the saturation of labour markets in popular destinations such as Delhi, Punjab and Mumbai.

With Kashmir free of the debilitating poverty of many parts of the country and enjoying a high literacy rate, locals are hard to find for menial jobs. Among the only places to fully implement land reforms, the Valley has few who do not own a piece of land or assets, helped by its low population density. One of the largest employers in the UT is the government.

"Given that locals may not be interested in menial work, migrants are not as such a threat," points out Prof Manish K Jha of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. As part of his research on migration in India, Jha says he has found that, in the past decade, migrants have started exploring newer areas like Kerala, Manipur and Kashmir, far away from the heartland states to which most of them belong.

"To begin with, it were people who had some level of skills who went to these places — a carpenter, a mason. Once they went, they realised that while their skills had a premium, there was also a shortage of labour. Then through their networks, they informed others back home and they started coming. Then some of them became brokers or mediators," Jha says.

Aijaz Ahmed Turrey, Academic Associate at IIM-Ahmedabad, says the locals who once engaged in such work have either been absorbed by an expanding economy of fruits,

transport or hotel, or are happy to sit idle. "Some have even gone to the Gulf. There is always some piece of land they can live off," he says.

Turrey, who hails from Pulwama, published a research paper on migrants in Kashmir in 2019. Estimating their numbers at 11 lakh, he says most of them are employed in the rural areas.

Ashiq says the "outsiders" are also seen as more hardworking. "Hire a local and he will take three breaks during the day to smoke hookah. Then he will leave early and demand higher wages. He will also have frequent family issues and take leave."

Jha says labour in Kashmir also enjoys better living conditions. "Another thing migrant workers have told us during our research over the last two years, is that living in Kashmir is not that expensive. Either through hospitality or other means, they do not have to spend much on housing. In Delhi and Mumbai, even with poor living conditions, they spend a lot more on housing."

According to Jha, migrant workers are able to send remittances up to "50 per cent higher" in places such as Kashmir and Kerala.

Mohammed Nadeem, who works in an embroidery unit at the Sopore estate, came to the Valley two months ago from Bijnor in UP. The father of three says he is afraid because of the killings but has little choice but to stay on. "I worked as a tailor in Bijnor. However, work has really dwindled over the past couple of years. Because of Covid, earnings are low and inflation is high. People are not buying new clothes. But there is work here."

Kamlesh Chauhan, 27, who has been coming to Kashmir since 2017 as a daily wa-

ger, left for home in Bihar's Siwan district on October 23, confident he would return. "These things keep happening, there is nothing to fear. I have gone and come back several times. Yes there is fear, but I am sure things will settle down. There is no work back home," he says.

Mohd Lukman, 46, and Priyanshu Kumar, 23, who belong to the same village in Bettiah district of Bihar, share a rented room with four others, paying Rs 600 a month each, in Baramulla. They first came three years ago, after having worked in Punjab and Delhi.

"People there are very exploitative. They make you work for long hours and pay less than here. In Delhi I would get paid Rs 500 and work for two to three hours more. Here I get paid Rs 600 and can go home at 5 pm," says Lukman, who has four children.

According to the two, employers in Kashmir also arrange food for the labourers, which doesn't happen in Punjab. "Plus, here they treat you with dignity. You rarely have anyone using abusive language. Another great thing here is honesty. If they make you work extra, they pay you extra," says Lukman.

Suraj Sahni, a fruit hawker in Srinagar hailing from Badaun in UP, says locals are generally nice to migrants and there is a level of trust. "I can leave my stuff or payment pending here and know that if I come back two years later, I will get it. I can run credits even as a newcomer. This would not happen in Delhi," he says.

Priyanshu says for him the biggest attraction is the weather and better accommodation. "Until the winter sets in, it is pleasant here. You don't feel very tired. Rooms are bigger so even with more people it doesn't get claustrophobic," he says, adding that the months that he is not in Kashmir, he works in Uttarakhand.

While most people believe the migrants leaving is a temporary blip, and that they will return, what has taken a beating is the Centre's claim of restoring "normalcy" in J&K post abrogation of Article 370. "What can be more abnormal than the killing of migrant workers? It didn't happen even during the peak of militancy. And killing of Kashmiri Hindus and Sikhs is a throwback to those terrible times (of the early '90s)," says a Srinagar businessman who does not want to be identified.

The administration is alarmed. After the October 17 episode in which two migrant labourers were killed at their accommodation in Srinagar, it moved them into secured shelters that came up overnight in govern-

ment and school buildings. Sources said the migrants were also "encouraged" to leave, and their employers were told not to stop them if they couldn't ensure their security.

Top officials, including members of intelligence agencies and Central Armed Police Forces, have been stationed in the Valley since October 17. During his visit, Shah was briefed on the steps taken to prevent attacks on civilians among other issues.

L-G Sinha has said that "every drop of innocent blood will be avenged", and there have been a series of encounters since the killings, leaving 17 militants dead. Police claim many of them were behind the migrant killings. Scores of people have been picked up on suspicions of being "over-ground workers (OGWs)", while police have resumed pat-down frisking — a much-maligned routine stopped in the Valley a few years ago.

IG (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar blames the civilian killings on "hybrid terrorists" or "part time militants", using small arms such as pistols to target defenceless individuals in the dark, before speeding away on bikes. Police believe many of these shooters are radicalised individuals who might even hold regular jobs while carrying out "contract kills". It is thus harder for security forces to track them, tapping into their usual network. "In some cases, OGWs have been found directly involved," Kumar has said.

However, the 17 militants security forces have killed recently, and claimed them to be behind the attacks on civilians, were all Kalashnikov-wielding full-time operatives, and not armed with small guns. Sources say these men might have been involved in planning and not necessarily executing the killings.

The attacks on the civilians have coincided with an influx of small firearms dropped by drones from across the border, and increased infiltration since July. That the deployment of forces in the Valley is now down to pre-August 5, 2019, levels, has not helped matters.

Sources in the security establishment say things have been building up since July, when intelligence inputs first suggested non-Muslims could be targeted in the Valley. But there have also been some immediate triggers.

A senior officer says the very public Independence Day celebrations, with multiple Tricolours put up around the Dal Lake, and jingoistic slogans blared over loudspeakers, did not go down well at a time when the Valley is still bristling over the August 5, 2019, change, with no sign or restoration of statehood or elections around the corner. The officer says there are resumed whispers of plans for a "demographic change" in the Muslim-majority Valley, especially after the launch of a portal for Kashmiri Pandits to complain about the property they sold in distress sales, and a change in rules for buying of land in the Valley. "There is suspicion that a section of the local population supports these militants targeting outsiders," the officer says.

In September, security agencies say, they came across a social media post by The Resistance Force (TRF) — believed to be an offshoot of the Lashkar-e-Toiba — that discussed a "strategy" to target "non locals", and criticised the government's policies letting "outsiders" take up land and jobs in Kashmir. Sources said a TRF sleeper cell may be behind the recent attacks, and they were on the trail of some militants who had been identified.

But, Pulwama's Sajjad Wani, who has been in the furniture business for eight years, says any action has to come fast. "If police can't find and neutralise these militants by winter, I will frankly have to shut shop."



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If some Indians — not all — can find excuses to taunt, abuse, harm, hurt, terrorise or kill fellow Indians who are Muslims, will not Hindus and Sikhs living in other countries become the objects of taunts, abuse, harm, hurt, terror or homicide? In a combustible sub-continent, ‘action’ and ‘reaction’ can never be neatly separated

BOUNDARIES DEFINE countries. Boundaries cannot contain people. The history of the world has many examples of large numbers of people migrating from one country to another. The 20th century was — and now the 21st century is — noteworthy for migration.

There is a body called the International Organisation of Migration (IOM) as part of the United Nations system. Founded in 1951, the IOM recognised the link between migration and economic, social and cultural development as well as the right to freedom of movement. Migration — both internal and external — cannot be stopped. (There are 65 million inter-state migrants in India.) We can only work, as the IOM does, to “help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration”.

MIGRATION OF  
MILLIONS

Partition is a cause of migration. War is another. India has witnessed both. The Partition of India in 1947 is believed to have caused one of the largest ‘forced’ migrations in human history — estimated at nearly 18 million. Before and after the Liberation war that gave birth to Bangladesh, 8-9 million refugees came to India. Most settled in West Bengal, a significant number settled in Assam. They included Hindus and Muslims. At the same time, millions of Muslims stayed back in India, thousands of Hindus and Sikhs stayed back in Pakistan and a large

number of Hindus stayed back in Bangladesh. Of the three, India and Bangladesh, self-declared secular republics, are under severe test.

Over the years, millions of Indians, including Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs, migrated to the United States. We proudly call them the *Indian diaspora*, but they are a minority in a secular, but largely Christian, country. So are the Indian migrants settled in many European countries, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The Indian government is legitimately concerned when any of them becomes a victim of racial or religious prejudice.

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213 million Muslims have their home in India where their forebears lived. Similarly, 15 million Hindus (out of a population of 160 million) in Bangladesh are descendants of families that did not migrate to India either during Partition or the Liberation war.

Both groups of Muslims — descendants of Indian citizens and migrants — reside in India. They are, from time to time, victims of religious prejudice. Yet, the Modi government refuses to protect them or condemn the violence against them. If any country raises questions, the Modi government warns them against ‘interference in the internal affairs of India’. Contrast the concerns expressed by India when Hindus and Hindu places of worship were at-

tacked in Bangladesh. Consider also the forthright statements of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her firm instructions to her home minister.

Let me recall what M S Golwalkar, one of the founding fathers of the RSS, wrote in his book *We or Our Nationhood Defined*: “Muslims must entertain no idea(s) but those of the glorification of the Hindu race and culture... may stay in the country wholly subordinated to the Hindu nation, claiming nothing... not even citizen’s rights.” Have the current leaders of the RSS/BJP distanced themselves from that philosophy?

Assuming they have, their actions and words belie that assumption. In fact, their silence in the face of excesses upon Muslims tells us more.

■ Will a secular nation justify a patently discriminatory law such as the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) that embraces people of all faiths but excludes Muslims? Can one say that the CAA and the threat of detaining thousands of alleged ‘foreigners’ will not have an impact in Bangladesh and elsewhere?

■ Will a multi-cultural nation condone the lynching of Pehlu Khan who was transporting cows to his small dairy farm in Rajasthan, or of Aklaq on the suspicion that he had kept beef in his house in UP?

■ Will a multi-religious country tolerate the pernicious theory of love jihad when two young persons belonging to different faiths fall in love or wish to be married?

■ Will a modern nation pressure

Tanishq, a popular brand, to pull out an advertisement which suggested that an inter-faith couple are living happily with the husband’s family?

■ Will a multi-lingual country take offence to an Urdu name given to the launch of a line of clothes by Fabindia, an international brand, on the allegation that it gave an Islamic colour to a Hindu festival that was two weeks away?

■ Will an unbiased State obliged to uphold the law tolerate the kind of outcomes in the investigation and prosecution of the accused in the Muzaffarnagar and Northeast Delhi communal violence?

PLURALISM IS HERE

If some Indians — not all — can find excuses to taunt, abuse, harm, hurt, terrorise or kill fellow Indians who are Muslims, will not Hindus and Sikhs living in other countries become the objects of taunts, abuse, harm, hurt, terror or homicide? In a combustible sub-continent, ‘action’ and ‘reaction’ can never be neatly separated.

Pluralism is a reality. Every country must learn to live with people who belong to different cultures, practise different faiths, speak different languages and follow different mores. What bind a nation are acceptance and mutual respect. In recent years, India has failed in this regard.

Violence seems to have taken the place of tolerance. That is abhorrent anywhere, any time. Violence will breed violence. An eye for an eye will render the world blind. Ask yourself, who said that?

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New  
problems  
in Kashmir

THIS HAS been a week of drama and distractions. No sooner did our intrepid TV reporters take a break from the story of Shah Rukh Khan’s son than we began cheering and beating our drums to celebrate the billionth Covid vaccination dose. This still means that just 30 per cent of our adult population is fully vaccinated, but the Prime Minister ordered the country to celebrate this ‘historic’ moment, and so we did. In all the din and drama, what everyone seems to have forgotten about is the ominous new phase of killings in Kashmir. As someone who has covered the Kashmir story since that summer in 1981 when Sheikh Abdullah anointed Farooq his heir by handing over his ‘crown of thorns’, it worries me that we are not talking more about Kashmir.

In this column I have said before and will say again that one of the bravest things that Narendra Modi did was to push through the abrogation of Article 370 in Parliament. The special status that this Article provided served mostly to fool Kashmiris into believing that ‘freedom’ was a possibility. It never was and never will be. But this is something that our political leaders hesitated to say plainly in that era when there were endless rounds of ‘dialogues’ with Pakistan. Having been present at some of these dialogues, I can report that they were exercises in duplicity.

The Pakistani side usually banged on about how much we had in common and how important peace was, and the Indian side responded in similar vein. One of the most embarrassing things, from my viewpoint, was to see high officials from southern India trying to soften their interlocutors by reciting bad Urdu poetry badly. Often, they did this to Punjabis from the other side, whose own Urdu was bad. Modi tried to take the dialogue route and stopped only when, every time he held out the hand of friendship, the response was a terrorist attack. After Pulwama, he realised it was hopeless.

The only thing that has made Pakistan’s leaders understand that India has no intention of discussing the surrender of the Kashmir Valley is the abrogation of Article 370. The initial Pakistani response was for Imran Khan to throw a tantrum and appoint himself ‘ambassador of Kashmir’, but the expected rebellion against ‘Indian brutality’ never happened in the Valley. And the world was not interested. So, an uneasy sort of calm descended on the new Union territory, and tourists quietly started to return. In the past few months so many tourists poured into the Valley that it became hard to find a hotel room or a houseboat in Srinagar.

The abrogation of Article 370 seemed to have ushered in a new era of tentative peace and prosperity. In recent weeks this has changed. Hindu and Sikh teachers, shopkeepers and daily wage labourers have been targeted by jihadists who remain faceless. The day after the killings the police usually announce that the terrorists who did such and such killing have been ‘eliminated’ in an encounter. And, then the killings begin again, and we go through the same routine. This is not good enough. Jihadist killers do not deserve anonymity. They need to be named, shamed, and publicly punished. Or we will soon find that the gains made by the abrogation of Article 370 have gone to waste.

The Home Minister is now directly in charge of security and it is intelligence agencies of the Government of India who have full charge of ensuring that there are no failures on the intelligence front. If they are not able to identify exactly who the new jihadist killers are, they are not doing their job. It is necessary to see their faces so that we can learn if we are dealing with Kashmiri terrorists or those exported by Pakistan. With the Taliban back in Afghanistan and with their leaders publicly honouring the families of suicide bombers, we need to urgently stem Kashmir’s slide into violence. The ‘jihad’ will soon be fought with renewed energy because, as a smirking Pakistani minister said after the Taliban took Kabul, ‘They will help us win Kashmir.’

What should we do to prevent this? The most obvious and urgent need is for intelligence and security to be strengthened visibly, but it is also time that a political process began. The former state of Jammu & Kashmir must become a state once more and elections must be held as soon as possible. No Governor installed in the splendid heights of Srinagar’s Raj Bhawan can find the political solutions that are needed, because it is not just his magnificent, fortified residence that is too far from what is happening on the ground. He himself is.

In the four decades that have gone by since I first went to Srinagar as a reporter to attend Farooq Abdullah’s coronation in Iqbal Park, I have never met a Governor, and I met many, who has been able to understand the nuances and the complexity of the Kashmir problem. If we want it to remain a domestic issue, which is why Article 370 was abrogated, then statehood must be restored, and a political process must begin immediately. In the past two years, the Prime Minister’s men have tried to create a new breed of ‘nationalistic’ Kashmiri politicians. This exercise has failed abysmally. Modi must come up with a better strategy.

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LOOK WHO’S TALKING

AT ITS meeting last fortnight, the Congress Working Committee accused the BJP of “electoral autocracy”. The CWC was unimpressed that the party itself exemplified autocracy of sorts, having skipped even a pretence of internal democracy, with elections not held since 1998. In fact, the Election Commission has threatened to freeze the party’s symbol for failure to adhere to its own constitution. Sonia Gandhi says she is a hands-on interim chief, but the party’s real power centre, known as the “high command”, is a euphemism for Rahul Gandhi and his close confidants. Rahul’s complete sway over the party was apparent when he declared that he would don the formal crown as president only when he chose to and not simply because some begged him to.

TELLING REMARK

Rahul Gandhi’s comment at the CWC that when he informed Charanjit Singh Channi that he was being appointed the Chief Minister of Punjab, he broke down, was the subject of much private discussion in the party. The surmise was that Rahul implied that Channi, a Dalit, fitted into his vision of steering the party’s ideological position in a more Leftist direction, aimed at marginalised groups. The comment was also seen as directed at Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, who have refused to budge in respective power tussles with their rivals. Where does that place Navjot Singh Sidhu in the new scheme of things?

NOT IN OR OUT

When Subramanian Swamy’s name was not announced as a member of the BJP National Executive this month, it was yet another indicator that the outspoken, unconventional politician and the BJP leadership were not on the same page. The first signs of the cold vibes between Swamy and the Modi regime surfaced shortly after he was nominated to the Rajya Sabha in April 2016. At the request of then party president Amit Shah, Swamy filled out the official form declaring himself to be a member of the BJP and not an Independent, a status some nominated members opt for. Swamy attended the first two meetings of the BJP parliamentary

party but subsequently he was not invited. In his second session in the Rajya Sabha, he was asked to be the lead speaker on the Augusta Westland deal but subsequently, the party bosses completely marginalised the articulate parliamentarian though he still sat prominently in the treasury benches. Unsurprisingly, Swamy’s tweets have become increasingly irreverent towards the party leadership, even questioning why a cricket stadium in Ahmedabad should be renamed after a living leader (Narendra Modi).

KISHOR’S CHALLENGE

Huge billboards of Mamata Banerjee dominate the Goan landscape. Banerjee’s political campaigner Prashant Kishor and his organisation I-PAC are handling the TMC campaign for the Assembly elections in the state next year. TMC Rajya Sabha leader Derek O’Brien has set up an office in Goa and plans to spend considerable time there. Veteran Congressman Luizinho Faleiro is so far the most high-profile TMC recruit, but Banerjee is hopeful of enlisting Vijay Sardesai, leader of the Goan Forward Party. Goa’s oldest newspaper, O Herald, actively supports the TMC. Kishor has deliberately selected Goa for his latest campaign as he believes that its relatively small population is easier to work on electorally. MLAs here are kingpins in their respective constituencies, and not beholden to political parties. He reckons that even if the TMC were to win less than half-a-dozen seats in the House of 40, it could emerge kingmaker. The Congress and AAP are at a disadvantage with the TMC’s arrival. The ruling BJP, handicapped by anti-incumbency and Chief Minister Pramod Savant’s inability to improve Goa’s potholed roads, could well be the biggest beneficiary of the multi-party contests.

SAVARKAR’S STORY

Uday Mahurkar’s recent biography of Savarkar makes the case that far from trying to divide the country, he wanted to unify India. The author contends that Savarkar was dismissed in history books with a single line during the Congress years. Then, in 2003, Mani Shankar Aiyar sought to “demonise” Savarkar, holding him responsible for the division of the country. In fact, Syama Prasad Mookerjee, the Jana Sangh founder, wrote a letter to Savarkar in 1947, after the riots in Bengal and Punjab, noting that if Hindus had heeded Savarkar’s warning, they would not have ended up as “slaves” in the land of their birth, the author writes. He adds that the late General K M Cariappa while commenting on the debacle in the 1962 war against China had lamented that the nation did not listen to Savarkar and prepare militarily.

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INDIA’S HEART-breaking loss to Australia in the 2003 World Cup final had at least one perk — no calls from office the next day and time to explore Johannesburg. Shahid Hashmi, a seasoned reporter from Pakistan, had been a fellow traveller on the month-and-a-half-long journey across South Africa — sharing media-box space, late night cabs, takeaways and press conference quotes. He too was finally *faarigh*. Free.

With him wanting to shop for his sons, we ended up at a crowded merchandise outlet where heavily discounted official World Cup team shirts were flying off the shelves. I cut through the crowd first, and almost instinctively, turned to Shahid *bhai* and pointed to the Pakistan section with green jerseys. He moved towards the hangers with India blues, and said, “*Kyon bhai, hamare bachche Tendulkar ki T-shirt nahin pehen sakte* (Why? Can’t our kids wear Tendulkar T-shirts?).”

No amount of essential reading on Pakistan, and certainly not the narrative back home, would have prepared me for the reaction. On the last day of my very first foreign assignment, I got to know our neighbours better and saw through the farce played out in the lead-up to the games between the two great cricketing nations.

On big India-Pakistan match days, like today, when most news channels in both the countries turn into war rooms, and some walk the extra mile to hold dog-fight debates at Wagah border, the Shahid *bhai*s of the sub-continent go unrepresented. Even former players, rivals but friends, indulge in juvenile one-upmanship.

It’s also when foreign correspondents in Islamabad and New Delhi file mood copies with lines such as: “The fierce nuclear rivals who have fought several wars are a melting pot of noise and colours of all hue.” In distant non-cricketing lands, these dispatches — invariably headlined ‘War minus guns’ — further underline the cliché called the subcontinent. Peacocks, carpets, rugs, Taj, butter chicken, pashmina and neighbours who can’t stand each other.

Having been at several of these much-hyped games for close to two decades, I can say that the bitterness and toxicity that the millions are fed don’t emblematised the behaviour of the thousands in the stands and the 22 on the field. The scenes at the stadium are very different from the ones scripted, second-guessed and transmitted from the television studios.

Those pre- and post-match stadium vox

Today, like on the field,  
let cricket come first



On match days, the toxicity fed to millions doesn’t find any reflection in the stands filled with fans

populi, the staple for all channels and the alleged mood-meter, are a scam. A day before the 2015 India-Pakistan World Cup game at Adelaide, a fellow-reporter and I had hung around the venue. A biggish group of fans asked if the cricketers were still training. Few wore India colours, others had Pakistan written on them. They seemed like family friends on an outing.

The eager bunch couldn’t believe their luck, when they got spotted by cameras. Soon they were neatly divided into two groups based on the shirts. To our amusement, in a matter of minutes, the happy bunch turned into blood-thirsty fans letting out battle cries. Once the cameras were off, they all got into one big van and were busy calling home, in India and Pakistan, to inform their relatives about the telecast timing of their act.

Even during the game, without the spotlight, the stands stay mostly civil. There is rigorous flag-waving, sometimes finger wagging, rarely any further transgression.

There are no brawls, there is no one vaguely resembling a neo-Nazi football hooligan. The young among the *desis*, mostly overseas students and fresh-off-the-boat immigrants, are too busy living their dream — watching cricket with a beer glass in their hand, exactly the way they had seen the bare-bodied Aussies plug the bitter on the hill during those Channel Nine days.

Much as TV channels want the stadium to be a tinderbox, on the ground, the India-Pak matches have the same intensity of any Sunday tennis ball cricket game — few tiffs, few abuses and lots of laughs.

The one picture that dispelled many myths was from the 2017 Champions Trophy final. It was the game where

Pakistan thrashed India. At the trophy ceremony, Virat Kohli, Yuvraj Singh, Shoaib Malik and coach Azhar Mahmood seemed to be having a collective bout of laughter. Here were old friends with common culture, language and humour cracking up on a Malik joke. In contrast, angst-ridden fans of the two nations were drawing red circles — labelled ‘*mujrimis* (culprits)’ — on the cricketers who were treating a game of cricket the way it needed to be. The bonds between the nations that were undivided are too old and strong.

During the 2015 World Cup, after interviewing Pakistan wicket-keeper Sarfaraz Ahmed, I asked him to pose for a picture.

“*Achha kheenchna, India mein mere maamu rehthe hein, dekh kar bahut khush honge* (Click a sharp picture, my uncle stays in India, he will be very happy to see it),” he had said. He would share the *maamu*’s number in Etawah. Over the years, the *maamu* has stayed in touch, but on India-Pakistan days, he remains confused about what to say.

When cricketers from across the border are made to look like enemies at the gate, even their relatives on this side, or genuine cricketing fans of world cricket’s unpredictable but entertaining team, can’t even afford to stay neutral.

At the stadium, it’s different. It’s a bubble where a cricket nut can be non-partisan without being judged. Unlike political sparring, the cricket games are evolved engagements. If only our politicians were statesmen, they would have worked towards preserving this clear line of communication.

When the AAP’s Atishi Marlana and AIMIM’s Asaduddin Owaisi joined a few second-rung BJP politicians urging India to boycott the Pakistan game, you feared mixing sports and politics was finding a dangerous consensus.

You thought these sharp young politicians — one academically rich and other a one-time university pacer — would know better. India-Pakistan are no Serbia-Croatia football games of the past where ultras burn flags on terraces and the violence would spill onto streets. Fans from the sub-continent don’t turn up for cricket games wearing leather gloves lined with pointed pellets or baseball clubs wrapped under flags. Trust me, it’s mainly tasty *theplas* and *paranthas* rolled in a silver foil.

PS: 18 years later, Shahid *bhai*’s son still treasures the Tendulkar jersey, and like always, he will be supporting Pakistan today.

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“WATCH THE footwork, don’t worry about the hands,” the dancer in front would say when you barged in, and that’s how we grew up learning the *garba* as teenagers. Most times, you either did not know who the dancer on either side was. But you went with the flow, till you mastered the *teen tali*, *dodhiyu*, *hinch* and *raas*, readying you for any Navratri *garba*. Now, of course, there are *dandiya* “trainers” announcing sessions, months in advance.

In the ‘80s, two weeks to go for Navratri, mothers in a group would go looking for *chania-cholis* or hand-block-printed fabric, with oxidized jewellery to match. We danced with friends, their parents, the milk-

Best choli forward, and anybody can dance

man, the “*kaka* (uncle)” who dropped us to school. Most nights as the cymbals, tambourine and drums hit a high during *aarti*, the milkman would go into a “trance”. “He is possessed by the goddess,” people would whisper, and hopefully ask him about some missing jewellery, or their children’s exams and so on. The musicians were home-grown — none of the new-fangled DJs with Punjabi pop songs or *Gangnam* Style, or sa-lons offering Navratri “grooming” packages.

The nine nights of dancing around the *pandal* of “Ma Amba”, as Goddess Durga is known in Gujarat, meant bonding into the night, and for some, a chance to go dating. The joke was not to go by what one looked like at *garba*, but “love” happened. Buying a different *chania-choli* for the nine nights was expensive, so most would share, mix and match. (Covid has put paid to that.)

Vadodara, where I grew up, had among Gujarat’s best-known *garbas* — with up to 10,000 men and women dancing in a group, in 15-20 circles, so large that those in the outermost circle completed one round in nearly 20 minutes. Well past midnight, when the dance ended, we would zip away on Scooties, our biggest worry not any stalker but the waiting hostel warden or parents. On the night before Dussehra, we would dance till dawn.

In Ahmedabad, my first *garba* was at a club where people piled their belongings, including footwear, at the centre of the dance to “guard” them — a shocker for one used to strangers dancing together.

While curfew times for loudspeakers later curtailed *dandiya* hours, things actually began to change at the beginning of the millennium when a minister remarked

that abortion rates in the state “soared” post-Navratri — putting a new colour on what was an open secret as boys and girls hung out together with social sanction. Soon, condom and pregnancy terminating pills were advertising at *garba* venues.

In 2003, Narendra Modi as Chief Minister launched ‘Vibrant Navratri’, promoting the *garba* as “the world’s longest dance festival”. While it was to highlight the state as safe for women, soon there was talk of “terror attacks”, followed by “love jihad”, prompting *garba* organisers to seek I-cards. Around then, many organisers stopped allowing non-Hindus entry, while police deployed “anti-Romeo squads”.

A friend from Gujarat was not allowed entry at a *garba* all the way in North America as she was a Muslim.

Can the *garba* survive all this? I have

hope as I look at my 15-year-old. If *Ek Lal Darvaje*, celebrating Ahmedabad’s founder Ahmed Shah, remains my favourite *garba* song, my daughter prefers the *raas*. In 2020, Covid curbs left such a void that apartments saw people dance on their lawns to music on mobile phones.

When the Gujarat government allowed the *garba* this time, with restrictions, the dance returned with a vengeance. The news from Madhya Pradesh of controversies around the entry of minorities was just that — a distant news.

Meanwhile, a friend based in Zurich, Switzerland, sent news about a *dandiya* there. She had rushed back from Gujarat for it — a dance open to all.

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# 11 ECONOMY

STANDALONE NET PROFIT AT ₹5,511 CRORE FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER

## Strong credit growth, easing NPAs propel ICICI Bank Q2 profit by 30%

**ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 23

AIDED BY strong loan growth and lower provisioning, ICICI Bank on Saturday posted a 30 per cent rise in standalone net profit at Rs 5,511 crore in the second quarter ended September of FY22 as against a profit of Rs 4,251 crore in the same quarter last year.

Net interest income (NII) increased by 25 per cent year-on-year to Rs 11,690 crore in the second quarter from Rs 9,366 crore in the year-ago period. The bank's net interest margin rose to 4.00 per cent from 3.89 per cent in the

quarter ended June and 3.57 per cent in second quarter of FY21.

The net addition to gross non-performing assets (NPAs) declined by Rs 96 crore to Rs 41,437 crore in the quarter under review from Rs 38,989 crore. Gross NPA additions fell to Rs 5,578 crore from Rs 7,231 crore.

Recoveries and upgrades of NPAs, excluding write-offs and sale, increased to Rs 5,482 crore in the latest quarter from 3,627 crore in Q1-2022. The gross NPAs written off were Rs 1,717 crore. "With the increase in economic activity, disbursements across all retail products increased sequentially in Q2-2022," ICICI Bank said.

**NET INTEREST INCOME UP**

### 25%

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Mortgage disbursements were close to the level seen in the quarter ended March 2021 (Q4-2021), reflecting the increase in

demand coupled with the bank's seamless customer onboarding experience through pre-approved offers and digitisation, it added.

Disbursements of personal loans and auto loans were close to March 2021 levels. The value of credit card spends grew 47.0 per cent sequentially in September 2022. Spends across most categories other than travel crossed March 2021 levels in September. "The bank continued to focus on providing the full suite of banking products to corporate clients and their ecosystems and lending to well-rated corporates," it said.

The retail loan portfolio grew by 20 per cent year-on-year and 5

per cent sequentially, and comprised 62.1 per cent of the total loan portfolio at September 2021. Including non-fund outstanding, the retail loan portfolio was 51.6 per cent of the total portfolio at September 2021. The bank continues to hold Covid-19 provisions of Rs 6,425 crore as of September 2021, the same level as June 2021.

As of September quarter, total assets under various resolution schemes were Rs 9,684 crore, or 1.3 per cent of total advances, as against Rs 4,864 crore at the end of June quarter. The bank has restructured loans worth Rs 4,158 crore under the second Covid-19 restructuring programme.

which would hit other economic sectors

**VALUE OF NATIONWIDE LAND SALES** slumped 17.5% in August from a year earlier, according to Reuters calculations using finance ministry data — the biggest slide since February 2020

**CHINESE DEVELOPERS** owed 33.5 trillion yuan (\$5 trillion), or a third of China's GDP, as of the end of second quarter, up more than two-fold from 2015, as per Nomura

**LONG-TERM IMPACT:** Many Beijing officials have tried to reassure investors the crisis will not spiral out of control and that creditors' interests will be protected, but its long-term impact on China's property sector and economy is highly uncertain

Source: Reuters

## China's indebted property market and Evergrande crisis

China Evergrande Group is wrestling with debts of over \$300 billion and the fate of China's second-biggest property developer is keeping global markets on tenterhooks



Buildings at the construction site of Evergrande Cultural Tourism City, an Evergrande Group project whose construction has halted, in Suzhou's Taicang, Jiangsu province, China. Reuters file

**LAND SALES** in China account for a third of their revenues, which stood at 27.3 trillion yuan (\$4.3 trillion) in 2020, according to Japanese bank Nomura

**PROPERTY** accounts for 40% of assets owned by Chinese households, as per Macquarie, raising concerns that if the bubble bursts, consumers may turn thrifty,

China has about 65 million empty homes, equivalent to the total number of households in France and the UK combined, due to a massive building boom and rampant speculation

## Biological E to get \$50 mn from US DFC

**Hyderabad:** The US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) will finance \$50 million to Biological E Limited to increase its COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing capacity.

A media invitation from the US Consulate here said chief operating officer of the DFC David Marchick and Biological E Ltd managing director Mahima Datla will formalise the financing agreement on October 25. "On October 25, US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) Chief Operating Officer David Marchick and Biological E Limited Managing Director Mahima Datla will formalize a USD 50 million financing agreement to expand the company's capacity to produce COVID-19 vaccines," it said.

The agreement will help bolster near-term Covid-19 response efforts and will also benefit long-term global health in India and throughout the Indo-Pacific region, the US Consulate's invitation said. DFC is America's development bank and provides finance solutions to the most critical challenges in developing nations. **PTI**

## Stay on Future-Reliance deal to continue: How SIAC order gives Amazon a leg up

**AASHISH ARYAN**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

THE SINGAPORE International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) has ruled against lifting the interim stay that an emergency arbitrator had placed on the Future Retail-Reliance Retail deal in October last year. The ruling is a leg up to Amazon's claims that the deal between Kishore Biyani's Future Retail and Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Retail was a violation of its "contractual rights".

**What does the latest ruling by SIAC mean for the Future Retail-Reliance Retail deal?**

In the legal tussle between Amazon and Future Retail, so far Amazon.com Inc has had the upper hand when it comes to orders in its favour, be it from the SIAC or the Supreme Court.

In its ruling, the SIAC has held that the emergency arbitrator was right in putting an interim hold on the Future Retail-Reliance Retail deal and that they have not been "vitiated by any

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Future Retail will, in all likelihood, wait for the final decision on the issue before going ahead either way with the plan, an expert said.

Earlier this year, the Supreme Court had upheld the enforcement of an order by the SIAC emergency arbitrator which had put on hold the Future Group's deal with Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited.

**EXPLAINED**

In its judgment, the apex court had held that such an award can be within the Arbitration Act as these orders were an "important step in aid of decongesting the civil courts" and providing quick interim relief to parties in the arbitration.

**Why is Amazon opposed to a deal between Future Retail and Reliance Retail?**

The whole tussle dates back to 2019 when Amazon had signed a deal with Future Coupons, the parent company of Future Retail. According to the agreement, which was then worth Rs 2,000 crore, Amazon had acquired 49 per cent in Future Coupons.

**CRUDE WATCH**

**OIL ENDS WEEK UP, BELOW RECENT HIGHS**

New York: Oil traded just below multi-year highs with bullish sentiment about low supplies. On Friday, Brent crude futures hit \$85.53 a barrel, up 1% in the week. US WTI crude futures gained 1.7 per cent on the week to reach \$83.76 a barrel. **REUTERS**

**POWER MINISTRY NOTIFIES RULES**

## 'Must run' status for renewable energy plants; formula set for timely recovery of gencos' costs

**ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

IN A move aimed at boosting the use of renewable energy, the Power Ministry on Saturday notified rules requiring that power supply from renewable energy (RE) plants not be curtailed over commercial concerns, after a number of states have sought to cut procurement from renewables or renegotiate power purchase agreements (PPAs).

Punjab, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh have sought to renegotiate PPAs with renewable power generating companies (gencos).

The Power Ministry also notified rules allowing timely pass through of increase in costs for gencos due to changes in law, such as changes in state or central taxes and in government regulations.

"The investors and other stakeholders in the power sector had been concerned about the timely recovery of the cost due to change in law, curtailment of renewable power and other related matters," the ministry said in a release on Saturday.

**THE NEW RULES**

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from must-run plants can only be curtailed in the event of technical constraints in the electricity grid or for reasons of security of the grid. Procurers will be required to pay must run plants as per PPAs in case supply is curtailed.

"These rules will help in achieving the targets of RE generation. This will ensure that the consumers get green and clean power and secure a healthy environment for the future generation," the ministry said.

The Electricity (Timely recovery of costs due to Change in Law) Rules, 2021 are aimed at ensuring timely recovery of the costs for generators due to change in law to promote investment in the power sector. "Timely recovery of the costs due to change in law is very important as the investment in the power sector largely depends upon timely payments," said a government release, noting that currently, the pass through of cost due to change in laws takes time and this can lead to developers becoming financially stressed.

The rules provide a formula for the adjustment in the monthly tariff due to changes in law.

## Petrol, diesel prices hiked 35p

**New Delhi:** Petrol and diesel prices were hiked for the fourth consecutive day on Saturday, this time by 35 paise per litre, pushing the rate of petrol in Delhi to Rs 107.24 a litre and that of diesel to Rs 95.97 per litre, as per a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

The latest hike, which follows the continued climb in global crude prices, has pushed pump rates nationwide to their highest-ever levels. While petrol is above Rs 100-a-litre-mark in all major cities, diesel has crossed that level in more than a dozen states.

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excise duty on petrol and diesel to mop up gains that would have otherwise accrued to consumers from international oil prices crashing to as low as \$19 per barrel. While global prices have since recovered to \$85, excise duty has remained at Rs 32.9 per litre on petrol and Rs 31.8 on diesel.

Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday equated demand for cutting excise duty to "axing one's own feet", saying such levies funded government schemes to provide free Covid vaccines, meals and cooking gas to millions amid the pandemic. **PTI**

## Antitrust: Epic Games opposes Apple effort to pause orders

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SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 23

'FORTNITE' CREATOR Epic Games has opposed Apple Inc's efforts to put on hold orders handed down in an antitrust trial as a potentially lengthy appeals process plays out.

US district Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers in September struck down some of Apple's App Store rules, including a prohibition on developers directing users to other payment options beside Apple's in-app payment system. Apple has until December 9 to comply with the injunction, but earlier this month the company said it will appeal the ruling and asked Gonzalez Rogers to put her order on hold as the appeals process unfolds.

Epic on Friday argued in a court filing that Apple has not met the legal standard for that pause, which requires Apple show that it will be irreparably harmed by even temporarily complying with the order if the injunction is later reversed on appeal.

## SECTOR WATCH CONSUMER INTERNET COS

## As Paytm heads for largest domestic IPO, more tech startups likely to follow suit

**PRANAV MUKUL**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

**FINTECH MAJOR** and payments bank Paytm's parent company One97 Communications Ltd has received an approval from markets regulator Sebi to go ahead with its initial public offering (IPO), which the company claims will be the country's largest public debut.

**EXPAND EXISTING BUSINESS LINES**

■ Paytm, which got Sebi's nod for the IPO, plans to use ₹4,300 crore of the fresh issue to expand existing business lines and acquire new merchants and customers

**Approval from Sebi**

A nod from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) means that the company can now go ahead and launch its IPO. Paytm, in July, had filed its draft prospectus, proposing to sell new shares worth Rs 8,300 crore, and existing shares worth as much. While the company has not finalised a timeline yet, it is expected to launch the public offering sometime next month around Diwali.

**Planned use of funds**

Paytm has said that it plans to use Rs 4,300 crore of the fresh issue to expand its existing business lines and acquire new merchants and customers. The company is expecting a valuation between \$20 billion and \$22 billion, and at last fundraising, it was valued at \$16 billion. The company has been in discussions with some foreign investors including Singapore's GIC and ADIA to participate in the IPO.

**Next on the cards**

Several Indian companies operating in the consumer internet space have gone public, including food-tech firm Zomato, its early investor Info Edge, in addition to online travel agencies MakeMyTrip.com and

yatra.com, which listed in the US, and e-commerce firms Infibeam and Indiamart.

Online travel agency Easy Trip Planners also went public recently in India. Up next, other than Paytm, companies including cosmetics firm Nykaa, logistics firm Delhivery, and online insurance aggregator Policybazaar are looking at an IPO to raise funds.

**Road ahead for startups**

Research analysts say that each startup should be seen as a separate business and investors should not see them as belonging to one basket.

"Tech companies or startups have to be seen from the larger perspective of how wide their business opportunity is and what they can do in future," said the research head of a leading brokerage firm. Investment experts also say that in case of fintech companies investors should carefully evaluate as banks have also enhanced their digital presence and have done the technology upgrades.

"For companies that have not been able to clearly define their business model and keep changing their focus, investors need to practice caution," said a senior official with a financial services firm.

## BRIEFLY Myntra CEO

**New Delhi:** Amar Nagaram, the CEO of Myntra, has put in his papers after three years of leading the fashion e-commerce platform, and will pursue his own venture, as per an email by Flipkart CEO Kalyan Krishnamurthy.

## PhonePe suit

**New Delhi:** PhonePe has withdrawn its petition against BharatPe's Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL) Postpe platform which had alleged violation of PhonePe's trademark. PhonePe said it will file a fresh suit.

## New Icra MD

**New Delhi:** Icra named Ramnath Krishnan as its managing director and group chief executive officer. **PTI**

## Demand high, supply low: Hit by chip shortage, automakers slow on deliveries

**VIKRAM CHAUDHARY**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

THE AUTOMOBILE industry is going through a phase where demand is high but supply-side constraints due to chip shortage are playing spoilsport as manufacturers have to curtail production.

This is leading to high bookings for newly launched models as well as the popular selling ones. The end result is that the waiting period for buyers could go on increasing over next few months.

Hot-selling models like Hyundai Creta, Kia Seltos and Maruti Suzuki Swift, continue to see high demand. Apart from them, cars launched in the past two-three months have been getting huge bookings, even though there is not enough clarity by when carmakers will be able to

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For instance, Mahindra's XUV700 SUV, whose bookings commenced on October 7, has clocked over 65,000 bookings in just two weeks, the carmaker said on October 20. Available in both five and seven-seat configurations, the XUV700 is priced starting Rs 12.49 lakh (ex-showroom).

Similarly, the Thar, launched last year in October and priced starting Rs 12.49 lakh, has clocked over 75,000 bookings.

The Thar, in fact, has one of the longest waiting periods; the Federation of Automobile Dealers

Associations (Fada) said the waiting period of the Thar diesel is 9-11 months, and that of the Thar petrol is 3-4 months. MG's Astor, whose bookings started October 21 and which clocked 5,000 bookings within minutes, has been completely sold out for calendar year 2021, the company said.

MG Motor India added that it aims to deliver these first 5,000 units within this year.

Bookings are still open but deliveries (of cars booked beyond the first 5,000) will happen only in 2022. The Astor is priced Rs 9.78 lakh onwards.

Skoda's Kushaq and Volkswagen's Taigun are also getting strong bookings. Skoda announced in September that the Kushaq has crossed the 10,000-bookings milestone. Similarly, the Taigun, which was launched on September 23, had clocked 12,221 pre-bookings (before even the announcement of its price). Both these SUVs are priced Rs 10.49 lakh onwards.

The newest car to be launched is Tata's Punch, priced Rs 5.49 lakh onwards. Shailesh Chandra, president, passenger vehicles business unit, Tata Motors, recently told FE that Tata Motors had opened bookings for the Punch on October 4, and while the carmaker doesn't share booking numbers, the Punch has got "the highest pre-launch bookings amongst the portfolio of cars we have today". **FE**

**GREEN INITIATIVE**

## Saudi to ensure oil mkt stability, but stresses on hydrocarbons

**REUTERS**  
RIYADH, OCTOBER 23

SAUDI ARABIA'S crown prince Saturday said the world's top oil exporter aims to reach 'net zero' emissions of greenhouse gases, mostly produced by burning fossil fuels, by 2060 — 10 years later than the United States. He added it would double the emissions cuts it plans to achieve by 2030.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and his energy minister said Saudi Arabia would tackle climate change, but also stressed the continued importance of hydrocarbons and said it would continue to ensure oil market stability. They were speaking at the

**ARAMCO AIMING TO EXPAND OUTPUT CAPACITY**

**THE CHIEF** executive officer of Saudi Aramco, Amin Nasser, said it was counterproductive to "demonise" hydrocarbons, adding that the state-owned oil giant aimed to expand oil and gas production capacity



Saudi Green Initiative (SGI) ahead of COP26, the UN climate conference in Glasgow this month.

Amin Nasser, chief executive officer of state-owned oil giant Saudi Aramco, said it was counterproductive to "demonise" hy-

drocarbons. He said Aramco aimed to expand oil and gas production capacity while also achieving net zero emissions from its own operations by 2050, calling for more global investment to ensure adequate crude supplies.



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Energy exports form the backbone of the Saudi economy

#### SAUDI ARABIA

### Saudis pledge 2060 target of net-zero emissions

ONE OF the world's largest oil producers, Saudi Arabia, announced Saturday it aims to reach "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions by 2060, joining more than 100 countries in a global effort to try and curb man-made climate change. Although the kingdom will aim to reduce emissions within its own borders, there is no indication Saudi Arabia will slow down investments in oil and gas or relinquish sway over energy markets by moving away from the production of fossil fuels. Energy exports form the backbone of Saudi Arabia's economy, despite efforts to diversify revenue as the world increasingly looks to transition away from reliance on fossil fuels. The country is forecast to make \$150 billion in revenue this year alone from oil. **AP**

#### CHINA

### New law aims to cut homework stress on students

CHINA HAS passed an education law that seeks to cut the "twin pressures" of homework and off-site tutoring in core subjects, the official Xinhua news agency said on Saturday. The new law, which has not been published in full, makes local governments responsible for ensuring that the twin pressures are reduced and asks parents to arrange their children's time to account for reasonable rest and exercise. Beijing has exercised a more assertive paternal hand this year, from tackling the addiction of youngsters to online games to clamping down on "blind" worship of internet celebrities. **AP**

#### NIGERIA

### 575 inmates escape in latest Nigeria jailbreak

GUNMEN HAVE attacked a prison in southwest Nigeria, freeing around 575 inmates, officials said Saturday. The third jailbreak in Africa's most populous country this year raises more concerns about how safe detention facilities are in the West African nation where authorities have struggled to stem rising violence. A handful of security facilities, especially police stations, have been attacked in a similar manner in the past year. **AP**

### Police: Second key suspect in Bangladesh violence arrested

ANISUR RAHMAN  
DHAKA, OCTOBER 23

BANGLADESH'S SECURITY agencies Saturday arrested a man in his 30s, who is believed to be the second key suspect behind the recent slew of violence against minorities and mob attacks on temples in Bangladesh during the Durga Puja festivities, police officials said.

Shaikat Mandal, one of the masterminds behind the October 17 mayhem in Pirganj sub-district of northwestern Rangpur, and his accomplice was arrested from Gazipur, on the outskirts of Dhaka on Saturday, elite anti-crime Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) officials said.

Mandal had gone live on Facebook, which incited people and triggered a wave of violence, an RAB official said.

At least 70 houses and shops belonging to Hindus were torched in attacks at Pirganj following Mandal's Facebook post on October 17.

His arrest comes a day after police arrested Iqbal Hossain, 35, the key suspect from Cox Bazar area, and the man who had allegedly placed the Quran at a Durga Puja venue in Cumilla.

Hossain is under a seven-day police remand as other security and intelligence agencies would join to interrogate him. **PTI**



### RUSSIA, CHINA HOLD JOINT PATROLS IN PACIFIC

Russian and Chinese warships held their first joint patrols in the Western part of the Pacific ocean on October 17-23, Russia's defence ministry said in a statement on Saturday. **Reuters**

## Pak: 10 killed in 2 days as supporters of radical group clash with police

M ZULQERNAIN  
LAHORE, OCTOBER 23

SIX PEOPLE died on Saturday raising the death toll to 10 in ongoing fierce clashes between the police and radical Islamists in Lahore, as over 8,000 activists of the banned Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) began a procession to Islamabad from here to stage a sit-in for the release of their party chief Saad Hussain Rizvi, who was arrested



TLP supporters protest in Lahore on Saturday. **Reuters**

last year amid demonstrations against France over the publica-

tion of "blasphemous" caricatures. Among the dead were three policemen and seven TLP workers.

The office of the chief minister of Pakistan's Punjab province confirmed the death of a policeman on Saturday, while the TLP claimed that five workers were killed by police during the protest in Lahore on Saturday.

On Friday, two policemen and as many TLP workers lost their lives in violent clashes in the city. **PTI**

## Beijing ramps up testing, curbs as Covid cases rise

### SINGAPORE TO ALLOW TOURISTS FROM INDIA

*Singapore:* Singapore on Saturday announced the removal of India and five other South Asian countries from its travel restriction list as the island-state continues to adjust border measures in response to the global Covid-19 situation. All travellers with a 14-day travel history to Bangladesh, India,

Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will be allowed to enter or transit through Singapore from Wednesday, the health ministry said. However, travellers from these countries will be subjected to tight border measures, which involve a 10-day, stay-home notice period at a dedicated facility, it said. **PTI**

health officials in Beijing and other provinces to step up with

measures like testing, isolation of communities, cancelling ho-

tel bookings, and the use of sanitisers and masks.

The current spike in cases has been attributed to an elderly couple from Shanghai who flew to several cities including the tourist city of Xian, and tested positive for Covid-19, sending officials on a leather hunt to trace scores of people who came in contact with them.

Within three days of an announcement that the couple had tested positive in Xian on Saturday, hundreds of close contacts of the couple had been identified. **PTI**

## Erdogan orders removal of 10 ambassadors

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
ISTANBUL, OCTOBER 23

TURKISH PRESIDENT Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Saturday that he had ordered 10 foreign ambassadors who called for the release of a jailed philanthropist to be declared persona non grata. The envoys, including the US, French and German representatives in Ankara, issued a statement earlier this week calling for a resolution to the case of Osman Kavala, a businessman and philanthropist held in prison since 2017 despite not having been

### Kavala imprisonment raised global concern

OSMAN KAVALA has been in jail since 2016 over charges linked to a coup attempt in the same year, as well as to mass anti-government protests in 2013. Human rights groups and international ob-

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servers have repeatedly called for his release, saying that his imprisonment was based on political considerations. The European Court of Human Rights has also called for Kavala to be freed.

convicted of a crime.

Describing the statement as an "impudence," Erdogan said he had ordered the ambassadors be declared undesirable.

"I gave the instruction to our foreign minister and said 'You will immediately handle the persona non grata declaration of these 10 ambassadors,'" Erdogan

MEANWHILE

### BIDEN TO MEET POPE AMID RIFT WITH US BISHOPS

There's an intriguing subplot to President Joe Biden's upcoming meeting with Pope Francis. The world's two most prominent Roman Catholics will meet on Friday and celebrate a shared outlook on church teaching and vital social issues even as Biden faces unwavering opposition from many US Catholic bishops over his stances on abortion and LGBTQ rights.

## Pak says no pact with US on use of airspace for ops in Afghanistan

SAJJAD HUSSAIN  
ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 23

PAKISTAN ON Saturday rejected reports about an agreement with the United States on the use of its airspace for intelligence operations in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan.

The Pakistani Foreign Office (FO) issued a statement in response to media queries regarding the news report alluding to formalisation of an agreement between the two countries to conduct military and intelligence operations against Afghanistan. The FO statement read: "No such understanding was in place."

However, it added: "Pakistan and the US have long-standing cooperation on regional security and counter-terrorism and the two sides remain engaged in regular consultations."

CNN had reported, quoting three sources familiar with the details of a classified briefing with members of the US Congress, that the US was nearing an agreement with Pakistan for use of its airspace to conduct operations in Afghanistan.

Pakistan's Opposition parties had also demanded the government to give an explanation on the reports that Pakistan had allowed the US military to use its airspace.

Earlier, Prime Minister Imran Khan in an interview had categorically said that Pakistan would "absolutely not" allow any bases and use of its territory for any sort of action inside Afghanistan.

"Absolutely not. There is no way we are going to allow any bases, any sort of action from Pakistani territory into Afghanistan. Absolutely not," Khan had told 'Axios on HBO' in

### AFGHAN ROADSIDE BOMBING TARGETS TALIBAN, KILLS TWO CIVILIANS

*Kabul:* A roadside bombing targeting a Taliban vehicle in eastern Afghanistan killed at least two civilians Saturday, including a child, Taliban and health officials said. Four others were wounded. Two bombs detonated as a Taliban vehicle was passing by, killing one child, district police chief Ismatullah Mubarez said, adding that no Taliban fighters were harmed. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack but the Islamic State group is active in eastern Nangarhar province, where it has launched frequent attacks targeting the Taliban. A local hospital official said two bodies and four wounded civilians were transferred to the hospital after the attack. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to brief the media. Recently, IS has shown signs of expansion in Afghanistan, with attacks in the north, the south and the capital of Kabul. The group's ability to launch frequent attacks has cast doubt over the Taliban's ability to maintain security and stability in the embattled country. **AP**

an interview in June.

The Taliban seized power in Afghanistan on August 15, two weeks before the US' complete troop withdrawal on August 31 after a costly two-decade war. **PTI**

## Indian-origin travel blogger killed in Mexico shootout

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
LOS ANGELES, OCTOBER 23

A 29-YEAR-OLD California-based Indian-origin woman techie, who travelled to Mexico to celebrate her birthday, was one of the two foreign tourists killed in a shootout between two drug gangs in the Caribbean coast resort of Tulum, according to media reports.

Anjali Ryot was killed along with another German tourist on Wednesday night in the cross-fire, Californianewstimes.com news portal reported.

Ryot and her husband Utkarsh Shrivastava had gone to Mexico to celebrate her 30th birthday on October 22 from their current home at San Jose city in California, her father, K D Ryot, told PTI from his home in Himachal Pradesh.

Shrivastava informed her younger brother Ashish, who cur-



Neera Tanden

### Indian-American Neera Tanden named White House staff secy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 23

INDIAN-AMERICAN POLICY expert Neera Tanden, a close confidant of US President Joe Biden, has been named White House staff secretary, eight months after Republican lawmakers scuttled her nomination to another key post.

Tanden, 51, a senior adviser to Biden, was named White House staff secretary on a morning staff call on Friday, CNN reported.

The White House staff secretary is a behind-the-scenes but critical role in the West Wing, responsible for managing paper flow to the President from other areas of the administration and federal government. The person filling the job has been viewed as one of the most powerful in the building, it said.

In addition to her new duties, Tanden will keep her senior adviser title "and will continue to provide leadership on particular projects and initiatives", *Politico* reported, quoting a White House official. She will report to White House chief of staff Ron Klain.

The appointment does not require Senate confirmation.

"The Staff Secretary role is the central nervous system of the White House and moves the decision-making process and manages a wide variety of issues for the President," the White House official said. Tanden has "over two decades of experience in policy and management which are critical elements of the role. Her experience... will be a key asset in this new role," the official said.



Anjali Ryot was a California resident

rently lives in Chicago, that she was shot dead in the Caribbean coast resort of Tulum soon after they had taken ice cream from a stall following their dinner, he added.

Ashish informed the family in India about the tragedy on Oct 21. Ryot's Instagram account listed her as a travel blogger from Himachal Pradesh, living in San Jose, California.

The incident happened when Ryot and four other tourists were dining on the terrace of La Malquerida restaurant when four men armed with assault rifles fired at an adjoining table in the premises around 10.30 pm, Spanish newspaper *El Pais* reported.

## Aromatherapy spray from India, linked to US deaths, faces recall

MIKE STOBBE  
NEW YORK, OCTOBER 23

US HEALTH officials may have solved the mystery of how four people in different states came down with a serious tropical disease even though none had traveled internationally: an aromatherapy spray imported from India.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday that investigators found the same type of bacteria that causes the disease, melioidosis, in a spray bottle found in one of the patients' homes.

The four people were from Georgia, Kansas, Minnesota and Texas. Two of them, one a child



An image of the bottle of the spray. Walmart/CDC via AP

### FRUSTRATION INSIDE FACEBOOK ERUPTED OVER WHAT SOME SAW AS ITS HALTING RESPONSE TO EXTREMISM

## Amid the Capitol riot, FB faced its own insurrection

ALAN SUDERMAN & JOSHUA GOODMAN  
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 23

AS SUPPORTERS of Donald Trump stormed the US Capitol on Jan 6th, battling police and forcing lawmakers into hiding, an insurrection of a different kind was taking place inside the world's largest social media company.

Thousands of miles away, in California, Facebook engineers were racing to tweak internal controls to slow the spread of misinformation and inciteful content. Emergency actions — some of which were rolled back after the 2020 election — included banning

Trump, freezing comments in groups with a record for hate speech, filtering out the "Stop the Steal" rallying cry and empowering content moderators to act more assertively by labelling the US a "Temporary High Risk Location" for political violence.

At the same time, frustration inside Facebook erupted over what some saw as the company's halting and often reversed response to rising extremism in the US.

"Haven't we had enough time to figure out how to manage discourse without enabling violence?" one employee wrote on an internal message board at the height of the Jan 6 turmoil.



Congress is investigating Facebook's part in the Jan 6 riots. **AP**

"We've been fuelling this fire for a long time and we shouldn't be surprised it's now out of control." It's a question that still hangs

over the company today, as Congress and regulators probe Facebook's part in the Jan 6 riots. New internal documents pro-

vided by former Facebook employee-turned-whistleblower Frances Haugen provide a rare glimpse into how the company appears to have simply stumbled into the Jan 6 riot. It quickly became clear that even after years under the microscope for insufficiently policing its platform, the social network had missed how riot participants spent weeks vowing — on Facebook itself — to stop Congress from certifying Joe Biden's election victory.

What Facebook called "Break the Glass" emergency measures put in place on Jan 6 were essentially a toolkit of options designed to stem the spread of dangerous or violent content that the social

network had first used in the run-up to the bitter 2020 election.

"As soon as the election was over, they turned them back off or they changed the settings back to what they were before, to prioritise growth over safety," Haugen said in interview with *60 Minutes*. An internal Facebook report following Jan 6 faulted the company for having a "piecemeal" approach to the rapid growth of "Stop the Steal" pages, related misinformation sources, and violent and inciteful comments.

Facebook says the situation is more nuanced and that it carefully calibrates controls to react quickly to spikes in hateful and violent content, as it did on Jan 6. **AP**





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Writer Amitava Kumar on how a painting became a canvas for reflection on inequality and lack of social justice

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PARTHA PAUL

Director Aparna Sen, 75, on co-winning the Kim Jiseok Award at the recent Busan International Film Festival, being outspoken and why women don't have to bear the burden of being virtuous all the time

# 'MY MORALITY TEACHES ME TO SPEAK OUT'

Alaka Sahani

**You called winning the Kim Jiseok Award for *The Rapist*, at the recent Busan International Film Festival (BIFF), special.**

Many years ago, when Donald Ritchie was the chairman, I was one of the jurors for this festival. At that time, I had met Kim Jiseok (the late South Korean co-founder of BIFF), who worked very hard to promote Asian movies. That's why this award has a special significance for me. I am very happy for my team whose hard work has been recognised. In India, the movie will most likely release on an OTT platform after doing the festival rounds.

**You thought of the story of *The Rapist* some years ago. What prompted you to finally make the film?**

The idea came to me about a decade ago. When you read about rape cases, they leave an impact. The 2012 Delhi gang-rape case was brutal. We don't know what the trigger is — why do men rape? What is it about a society that creates rapists? Is it just about inequality or the caste system? I have these questions in mind. Even though women are coming forward to speak about it, the frightening fact is that it continues to take place with impunity. In the case of the Hathras incident (2020), the victim's family was demonised. In the 2018 Kathua case of the Kashmiri girl Asifa Bano look at the way the perpetrators went about bragging about it. There are cases where people have videotaped the assault and shared it. It's because they think they won't be punished.

**The film raises questions regarding the death penalty for rapists.**

After some gruesome incidents, I have felt that these criminals have no right to live. But, that's not the right way to think. Are you putting someone to death so that you can set an example or instil fear in potential perpetrators? It has been proved by research that capital penalty does not deter people from committing crimes. They do it in a state of blind rage or passion or for a sense of power.

**Has the intellectual and cultural environment in West Bengal, where you've grown up and worked, encouraged you to speak your mind?**

Definitely, it has contributed. Also, there is



a certain kind of morality that was instilled in me. By that, I don't mean conventional morality, I mean intellectual honesty. My grandfather was a Brahmo Samaj preacher. Personally, I am an agnostic on the verge of being an atheist. The ethics and morality of my father and grandfather have been passed on to me. That has translated into humanism and a strong sense of morality. It teaches me to speak out.

**How much of your political views are reflected in your movies?**

Sometimes, practical considerations come in. I may not have dialogues or scenes expressing my views but I may suggest it. I don't want scenes from my movie to be censored; it is important that people watch the film. In *Ghahre Bairey Aaj* (2019), I could have named political parties but I didn't do that. I brought up issues that I wanted to talk about — the plurality of India that I love and how that has diminished.

**You have handled different responsibilities as actor, director, writer, and editor of a magazine.**

When I was an editor (of the Bengali fortnightly *Sananda*, a women's magazine), it helped me understand what was happening around us. That's when my idea of politics also grew stronger. As (writer-director) Rituparno Ghosh once remarked, most of my editorials were about communal harmony. The world

changed after the 1992 Babri Masjid demolition. People ask me why am I not making movies like *36 Chowringhee Lane* (1981) or *Parama* (1985) anymore. That's because the world around me has changed. Since I am occupied by what's happening around me, naturally I tend to tell those stories.

**What has been exciting — to be in front of the camera or behind it?**

Always behind the camera. My daughter (Konkona Sensharma) is an actor-director, so am I. During my time as an actor, we had to act coy and flutter our eyelashes all the time. After a while, I didn't care about that. A woman is portrayed either as helpless or virtuous. I didn't think it was incumbent upon a woman to bear the burden of being virtuous all the time. They can be corrupt too.

**In a movie like *Parama*, you moved away from the conservative depiction of women. How did the audience react?**

For people, *Parama* was an adulterous woman. I saw her as one making a sexual choice. Before that, being a progressive woman meant going for higher studies or marrying against the family's wishes. But being a mother of three, having an affair and not feeling guilty, created so much controversy. I know women who sneaked out to watch *Parama*, without telling their families. After its premiere, three

old ladies came up to me and said "Bless you, dear". The movie changed a lot of mindsets.

**Your casting choices have been remarkable. Tell us about them.**

Well, there are different ways of doing it. For the role of Violet Stoneham (in *36 Chowringhee Lane*), I wanted a real Anglo-Indian lady. Utpal *da* (Utpal Dutt) said, 'Are you mad? You want to cast a non-actor for your main character?' He then suggested Jennifer Kapoor's name. She was so graceful and I had my doubts if she could be dumpy, but she assured me that she could. I had met Nutan for *Parama* but didn't cast her. To me, Rakhee epitomised the *bahu* of a conservative north Kolkata household.

For *Mr. and Mrs. Iyer* (2002), I hadn't thought of Konkona. The desktop computer used to be in her bedroom. She has the habit of reading late into the night and I have the habit of working late. Sometimes, I would read out the scenes to her. One day, I looked up as I was reading and saw the expressions fleeting across her face. I thought my actor was right there.

**It is 40 years since you debuted as a director. Have we reached a stage when we no longer need to use expressions like 'women director' and instead just say 'director'?**

We have. However, it is the gaze that's important. (Filmmaker Satyajit) Ray and Rituparno portrayed strong women characters. Showing explicit violence, I would say, is the male gaze. Nandita Das showed a riot in *Firaaq* (2008) but there was nothing explicit. It's the same in *Mr. and Mrs. Iyer*. This, I think, is the female gaze. I am proud that many female actors have turned producers and are making non-mainstream movies.

**Sixty years ago, you entered the world of movies when you acted in Ray's *Teen Kanya*. How do you look back at it?**

My nature is not to look back. For some time, when the film was playing, I thought I should have done certain things differently. In *Mr. and Mrs. Iyer*, for instance, there is the girl who protested when Muslim guys are taken away, and she is slapped. Later, we see her eating phuchka with her friends and laughing. People are not in a continuous state of protest and they have lives. But I should have given her a black eye. This, I thought two years after the film was released. As for the awards that I have received, I don't think about them unless I have to write in my bio. My films have won several National Awards, but I don't dwell on them.

**You have worked with some great directors such as Dutt in theatre, and Ray in films. How have they influenced you as an actor and director?**

Utpal *da* was a leftist. I often argued with him about ideas of a revolution. He used to dismiss them and would call me a 'reactionary'. He had a great sense of discipline and working in theatre instils that in a person. He was very particular about being punctual and learning the lines.

Ray, of course, was a mentor, the way my father (critic and filmmaker Chidananda Dasgupta) was. But the idea was never to imitate Ray but to imbibe the essence of his work and ethics. He was very particular about every little detail on his sets. He was economical in the way he designed a shot or wrote a film. In one scene, he could impart a lot of information. This helped keep the length of the scene in control. These things stayed with me.

When he asked me how *36 Chowringhee Lane* has turned out, I told him: 'There are mistakes'. He said that was given, but was I able to create some moments? A film is not something you just watch, it's the human qualities and interactions that create a moment in the film and that stays with you. That's why one can watch Ray's movies again and again. It's like visiting your favourite holiday haunt or country house.

**You were close to Ghosh and together you made a wonderful movie *Unish April* (1994). People have often spoken about the void since he left. What do you think of contemporary Bengali directors?**

Ritu was a very talented filmmaker. He understood the middle-class Bengali psyche extremely well. His passing away definitely left a void. There are filmmakers like Kaushik Ganguly, who have filled that to some extent. I like some of Anjan Dutta's movies, as well. But, Ritu was popular and people enjoyed his brand of cinema.


**Making an allusion to Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*, I am curious to know what does a female director require — support system, budget or people who believe in her?**

We need all of that. Women filmmakers, particularly those married with children, have to have some space when they are left alone. In our country, men are not hands-on homemakers. At times, it's also about conditioning, especially in the case of women of my generation. We think we will manage everything. Then, one gets irritable and exhausted.

Konkona manages her time well, with her son (Haroon), acting, yoga classes and physical training. It's commendable when a woman is able to manage everything but she doesn't have to. Also, any director, irrespective of gender, needs a producer who believes in his/her vision and the product.



# DOWN IN JUNGLELAND



## Ranjit Lal

*Ranjit Lal is an author, environmentalist and bird watcher*

# Unpacking the Bounty


Ever watched a chrysalis turn into a butterfly or moms unbox babies?

LOGGERS NOWADAYS, all over the world, seem to be consumed by YouTube videos on “unboxing”. They order some gadget online and spend a loving 90 minutes opening the box, taking out the parts one by one — and recording it on smartphones. At the end, they are surrounded by a pile of bulletproof-moulded plastic, enough bubble-wrap and Thermocol to fill a dumpster, and smug smiles on their faces.

In India, it’s different. Here, it means declaring a full-scale war on the item: No imported weapons-grade can opener is up to opening our specially-armoured tin cans without causing considerable blood loss to the home side. Have you tried opening a bottle of Indian-made foreign liquor without wanting to smash it to smithereens? This is all a part of our National Killjoy Policy.

Now look at Mother Nature. Every time I peel a banana, I’m wonderstruck. The packaging is perfect, tough (raw banana), waterproof, recyclable and opening/“unboxing” it gives you a certain tactile pleasure. In fleshy fruits like mangoes and chikoo, the sweet flesh separates from the skin and seed easily. You are usually warned not to consume the seed because it is hard, bitter and often poisonous. Even if you are a messy eater — like parakeets — you’ll spit the seed out, letting it fall to earth — and germinate. Here, we have an unboxing-cum-courier-service rolled into one! Seed-eating birds (munias and finches) go just for the seeds, but Mother Nature ensures there’s more than enough for future generations to prosper.

Take insects and other creepy-crawlies. Have you ever watched a butterfly hatch (unbox) itself from its chrysalis? I’ve waited for hours to do so, and it’s been worth it every time. First, the chrysalis will give you intimation, probably unbox by early next morning: you can often see the rolled-up butterfly inside the now-transparent husk of the chrysalis. Sure, you might have to wait a while, but after a series of convulsive heaves, the chrysalis breaks open and this freshly-minted gorgeous creature climbs out and crawls to the nearest convenient perch so that it can hang down its wings to dry and stiffen. Most insects that metamorphose from larvae to adult perform this miracle — a



## COME INTO MY WORLD

The petals of flowers unfurl with slow beauty

result of mind-boggling hormonal technology. The hideous yellow grub of the spider-wasp will embrace the anesthetised little spider it was laid on as an egg and carefully suck out all the nutrients (vital parts last) before moving to the next and, eventually, morph into a pupa, inside which a shiny new midnight-blue-and-emerald wasp forms and “unboxes” at the right time.

The hatching of every bird’s egg is an unboxing miracle. In many cases, what’s “unboxed” is a scrawny pink little horror, all gape, gut and pimply skin and hair — but each nestling has a special temporary “egg-tooth” at the tip of its beak, with which it unboxes itself.

The ultimate in “unboxing” is, of course, the “unboxing” of babies from their moms! Again, messy and noisy (only in our species) but usually the end result — even if scrawny and screaming — is well worth it! Animal moms have their babies quietly and without fuss (bellowing, bleating or roaring during “unboxing” would draw predators hotfoot) and clean them up pronto so that the little thing is springing around on all fours at the earliest. Some need considerable amounts of TLC and are very wobbly on their pins initially.

A tree “unboxes” its leaves when the weather changes, with gentleness: it senses what’s coming and stops the supply of nutrients. The leaf, too, cooperates by sending its nutrients down to the roots to be stored for the winter and no longer makes its own food. It starves, even if it’s at its most beautiful now. This sounds cruel, but shriveling up with frostbite could be worse. The mothership lets go, and the brilliant gold/scarlet leaf wafts gently to earth. The petals of flowers unbox themselves with slow beauty.

Seeds “unbox” themselves in myriad ways: some explode from their pods like little bombs, scattering far and wide; some actually need fire to set them off! Others use lacy parachutes or drone-like propellers; many are simply swallowed and dropped in more nutrient-rich surroundings or hooked on furry bodies. Every child must have at some time, placed black-eyed beans (*rongi*) on a plate of wet cotton-wool and watched with wondrous eyes the first pale leaves unbox from a seed as hard as an air-gun pellet.

Nature has perfected unboxing. As we struggle to open a tuna can without lacerating ourselves, or stabbing ourselves with box-cutters, we need to take a hard look at how she goes about it. Those *bhaktis* of our National Killjoy Policy, responsible for this armour-plated, sadistic packaging, say, it’s to make the items vandal- and child-proof. Both vandals and kids, however, get through the hermetically-sealed defences easily. It’s you and I, who are left cursing, sucking our bleeding thumbs and spliced hand-webbing.

On how a painting became a canvas for reflection on inequality and lack of social justice

Amitava Kumar

AMAN IS being beaten. He is on the ground and, in an effort to survive, he has covered his head with his hands. One of the men attacking him has raised his foot — it is aimed at the head of the man, who is being beaten by sticks and rods. We do not know whether the man will live. Will we learn his name from the newspapers the next day? More likely, we’ll learn it from a viral video.

This is a painting by visual artist and graphic designer Sameer Kulavoor, who gives it a simple title, *Mob*. One can see the illuminated smartphone screens in it. The assault is being recorded. That has been the truth of the lynchings over the past few years: there are always a few men among the participants who take a peculiar satisfaction in preserving evidence of their brutality. They do this, perhaps, because they see nothing wrong in what they are doing, or perhaps, they want to use the video to recruit more followers.

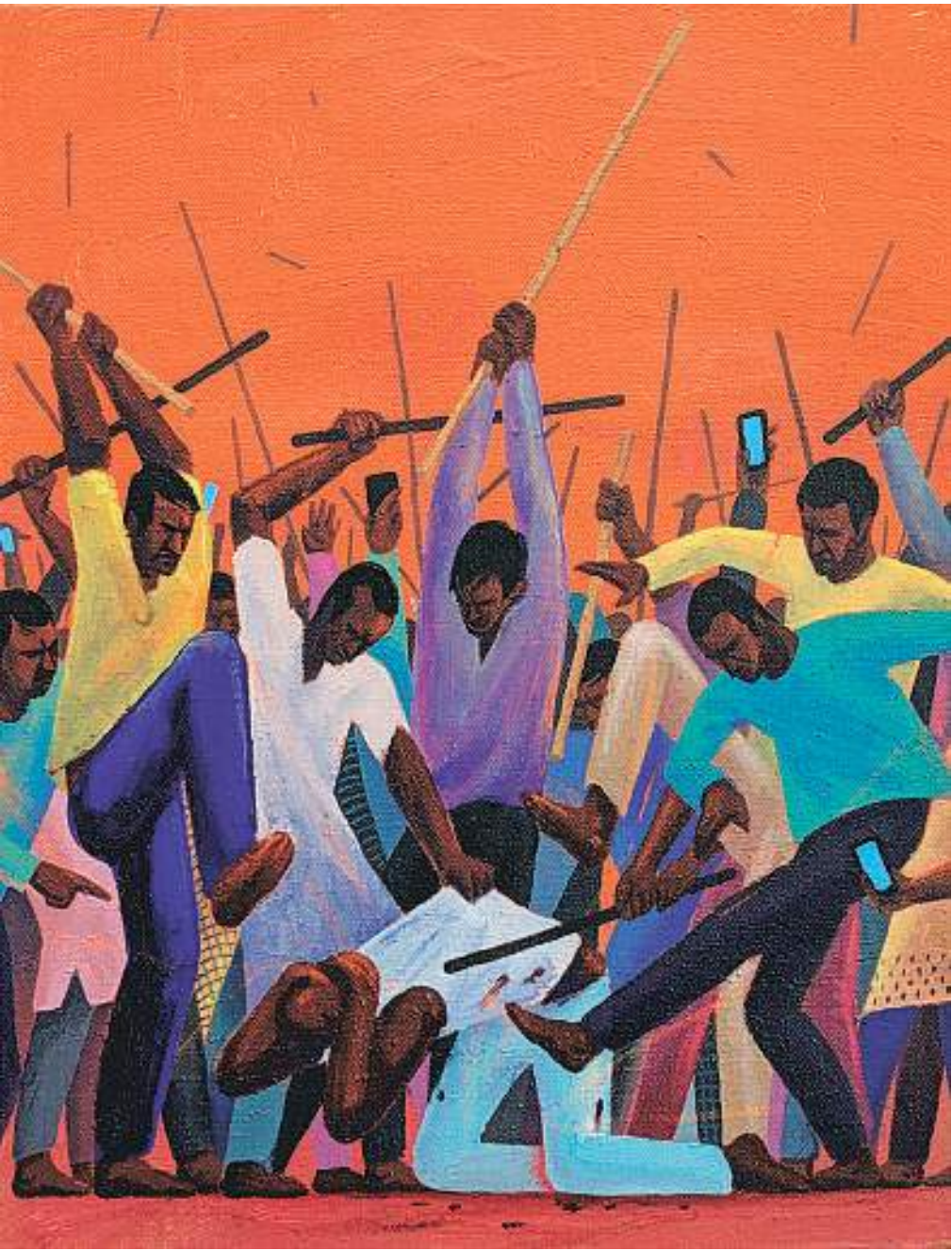
There are other questions that the painting forces me to ask: Will we learn the names of the attackers too? Will anything happen to them, will they be punished? I do not know the answer to such questions.

Take a careful look at the faces of the members of the mob painted by Kulavoor, you will see they are indistinguishable from each other. This seems just right because the mob is single-minded in its claim to truth. The only individual here, in any real sense, is the man being beaten. He is distinguished by his wounds. Kulavoor’s art records this brutal fact.

Kulavoor was trained at Sir JJ School of Art in Mumbai. As a boy growing up in that city, he witnessed the riots that took place in 1992-93. He was around 10 years old. Riots had followed in the wake of the Babri Masjid demolition in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992. Official figures put the number of those killed in Mumbai during the riots at 900: 275 Hindus, 575 Muslims, and 50 others. As the product of a mixed marriage, Kulavoor told me, he had till then moved easily among different religious communities and traditions but the riots were a traumatic experience. The Gujarat riots of 2002 further deepened the trauma and he began to follow the news closely.

With Narendra Modi’s ascent to power in 2014, Kulavoor says, “Things went downwards” for minorities, Dalits, and rationalists. He mentioned the lynching of Mohammed Akhlaq, in Dadri in 2015, and the murder of Gauri Lankesh, in Bengaluru in 2017, as milestones on the national descent to a hell that made *The New York Times* declare 2018 as “the year of the lynch mob” in India. In February 2019, Kulavoor painted *Mob*. The national elections were a few months away. He was trying, Kulavoor tells me, to create “an image that was direct but also symbolic” of Modi’s first term as Prime Minister.

In painting *Mob*, Kulavoor was reporting



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Sameer Kulavoor’s painting *Mob*, 2019

on the recent past. But he was also in a way predicting the future. In one of the iconic images of 2020, by the late *Reuters* photojournalist Danish Siddiqui, we see a man being beaten by a mob. It was taken by Siddiqui in northeast Delhi during the riots in early 2020, even as then US president Donald Trump was being feted in another part of the city. The riots were the culmination of what had so far been a peaceful protest against the new citizenship laws, seen as discriminatory against Muslims.

Siddiqui had described the scene he’d captured: “Shadowing lines of heavily outnumbered police, I noticed more than a dozen people ranging from teenagers to old men assaulting a Muslim man in white clothes. Using sticks, cricket stumps, plastic pipes and metal rods, they brutally beat the man. Blood flowed from his head as he went down on his knees.” The man who was being beaten was Mohammad Zubair. He survived. He had told Siddiqui, the mob attacked him when they saw his cap and beard and knew he was a Muslim. They knew nothing else about him. He asked Siddiqui, “What kind of humanity is this?”

I have recently published a novel, *A Time Outside This Time*, in which my narrator grapples with the realities of the current moment. The world comes to him in the form of bad news. One day, he makes a small painting from a photograph he had seen in a Delhi newspaper in May 2017. The photograph showed a man kneeling in the dirt, begging for his life. Half of his white vest — and his face — was soaked in blood. He was surrounded by onlookers — you saw their legs, their feet, but not their faces. The man on the ground, who had not been lynched yet but would be very soon, was named Mohammed Naeem. He was suspected of being a kidnapper. He was asserting his innocence, because that was the truth, but it was already too late for the truth.

In making a painting from a photograph in the newspaper, my narrator was trying to look at the scene more closely. And attempting to make his readers do the same. He was slow-jamming the news to make himself and his readers more critical consumers of reports about the horror around us.

I want to borrow my narrator’s impulse and take it further.

On every vaccination card in India, on every rice bag distributed by the government, or every advertisement and government notice, we see Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s face. My modest proposal is that instead of the photograph of the Prime Minister, let’s put Kulavoor’s painting on every rice bag. Let *Mob* be a kind of reality check. Let it enter our consciousness as the truth of our times. The truth that we, as a nation, have entered an era where our foundational truth is a lie. A lie that we are all equal before the law, irrespective of our religion.

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# Trauma and the Untold Stories of Resistance

Let’s visibilise what’s invisibilised, politicise what’s medicalised, invite agency and restore dignity



## IMAGINE

BY SHELJA SEN

TRAUMA HAS become a buzzword in the area of mental health. Podcasts are being churned out, books are being published, international conferences have erudite panellists educating the world on how trauma is at the root of all problems. Now, why would I have a problem with it? Surely, a more trauma-informed world would be a better world, won’t it? Maybe not, and let me explain why.

**Discourse of victimhood:** Suppose India’s colonisation and the atrocities inflicted by the British was the only history available to us, and the sustained resistance by the people was completely erased. Where the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, crushing famines and brutal subjugation of people spanning three centuries was the single story we carried, and there was no mention of the Uprising of 1857, the Non-Cooperation Movement, and magnitude of the freedom struggle? What would it do to our identity and sense of pride as Indians? Similarly, what does it do to a person when their life is reduced to stories of oppression without any acknowledgement of resistance? People are always responding to hardships no matter how gruesome, painful and life-threatening. I work with children who have been raped, abused, neglected to the level of being on the streets. To reduce them to just victimhood will be a dishonour to years of survival in the face of extreme conditions.

**Pathologisation obscures resistance:** Mental health and medical industry have indoctrinated us into objectifying people as disorders and diagnoses, which leads to concealing the issues of social injustice by locating the problem in the person. Sameera (name changed), 24, who had been sexually assaulted in childhood by a male teacher in school, recently started getting severe headaches. The “trauma specialist” her parents consulted labelled it as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) with “suppressed rage” and started her on medication and counselling for “releasing rage”. In this medicalisation of



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the wrong-doing, what was obscured was that nobody asked her — what survival skills pulled her through that dark time? How did she not only manage to escape the teacher’s clutches but also warn other girls in her class to stay away from him? What ideas did she have about how girls are made to feel unsafe and hurt by the adults who are supposed to take care of them? If they had, they would have heard very different stories — of agency, of courage, of solidarity.

And most of all, of how Sameera preferred to be seen — not as a passive victim but as a person who stood up for herself, her friends and who held on to her dignity in the darkest moments.

**Mother-blaming:** Psychiatry and psychology have a murky history in terms of mother-bashing. Every problem a person has, be it depression, anxiety, addiction and even neurodivergence like ADHD, autism, is traced back to some problem in mothering — mothers who neglected, cared too much/too little, could not protect — the list is endless. Trauma is the new frontier in mother-blaming. Sameera was really bewildered when she was told that actually her “suppressed rage” was for her mother as she could not protect her. For centuries, feminists have stood up against patriarchy, but even now, we find such easy targets in women. Of course, children thrive when their parents can keep them safe, but rather than locating the problem in them and being complicit in this politics of mother blaming, it is crucial to highlight the structural inequality, crush-

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ing burden of care mothers have to carry single-handedly that drives so many to such black pits of despair and heart-breaking guilt.

Our trauma practice has to be about visibilising what has been invisibilised, politicising what has been medicalised so that we can invite agency, restore dignity and honour their resistance.

**Invite agency rather than assign damage:** So much of discourse around trauma is about the effects of trauma and not the responses. Therefore, the treatment plans, highly influenced by Western ideas, diminish, overlook the local know-how and skills of survival and living. People rendered vulnerable due to traumatic incidents in their life internalise these problems and end up dismissing their own unique responses to the situation. There is enough research on how the Western ideas of trauma and healing caused further damage in Sri Lanka after the 2004 tsunami (Ethan Watters’ 2010 *Crazy Like Us, Globalisation of the American Psyche* is a fascinating read). Armies of well-intentioned trauma experts landed from all across the Western world with their fancy paraphernalia, and nobody bothered to ask, “What skills and resources do the local community have?”; “What steps do we take to respect the local, ethnic, cultural traditions and religious beliefs?”; “What has helped them to survive in the face of similar catastrophes in the past?”. Damage is assigned through a Western lens, internalised through a colonial sense of inferiority and dispensed

as the only truth.

**People are real experts in their lives:** In my organisation, we have worked with children from a range of socio-cultural-political contexts — Kashmir, Tibetans in exile, street children — we strive to understand the cultural narratives, the local idioms of distress and healing. In our conversation, Sameera shared with me how she continued going to school after the incident even though, despite the complaints, the teacher was not fired. She explained to me that, “I had decided that I would not let it mess my future. In fact, it made me even more determined than ever before.” Her dream was to become a computer scientist and support her family, who had been through severe financial difficulties. Recently, she had got into a relationship when the headaches had started. When I asked her, “If this pain had a voice, what do you think it is trying to tell you?”, after some thinking, she shared, “I think it wants me to be safe, but it wants me to find love too.” The pain was not “suppressed rage” but a testimony to what she valued — safety and love.

**Change happens on the margins:** Any significant change that happens in this world, which works at helping people who face discrimination, happens at the margins. People who enjoy privilege and power (I count myself in that lot) are too complacent to do much. In the past few decades, resistance to oppression has come from communities who have faced trauma across generations — feminists, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, indigenous folks, people of colour, Dalits, neurodiverse youth and most of all, the ones who are placed at the intersection of these marginalisations. They have reclaimed it as a human-rights issue that requires a lens of social justice and not pathology and dehumanising practices.

There is a Mexican proverb, “They tried to bury me, but didn’t know that I’m a seed.” It captures the dignity of the human spirit. People are not passive recipients of extreme hardships, pain, violations or even trauma treatments. They cannot be crushed, they resist, and they grow back again. Even stronger.

*Acknowledgement to narrative practitioners across the world whose ideas have supported my practice.*

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**I,Umesh Kumar Goyal,S/o Sh.Prem prakash Goyal R/O F-11,Milap-Nagar, Near-Desu-Office, Uttam-Nagar,Delhi-110059,have changed the name of my minor son Ananya Goyal aged-14-years and he shall hereafter be known as Shubham Goyal.**

**I,Sumit Rastogi,S/o Sh.Vijay Kumar Rastogi,R/o.A-1702, Great-Value Sharnam,Sector-107,Noida-201304,Have changed my name to SUMIT V RASTOGI,for all,future purposes.**

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**I,SUSHULA GUPTA W/O LAL CHAND GUPTA R/O.L-201,3rd-FLOOR,GAUTAM NAGAR, ANDREWSGANJ,DELHI-110049,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUSHILA GUPTA.**

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**I,SULOCHANA AGGARWAL,W/O-PRABHU DAYAL AGGARWAL, R/O. A-62 MAYFAIR GARDEN HAUZ-KHAS DELHI-110016, changed my name to SULOCHANA MANSI.**

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**I,Mohammad Ilyas,f/o Mohammad Zama,r/o-3823,Gali-David, Darya-Ganj,Delhi-110002,have changed my Name,from Mohammad Ilyas to Mohammad Ilyas,for all,purposes.**

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**I,Mahender pal singh s/o diwan Singh,h.no.1585, behind-skytech mall,sec-3 rohtak, haryana-124001, have changed my name to Mohinder Pal Singh Sangwan.**

0040589069-1

**I,Gyanibala Devi Ningthoujam D/o Ningthoujam Manibabu Singh,W/o Uditya Singh Rawat,R/O,Room-No.5113, Apollo-Hospital Hostel-Complex,Jasola,Sarita Vihar,Delhi-110076,have changed my name to Gyani Rawat.**

0040589068-5

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**I,VIPIN KUMAR LUKKAD S/O BHAGWAT R/o-9/3381, F-1,GALLI.NO-8, SAMUDAY BHAWAN KE PICHE,GANDHI NAGAR, DELHI-110031 have changed my name to VIPIN KUMAR, permanently.**

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**I,Umesh Chand S/o Murari Lal R/O B-54, Sec-55, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P.-201301,have changed my name to Umesh Chand Goyal for all future purposes.**

0070758536-1

**I,Rashid Khan,S/O Abdul Aziz R/O-4928B/30B Gali.no.4 Old-Seelampur East,Delhi-110031,have changed my name,from Rashid Khan to Rashid Malik ,in future.**

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**I,Ayesha Begum,W/o Rashid Khan,S/O Abdul Aziz,R/O-4928B/30B Gali.no.4 Old-Seelampur East Delhi-110031,have changed my husband name,from Rashid Khan to Rasid Malik,in future.**

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**I,Sandeep Kumar S/O Umesh Chand Goyal R/O B-54, Sec-55, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P.-201301,have changed my name to Sandeep Kumar Goyal for all future purposes.**

0070758539-1

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0070758527-1

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0040589069-4

**I, Ramotar S/O Desh Ram Employed as ASIRO (Assistant Sub-Inspector Radio Operator), Posting Address: SHQ BSF, Sagar Road, Bikaner, Rajasthan – 334001, R/O 09, Achina (153), Bhiwani, Haryana-127307, having Permanent Address:09, Achina (153), Bhiwani, Haryana-127307, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ramavtar.**

0070758531-1

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0040589016-3

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0070758530-1

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0070758541-1

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0070758552-1

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0040589068-10

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0070758499-1

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0070758538-1

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0070758533-1

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0040589068-6

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0070758523-1

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0070758526-1

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0040589038-1

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**I,Jitender S/o. Shri Shiv Charan R/O. 399 Transit Camp, Raghubir Nagar, Tagore Garden, New Delhi-110027 have changed my daughter name from Babeta to Babita for all purpose.**

0040589030-1

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0040589000-6

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0070758505-1

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0040589016-2

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0040588650-4

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Sd/-  
Dilip Nagar (Advocate)  
Enl. No. 0228917  
Ch. No. 424 And 435, W. Wing  
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known to public at large that my clients Ms. Shila W/O Sh. Vinod Kumar Bansal, & Sh. Harish Bansal S/O Sh. Vinod Kumar Bansal Both R/O H.No-47, Second Floor, Pkt-6, Sec-24, Rohini have severed their relationships with their Bansal brother Praveen Bansal S/O Sh. Vinod Kumar Bansal and his wife Mrs. Divya Gupta & Divya Bansal R/o E-16, Shivaji Road, Adesh Nagar Extn., north and completely debarred and disced them from all their moveable and immovable properties and other things of benefits, because of their bad treatment meted out to my clients by them. If anybody deals with them they will do so at their own risk, cost and consequences for which my above clients shall not be responsible in any manner.

Sd/- Sanjay Kumar Aggarwal (Advocate)  
Ch. No. 345, Western Wing,  
Tis Hazari, Delhi-110054

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My client Sunita Srivastava W/O Late Sh. Harshu Srivastava R/O Flat No. 405/GH-6, Paschim Vihar, Delhi, who is rightful owner of Plot No. 73, Pocket 6, Sector 24, R.K. Gurgaon, Delhi, in 11-10-2021 she lost/misplaced Original Documents of its Original DDA Documents i.e., Demand Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession Letter, Payment Receipts/ challans and Perpetual Lease of Plot No. 73, Pocket 6, Sector 24, Rohini, Delhi. An online NCR, no. 814216/2021 dated 12-10-2021 is also registered. If any person found such documents is requested to contact the undersigned.

Sd/- Sanjeev Sharma Advocate  
Chamber No. 406, Lawyers  
Chambers, Dwarka District Court,  
New Delhi

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known to public at large that my clients Mr. Garg S/O Late Sh. R.K. Garg both R/O RZ/149, Gali No. 3, Tuglakabad Extn. Delhi have severed their relationships with Nalin Garg (son) and her wife Neha (daughter-in-law) R/O R-2, First Floor Jawahar Park, Khanpur, Delhi- 110062 and Karan Garg (Son), and completely debarred and disowned them from all their moveable and immovable properties and other things of benefits because of their bad treatment meted out to my clients by them. If anybody deals with them they will do so at their own risk, cost and consequences for which my above clients shall not be responsible in any manner.

Sd/- Sanjay Kumar Aggarwal (Advocate)  
Enrl. No. D/21291  
CH. NO. 345, WESTERN WING,  
TIS HAZARI COURT, DELHI

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Somvati, W/o Late Sh. Siyaram, R/o H. NO. 500B, Block B, Kusumpur Pahari, Kusumpur, South-West Delhi, Delhi-110057 has severed her all relations from her both son namely (1) Prahalad and (2) Rajesh and disowned them from her all moveable and immovable properties due to their disobedience. My client shall not be responsible for their acts.

Sd/- ABHISHEK KUMAR (Advocate)  
Ch. No. 442A, Lawyers Block  
Saket Courts, New Delhi-110017

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. RATNA DEVI W/O LATE SH. SATYA NARAYAN SHARMA R/O RZ-66B0, KULI MANSI S/O LATE SH. SATYA NARAYAN SHARMA and his wife SUDHA SHARMA alias SUDHA W/O SH. MANISH SHARMA & from her all moveable and immovable properties due to their misconduct, disrespect,treacher and out of control of my client. My client has also severed all her relations with them & anybody deals with them he will do so at his own risk and consequences my client shall not her responsible any manner of the same.

Sd/- GHANSHYAM DWIVEDI (Advocate)  
CHAMBER NO. 617, DWARKA COURT, NEW DELHI

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I hitherto known as Ishminder Mehta @ Inu Mehta (DOB 4th September 1970), Daughter of Sh. Dilbagh Singh Sabharwal, employed having a private consultancy company residing at H.No. A-802, 8th Floor, Plot no. GH-12, Olive Crescent, Sector-47, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Inu Mehta. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My client UMA SHARMA W/O SH. GIRISH SHARMA R/O H. NO WP-28C, PITAMPURA, SHALIMAR BAGH, DELHI-110088, that my client's all property documents are missing from her house, if any persons found the same documents then send the documents at above address and if anyone found the documents, so please not misuse the said documents.

Sd/- RAJEEV KUMAR (Advocate)  
Ch. No. 1032, Lawyer's  
Chamber Block Rohini District  
Court Complex, Delhi-110085

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
MY CLIENTS, MR. SUNIL KUMAR, S/O LATE SH. DHARAMPAL SINGH ANAND AND KALASH DEVI W/O SUNIL KUMAR, BOTH R/O-1157/5, KISHANGARH, VASANT KUNJ S/O SOUTH WEST DELHI 110070, SEVERED ALL RELATIONS, DEBARRED AND DISOWNED THEIR SON HRUVI CHAUDHARY & HIS WIFE SMT. MANISHA RESPECTIVELY FROM ALL MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES DUE TO THEIR MISCONDUCT & OUT OF CONTROL. MY CLIENTS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTS IN FUTURE.

En. No.0100201  
Advocate  
Ch. No. 235, Lawyers's Chamber Block, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi-110017

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IS INFORMED THAT MY CLIENTS (1) SH. DEVDASS S/O LATE SH. GURDIL SINGH, (2) SMT. BABY DEVI W/O SH. DEVDASS, DISOWNED THEIR SON NAMED AS SH. ABHISHEK AND DAUGHTER IN LAW NAMED AS MS. SANJANA WHO ARE LIVING SEPARATELY FROM ALL HER MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES FOREVER AND SEVERED ALL RELATIONS WITH THEM, AS SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW ARE DISREGARDING AND DISOBEYING MY CLIENTS AND ARE OUT OF CONTROL OF MY CLIENTS. IF ANYBODY DEALS WITH THEM, HE/ THEY WILL DO SO AT HIS/ THEIR OWN COST & RISK.

RAJESH DUA (ADVOCATE)  
Ch. No. K-20, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

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The General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sarab Pritam Singh & Harjitran Singh sons of Arshi Pritam Singh, both R/O Flat No. C-236, NDMC Employees CGHS Ltd., H-3-block, Vasant Nagar, New Delhi-18, are the purchasers of Flat No.C-236, NDMC Employees CGHS Ltd., H-3-block, Vasantpur, New Delhi-110018. That the Original Possession Letter, Allotment Letter & Share Certificate of allottee Promila Parmar of said flat has been lost/misplaced & my clients have lodged a NCR in respect of the same vide LR No.854144/2021 Dt. 23/10/2021. If any person found the same please return the same to my client about mentioned address & contact my client at mobile no. 9873713580 immediately.

C.S. Trikhia (Advocate)  
Ch.No.M-4, C.S. Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known to all concerned that my client Sh. Pawan Kumar, S/O Late Sh. Ram Kirpal Mishra, R/O KH No 1402, Gali Number 37, B Block, Saket Nagar, Barari,Delhi-84 has disowned/debarred his son namely Sh. Abhishek Kumar & his daughter in law Mrs. Neetu Mishra from all moveable and immovable properties due to their bad conduct and misbehavior and being out of his control. If anyone deals with them they shall be doing so at his/her cost and risk & my client shall not be held responsible of any of their acts and deeds.

Raman Gulati (Advocate),D-1163,Sec-7,Rohini

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It be known to General Public that our Client, Smt. Usha Rani W/O Sh. Suraj Prakash R/O 18A New Colony Behind Filmistan Cinema, New Delhi, Model Basti Delhi-110005 has lost original title documents of her property bearing no. B-1356 Shastri Nagar Near Nag Mandir Road Delhi-110052. Situated in the Kharsa No. 5661520 from her son's car parked at Flood Road Near Ganda Nalla Road Kharsa. If anyone has found the same, the same may be intimated and returned to her. We further notify that if any person uses the same for any purpose, he will be doing the same unauthorized and illegally. We further notify that our client has not signed over the original of the said documents to any person and has not created any 3rd party right in the said property of any nature. Our client has already lodged NCR vide LR No. 842269/2021 dated 20-10-2021. RAMA SHANKER ADVOCATES X-32/A, CIVIL WING, LAWFYERS CHAMBERS, TIS HAZARI COURTS DELHI-110054

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
I, the undersigned, on behalf of my client Mrs. Sudha Dhingra R/O Late Suraj Prakash Dhingra R/O DDA Flat no.238, Second floor, Vasant Apartments, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, bring it to the knowledge of the general public that my client has disowned and disinherited her eldest daughter Mrs. Priety Khurana W/O Sh. Vikas Khurana due to her highly belittled, disrespectful and quarrelsome attitude especially towards my client and her younger sisters. In order to obviate and further tussle in the family regarding the estate and succession of my client, she has already executed a Will in favour of her 2 daughters namely Mrs. Ruchi Dhingra & Ms. Urvashi Dhingra, who are not only obedient to my client and taking care of her needs etc. but was also very obedient to my client's disceased husband. Please note that anyone dealing with the said eldest daughter of my client under the belief of she (Mrs. Priety Khurana) being the daughter of my client or successor to her estate or legacy, shall do the same at its own risk and my client shall not be liable for the consequences.

MANISH GANDHI ADVOCATE  
Chamber No. X 6A, Civil Wing,  
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

## PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client namely SMT. VIMLESH W/O SH. MADAN LAL R/O C-40, VANDANA VIHAR, NANGLOI JAAT, NILOTHI, WEST DELHI-110041, has disowned her son namely MR. AMIT KUMAR along with his wife MRS. SHWETA KAJJAL R/O C-40, VANDANA VIHAR, NANGLOI JAAT, NILOTHI, WEST DELHI-110041 from all their moveable and immovable properties and severed all his connections from them for their misbehavior and ill-treatment. That the above-named son namely MR. AMIT KUMAR



# Record 100 cars to take part in Nazir Hoosein Memorial Drive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
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FROM DELHI to Lansdowne, up to Mussoorie after passing through the snow capped peaks near Tilwara or Chopta before proceeding further north to Kufri via Shimla bypass and finally to Manali: the five-day Nazir Hoosein Memorial Drive by Team Firefox was launched on Saturday.

Organisers said there will be record participation for the non-competitive event and the 100-car field will begin their sojourn on November 8 from Greater Noida and conclude in Manali on November 12. The event will be held along the 'iconic' Himalayan Rally route to commemorate the birth anniversary of Hoosein, who is credited to be one of the persons to put India on the map of international motorsports.

Hoosein was a founder member of his club, the Indian Automotive Racing Club (IARC), and was the president of the Federation of Motor Sport Clubs of India (FMSCI) in 1984/85. However, in the racing circuit, Hoosein is perhaps most fondly remembered for starting an event that is believed to have reshaped Indian motorsport — the Himalayan Rally.

"I heard about it as a young child and it really drove my passion for rallying," said Gaurav Gill, a multiple time FIA Asia Pacific Rally champion. "I am very happy to see this tribute to the iconic rally route in the Himalayas seeing such good participation and look forward to its great success."

The first edition of the event was held in 1980, based on a safari rally format. Since then the concept stuck and the Himalayan Rally became an important fixture of the Indian calendar. This year, the NHMD will follow the route from the 1981 edition, the organisers said.

On November 11, the drivers will tackle the iconic route of the original rally — the Jalori Pass before halting in Manali. The final day will see participants cross over the Rohtang pass before concluding the drive in Manali. "The idea was to recreate the original route, for various reasons. In 40 years, a lot of the landscape has changed, and it will be interesting for former participants as well as fans to experience it," Rajan Syal, the chief executive of FMSCI, said.

Syal added that after a two-year pause owing to the pandemic, the event is an attempt to 'hark back the good times.' "Once we saw things slowly opening up, some of us involved with the motorsport community decided that we should do a drive, something to hark back the good times," Syal said. "That idea snowballed into doing something to commemorate Nazir Hoosein."

## EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER

Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

### Next change: An action-thriller?



Moeen Ali's teammates rush to him after he pulls off a stunning catch. AP

If Pakistan and India contest doesn't hold up to its hype, a shiver would go up the spine of ICC. The opening day games were a low-quality affair. Australia vs South Africa might have thrown up a last-over finish but it was artificial respiration at best to an otherwise life-less game. Worse was to follow in the West Indies vs England game. Luckily, the fielding in both games was top notch. The first game saw an Aiden Markram stunner. In

the second, Moeen Ali ran back from mid-off to almost near the boundary, and Dawid Malan back-pedalled from midwicket to well outside the in-ring to to claim their catches. The bowling has been good but made to look better by some poor batting. ICC would hope that West Indies rediscover their touch and Australia improve their batting. And of course, India and Pakistan brighten up the tournament with a thriller.

### Markram on the mark



Aiden Markram's remarkable catch had shades of Dean Jones and Roshan Mahanama. We have the first great catch of the world cup which might prove pretty difficult to overshadow in the rest of the tournament as far as boundary catches go. Steve Smith had smashed a pull off Anrich Nortje and might well have been thinking of a six when he was given the shock of his life by Markram. From his position at long-on, Markram charged to his right and dived full length and to his right even as he twisted his body to pouch it. It's one thing to dive forward or to the side in the slips, but to do a side-ward plunge near the boundary and cover the angle is quite something else. No doubt, Smith was seen shaking his head and puffing out deep breaths in the dugout

### Maxwell's divisive hairdo



The Aussies welcomed the T20 World Cup with new hairstyles. Glenn Maxwell, who dismissed South Africa skipper Temba Bavuma in the second over of the innings, sported a novel hairdo: fade on the sides and a top knot. When Maxwell removed Bavuma, his teammates came rushing to pat his head, bringing all the focus onto the hair. The look proved to be decisive on social media, with compliments mixed with comments on 'Maxwell's mid-life crisis'. Asked by Mark Nicholas during the break if it was his lucky hair-do, he replied: "It's because it's going in my eyes and there's no hairdresser on tour." Leggie Zampa, too, turned up having grown his hair out. Who knows, if Australia win their first T20 World Cup, perhaps an Aussie cricketer would draw inspiration from MS Dhoni, who went bald after India's 2011 World Cup win.



### Absence of free agent Faf proves costly

And to think they couldn't find a place for Faf du Plessis. It was a shambles of a batting performance after two sweetly times fours by the skipper Temba Bavuma. From then on it was an inexorable slide to mediocrity. "When you are working with free agents, you have to come together. You have to find a balance that works for both the team and the free agents. With Faf in particular, we struggled to find that balance," said former captain Graeme Smith, who is the director of Cricket South Africa. Without that free agent Faf, the imbalance and lack of quality in the team was hard to hide. Watching in the stands was Smith himself, with a grim stare at the proceedings.

### Up, down and up again

One didn't really have to look at the action in middle to understand which way the match was swinging. As Australia dug a hole for themselves, a glimpse at the Australian dugout told the match story. Captain Aaron Finch and coach Justin Langer sat looking calm, with wide grins as Steve Smith and Glenn Maxwell pulled Australia closer to South Africa's modest total. After a wobbly start, the duo steadied the Australian ship and Australia's captain-coach had little to worry about. But the smiles disappeared from their faces immediately after Smith walked back thanks to Markram. And once Maxwell got out, they looked worried, and Finch was already wiggling around. Within minutes, the cheerful mood in the dugout turned gloomy. It stayed that way until the last over and the smiles and fist pumps were back only after Marcus Stoinis helped Australia cross the finish line.

# DDCA polls: Kotla turns into political battleground

NIHAL KOSHIE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

ELECTIONS FOR the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) to be held next week are turning out to be a microcosm of the politics of the day with the BJP and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) throwing their weight behind leading candidates.

Last week, leaders of the BJP's Delhi unit were asked to support the group helmed by Rohan Jaitley, son of the late Arun Jaitley. Jaitley senior was one of the most prominent BJP leaders, a union minister and a former president of the DDCA. Rohan, who has followed in his father's footsteps into cricket administration and is the current state association president, has thrown his hat in the ring again.

The president's election is a battle between two lawyers, Rohan and former additional solicitor general Vikas Singh, who claims to have the backing of AAP leaders.

Siddharth Sahib Singh, the brother of BJP MP Parvesh Verma (West Delhi), is spearheading a third group. His father, the late Sahib Singh Verma, was a senior vice-president of the BJP and a Delhi chief minister. Siddharth is contesting for the secretary's post which sees a three-way battle.

Contesting for the treasurer's post is another advocate Pawan Gulati, who is a maternal uncle of BJP MP from East Delhi Gautam Gambhir, a former India Test opener. Rohan said that he did not want to comment on the BJP state unit drumming up support for his group.

"This is an apolitical organisation, there are people with various political thoughts who work together for the betterment of the game. Whether someone is supporting someone, I don't want to comment on that. It is all hearsay," Rohan said on Saturday. Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta had told this paper last week that the party is "seeking support for Rohan Jaitley's panel".

Vikas Singh, a senior Supreme Court lawyer, has made personal calls to members of the DDCA to talk about his 'anti-corruption campaign'.

He has also been in touch with AAP leaders in the run-up to the state cricket unit elections.

Singh calls the BJP state unit's call to lend support to Rohan's group a "desperate attempt" which is turning the DDCA election into a political battle.

"The Aam Aadmi Party is helping me. Raghav Chadha (MLA), Manish Sisodia (deputy chief minister) and Satyendra Jain (power minister), all three have advised MLAs to go door to door and tell voters they need to weed out corruption. That said, I am not an AAP candidate. Their campaign is an anti-corruption campaign," Vikas Singh says. "Look at the people they



The BJP state unit has backed Rohan Jaitley (left), Vikas Singh claims to have the support of AAP leaders.

(Rohan Jaitley group) are fielding. It includes Vinod Tihara (secretary's post) who has just come out of jail," Singh, who says he has support from friends across party lines, adds.

AAP has not officially supported any candidate.

Tihara was arrested last year for alleged violation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) norms and lodged in Meerut jail before getting bail. Rohan said that attempts were being made to run a smear campaign against his group. "Whether he has committed a fraud, let the courts decide. He has the opportunity for a fair trial. Let the law take its own course. If he is guilty, he will get convicted," Rohan said.

Both groups have highlighted their vision with focus on members and cricketers in their respective manifestos.

Building an indoor cricket facility, restructuring cricket activities and expanding the cricket window are some of the plans Rohan has put forward to members.

Vikas Singh talks about putting the DDCA's house in order and improving facilities for members, cricket academies in each district of the capital and starting the Delhi Premier League.

He says it is not the first time he has been up against the BJP. "In the Supreme Court elections also, the BJP issued a whip against me but I got the highest-ever margin," Singh, who was elected president of the executive committee of the SC Bar Association in February, said.

Former India player Kirti Azad, a Congress politician now, said he was supporting Vikas Singh because the need of the hour was to clean up the system in the DDCA. "The other candidates are like old wine in new bottle. Cricket needs to be the priority of those who run DDCA. Vikas Singh has promised change for the betterment of the sport and for members of the DDCA," the 1983 World Cup winner said.

The elections will be held over three days, October 25 to 27, and the results will be declared on October 28.

## BRIDGE

Dealer: South Vulnerable: North/South

NORTH		WEST		NORTH		EAST		SOUTH	
♠	Q842								
♥	432								
♦	42								
♣	KJ65								
SOUTH		WEST		NORTH		EAST		SOUTH	
♠	65								
♥	QJ109								
♦	K1063								
♣	872								

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

The West Hand: S-93H-A76D-QJ87C-A1094  
The South Hand: S-AK1097H-K85D-A95C-Q3

I will show you how to defend in a moment. Here is what happened at many tables when this hand was played in a tournament. South let the queen of diamonds win. He won the continuation and drew trump. Then he led the queen of clubs. West took it and led back a club. South got rid of a heart and later he led a heart to the king, losing to the ace.

"Good thing I did not bid game," said North. "You did well to make three. In fact," he added, "you should not even make three." What did North mean? Could 3S have been set? The answer is yes. When the queen of diamonds was led, East knew two things.

He knew that West had the jack. He knew that he would like to lead the queen of hearts. How can East get this to happen?

East has to put the king of diamonds on the queen. His ten will be an entry later in the event that South takes his ace. Whether the defenders will know to do the right thing is a different issue. What is important is that by playing the king on this layout, East insures that South can not keep East from getting in. Give East credit for trying. We will not know if West would have done the right thing because he did not get the chance.

Dealer: South Vulnerable: North/South

NORTH		SOUTH (YOU)	
♠	Q874	♥	AJ93
♥	Q742	♠	A83
♦	AJ	♦	Q109
♣	JQ74	♣	83

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	Pass	1S
Pass	2C	Pass	2S
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South opens 1S in third seat and North responds with 2C.Drury. South has a full opening bid but facing a passed hand he estimates that game is not a good idea and he signs off in 2S. Dummy comes down with a maximum hand. Have you missed a game? Let's pretend that you are in a game. Blame partner if you wish, but try to take ten tricks. West leads two of clubs. Estimate your chances.

## 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.

Don't simply \_\_\_ from something; have something to \_\_\_ to - Harry Emerson Fosdick (6,,6) (same word twice)

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IOPRR	ADENWT
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SOLUTION: OBESSE, PRIOR. TRIBAL, WANTED  
Answer: Don't simply **relinquish** from something; **retire** have something to **retire** to - Harry Emerson Fosdick

## SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2344

### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- Tremble because of cold, fear, etc. (6)
- Former Pakistan paceman Akhtar (6)
- Scottish instrument (7)
- Eat, devour or digest (7)
- Meets (10)
- A deep cut (4)
- Tropical resin (5)
- White ants (8)
- Capital of Uzbekistan (8)
- Pertaining to the Pope (5)
- Ex-India paceman Yohannan (4)
- Relative importance (10)
- Moral (7)
- Military pageants? (7)
- University honour (6)
- Grown-ups (6)

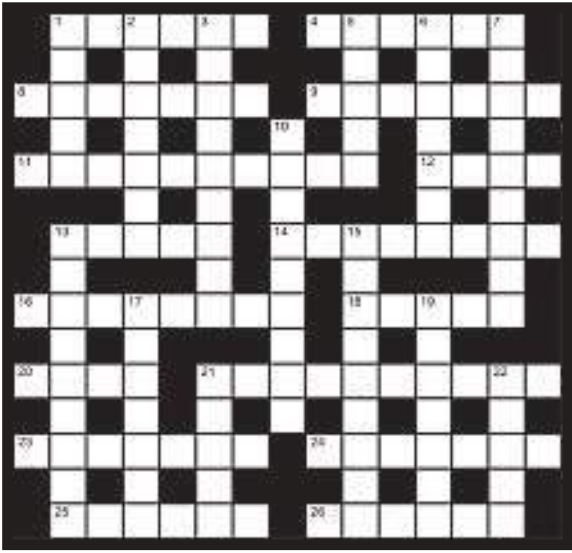
#### DOWN

- Produce (5)
- Beg (7)
- Costly, not cheap (9)
- Loose coverings for the head (5)
- An African spear (7)
- A shocking surprise (9)
- Period of pregnancy (9)
- Wasted away, very thin (9)
- Officially rebuke (9)
- Accommodation (7)
- Prove superior (7)
- Set in position (5)
- Musical symbols (5)

### CRYPTIC CLUES

#### ACROSS

- Old Bob gives friendly direction to the crowds (6)
- So soundly beaten that there is nothing in it (6)
- Strongly confirm, with most weight (7)
- Ties up bow on tanks (7)
- The stories one tells (10)
- Fight over pound owed (4)
- Publican covering up a pretty plant (5)
- See a quarter in the game and some monstrous goings-on here (4,4)
- Upsets the officers and withdraws (5,3)
- Southwest ring-road in Toledo, for



- example (5)
- Maybe he's a German with an Italian eight (4)
  - Profound colour group (4,6)
  - Slights, but the bad singer takes nothing to heart. (7)
  - From which the owner also hopes to get some brass 1 (3,4)
  - A dangerous choice for mythological sailors (6)
  - Acts like a miser for stretches of time (6)

#### DOWN

- Military cover has become disorganised by a blow (5)
- Their works are bound to receive public attention (7)
- In Russia, at one time, endlessly having trouble finding sugar (9)
- Minor risk revealed a bloomer (5,2)
- Proved to be evergreens and one subsisted from them (5,2)
- Saw and reported in the court? (9)
- Passed exam, with reservations (9)

### Solutions to 2343

QUICK CLUES Across: 6 Arjun, 7 Inferred, 10 Peckish, 11 Saddens, 12 Croatia, 13 Chatter, 14 Speedometer, 19 Reached, 21 Impulse, 23 Flemish, 25 Leopard, 26 Stagger, 27 Enemy, Down: 1 Ejectors, 2 Enlist, 3 High handed, 4 Efts, 5 Desert, 6 Aspect, 8 Radiant, 9 Astro, 13 Came in last, 15 Echoing, 16 Released, 17 Gruff, 18 Heyday, 20 Alerts, 22 Proper, 24 Head. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 6 Mealy, 7 Invaders, 10 Darnish, 11 Despoil, 12 Claudia, 13 Furious, 14 Dreadnought, 19 Slapped, 21 Bradman, 23 Eardrum, 25 Immerse, 26 Hatching, 27 Extol. Down: 1 Farmland, 2 Myriad, 3 High handed, 4 Ovid, 5 Arroyo, 6 Medick, 8 Dishrag, 9 Bless, 13 Footbridge, 15 Empiric, 16 Temerity, 17 Askew, 18 Unwell, 20 Airman, 22 Armies, 24 Maid.

## If it's your Birthday

### Sunday October 24

Emotional security is high on your agenda, listen to loved ones and don't rock the boat. You'll feel happier if you are surrounded by people who really matter to you.

### Monday October 25

You're on the up. Discipline and hard work, that's what today's about. You could also work hard at enjoying yourself. That's all taken care of, then.

### Tuesday October 26

Short-term choices could have long-term results. It looks as if you're heading towards greater personal freedom, experimenting with new lifestyles and options.

### Wednesday October 27

Overall, your trends are positive. And that should give you the leeway to break out of a tight spot and begin to consider your future options.

### Thursday October 28

You're tempted to put choices off until tomorrow, yet decisions would best be taken sooner rather than later. You tend to take your time, but it will help if you work out what you want, and then ask people how they can contribute.

### Friday October 29

You should have a great start to your new astrological cycle. You may be able to get loved ones to do things your way, by pressing the right emotional buttons. Make sure there's something in it for them.

### Saturday October 30

You know that a positive attitude breeds a better life. So you may take responsibility for the good feeling which seems to infect people. You must now set out to help others.

## SUDOKU 4634

### 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.

### Difficulty Level

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



## SOLUTION SUDOKU 4633



## YOUR WEEK AHEAD

### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Venus, the planet that gets your emotional juices flowing, is now lending you a helping hand, which has to be really good news. If all goes according to plan you should therefore soon be hitting the social heights. If you can put certain professional qualms to one side, you'll be able to enjoy taking a personal ambition to fabulous new lengths.

### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

We could see a rare flash of Taurean impatience, and the chances are that you'll emerge from the last few weeks eager and anxious to get on with your life. It could even feel as if certain responsibilities are now shifting, as one ends, another begins.

### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Indulge yourself a little. Amongst the pursuits for which the classic Geminiian type is famous, are walking and talking. If you can manage to do both at the same time, there is no better moment than the present for a long expedition with some carefully chosen companions.

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You may have been taken aback by partners' recent statements and actions, and nobody could blame you if you feel slightly perplexed. This week gives you the chance to lift your morale by going out and blowing some money. A bout of extravagance could make you feel better.

### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

This is one of those fine moments when you seem to be able to get on with other people so much better, but only if you put their interests first. The fact is that you have so much to learn by following their lead. At work, it's time to pick up a new skill. You never know when it will come in handy.

### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

The best relationships are based around joint activities. It may be boring to take part in a hobby which doesn't interest you. It may even be downright tedious. However, just think of the emotional credit you'll gain. At home, partners expect you to agree with them.

### LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

Some astrologers would say that this week's stars bode extremely well for relationships with children. A psychological reading of your chart, on the other hand, might advise you to have the courage to be child-like or just young-at-heart yourself.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

It's an ideal moment for being at home with the family. If you are far away you should therefore make yourself happy by creating as cosy a nest as possible. Simmering resentments can be left until later in the year, or even next year, with a little luck.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Your nomadic instincts are receiving a mild boost, so one way or another you should keep on the move. This is also, as it happens, an excellent moment for making deep, long-term emotional commitments, but only if you mean it. If you have any doubts, hold back.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

There never was a moment like this for spending large amounts of money on family and domestic goodies. The point is that every penny is likely to be well-spent, and nothing should be wasted. For once, you seem to have your finger on the pulse, and those who criticise you do so at their peril.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

This week's splendid alignments call on you to treasure all polite and gracious company, not to mention wise and mature relationships. It's time to gird your loins and make a long-term commitment. Remember the old saying 'manners maketh man', and you can set out to charm others with your winning ways.

### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

The Moon and Venus inspire new dreams and, by all accounts, you are about to justify your reputation for being a recluse. One way or another, do be sure to set some time aside for doing only what you want to do, even if it means being alone.





PLAYING TODAY  
3.30pm: Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh  
7.30pm: India vs Pakistan  
*Live on Star Sports Network*

# Sunday Night Raw

Bragging rights at stake as Kohli's side look to maintain India's all-win record in World Cups against arch rivals Pakistan

EXPRESS AT  
T20 WORLD CUP



SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY  
DUBAI, OCTOBER 23

HOW MANY matches must Pakistan play before they beat India in a World Cup? In the 1990s, they had a great team but lost in 1992, 1996 and 1999. Since the turn of the century, as India became the game's biggest power, Pakistan gradually regressed.

How many cricketers from the Pakistan T20 World Cup squad will get into a combined XI? Babar Azam walks in. Shaheen Shah Afridi deserves a shout out, while Mohammad Rizwan deserves an honourable mention. If it were a Test match, the result might have been a foregone conclusion due to the gulf between the two teams. T20 cricket, though, is like a penalty shootout in football. As Virat Kohli said in the post-match press conference, sometimes just three-four balls can change the momentum.

Fixing their opening conundrum before the showpiece event should hold India in good stead. A brilliant IPL did the trick for KL Rahul in terms making himself the first-choice as Rohit Sharma's opening partner. Kohli will be at No.3. Ishan Kishan is in fabulous form of late, boasting three half-centuries in his last three T20 matches, including the warm-up fixture against England. Suryakumar Yadav, meanwhile, showed improvement during his 38 not out in the warm-up game against Australia. The team management rates Surya's versatile batting highly and he is likely to play.

Hardik Pandya is unlikely to bowl early into the tournament but he will be the team's No. 6 batsman. Kohli is clear in his thought process that at the death, Pandya's impact batting is what his team wants. "These things (uncertainty over Pandya's selection) from a talking or discussion point of view, feel very interesting that if he doesn't bowl, will he be left out? But we understand the value he brings to the team as a No. 6 batter and in world cricket, if you look around, there are specialists who do that job," the India captain said.

Kohli reworded to Pandya's batting in Australia last year, his 22-ball 42 not out in Sydney to be precise, that helped India see off a tense 195 run-chase. But there's a catch. If Pandya doesn't bowl, who would be the team's sixth bowler? Kohli bowled a couple of overs in the warm-up game against Australia. Is he confident enough to do the job against Pakistan?

Playing only five specialist bowlers is high-risk, for if someone leaks runs, the void could be exposed. "We have considered a couple of other options to chip in for an over or two. So we are not bothered at all," Kohli said.

Against the team culture of India, Pakistan will turn to individual brilliance, like Akram's dream deliveries to dismiss Lamb and Lewis in 1992 or Zaman against India at the Champions Trophy.

On Saturday, Pandya didn't turn up at the nets, raising a few eyebrows.

Having an embarrassment of riches gives the Indian team management a happy problem. Ravichandran Ashwin is one of them. Using Washington Sundar's fastish off-spin in the Powerplay had been Kohli's favourite template in T20Is. Washington's injury paved the way for Ashwin's inclusion in the World Cup squad. At the nets on the match eve, the senior off-spinner had a good outing. He had wickets in consecutive deliveries against Australia. Ashwin, however, can't replicate Washington's power-hitting down the order and playing him at the expense of leggie Rahul Chahar would be a complete U-turn.

Over the past four years since the Champions Trophy final in 2017, India have made wrist-spin an integral part of their white-ball process. Given that Ravindra Jadeja is undroppable for his all-round ability, two conventional finger-spinners in a T20 game on a good Dubai pitch could be a luxury. As Kohli said, he expected good surfaces for the ICC event.

The BCCI has brought in MS Dhoni to the team set-up for the T20 World Cup, assuming that the former captain's title-winning experience would help the side that hasn't won an ICC event for eight years now. And so far, Dhoni has proved to be a hands-on mentor. He is giving throw-downs, talking to the players and offering advices to the batsmen.

Against the team culture of India, Pakistan will turn to individual brilliance, like Wasim Akram's dream deliveries to dismiss Allan Lamb and Chris Lewis at the 1992 World Cup final or Fakhar Zaman's match-winning hundred against India at the 2017 Champions Trophy final.

One big change for Pakistan, a team that revels in its unpredictability, is to announce the 12 for Sunday's game against India. Even a senior Pakistani cricket correspondent was surprised, calling it "very rare". Sarfaraz Ahmed's omission from the pack brought about a few questions at the presser, but Azam defended his selection. Young Haider Ali scored his runs at a strike-rate of around 180 at the National T20 Cup - Pakistan's lead-up to the world event - and for a side bereft of a power-hitter, he could be a fantastic choice if his captain shows boldness and drops one of the two veterans, Mohammad Hafeez or Shoaib Malik.

Azam put up a brave front when reminded about Pakistan's no-win record against India at the World Cups.

"Records are made to be broken and you never know what happens on any given day," said the Pakistan skipper. To make that happen, he will have to lead from the front. Pakistan's chances largely depend on their only world-class batsman, ranked second in the ICC T20I batting list. In the past, an India-Pakistan game used to be about India's batting versus Pakistan's bowling. That has changed with India's rise as a pace bowling superpower. Pakistan, on the other hand, would be concerned about Hasan Ali's profligacy in the death overs in the warm-up game against South Africa.

The one advantage, the Pakistan players is they are mentally fresher than their Indian counterparts. From the England tour to the T20 world Cup via the IPL, the Indian players have moved from one bubble to another. Kohli is aware of it. It's not easy. "...going forward, I understand we have lost some time without cricket (due to the pandemic), but in trying to cover that up, if you lose players, then world cricket is not going to be better off," he said.



Indian cricket team players train a day ahead of their match against Pakistan.

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## Team India: T20's philharmonic orchestra

SANDIPG  
OCTOBER 23

THE MOMENT Virat Kohli announced that this would be his last assignment as his country's T20 captain, the overarching narrative of India's World Cup pieced itself together. A linear storyline of whether he would bow out on a blazing high, with an elusive ICC trophy in his honours list, or the one unscaled peak of his career would remain unscaled.

It's harsh that his leadership mettle in white-ball cricket is weighed solely on the number of titles he has not won, or he has lost narrowly than on the identity he has forged for himself and the team. Two semifinal appearances and two lost finals in as many ICC tournaments are not, by any stretch of the imagination, outright failures.

Except in trophy-obsessed, world-dominance-fixated India. The country is intolerant to failures (that of sportsmen) than ever before. Their dreams are bigger and ambitions broader than ever before. An away series win here, or reaching the last four there, would no longer sate the aspirational, ambitious (and at times greedy too) India. Empowered, enlightened, moneyed, they want the country to dominate cricket like Australia for a chunk of this century or the West Indies in the last century.

At various points of Kohli's reign, India indeed have dominated all formats of the game, but without a glittering piece of silverware as proof of their success. A destiny-fulfilling opportunity awaits India over the next three weeks. In each of the last four ICC tournaments, from the Champions Trophy in 2017 to the World Test Champions, India had worn the favourites tag despite faults and flaws.

### Almost flawless

In ODIs, they fretted over middle order, in Test, they fidgeted over their balance. But here, they have descended with the most flawless, or the least flawed, of their squads in an ICC event. This time, they are the more favourites than all other favourites.

It could not have been said about the team

when the UAE journey of the IPL began. The form of Suryakumar Yadav and Ishan Kishan was a concern, but now that both revived their touch towards the backend of the tournament, India boast an explosive as well as versatile batting line-up. That four of the top five are cross-format regulars illustrate the multi-dimensionality of their batting. The fifth, Yadav, could join the group in a not-so-distant future too.

### Destructive lower order

Hardik Pandya demonstrated that prolonged absence from regular international cricket has not diminished his prowess to kill games. He, though, will have to share some of his heavy artillery batting shifts with Rishabh Pant and Ravindra Jadeja, making India's middle-lower order the most destructive in recent times. Should Pandya start bowling, as is expected in the latter stages, India would become even more a ferocious proposition.

The strongest suit is, undisputedly, their three-man Beatles at the top, the deadliest triumvirate in T20 cricket. Should they hit the straps, which is regular, a batting treat of the highest class awaits. Two most non-violent hitters in cricket, Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul, followed by arguably the finest batsman of his time, Kohli. Sharma had a patchy IPL, Kohli was erratic, but it would be foolish to not wager on them piling runs. The magnitude of the tournament would just be the fuel that would power the Ferraris of modern cricket into race mode.

If their batsmen are race-cars waiting to vroom, their fast bowlers are thoroughbreds keen to gallop.

### Bumrah the spearhead

If the IPL is a precursor, Jasprit Bumrah's verve should worry batsmen, even before they tune their eyes to his stilted, eight-step run-up. He can pull off at least half a dozen avatars—spearhead, calm-head, intimidator, enforcer, new-ball virtuoso, yorker-spitting machine. Under the giant shadow he casts, it's convenient to forgo those in the shades. But Mohammed Shami, with his ability to straddle lengths and the mastery of short-balls, is a dangerously understated bowler in this for-



mat. After years of struggling to crack the T20 code, he has strummed high-notes in the last three years. Combine them with one of Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Shardul Thakur—in most other teams both would be unquestioned starters—there is a dazzling blend of muscle and music, depth and deception.

### Wealth of spin talent

Their depth is only paled by the riches in India's spin department. That India could afford to overlook Yuzvendra Chahal and Axar Patel, leave alone the likes of Ravi Bishnoi, would be difficult for most teams to fathom. The cunning of Jadeja, the mystery of Varun Chakravarthy, the mastery of Ravi Ashwin and the devilry of Rahul Chahar could pose confusion for not only batsmen but also the team selectors. If the pitches tend to be low and lethargic as they had been in the IPL, Kohli could unleash all three. All four could harness even a smidgen of assistance from the pitch, but what makes them even more dangerous is that all four take the pitch out of the equation too.

So multifaceted the squad is that it could blossom anywhere in the world. Besides skills, the team has other requisites to triumph too, like their unbreakable spirit and imperishable courage.

The only flip-side to this concoction of skills and spirit is that if they fall short of winning the World Cup, it would be counted as a bona fide failure. Or another blot in Kohli's captaincy book. A peak that remains unscaled. The overarching narrative of Kohli's last assignment as T20 captain.

## Champs self destruct in opening game

SANDIPG  
OCTOBER 23

THERE COULDN'T be worse ways to launch a title defence. The West Indies, world champions, T20 ninjas, crash-landed to 55 all out in 14.2 overs, against the team they had topped to the title, five years ago at the Eden Gardens. If ever England went into the game with revenge on their mind, it might have ended in trading empathetic glances at their devastated opponents.

Memories of that electric night in Kolkata seemed distant, perhaps as distant as the virtue of logic and West Indies batsmen. It's fathomable if high-class bowling precipitates a meltdown, the torture of body and soul West Indies fast bowlers of the yore repeatedly subjected English batsmen to. But this was merely a case of what can, at best, be called a mockery of a batting show, a case of contagious and collective brainfreeze. A manual on how not to bat, in any format, at any level.

Evin Lewis mistimed his chip of Chris Woakes and was pounced adeptly by a springing Moeen Ali; Lendl Simmons struck the ball sweetly but straight into Liam Livingstone at deep midwicket. West Indies stumbled to 2/9 in 2.2 overs.

The situation called for knuckling and seeing through the storm. For a few overs, Chris Gayle and Shimron Hetmyer did exercise caution. But not for long. After thumping Ali for two gorgeous boundaries and dead-batting the third, conveying false notions that the most dazzling of West Indies fresh crop batsmen, Hetmyer dragged a flat, fast short of length ball straight to mid-wicket. So agghast was he that he showered himself with a volley of abuse.

Eight balls later, Tymal Mills rushed Gayle into a pull, the only instance wherein a genuinely good ball, though not a non-negotiable delivery, winked out a wicket. More often than not, Gayle would have deposited the ball in the stands, but here, he underestimated Mill's steep bounce and pace. He would have escaped undamaged but for the athleticism and awareness of a back-peddalling Dawid Malan at midwicket.

Thereafter, it was just a matter of keeping the West Indies batsmen quiet. Ali was exemplary at that, rattling in 18 dot balls. Dwayne Bravo, unusually pushed up the order, cut a Chris Jordan ball straight to the fielder at backward point. Nicholas Pooran had a wishy-washy swipe outside the off-stump, his feet static, and edged to the keeper.

**BRIEF SCORES: West Indies** 55 all out in 14.2 ovs (Chris Gayle 13; Adil Rashid 4/2) lost to **England** 56/4 in 8.2 ovs (Jos Buttler 24 not out, Akeal Hosein 2/24)

## Australia edge out SA by 5 wickets

**Abu Dhabi:** Australia endured some anxious moments before edging out South Africa by five wickets after their bowlers set it up with a clinical display in an ICC T20 WC match on Saturday. Needing eight runs in the final over, Marcus Stoinis (24 not out) hit Dwaine Pretorius for two fours and completed the job with two balls to spare. **PTI**

**BRIEF SCORES: South Africa** 118 for 9 in 20 overs (A Markram 40, K Rabada 19 not out; J Hazlewood 2/19, A Zampa 2/21) lost to **Australia** 121 for 5 in 19.4 overs (Steve Smith 35, Anrich Nortje 2/21) by 5 wkts.

## WONDER AT WANDERERS

# Tension lene ka nahi, tension dene ka, was our mantra in 2007



ROBIN UTHAPPA

I REMEMBER running in from long-on with my heart in my mouth as the ball seemed to hang for an eternity before it dropped into Sreesanth's palms. I knew that Sreesanth had astigmatism (an imperfection in the eye's curvature), and had issues with his eyesight. I was screaming internally, "oh god, please let him catch it, let him catch it" and I think I had almost reached mid-on when the ball settled safely into his hands.

We were the world champions! It's a feeling that no language can describe. Not English, not my mother tongue, nothing. At the moment it was like, 'what have we done here!' Even MS Dhoni was quite expressive as you would recall. He would soon settle down but I didn't sleep for



Misbah-ul-Haq on the ground as India celebrate winning the inaugural T20 World Cup in 2007. Reuters

the next three nights. I was 21, living a dream, and knew I was part of something special but what it exactly was, I couldn't tell. But oh the memories.

The Indian cricketing world would remember me for that bowl-out, I guess. For all practical purposes, it was my T20 debut. The real debut against Scotland had been

a washout and so this big game was my first T20 game. And it was against Pakistan.

I had observed the hype as a kid and this was the time to experience it. The seniors all kept it simple. Only on the field, when I saw the intensity in the body language of Viru pa (Virender Sehwag), Yuvi pa (Yuvraj Singh), and Bhaji pa (Harbhajan Singh), did

I sense that this was a big game. They had all played Pakistan many times and perhaps knew better than us what it meant.

During that last over of regular game, it was running in my head that we didn't want to be the first Indian team to lose to Pakistan in a World Cup game.

The bowl-out wasn't foreign to us. We were ready. It was Venkatesh Prasad, our bowling coach and a smart cricketing brain, who first said that we should practice the bowl-outs. They had us split into batsmen vs bowlers. More often than not, it was the batsmen who won it. Viru pa, me, and Rohit (Sharma) were the three batters who hit the stumps the most.

That night, once the bowl-out was going to be on, I ran to MS Dhoni and said, 'I have to bowl, dude. You have to give me the ball'. Looking at my confidence and strong emotion, he said, 'okay'.

And I had Sachin paaji with me. Let me explain! In my mind, I was copying his seam-up action. He would have that slight pause as he gathered himself at the popping crease before the release. I had been aping it since I was a kid. During the training sessions, I saw that paaji's action gave me more hits. So, I decided, why not stick with it. It never hurts to have that ever-lasting hand of god, eh? I just went with it and boom,

bull's eye!

"Tension lene ka nahi, tension dene ka" was our mantra. It had started as a joke between players and it grew into a lovely culture. Lalu ji, our coach, would tell it to the players.

I fondly remember the non-match evenings we spent together. They had told us not to wander to the beaches after 6 pm and we didn't have to as we had great fun being together at the hotel. It was the pre-social media time. Heck, pre-WhatsApp time. The times of BBM messenger and the old Nokia 6110. No PlayStations either. Chatting with other human beings was still in vogue! We did plenty of that.

It was always about taking just one game at a time until we reached the semifinals. It was then, at least to me, that it sank in us that we could win this. I was happy that I could contribute properly in many matches.

There was a fifty against Pakistan in that bowl-out game, the 80+ partnership [84] with Yuvi pa in the semifinal against Australia, and an important run out of Imran Nazir, who was threatening to run away with the game, in the final.

I can't even say I was worried about the final or playing Pakistan as I was really worried whether I would be fit to play that game. I had sprained my left leg in the semifinal

and if it were not for the hard work of our physio John Gloster, I wouldn't have made it.

Chasing 158, Pakistan had rushed past fifty in just over five overs when Yousif Khan drove the ball to me at mid-off. I knew I couldn't put my weight on the left foot as well as I would have done with a fit leg and that I had to drive the power from my upper body. I did that and fired a direct hit at the striker's end to catch Nazir just short of the crease.

One final memory, and this would stay with me forever. The celebrations on the open-top bus ride in Mumbai. I was singing, dancing, and blowing kisses to the crowd. There were 150,000 people inside and outside the stadium that night. It took us five-and-half hours to reach the stadium. We got wet in the rain, we sweated as the sun came out. People kept throwing food at us — apples, sandwiches, soft drinks. "Khao khao, kima time ho gaya, you guys must be hungry!"

I will never forget the night. Only a handful in the world get to experience that indescribable feeling of being loved by millions. It was a beautiful moment that I would always remember. *Tension lene ka nahi, tension dene ka and love paane ka!*

(As told to **Sriram Veera**)