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No seizure or blood tests, WhatsApp chats on poker, says Aryan in Bombay HC

Rohatgi calls arrest 'arbitrary'; Aryan distances himself from Malik charges

OMKAR GOKHALE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

THE BAIL hearing of Aryan Khan, the son of Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan, will continue on Wednesday before the Bombay High Court. Senior advocate and former attorney general of India Mukul Rohatgi, appearing on behalf of Aryan, called his arrest "arbitrary", as the court began its bail hearing on Tuesday.

Rohatgi, who has joined Aryan's defence team, told the single-judge Bench of Justice Nitin W Sambre that the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) had made no recovery from the 23-year-old, nor conducted a medical examination to show consumption of any narcotic.

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Wankhede at the NCB office in Delhi Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

Meanwhile, 2 from cruise get bail from NDPS court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

A SPECIAL Mumbai court on Tuesday granted bail to two men booked in the cruise ship drug raid case. Avin Sahu and Manish Rajgariya, arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

on October 4, are the first from among 20 of those arrested to be granted bail.

The special court had last week rejected the bail pleas of three others, including Aryan Khan, son of Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan, saving all the accused are connected by a **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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For yacht, overseas real estate, UPL's Shroff brothers go offshore

Not resident in India, pay all taxes on India-sourced income, they say



Trident Trust documents show Vikram Shroff as the Beneficial Owner of BVI entity Blue Harbour Group Ltd

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN MUMBAI. OCTOBER 26

VIKRAM SHROFF, one of the two sons of Rajju (Rajnikant) Shroff, the founder of the Rs 38,694-crore global pesticide producer UPL (earlier United Phosphorus Ltd), ac-

quired companies in the British Virgin Islands to hold a yacht and along with elder brother Jaidev, set up a four-layered subsidiary structure to own

real estate in Dubai, records in the Pandora Papers investigated by The Indian Express reveal.

> The records show that Vikram Shroff, a British citizen, had in June 2011, set up a company called Spider Investments Ltd in the Cayman Island, to hold a Euro 3.65 million motor yacht named Robusto for personal use and char-

tering. Spider Investments was incorporated through Trident Trust Company (BVI) Ltd, a **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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2 journalists held in Raipur after Cong MLAs complain

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A JOURNALIST who runs a web portal and a technical assistant have been arrested by Chhattisgarh police following a complaint from two Congress MLAs who alleged that the duo published "misleading and base-

less" information about them. Police said journalist Madhukar Dubey and technical assistant Avinash Palliwar were arrested Monday after Congress MLAs Brihaspat Singh and Kuldeep Juneja, in their complaint, alleged that the web portal zeroparty.in had published "misleading" information about

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Srinagar, FIR in Agra, a sacking in Udaipur

Detentions in Jammu; J&K students body urges L-G to withdraw charge

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LUCKNOW, JAIPUR, OCT 26

TWO DAYS after Pakistan beat India by 10 wickets at their T20 World Cup match in Dubai, many, mostly students, face police action for "cheering" Pakistan's win. ical students in Srinagar under anti-terror laws, half-a-dozen people were detained in Jammu region: an FIR was lodged against three engineering students from the Valley at Agra who were also rusticated from their college; and a private school in Udaipur expelled a teacher over a WhatsApp status update.

I&K BJP chief Ravinder Raina said: "Police, CID and NIA are taking action against (those who celebrated Pakistan's victory) and all of them will be put in jail."

Incidentally, Sunday's match coincided with Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Kashmir, the first since the abrogation of J&K's special status in statements reaching out to the youth of the Valley during his four-day visit.

Police in Samba, Jammu, confirmed detaining "six-seven people" of Chak Manga Gujjran village near the international border for questioning, over their alleged pro-Pakistan slogans **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Ganguly has football club link with new IPL franchise owner

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DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI. OCTOBER 26

BCCI PRESIDENT Sourav Ganguly is facing new questions of conflict of interest as the co-owner of a football team along with Sanjiv Goenka whose RPSG Ventures Ltd made a successful bid of Rs 7,090 crore for the Lucknow IPL franchise at the high-stakes auction in Dubai on

Monday According to Indian Super League (ISL) football club ATK Mohun Bagan's official website, Ganguly is a member of its Board of Directors with Goenka as



BCCI chief on board of ATK Mohun Bagan headed by Goenka

chairman. "The team was owned by Kolkata Games and Sports Pvt. Ltd. consisting of former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly, alongside businessmen Harshavardhan Neotia, Sanjiv Goenka, and Utsav Parekh," the website states.

Speaking to The Indian Express on condition of anonymity, a senior BCCI member confirmed that it was "a clear case of conflict". "Ganguly is the president, he needs to

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Cheering Pak: UAPA in Facebook papers on fake news, hate speech: Govt works on report executives to explain how their

AASHISH ARYAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and Information Technology is preparing a report on the key findings related to India in the internal documents collected by Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen, including alleged discrepancies in algorithmic recommendations that lead new users in the country to "misinformation and hate speech", The Indian Express has learnt.

"If needed, we will call their



INDIA HAS over 34 crore Facebook users. But the company's internal documents show it spends as much as 87 per cent of its global budget, earmarked for tackling misinformation, in North America where only 10 per cent of its total user base resides.

algorithms work and the action they have taken so far to counter misinformation and hate speech. For now, we will have to study (the revelations made by Haugen)," sources said.

The report is likely to be prepared and finalised over this week, and contain details such as how Facebook failed to check the spread of misinformation and hate speech on its platform in India primarily because it did not have the right tool to flag or monitor content in Hindi and Bengali. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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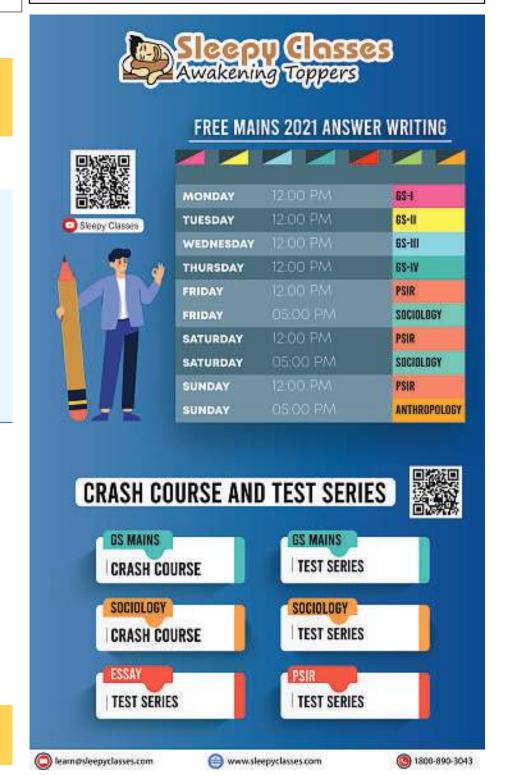
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HYDERABAD RAIN TRENDS: URBANISATION IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Dr Y V Rama Rao, former Deputy Director-General of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), does not think it is only the changing rainfall pattern that has wreaked havoc time and again, but the inability of the urban infrastructure to deal with the rains

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In SC, Centre justifies Rs 8 lakh annual income limit fixed for **EWS quota NEET**

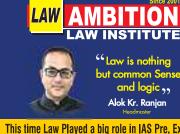
New Delhi: The Centre on Tuesday told Supreme Court that the Rs 8 lakh annual income eligibility for reservation of people from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test-All India Quota (NEET-AIQ) "was arrived at after due consultations within the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and all due stakeholders".

In an affidavit filed in response to the court's direction to explain the exercise undertaken to arrive at the figure, the ministry said that the "the classification and categorisation of what would constitute EWS is provided for in the Office Memorandum dated 17.01.2019" issued by it after the deliberations.

The Centre said that "even before the Office Memorandum...was in existence in the context of identification of Economically Backward Classes ("EBC"), the Government had set up the Major General Sinho Commission in the year 2005. This Commission had by its report of July 2010, arrived at various conclusions, including that the criteria to identify 'creamy layer' amongst OBCs could well serve as a basis to decide the upper limit or as a criterion for identifying EBC families amongst the General Category as well. Alternatively. the Commission recommended that BPL families from the General Category whose annual family income from all sources is below the taxable limit (as may be revised from time to time) may be identified

The affidavit said that as per an office memorandum dated September 8, 1993, the income eligibility for determination of creamy layer was fixed at Rs 1 lakh per annum, which has been revised from time to time depending on cost of living, and that it currently stands at Rs 8 lakh.

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2 get bail

common thread since they are all charged with conspiracy.

Sahu and Rajgariya, both in their 30s and from Odisha, were arrested on October 4 when the cruise ship returned from its twoday journey after the NCB raid on October 2. Sahu was booked for alleged consumption of ganja, while Rajgariya was booked for alleged possession of 2.4 gm of ganja.

On Tuesday, Special Judge V V Patil allowed the bail pleas of Sahu and Rajgariya, setting certain conditions. The detailed order allowing bail is yet to be made available.

On behalf of Sahu, his lawyer Sana Raees Khan had argued that the only allegation against him was that he smoked ganja twice on the cruise. Khan had argued that the maximum punishment for the charge was one year and there was no need to keep him incarcerated. Khan had also said that Sahu's case was different from Aryan Khan's as there was no seizure of his phone or any recovery of WhatsApp chats -though both were arrested without any drugs in their possession and were charged with consumption. Khan had also argued that the NCB had not taken any blood samples from the arrested accused, hence consumption could not be proven.

Rajgariya's lawyer Taraq Sayed had argued that there was no evidence of any recovery from him. He said the panchnama had named two others and claimed that the chief security officer handed over 2.4 gm of ganja to an NCB officer.

Both Sahu and Rajgariya said the drug recovery from other accused cannot be foisted on them.

The NCB, however, opposed their bail pleas stating that all accused have to be viewed as "intrinsically connected" and joined in

The court also heard bail pleas f two other accused. Nupur Satiia and Gomit Chopra. Satija's lawyer Ayaz Khan argued that the search of Nupur and her room in the cruise were conducted by a panch witness and not a gazette officer as required by law, rendering inadmissible the alleged recovery of four pills of ecstasy. He also said Satija's arrest was illegal, since she

was arrested after sunset. Chopra's lawyer Kushal Mor argued that he has no connection with Arvan Khan and the two others whose bails were rejected. The raid team had allegedly recovered pills of ecstasy and three grams of

CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

ON 26.10.21

IN RESPONSE to the report Disha Ravi toolkit case: With probe making no headway, closure report may be an option, Anil Kumar, Additional PRO/Consultant, Delhi Police writes: "It (the report) states that 'Delhi Police will most likely not file a charge sheet against Disha Ravi who was booked under IPC sections...'. The news item is found to be devoid of merit and factually incorrect. Delhi Police clarifies that this news is groundless as no such decision has been taken by the investigating agency. The investigation of the case is still in progress. Some information has been received and the remaining information has been asked from the concerned agencies/intermediaries through the legal channels."

The Indian Express replies: That the investigation has made little progress in the eight months since Disha Ravi's arrest is based on conversations with officers. The report does not state that a final decision has been taken on the chargesheet. It makes it clear that Google, Zoom and Extinction Rebellion have not responded to queries by investigators, and that a final

report will be filed.

No seizure or blood tests, says Aryan in Bombay HC

Senior advocate Amit Desai, also appearing for Aryan, said that WhatsApp chats between him and a friend over online poker were being "misinterpreted" by the NCB as about drugs.

Aryan has been in custody since October 2, when he was detained ahead of an alleged rave party on a cruise ship. In a written submission to the

High Court Tuesday, Aryan distanced himself from the allegations made by Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik against NCB Mumbai Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede, including regarding witnesses in the case. The defence said Aryan had nothing to do with the "unsavoury" political controversy.

Aryan approached the High Court after the special NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) Act court rejected his bail plea last Wednesday. The NDPS court ruled that though no drugs were found on Aryan, he was aware of the fact that his friend Arbaaz Merchant was carrying them, and this amounted to "con-

Rohatgi argued that even in a case of "conscious possession",

ery was inadmissible

its shareholder.

Shroff brothers

there is provision of one-year imprisonment. "These are young boys. Even if you admit 'conscious possession' of 6 grams, the idea is that the law provides for young bovs with no antecedents (to be treated) as victims, rather than (as) hardened criminals. They are entitled (to) rehab and there is immunity(from)prosecution in rehab. It is a fit case for bail," Rohatgi said.

He submitted a report by The Indian Express on a recommendation by the Social Justice Ministry that drug users be sent for rehabilitation rather than imprisoned, and said the same was important to understand the "legislative intent". He cited past judgments, including an order by the Bombay High Court in August this year, suggesting "opportunity of reforms' for youth accused in NDPS cases.

Rohatgi argued that the WhatsApp chats recovered from Aryan's phone did not relate to the cruise party and were from the year 2018. "This is very important. There is no case that any of those chats had anything to do with the onset of this saga," the defence said, adding that the NCB was "misinterpreting" the chats to incriminate Aryan.

On the allegations levelled by Malik against Wankhede, the defence made a written submission without naming the NCP leader, saying: "The applicant does not make any allegations against any individual in prosecution." It also said that it had no connection with either witness K P Gosavi, who is wanted in a cheating case and has now gone missing, or his employee, Prabhakar Sail, who has alleged that an attempt was made to extort money from Shah Rukh Khan in the Arvan case.

"That controversy did spill over to me and rebound on me. Kindly keep my client away from it. I have a good case and I don't want to sully it due to this. I do not have any grievances," said Rohatgi on Aryan's behalf.

Senior advocate Desai said that chats between two friends who play poker online were used by the NCB to allege consumption of drugs. "Aryan Khan had a connection with the two people, including Arbaaz Merchant and Aachit Kumar. Kumar was not on the cruise and was later arrested from his house with ganja of 2.6 grams."

Saying Aryan and Kumar were friends, Desai said: "He was a person with whom Aryan was playing online poker... That was used to say there was consumption of drugs. There is no conspiracy. There was chit chat between two friends... and it is from 18 months ago.'

Desai will also continue his arguments for co-accused Arbaaz Merchant on Wednesday.

In its affidavit opposing Aryan's bail plea, the NCB said he was an influential person and likely to tamper with evidence or flee if released. According to the central agency, the evidence shows "a part of the illicit drug trafficking", and that Aryan was in touch with persons abroad who are part of an international drug network.

The NCB also mentioned Sail's claims, saying these were part of attempts to derail its investigation and that there was no truth to the extortion claims. Sail had mentioned Pooja Dadlani, "the manager connected to the applicant (Dadlani is Shah Rukh Khan's manager)", the NCB said. "It so appears that the said lady appears to have influenced a panch witness when the investigation is ongoing."

Pakistan. As the message had emojis and there was a playful atmosphere of badinage, I said yes. This doesn't mean I support Pakistan. I am an Indian, I love India. And I love India as much as you all do."

She added that as soon as she realised her "mistake", "I deleted the status message."

Political leaders in Kashmir criticised the police action against the students, saying it would "further alienate" the people of the Valley. PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti tweeted, "HM's (Home Minister) Mann ki baat with Kashmiri youth started with slapping UAPA against medical students for celebrating Pakistan's win."

Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Lone posted: "If you think that they are not patriotic enough because they cheered for another team -- you should have the courage and the belief to wean them back.'

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah said the pro-Pakistan slogans were only meant to "provoke" the BJP over the abrogation of Article 370. "They (those who celebrated the win) don't have anything to do with them (Pakistanis)... They were children and young boys," Abdullah said at a public meeting in Surankote in Poonch district. "A volcano is building up even as they think they have silenced (the people)."

Facebook papers have the right tool to flag or moni-

tor content in Hindi and Bengali.

The findings of a Facebook researcher in Kerala from a self-created user account, which encountered several instances of hate speech and misinformation on the basis of algorithmic recommendations of the platform, are also likely to be included in the report.

In her complaint to the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Haugen had said that despite being aware that "RSS users, groups, and pages promote fear-mongering, anti-Muslim narratives", Facebook could not take action given its "lack of Hindi and Bengali classifiers".

Ganguly

(Ganguly) is going to step down from Mohun Bagan completely.' Asked when that would happen, he said: "I think today." Goenka then said: "That is for Sourav to make the announcement. Sorry, I pre-empted it."

Till late Tuesday night, there was no official announcement from the former India cricket captain about his future with ATK Mohun Bagan. Even if Ganguly steps away

from the football club, questions may still be raised over his involvement in the franchise auction process as BCCI president despite his football association with one of Ganguly has been BCCI presi-

dent since 2019 and has a say in all important decisions taken by the In the redrafted BCCI constitu-

tion following directions from the Supreme Court, the Justice RM Lodha committee had listed several potential associations that came under the conflict of interest This is not the first time

Ganguly has faced questions over conflict of interest.

Last year, he had put out an Instagram post wearing a JSW Cement (Jindal Steel Works) T-shirt and claiming to be "at work" as the company's brand ambassador, ISW Sports, a wing of the business conglomerate JSW Group, is the joint owner of IPL's Delhi Capitals.

At the time, Ganguly, who had also been a mentor of Delhi Capitals in the past, insisted that his role as brand ambassador of ISW Cement did not overlap with his duties as BCCI chief.

Later, a formal complaint was filed by Sanjeev Gupta, a former Madhva Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA) member, but the matter is yet to be heard.

cocaine. He said it was the NCB's case that the drugs were for consumption, therefore other sections cannot be invoked. Mor also said the NCB had violated provisions of the NDPS Act while conducting the panchnama and hence the recov-

corporate services provider firm. In July 2016, Trident Trust set up another company called Blue Harbor Group Ltd in BVI with Vikram Shroff as the beneficial owner, and Trident Trust subsidiary Harris Trustees Limited, registered in St Kitts and Nevis, as

According to the incorporation form of Blue Harbor, the company was set up solely to hold a Euro 3.5 million yacht, to be later exported to BVI for "tax purposes". The Blue Harbor records are maintained at Trident Trust's office in Cyprus. Vikram's annual income is stated to be \$1.5 million and approximate overall wealth to be \$40 million in the incorporation form.

Jaidev and Vikram are also owners of BVI firms Gem Consulting Ltd and Legacy Investing SA, respectively. Both these firms were incorporated in January 2013. While Jaidev's Gem Consulting owns JS Investments Ltd in Jebel Ali Free Zone (Jafza) in UAE, Vikram solely owns VS Investments Ltd in Jafza.

JS Investments and VJ Investments, in turn, hold 50 per cent each in another Jafza-based entity VIS Investments Ltd (now Vesper Investments Ltd). VJS Investments Ltd is the owner of **Dubai-based Prasadah Trading** DMCC, which records in Pandora Papers reveal, was set up to own properties in Dubai. All these firms were set up in 2014 between February and September.

Records also show that Vikram Shroff is the beneficial owner of another BVI firm Lorena Asset Holdings Ltd set up in 2011 to hold bankable assets and investments. It was also set up to own a bank account and Vikram's investment portfolio at Bank Julius Baer in Zurich. The sole shareholder of Lorena is another BVI entity. Louksor Limited, the records show.

Jaidev Shroff is the beneficial owner of Trenkore Investments Limited, an entity in Cyprus which was re-domiciled in the BVI in 2011. Shroff controls this company

through Seychelles-based Vector Projects Ltd, records show. Responding to a list of questions, Mishcon de Reya LLP, the law firm representing the Shroff brothers Jaidev said, "Jaidev and Vikram

Shroff have worked exceptionally

hard building one of the world's largest corporations which has created jobs and prosperity in India and across the world. The Shroffs own a yacht, which is only ever used by the family in a private capacity. It has never generated any income, is not used for chartering and there are no taxation implica-It further said: "To ensure their

private assets and liabilities are recorded and tracked, Jaidev and Vikram set up companies for each of their investments well in advance of any deal. If that deal is not concluded, the company has no further use and lies dormant or is wound up. If it goes ahead, Jaidev and Vikram proudly comply with the global Common Reporting Standard developed by the OECD in 2014. They send information to the relevant tax authorities and keep their tax filings up to date. The brothers are not resident in India but wherever Indian-sourced income is generated they readily pay all taxes due."

On January 22, 2020, the Income Tax authorities had searched UPL premises after complaints of alleged tax evasion. In its annual report of FY 2021, the company said the I-T department served notices asking it to file revised tax returns for past years.

"Company has filed its return of income. Further, the income tax department has issued notices to the company calling for certain preliminary information. The company is in the process of responding to the above notices and does not expect any significant financial or reporting implications to emerge out of this matter," said UPL in the annual report.

UPL was also mired in a controversy after a whistle-blower alleged siphoning of funds by promoters as the company paid crores of rupees in rent to shell companies for properties earlier owned by UPL's global head Jaidev Shroff. He denied any wrongdoing and said the UPL's audit committee examined the whistle-blower's complaint in 2017 and did not find merit in the allegations.

- WITH INPUTS FROM JAYPRAKASH NAIDU IN MUMBAI

2 journalists held them on October 24.

Booked under different sections of the IPC including the charge of extortion, Dubey and Palliwar were produced in court following their arrest and have been sent to judicial custody for 14

Town Inspector Satyaprakash Tiwari of the Civil Lines police station in Raipur said the report was published by Dubey and circulated with Palliwar's aid, so both were ar-

Two separate FIRs were registered on complaints from the MLAs. Dubey and Palliwar were booked under IPC sections 384 (punishment for extortion), 189 (threat of injury to public servant), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace), 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation), 501 (1) (B) (printing or engraving matter known to be defamatory).

Cheering Pak

following Pakistan's victory Sunday night. "We have registered an FIR and more people may be called for questioning," Samba SSP Rajesh Sharma said, adding that action will be taken against those "guilty". Deputy Commissioner Anuradha Gupta also confirmed the registration of

There were protests in Samba district after a video of the alleged celebration went viral. On Monday, the Srinagar police

filed FIRs under sections of the UAPA against unnamed women hostel students of Government Medical College (GMC) and students at Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), after videos of "celebrations" on the campuses went viral. The FIR filed at Karannagar

Police Station over the GMC, Srinagar, incident says: "Some unidentified girl students celebrated Pakistan's win inside the Government Medical College Srinagar and raised pro-Pakistan slogans against the sovereignty of India." The FIR against SKIMS students, at Soura Police Station, is worded almost the same. The J&K Students' Association

urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to withdraw the UAPA charges on humanitarian grounds. In a statement, reported by PTI, its national spokesperson Nasir Khuehami said the UAPA charges were harsh. "We are not justifying their act, but it will result in their career assassination," Khuehami

Talking to reporters at Jammu, on the sidelines of a function organised by the BJP to celebrate Accession Day, J&K BJP chief Raina said: "Anyone who poses a threat to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of our motherland will be bulldozed and crushed. FIRs have been registered against those who celebrated Pakistan's win in Kashmir and elsewhere and created a ruckus under a conspiracy, and they are being identified."

The Agra FIR followed a protest

Engineering Technical College by some Hindu outfits against alleged WhatsApp messages shared by three of its students, studying at the institute under the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme for J&K students, following Pakistan's win. The three, who apologised for the messages, were rusticated from the college. A college official said the students were on campus Tuesday night "under supervision of police officials".

held at Raja Balwant Singh (RBS)

Agra SP(City) Vikas Kumar said, "Some messages were written on WhatsApp which were against the country." The case was lodged under IPC Sections 153 A (promoting enmity between different groups), 505(1)(B)(with intent to cause, or which is likely to cause, fear or alarm to the public, or to any section of the public), and 66-F of the

A notice by the college's Dean of Hostels, Dushyant Singh, said the three students had been "found involved in indiscipline... posting status in favour of Pakistan". RBS Chief Proctor Ashish Shukla

told *The Indian Express:* "The three students supported Babar Azam (the Pakistan captain), and the Pakistan cricket team. After the matter came to our cognizance through other students, we questioned the students. We rusticated them from the college and the hos-

Shukla added: "The students apologised saying they had made a mistake and that if they hurt someone's sentiments, they were sorry... They are students and children, and have made a mistake. The rest depends on the officials." The action against the teacher

at a private school in Rajasthan's Udaipur came after her WhatsApp status featured a photo of Pakistani players and saying 'We won' in Hindi. She issued a video apology and said she didn't mean to hurt anyone's sentiments. As screenshots of her WhatsApp status went viral, mem-

school management issued a letter saying the teacher was being "immediately expelled". Dalpat Singh, SHO, Amba Mata Police Station, said a case was registered under IPC Section 153 B

bers of right-wing outfits gathered

outside the school. On Monday, the

(imputations, assertions prejudicial to national-integration). In her apology, the teacher said: "We were watching the match and had divided both teams at home. And we were supporting our teams. This, in any way, does not

mean that I am supporting Pakistan... Someone messaged me and said you are supporting

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Stubble burning: Rain plays spoilsport in Delhi govt's biodecomposer plans

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

RAIN HAS delayed spraying of the Pusa decomposer in Delhi, and left fields wet and waterlogged in some places, even as the capital recorded two instances of stubble burning this

The decomposer solution, meant to help with decomposition of crop residue after the kharif harvest, was to be sprayed on around 4,000 acres out of 14,000 acres of paddy field in Delhi. Around 30% to 35% of this figure has been covered, according to A P Saini, Joint Director, Agriculture. Rainfall, particularly the wet spell on October 18, left some fields waterlogged and others too moist to run a tractor over, even as wheat sowing season is near, officials in the north and northwest districts said.

The rainfall last week meant that October this year is the wettest since 1956. With the weather likely to remain dry over the next few days, spraying can resume soon, said an exten-

The decomposer was to be sprayed on around 4,000 acres out of 14,000 acres of paddy field in Delhi. Archive

sion officer (agriculture) in the northwest district. The fields in low lying areas of Madanpur and Ranikhera are waterlogged, and the harvest is also not complete since a combine harvester cannot be used in soil that is extremely moist, he added. The decomposer can take around 15 to

20 days to act on the residue. The Delhi government was targeting fields harvested with a combine harvester for spraying of the decomposer, since the machine leaves substantial residue behind. When the decomposer spraying began two weeks ago, Environment Minister Gopal Rai had said that farmers could continue to apply for spraying. Only 17 fresh applications have been received since then, Saini said.

Two instances of stubble burning have been recorded in Delhi so far, one on October 2 and one on Monday, Saini said. The fine for burning depends on the cropped area, and is levied by the this month, teams of extension officers were formed in four districts to monitor stubble burning and spraying of the decomposer. Last year, there was one instance of burning in the northwest district, the extension officer said.

Winds and rainfall have destroyed standing crops, paddy and vegetables in some fields, said another extension officer (agriculture) in the north district. "If the paddy stalks have fallen on the ground, it can no longer be cut with a harvester. It will have to be harvested manually, and finding workers now can be difficult around Diwali," he said. Spraying of the decomposer resumed on Tuesday, he added.

Farmers are meanwhile ruing their losses. Jasram, a farmer at Palla, also said that the decomposer spraying was delayed this year. He also harvested a section of the crop in September, he said. The remaining crop, around 6.5 acres, is yet to be harvested, and there is a shortage of labour, he said. He has applied to get the decomposer sprayed on the field

ACCUSED WAS HELD IN MARCH FOR MOLESTING A MINOR

Two girls raped in four days, police find accused is same

MAHENDER SINGH

MANRAL NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

A 20-YEAR-OLD man arrested for allegedly raping a seven-yearold girl in West Delhi on October 22 had sexually assaulted another girl, aged six, just four days earlier, The Indian Express has learnt. The accused, Suraj Shah, was also arrested in March for allegedly molesting a minor girl, and was released on bail from Tihar in July. In fact, he was in Delhi on October 22 for a court

hearing that was postponed. Shah was arrested from Haryana's Rohtak on October 24, DCP, Central district, Shweta Chauhan said.

While investigating the October 22 rape, officials of the central district discovered through their informers that a similar incident took place on October 18, less than 5 km away.



Suraj Shah (20)

"In the meantime, Suraj's picture viral on social media and a relative of the six-year-old girl showed it to her. She identified him and the family approached police on Monday, informing them of the development," a senior police officer said.

The girl's parents had approached police on October 18, too, alleging that she had been taken to an isolated place by a man, who raped her. Based on her father's complaint, an FIR

was lodged. While the first case was being probed by officers of the west district since the victim lived there, the second was under officers of the central district. It is learnt that senior officers at the Delhi Police headquarters are dissatisfied that police forces in the west district did not launch an extensive manhunt after the first incident.

"During questioning, the accused said he stays in Delhi's Raghubir Nagar and runs a small store in Rajasthan, where he and a relative sell utensils purchased from Delhi. He said that after being released from jail, he frequently moved between the two states," an officer said. He disclosed that he visited Central Delhi on October 18 to eat at a restaurant he particularly liked. He told police that's when he lured the six-year-old.

"He raped her and returned to Raiasthan, On October 22, he again came to Delhi for a court hearing but found it had been postponed. He then went to the same restaurant, and once he was in the area, he followed two more children from the same locality, but they entered their homes before he could do anything. He later lured the sevenvear-old girl and allegedly raped her." the officer said.

After the incident, officers of the central district had scanned around 800 CCTVs and found footage of the accused. "In one footage, he was seen near a metro station in West Delhi. We suspected he was a resident of the West district and checked criminal dossiers of all accused arrested for sexually harassing minor girls. Police found the accused resembled someone who was arrested earlier. A team was sent to the local police station and they scanned his case file. They then traced his relative, who gave vital clues about him, the officer said.

Gurgaon health dept issues **Covid advisory**

Gurgaon: Fearing an upsurge in Covid cases in the upcoming festive season, the health department issued an advisory directing people to follow covid norms.

The advisory said: "The months between October and December are likely to witness gatherings of a large number of people for festivals and fairs. We are expecting more cases, especially over the next fortnight. The season is prone to respiratory diseases, common flu and pollutantcausing diseases." ENS

service during pendency of sexual harassment complaint

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OBSERVING THAT her employer, instead of providing her the assistance in prosecuting the complaint of sexual harassment, opposed her tooth and nail and even terminated her services pending the inquiry, the Delhi High Court has ordered reinstatement of a woman to her former position and asked the employer to forthwith release her salary along with

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The court passed the order in a case filed by the woman challenging the termination of her services. The woman was appointed to the post of Editor (English) on probation for two years in December 2017, and in February 2018, her appointment was confirmed. The woman allegedly faced sexual harassment at the hands of a senior employee in the government publication house, and the accused also made racist and sexist comments against women there. In November 2019, she made a complaint with the police and

HC orders reinstatement of woman discharged from

also requested her employer to set up an independent committee to enquire into her sexual harassment complaint. Her complaint was however sent to the Internal Complaints Committee. The woman later moved the Local Committee — where complaints filed against the employer are prosecuted - as she expressed her apprehension regarding the independence and impartiality of

Karunjit Singh

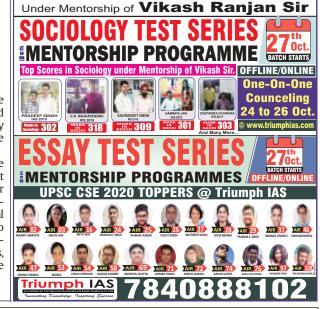
Senior Correspondent

The Indian Express

the members of ICC. The Local Committee granted her three

months' paid leave as an interim. However, the ICC continued with its proceedings and later allegedly incorrectly recorded that she was withdrawing her complaint. In February 2020, the employer held her performance to be not satisfactory and discharged her from duties. Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva said the complaint against the officer against whom the allegation has been made would lie only with the Local Committee and not the Internal Committee and noted that the woman has repeatedly registered her protest about the lack of jurisdiction of ICC.

"The woman would be deemed to continue in service but as a probationer in terms of her appointment letter till the conclusion of the inquiry by the Local Committee. She is reinstated to her former position, with continuity of service, full back wages, and other consequential service benefits," said the court.





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NA = Not Applicable

Return on Assets = Net Profit (after tax) divided by total average assets

are subjected to 'Limited Review' by our Statutory Auditors The amounts for three month ended 30 September 2021 are balancing figures between the amounts as per financial statements for half year ended

30 September 2021 and quarter ended 30 June 2021

The amounts for three month ended 30 September 2020 are balancing figures between the amounts as per financial statements for half year ended

1) The financial results were reviewed by Audit Committee of the Board and approved by the Board in its meeting held on 26 Oct 2021 at Mumbai and

30 September 2020 and guarter ended 30 June 2020.

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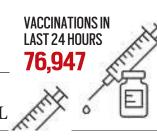
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OVER 40 STAFFERS SHORT

South MCD

BJP MLA acquitted in Patiala House assault case, court says those who captured footage not examined

ANAND MOHAN J

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

A DELHI court Tuesday acquitted BJP MLA Om Prakash Sharma and former Delhi MLA Tarvinder Singh Marwah, who were accused of assaulting CPI member Ameeque Jamai outside Patiala House Court in February 2016.

Jamai was outside the court waiting for the production of former JNU Students' Union president Kanhaiya Kumar in the 2016 JNU sedition case

Additional Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Ravindra Kumar Pandey observed that CDs/DVDs seized from various media houses capturing the alleged assault "were not duly proved as per law as the person who recorded and covered the material in the CDs/DVDs were not examined as a witness or associated in the investigation, and

BRIEFLY

Armed men

loot Rs 40k

from liquor

store

fire gunshots;

Gurgoan: Four unidenti-

fied men allegedly fired

multiple gunshots and

looted Rs 40,000 cash at

a liquor store on Old

Railway road, about 500

metres from the office of police commissioner, at

Shivaji Nagar area on

Monday night. No one

sustained injuries, said

police, adding that the ac-

cused are yet to be ar-

Project for

pollution

issues

resolving air

New Delhi: A project for

the identification and res-

olution of issues related

to air pollution will be

launched in the North

and East MCD and the

New Delhi Municipal

Council from Wednesday

onwards, based on a pilot

project that was initiated

last year in the South MCD

areas. The project com-

prises a 'Smart City 311'

mobile app that citizens

can use to raise com-

Five held for

job fraud

conning 60 in

Gurgaon: The Faridabad

Police have arrested five

members of an interstate

gang for allegedly con-

ning at least 60 people in

the Delhi-NCR region on

the pretext of offering

them 'prestigious' jobs in

multinational compa-

nies. After taking hefty

sums, the accused would

later ask the victim to ac-

cept a job in an escort

service to get the money

back, police said. ENS

offered on behalf of the prosecu-

Similarly, the court said that a photojournalist was "not examined as a witness nor he was associated in the investigation of the case, and no reasonable explanation was offered on behalf of the prosecution".

"No other eyewitness of the incident was associated in the investigation or produced in the trial and no valid explanation was offered by the prosecution or by the investigating agency," the court said. The court further said that Jamai, the sole witness, made "material improvement and contradictory statement".

ACMM Pandey wrote in his judgement, "The accused Sharma and complainant Jamai were belonging to different political parties and different ideologies" and knew each other since 2013-2014. The court said Iamai "did not disclose his name

WINTER BREAK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE DELHI Jal Board (DJB) will

now provide all household wa-

ter connections without any in-

termediaries, according to the

decision taken at a board meet-

ing of the DJB held by Water

pipeline network of around

13,000 km, the connection from

the pipeline to the household had

to be drawn by the individual

consumer. The new decision

means that the DJB will lay

pipelines as well as install con-

nections and meters. With the

DJB taking charge of all connec-

tions, handling damaged

pipelines, contamination, and

unauthorised connections could

become easier, said a communi-

cation from the government. This

can also help provide new meter

connections in upcoming

While the DJB maintains a

Minister Satyendar Jain.

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water connections to

colonies.



BJP MLA Om Prakash Sharma (in blue), CPI member Ameeque Jamai outside Patiala House Court in 2016. Archive

in his initial complaint and role in the commission of the offence, and when he was called as a witness and was examined on 27.10.2020 and on 03.02.2021, he made material improvement from his initial statement".

The court held that Jamai also

Migratory birds seen at the Yamuna wetland. They arrive during the winter. Praveen Khanna

DJB will now provide 5 held for extortion

all households directly on dating apps

Rates vary depending on the

category of the residential

colony. The DJB has approved a

cost of Rs 4,000 for residential

connections in colonies under

categories A. B and C. while a

commercial connection will cost

Rs 8,000 in these categories.

Residential connections in cate-

gories D and E will cost Rs 2,000,

with commercial connections

priced at Rs 4,000. A rate of Rs

1,000 will be levied for F, G, and

H category colonies and villages,

while commercial connections

in these areas will cost Rs 2.000.

plant with a capacity of 20 mil-

lion gallons per day at Okhla,

was also approve. The RO plant

will be fed by lakes and ground-

water, while treated water will

be transported to homes using

the existing pipeline network.

The project is expected to be

complete by May 2022. A private

investor will operate the plant.

The installation of an RO

from people they met

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE DELHI Police arrested five

from Dwarka for allegedly ex-

torting money from people on

dating apps. The accused are

members of a "sextortion gang"

who cheat individuals by creat-

ing fake profiles on dating apps

lodged a complaint Saturday

against a woman and her asso-

ciates. He alleged that his drink

was spiked when he went to the

woman's house and she re-

moved his clothes. They

thrashed him and took his

watch, gold ring, wallet with

Rs 15,000. They also demanded

Rs 7 lakh and threatened him.

A case was registered at

Dabri and police took details of

the woman and her associates.

Shankar Chaudhary, DCP

(Dwarka), said they found that a

Police said a businessman

and threatening them.

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"improved his version from the

statement recorded on

in his statement recorded on

27.10.2020 to the statement recorded on 03.02.2021".The court noted that Jamai had accused Sharma of saying "agar bandook hoti toh goli maar deta"

February 3, 2021, but this was not stated in his previous statement recorded on October 27,

The court, in his October 2020 statement, noted that Jamai had stated that Sharma was leading a mob and landed blows and kicks on his body, threatening him against standing for the "Justice for Rohit Vemula campaign", but "no such disclosure was made when he gave his complaint to the police in his own handwriting". On his allegations that professor Ayesha Kidwai was manhandled along with some journalists, the court noted. "No such disclosure was made by the complainant when he gave his complaint in his own handwriting on 15.02.2016."

"During investigation also, he did not inform the police regarding the presence of Kidwai, Vishwajit Kumar and Binoy Viswam at the spot. The police had not associated these three

persons or any person from media houses/journalists in order to establish that Professor Kidwai or Kumar and Viswam were manhandled or beaten up," the judgement read. The court further noted that "no complaint from these peoples or any media personnel was lodged with the

The court noted that Jamai had failed to identify Marwah in court as the person leading the mob when he was examined on February 3, 2021. The court noted that he took Marwah's name "in the complaint on the basis that he heard the word Marwah in the mob when the mob was beating him". The court acquitted the accused under sections 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 341 (punishment for wrongful restraint), 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation) and 34 (common intention) of the IPC.

Members of Hindu outfit meet Gurgaon DC over namaz row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, OCTOBER 26

FIVE MEMBERS of the Sanyukt Hindu Sangharsh Samiti — an association of several groups met the Gurgaon deputy commissioner on Tuesday morning and submitted a memorandum, requesting the administration to put a stop to offering of Friday namaz in the open at public places.

After the meeting with the DC, the representatives of the group issued an 'ultimatum' declaring that they would not allow Friday namaz to continue in any public space. "We are giving a polite warning. We won't submit more memorandums. It will then be the responsibility of the administration to maintain peace, not ours. We are ready for lathis, we are ready to go to jail... we won't run if we are shot at, but this will not be tolerated," said Mahavir Bhardwaj, state president of Sanyukt Hindu

Sangharsh Samiti, Haryana. Gurgaon DC Yash Garg said, "A memorandum from the group has been received. We are aware of the matter and are working to resolve it. All the duty magistrates and officials are on alert and we shall ensure that communal harmony is maintained." For several weeks now, residents and some people associated with Bajrang Dal, Vishwa Hindu Parishad and smaller outfits have gathered to raise slogans during namaz at dif-

ferent locations in the city. Speaking to the media, Bhardwaj said, "This cannot be allowed to go on. People who come to pray create nuisance on roads and obstruct movement, and peace is disturbed. Prayers can be offered in mosques, Waqf board

land or in homes." On October 16, after chairing a meeting of the grievance redressal committee, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had said, "Everyone has a right to pray. No one should hurt the sentiments of others. nor should anyone disrupt the prayers. Prayers should be offered at the designated sites as suggested by the administration. At the same time, it should not lead to any hindrance..,"

needs to be adopted in the entire country, adding that it is the ordinary people who work for the common man and that the work done by the Delhi government

for the common children is com-

mendable. He also praised the

labs and the libraries at the

Manish Sisodia said that a radical change can be brought about in the education system by working together. He said that the Delhi government will help the Maharashtra government improve their public education system. He said, "by learning from each other, we can bring a change in the education system of the country.'

New Delhi

has vehicles to fight pollution, but no drivers

ABHINAV RAJPUT

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE SOUTH Delhi Municipal Corporation is "fighting a war against pollution without guns" - the standing committee observed - after it was informed that there is a shortage of drivers leading to several vehicles being halted for months.

There is a shortage of over 40 drivers for vehicles like water tankers, jetting machines, garbage picking vehicles and mechanical diggers, said standing committee chairperson B K Oberoi. The number of these vehicles is around 150.

The issue was brought up during the standing committee meeting of the South MCD Tuesday by BJP councillor Poonam Bhati, who said that the corporation is facing a shortage of drivers. "Twenty vehicles remain stationed in offices of SDMC in Amar Colony, Lajpat Nagar and other areas," said

"The shortage is for a year, and I have been raising the issue for two months now," Bhati

This situation led to Oberoi pulling up officials, saying, "Now there will be a rise in pollution, how are you prepared, you all know that you do not have driv-

ers, you are fighting a war without guns."

Later, he said that the civic body is somehow managing with its current strength but a lack of funds is also coming in the way of hiring more manpower. "Many people retired, some passed away but there was no hiring," he said.

The air quality in Delhi worsens during the month of October and November due to the effect of stubble burning combined with vehicular pollution and other external factors.

The System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Researching (SAFAR) has said that the impact of farm fires on Delhi's air quality is likely to increase from October 27 due to the favourable speed and direction of winds from Punjab and Haryana and slim chances of

While Delhi has enjoyed a relatively cleaner pre-winter period (September 1-October 15) this year as compared to previous years, as per an analysis by the Centre for Science and Environment, experts attributed this to the extended rainfall as well as the delayed paddy harvest in Punjab and Haryana. With paddy stubble burning expected to rise in the next few days, pollution levels are also expected to go up.

Four of family dead in fire at Seemapuri home



The house where the fire broke out. Abhinav Saha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

FOUR MEMBERS of a family died after a fire broke out at a house in Delhi's Seemapuri early on

They were sleeping on the third floor of a building when the fire broke out around 3 am. Police said the victims could not escape on time and died due to "heavy smoke" in the room.

The deceased were identified as Horilal (59), his wife Reena (55), their children Ashu (24) and Rohini (18). The four were on the third floor while Horilal's younger son Akshay (22) was sleeping on the second floor. He survived because the fire didn't spread to other rooms. It is suspected that an oil lamp or incense stick kept on a table led to the fire after it came in contact with a pile of clothes and curtains.

The Delhi Fire Services said that the fire was small, but the four died because of asphyxia as all the windows and doors were closed. Horilal worked as a peon at the Parliament while his wife Reena worked as a sweeper in

Their daughter Rohini was in class XII. Their relatives said the family was preparing for Ashu's wedding in December. "Ashu got engaged weeks ago, and we were talking to priests to fix the wedding date. We did not expect this would happen. Horilal and Reena worked very hard to buy the house and save money," said Babli Kumar, Horilal's sister-in-

R Sathiyasundaram, the

Shahdara DCP, said, "The Crime and Forensic Science Laboratory teams have visited the spot. The deceased had burn injuries but died due to suffocation after inhaling smoke. We are waiting for an autopsy report to confirm

A fire call was made by the neighbours around 4 am, and four fire tenders were rushed.

Atul Garg, the DFS Chief, said, 'Around 16 to 20 firemen rushed to the spot and found four persons dead. They all died inside the house. There were domestic articles like curtains and clothes that caught fire. We suspect an incense stick, mosquito coil or a amp might have caused it."

Neighbours said the fire started around 3 am and they woke up after hearing Akshay's screams.

"I work at a factory in UP and

came home late at night. I had dinner and went to sleep. I don't know when the fire started. I was sleeping when a neighbour woke me up. I rushed upstairs and tried to open the door but it was bolted from inside. I screamed for help and called the police. By the time officials arrived, they had all died. I couldn't save any of them..." said Akshay. He found his sister and elder brother lying near the door of the house. "I think they woke up and tried to open the door but collapsed," he added. Susheela, who lives near the

building, said she woke up to the sound of a glass breaking inside. "I saw the blaze from the window and alerted everyone. We tried to douse the fire but there was a lot of smoke."

Maharashtra MoS swings by Delhi govt schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

SANJAY BANSODE, Minister of Government of Maharashtra, visited Delhi government schools along with Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia Tuesday and interacted with students. He said that Maharashtra would adopt Delhi's education model.

They visited two schools, Kautilya Government Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Chirag Enclave, Greater Kailash and School of Excellence, Kalkaji. He spoke with the children there and learned about the 'Business

Blasters' program under the Entrepreneurship Mindset Curriculum. He spoke to the children involved in the project about the enterprises that they have begun with the seed money given by the govern-

He was introduced to the model of School of Specialized Excellence (SoSE) Deshbhakti Curriculum commenced in Delhi government

He was taken through the model of SoSE, a one of a kind school launched by the Delhi government. He said that the Delhi government is doing a great job in providing world-



class specialised education to the children and is providing more facilities to the children in government schools than private schools.

42-year-old man named Sonu

Suri (42) is running the gang and

extorting money from people.

Devi (33), her husband Vaibhav

(37). Sheetal Arora alias Pooia

(40) and Harbinder Singh (60) -

were arrested with Suri after

their crime and revealed that

they used to create profiles on

dating apps and take mobile

numbers of their targets. The

women would chat with the vic-

tims and invite them to Revti's

house. Other gang members

posing as neighbours, family

members or NGO officials would

"barge" in and threaten the vic-

tim that he will be booked in a

rape case. The victims would pay

the amount in fear of being

booked in a false case, police

ing details and looking for other

victims/complainants.

The DCP said they are verify-

The accused confessed to

The other accused — Revti

He said that Sharad Pawar told him to visit the Delhi government schools, learn from the education model of Delhi and build government schools in Maharashtra on the same model. He said that the model

Sanjay Bansode, Minister of State, Government of Maharashtra, at a Delhi government school with **Deputy Chief Minister** Manish Sisodia

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Judicial infra in focus, Rijiju to meet state law ministers

APURVA VISHWANATHNEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

FROM CONSTRUCTION of toilet complexes in courts to residential units for judicial officers, Union Minister for Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju is set to invite law ministers from all states and union territories next month to discuss ways to improve judicial infrastructure for the lower judiciary.

According to the ministry, the key agenda for the conference with law ministers is to discuss judicial infrastructure. "This is to take state governments on board since lack of adequate infrastructure will be a challenge to delivery of justice," Rijiju said. "A number of our lower court judges live in rented accommodation and that is concerning," he said.

The move comes in the backdrop of Chief Justice of India N V Ramana expressing concern over the state of infrastructure in the lower judiciary last week. "Good judicial infrastructure for courts in India has always been an after-thought" and "it is because of this mindset that courts in India still operate from dilapidated structures, making it difficult to effectively perform their function," CJI Ramana had said at the inauguration of two wings of the annexe building at the Aurangabad bench

of the Bombay High Court. "The total sanctioned strength of judicial officers in the country is 24.280 and the number of court halls available is 20,143 (including 620 rented halls)... Twenty-six per cent of court complexes do not have separate ladies toilets... Only 54% of court complexes have purified drinking water facility... only 5% have basic medical facilities," the CJI had said. Rijiju, who was also at the event, had emphasised the need to improve judicial infrastructure to ensure ease of doing business. The ministry is also looking into the feasibility of creating a National Judicial Infrastructure

Sources said the law ministers' conference is likely to discuss augmenting resources between

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Kiren Rijiju



EMPHASISING THE importance of judicial infrastructure for "improving access to justice", Chief Justice of India NV Ramana had said last week that he had sent a proposal for setting up a National Judicial Infrastructure Authority -- a statutory body to oversee judicial infrastructure -- to the Ministry of Law and Justice, and hoped for a positive response. He had urged the Law Minister to ensure that the proposal is taken up in the winter session of the Parliament.

states and Centre. Although states provide for budgets of subordinate judiciary, a centrally sponsored scheme is administered by the Department of Justice since 1993. In July, the Union cabinet extended the scheme for five years -- from 2021-22 to 2025-26 -with an outlay of Rs 9,000 crore, of which the central share is Rs 5,307 crore. New features like lawyers' halls, toilet complexes and digital rooms are included under the scheme. According to the ministry, an online system with geo-tagging called "Nyaya Vikas" has been set up for monitoring work. Over 2,700 court halls and residential units have been finalised. On digital infrastructure, electronic case management tools have been developed for judicial officers to improve judicial functioning, and e-filing application portals have been operationalised.

PEGASUS SNOOPING ROW

SC order on independent probe plea today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 26

THE SUPREME Court will on Wednesday pronounce its judgment on petitions seeking independent probe into allegations of unauthorised surveillance using the Pegasus software.

The matter is listed before a bench headed by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana at 10.30 am.

The court is seized of 12 petitions in the matter, including those filed by the Editors Guild of India; journalists N Ram and

Thakurta; Trinamool Congress leader Yashwant Sinha; and academic Jagdeep S Chhokar. The top court had reserved its order on the petitions after hearing the different sides on September 13.

The Centre has "unequivocally" denied all allegations regarding illegal surveillance and urged the court to allow it to constitute a committee of technical experts who will go into the allegations. In a brief affidavit filed on August 15, the government had stated that "with a view to dispel any wrong narrative spread by certain vested interests and with an object of examining the issues raised", it would set up "a Committee of Experts in the field which will go in to all aspects of the issue".

The petitioners opposed the government request to allow it to form a committee. On September 23, the CJI, while hearing a matter, had hinted that the court will appoint a committee of experts to go into the charges. He said the order was taking time since some of the experts it had in mind to be part of the committee had declined to take the role citing personal diffi-

culties. Arguing their petitions earlier, the petitioners had urged the court to direct the government to disclose whether it had purchased or used Pegasus.

Although the court asked if the government wanted to file any further affidavit clarifying its position, the Centre said that the issue was fraught with "questions of national security", and hence it did not want to put details in a public affidavit to be filed in court. It had offered to submit the affidavit to the committee of domain experts, who could submit a report to the court.

Own people entered state from Myanmar: Nagaland

The Indian EXPRESS

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA KOHIMA, OCTOBER 26

THE NAGALAND government on Tuesday said refugees from trouble-torn Myanmar have entered Mon district of the state. State Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Neiba Kronu told a press conference that those crossing over to Nagaland are mainly Nagas of Myanmar.

The number of people who entered Mon from Myanmar is yet to be ascertained, Kronu said. "Our own people are coming from

Myanmar and they are being provided refuge by the churches and tribal bodies of the district on humanitarian grounds," the minister said. Four districts of the state — Phek, Kiphire, Noklak, and Mon — lie along the Indo-Myanmar border. Myanmar nationals have been fleeing the country since February following a military coup that left its democratically elected government in exile.

"We should help our own people coming from Myanmar," he said. Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, and Arunachal Pradesh share their border with Myanmar.



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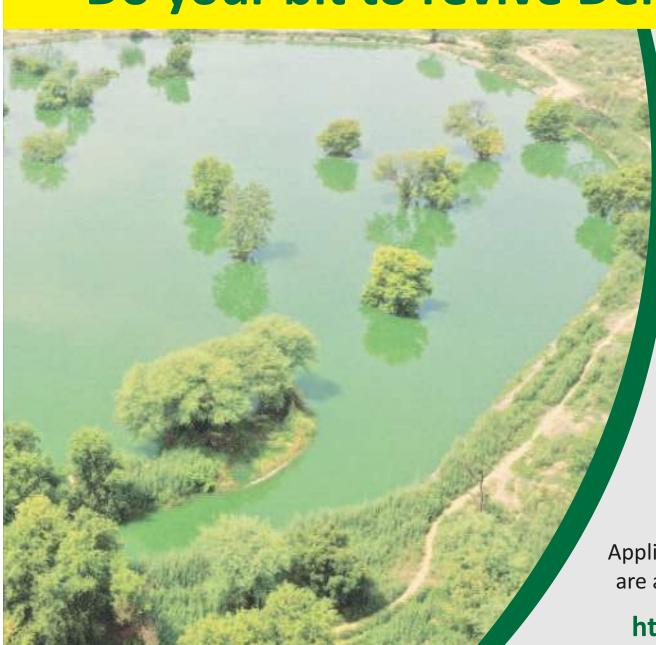


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LANGUAGE PUSH

TWO NEW members of Rajya Sabha took their oaths on Tuesday — in their respective mother tongue. While TMC's Sushmita Dev took the oath in Bengali, BJP's S Selvaganapathy took it in Tamil. Of the 14 members who have taken the oath recently, 10 have done so in seven regional languages. Expressing happiness about this trend, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, who has often encouraged people to learn and speak in their mother tongue, said this is in line with the federal spirit. Union Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, the deputy leader of the House, was also present for the ceremony.

ON THE WALL

THE GOVERNMENT is observing Vigilance Awareness Week. As part of this, ministries are creating various campaigns and messages for officials. One message has drawn the attention of officials at Rail Bhawan. Pasted on the wall on way to the power corridors on the second floor of Rail Bhawan, is a frame with a cartoon of wads of cash falling from the sky and into a man's briefcase. With that is the message: "Ill-gotten cash wealth is like cancer... it destroys everything you love and cherish." What has drawn some mirth among officers passing by is that the wads of cash carry US dollar sign, instead of rupee. Officers are heard joking that the message is not relevant to them.

CATCHING UP

HEALTH MINISTER Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday held a detailed press briefing on the launch of the flagship PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission. During the briefing, Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan was also scheduled to address the press. However, he arrived late because of an important meeting of the cabinet committee on investment and growth. But Bhushan made up for the delay, and answered most of the questions at the high tea that was organised after the briefing.

After attacks on party offices, Naidu for Central intervention

sources said, adding that Naidu

will be returning to the captial

soon for another meeting. On his

2-day visit. Naidu had Monday

led a TDP delegation to meet

President Ram Nath Kovind and

seek President's Rule in Andhra

on Tuesday, Naidu said: "We

and its people...We are under at-

tack because the TDP decided to

expose the ruling government's

connections with drug mafia

and the strengthening clutches

of the liquor mafia. I am meeting

Tathagata takes dig

Kolkata: Former Tripura Governor

and BIP leader Tathagata Roy trig-

gered a fresh controversy after

tweeting a photo collage of a pug

and Kailash Vijayvargiya, the cen-

tral leader in charge of the BJP's

affairs in West Bengal, with a cap-

tion: "Vodafone in West Bengal

again." Roy had posted the photo

on Monday in response to a per-

son's tweet asking why

Vijayvargiya remained in charge

of the BIP in West Bengal despite

the poll debacle earlier this year.

The tweet drew criticism from

state BJP president Sukanta

at Vijayvargiya

with pug tweet

the Home Minister...'

Speaking to mediapersons

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

IN THE backdrop of attacks on TDP offices in Andhra Pradesh, former chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu is seeking Central intervention against the ruling YSRCP and President's plete collapse of constitutional mechanism and law and order".

Naidu was scheduled to meet Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday to seek his intervention but the meeting could not take place due to Shah's schedule,

Assam bypolls: EC issues showcause notice to CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 26

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) on Monday issued a showcause notice to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for allegedly violating the Model Code Of Conduct while campaigning for the upcoming bypolls in the

The notice was sent on the basis of two complaints made by Leader of Opposition Debabrata Saikia and Assam Congress President, Bhupen Kumar Borah, who alleged that Sarma had made several announcements in Bhawanipur, Thowra and Mariani constituencies in connection with building roads. medical colleges, schools, stadiums while campaigning.

They also said that the Chief Minister had promised financial assistance to self-help groups of tea garden workers.

"It has created an impression among the public that unless they support the ruling party they will be deprived of government benefits," Saikia noted in his letter to the EC.

Cong moves EC, seeks FIR against Himanta

New Delhi: The Congress on Tuesday demanded that Sarma

be debarred from campaigning. A Congress delegation met the Election Commission and demanded that an FIR be also **ENS** lodged against Sarma.

Lack of clarity, set aside ambitions, Sonia tells Cong

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

DAYS AFTER she declared that she was "a full-time and handson" Congress president, Sonia Gandhi told senior party leaders Tuesday that discipline and unity were "paramount" and strengthening the organisation "must override personal ambitions". She also showed them the mirror saying even statelevel leaders lack "clarity and cohesion" on policy issues.

Chairing a meeting of state Congress presidents and AICC general secretaries and incharges of states -- it was also attended by Rahul Gandhi -- in the run-up to assembly elections in kev states, Sonia Gandhi said: "I would like to re-emphasise the paramount need for discipline and unity. What should matter to each and every one of us is the strengthening of the organisation. This must override personal ambitions. In this lies both collective and individual success."

"We must fight the diabolical campaign of BJP/RSS ideologically. We must do so with conviction and expose their lies before the people if we are to win this battle. The AICC releases important and detailed statements almost every day on issues facing the nation. But it is my experience that they do not percolate down to our grassroot cadres at the block and district levels.



Sonia Gandhi after a meeting of state party presidents, AICC general secretaries and in-charges of states. Anil Sharma

There are policy issues on which I find a lack of clarity and cohesion even amongst our statelevel leaders," she said.

Her emphasis on unity and discipline comes at a time when bitter and deep divisions in the Punjab unit of the party are playing out in the open. While the chasm between Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu and Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi is widening, the slugfest between former Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and state Congress leaders is showing no signs of ending.

Amarinder Singh is expected to snap ties with the Congress and announce the launch of his party at a press conference in Chandigarh Wednesday.

In Chhattisgarh too, the

Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Health Minister TS Singh Deo is escalating. Earlier this week, their supporters had clashed at a party function in Jashpur district. Factional feuds are troubling the party in several other states including Rajasthan, Kerala and Karnataka.

After the meeting Tuesday, Rahul Gandhi, in a Twitter post, said: "Sachche Congressi ek doosre ki kamzori nahin, taakat hai (True Congress members are each other's strength, not weakness)."

Underlining "lack of clarity and cohesion", Sonia Gandhi told the party leaders: "You must train our workers to take on the unceasing onslaught of malicious disinformation campaigns at the behest of the BJP/RSS. And you the core Congress ideology."

"Our own history bears witness to the fact that if an organisation is to succeed against injustice and inequality, if it is to effectively champion the rights of the marginalised, it must become a widespread agitation down to the grassroots. The Modi government has sought to erode our institutions so it may evade accountability. It has sought to undermine the core values of our Constitution so it can hold itself to a lower standard. It has questioned the very fundamentals of our democracy," she said.

"We must redouble our fight for those who are the victims of this government's worst excesses: our farmers and farm labourers, our youth fighting for iobs and opportunities, small and medium-scale businesses, our brothers, our sisters with particular focus on the deprived. To make this promise truly meaningful, we must also make our organisation more representative of this cross-section of society," she said.

She asked the party to focus on youth during a membership drive scheduled to start November 1. New members, she said, are the lifeblood of any political movement. "Young men and women across the nation seek a movement to give voice to their aspirations. It is our duty to provide them with a platform, as we have done for generations

Rlys changes policy, PSUs to now compete in open market for tenders

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

PUBLIC SECTOR companies, including those owned by Railways, will now have to compete in the open market with the private sector to bag railway contracts, the Railway Ministry under Ashwani Vaishnaw has decided.

In an order issued on Tuesday, the Railway Ministry withdrew the earlier policy, promulgated during the time of Vaishnaw's predecessor Piyush Goyal in December 2019, that had mandated that the Railway Board would first screen and award the work to eligible Public sector undertakings (PSUs). The winning PSU would then float the tender among contractors in the open market for the actual work to be done. This policy had been in place so that Railways could get some price advantage through competitive bidding among PSUs.

Now, expanding on the benefit of price advantage, and doing away with the policy of protectionism that PSUs enjoyed, Railways has decided that instead of its board deciding which PSU should get the job, the zonal railways concerned would float open tenders directly in the market in which the PSUs can also participate.

Tuesday's order, which withdrew the earlier policy, further stated, "All such work awarded

Ram Janmabhoomi: Kejriwal says free

Decision reverses policy in place for last two years, and ends any protection that PSUs enjoyed to get work in the rail sector

under the existing scheme for which Letter of Award has not been issued or a Memorandum of Understanding signed or no major contractual obligation undertaken in any form, will also stand can-

celled with immediate effect." Railways' yearly capital spend has touched Rs 2.15.058 crore, of which over Rs 1 lakh crore was allocated in the General Budget.

Sources said that by doing away with one layer of limited screening, both time and money would be saved significantly in getting work done. "Besides, a lot of these PSUs are listed, which means that there are private players invested in them. By providing protection to them would basically mean protecting private interests as well in a roundabout way, which was not fair competition in the market," a top source told The Indian Express.

Before 2019, the Railway Ministry would "nominate" one of its PSUs for a job, without any

Carving niche or strengthening BJP: Cong on TMC's Goa foray

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE CONGRESS on Tuesday hit out at the Trinamool Congress (TMC) for its foray into Goa politics, asking it to introspect if it was trying to carve a niche for itself in the state, or was strengthening the BJP.

The Congress's attack came amid its announcement of senior party leader Rahul Gandhi's Goa visit on October 30. The party has already suffered a setback in Goa with former chief ting the party to join the TMC.

TMC supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is set to for a visit of the state on October 28.

"Every party has a right to fight elections...Elections are not tourism where you fight one election and then you go away and reappear after five years. So. while I respect and recognise their right to fight elections independently - because that is the beauty of a democratic polity they need to understand what are they fighting, who are they fighting and what are they fighting for," Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala said.

The Congress is fighting for the people of Goa and their rights...What are the other political parties fighting for? The BJP is fighting for the kind of corruption that we have seen, but the other political parties need to also introspect.are they strengthening the cause of BIP or are they really in contest for their own place in the polity of Goa," he said.



Congress communications head Randeep Surjewala

Surjewala said some of the smaller Opposition parties had buckled under pressure from the Congress, he said, was the "only political party" fighting the BJP and Narendra Modi government's policies for the last seven years "single handedly, without bowing down, without retracting even a step at the cost of many personal sacrifices despite being persecuted recklessly and unjustifiably by the ruling dispensation.'

"Our record speaks for itself. Opposition parties, whenever they get ED notices, whenever their leaders are summoned to ED offices or CBI offices, unjustifiably I agree.that is also part of a persecution plan.but many times, they retract and many times...some of them have compromised. I don't blame them. Everybody does not necessarily have the courage to stand for

truth, come what may," he said. He said the Congress empathises with the smaller Opposition parties. "We will support them even when they oppose us. Because it is our duty to stand with everybody who is being wrongly persecuted."

Couldn't wait indefinitely for Cong to work on Opp unity: TMC

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

The TMC on Tuesday accused the Congress of showing no inin strengthening Opposition unity to take on the BJP, and said it "cannot wait for Congress to act. The TMC said no action was

taken despite West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee personally making a case to Congress President Sonia Gandhi - after TMC's victory in the Bengal elections — to "bring likeminded parties together". Addressing a press briefing in

New Delhi, TMC's Rajya Sabha MP Sukhendu Sekhar Ray said the party could not keep waiting for the Congress to "prepare a common plan" and for that reason, it had decided to expand in Tripura. Assam, Goa and Uttar Pradesh.

Sushmita Dev, a former Congress leader who took oath as a TMC Rajya Sabha MP on Tuesday, said at the press conference that one "cannot restrict any party from contesting anywhere" in the name of Opposition unity.

TMC's attack on the Congress, the single largest Opposition party in Parliament, comes at a time it has been pitching for Banerjee as the only leader who can successfully defeat the BJP in the country.

LALMANIVERMA LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 26 AAP CONVENOR and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on

Tuesday offered prayers at the Ram Janmabhoomi site and the Hanumangarhi temple in Ayodhya, and announced that senior citizens of Delhi would soon be able to undertake the pilgrimage to Ayodhya for free. announcement

prompted potshots from Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who said that "one person" in Delhi had driven out people from LIP and Rihar during the pandemic and was now making promises of freebies.

Speaking to reporters after his visit to the shrines, Kejriwal said: "Delhi government is already running a scheme offering free teerth yatras and will include Avodhva to the list in a Cabinet meeting on Wednesday...

"All that I have received – all



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at the Ram Janmabhoomi site in Ayodhya on Tuesday. PTI

wish to utilise to enable as many people as possible to visit the 'Paavan Bhoomi' of Lord Shri Ram," he said, adding that if voted to power in the UP Assembly polls scheduled for 2022, the AAP would make the pilgrimage to Ayodhya free for the people of UP.

Reacting to the move, Adityanath said while address-

my strength and resources – I ing a BJP event for OBCs in Lucknow: "There is a person from Delhi (Kejriwal) who had chased out UP, Bihar people from Delhi when lockdown was imposed. Now, he is saying I will give this and that for free... there is a need to tell him that he couldn't even handle a small Delhi... now he is looking at UP when elections are coming.

Ministry proposes 40 kmph speed limit for motorcycles with child riding pillion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THOSE RIDING motorcycles with children aged up to four years on pillion will have to ensure that they are wearing a crash helmet or bicycle helmet complying with relevant safety standards, according to a draft notification proposal. Also, the motorcycle speed cannot exceed 40 kmph.

The Ministry of Road Transport

and Highways under Nitin Gadkari has issued the draft notification over safety guidelines to be followed while carrying children aged below four on motorcycle.

The draft rules recommend that a safety harness shall be used for attaching a child pillion passenger aged below four to the person driving the motorcycle.

The ministry is open to receiving suggestions and objections on the draft for the next 30 days. "The following draft of certain rules further to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989... is hereby published as required by sub[1] section (1) of section 212 of the said Act for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of thirty days from the date on which the copies of this notification..., are made available to the public," the ministry said in a notification

dated October 21.

Hanagal bypoll: In prestige battle for Bommai, Cong emerges challenger

KIRAN PARASHAR HANAGAL, OCTOBER 26

Majumdar on Tuesday.

"I HAVE never seen such a fierce battle where state leaders of all parties and the Chief Minister are campaigning intensively for so many days," says 80-year-old Krishnappa Talwar of Akki Alur village in Hanagal constituency, where a crucial by-election is slated on October 30.

The by-election is being seen as a litmus test for Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who took charge barely three months ago, since the constituency falls in his home district Haveri.

The results are also expected to have a bearing on Bommai's standing as a BIP leader who will lead the party into the 2023 assembly elections. Hanagal, a taluk located 38 km from the district tant from Shiggaon, which Bommai represents. The bypoll in Hanagal was ne-

cessitated by the death of six-time MLACM Udasi, 85, who was with the BJP in his final years, in June this year. Incidentally, this is the first time in 43 years that the name of CM Udasi is missing from the Hanagal poll fray.

During the campaigning, the BJP has been trying to create a narrative that projects Chief Minister Bommai as the son-in-law of Hanagal constituency and son of Haveri district. Haveri BJP MP Shivakumar Udasi, son of C M Udasi, has also joined the campaign to draw votes of the Udasi family loyalists to the party.

The BIP has fielded its Haveri district president Shivaraj Sajjanar - in a first-ever break from the Udasi family – as its candidate.



CM Basavaraj Bommai and ex-CM B S Yediyurappa campaign for BJP candidate Shivaraj Sajjanar in Hanagal. Express

The opposition Congress, on the other hand, has fielded Srinivas Mane, who has gained in popularity in the constituency for helping out people during the

Covid-19 crisis. An eye hospital in Hanagal which Mane set up in collaboration with a private institution has also earned him accolades. He contested the 2018 polls



on a Congress ticket but lost to C M Udasi by 6,514 votes.

With the contest promising to be tight, the constituency in which farmers and labourers form a maior chunk has been witnessing intense campaigning, including road shows, public meetings and door-to-door campaigns.

Bommai and former chief minister B S Yedivurappa, have put their weight behind Sajjanar, Last week, Bommai held back-to-back public meetings in the constituency for two days with former Yedyiurappa. Party ministers, including K Sudhakar and B C Patil, and several other leaders have also been camping in the constituency. On Saturday, when Yedyiu-

rappa campaigned at Chikkanshi Hosur, Prakash Pujar, a villager, said there was an evident shift towards the BIP. "It was definitely a disappointment the way Yedyiurappa was treated when he resigned [as CM]. The Congress did have the upper hand for a while. But now, looking at his speech, many would think twice before voting against the BJP as there is a lot at stake," he told The Indian Express.

In Akki Alur, where BJP MLA

pressed angst that local issues were neglected, "Neither Hanagal town nor Akki Alur has a superspecialty hospital. All of them are making big promises but most of them are not concerned with Hanagal constituency," said Shruthi Savanur, a labourer. According to local leaders, the

JD(S) candidate and an Independent candidate could play the deciding factor in the battle. "What can hamper the Congress's prospects is that there are two Muslim candidates, who are potential pullers of minority votes. JD(S) has fielded Niyaz Shaikh, while a long-time Congress worker and two-time taluk president Nazeer Ahmad Savanur is contesting as Independent. The more votes they get, the more it will hurt the Congress," said Imtiyaz Hangal, a local worker.

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI Navy officer among 5 people arrested by CBI

New Delhi: The CBI has arrested five persons, including a commander-rank Navy officer, for allegedly leaking confidential information related to an ongoing submarines project in return for illegal gratification, officials said Tuesday. Besides the officer, two retired navy personnel and as many private persons were taken into custody under relevant sections of the IPC and the Prevention of Corruption Act after the agency initiated action last month, the officials said. So far, the agency has conducted searches at 19 locations in Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad Visakhapatnam among others from where important documents and digital evidence have been seized and are being examined, they said.

TAMIL NADU EPS assistant booked for taking 'bribes'

Chennai: The Salem district crime branch has booked former chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami's personal assistant, Mani Marappan, for allegedly taking bribes from people by promising them government jobs. The complainant, Tamilselvan was allegedly cheated by Marappan in 2019. According to the complaint filed on October 25, Tamilselvan was introduced to second accused introduced Tamilselvan to Marappan. "He was asked to pay Rs 17 lakh as a bribe to secure a government job by the

MADHYA PRADESH

then CM's personal assis-

tant," said an official. ENS

Two students attacked by senior with knife

Bhopal: Two Class X students of a prominent school in Bhopal were attacked with a knife by a senior on Tuesday following a dispute, leaving one of them with serious iniuries, police said, "Two students, studying in Class X... were attacked with a knife by a Class XI student of the same school. One of the students has sustained serious injuries and has been hospitalised. The accused and victims are in 15-16 age group," Habibganj police station in-charge D

After Malik's graft charge, Opp demands Goa CM's resignation

S Prajapati said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI. OCTOBER 26

OPPOSITION PARTIES in Goa on Tuesday demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Pramod Sawant a day after Satyapal Malik, who served as the state governor from October, 2019 to August, 2020, said in a TV interview, "There was corruption in Goa government in handling of everything."

Malik claimed he was transferred from Goa because he had against 'Corruption angers and offends me. The day the lockdown was declared there (in Goa), the government said they will not allow even shops selling eatables to open and said they would serve (foodgrains and eatables) door to door, which was impossible. At that time there was some company that had given money. At that time the Congress and others told me to look into it. I told the Prime Minister...They (people involved) would have never said that this is what they were doing. But I knew it."

On Tuesday, the Congress and AAP held protests at the Azad Maidan in Panaji, demanding Sawant's resignation. Joining the chorus were Goa Forward Party. Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party and the Trinamool Congress.

'Extortion' by Wankhede: Malik says NCB officer's letter lists cases, actors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

IN YET another allegation against NCB Mumbai Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede, Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik Tuesday shared a letter addressed to him by an unnamed officer of the agency saying Wankhede "plants" drugs and foists false cases on people, including Bollywood actors.

The four-page letter lists 26 cases where Wankhede allegedly planted drugs, leading to arrests, and also names Rakesh Asthana, who was the NCB chief before being appointed as Delhi Police Commissioner.

Among those who have paid off Wankhede, as per the letter, are actors Deepika Padukone, Arjun Rampal, Shraddha Kapoor, Sara Ali Khan, Rakulpreet Singh, Rhea Chakravarty and brother Shouvik Chakravarty, as well as celebrity manager Karishma Prakash -- all of whom were questioned in connection with investigation into Sushant Singh Rajput's death -- as well as TV actors Bharti Singh and Harsh Limbachiyaa, held in a drugs case.

Malik also claimed that Wankhede, through two people in Mumbai and Thane, has been



Former attorney general Mukul Rohatgi and Satish Maneshinde, advocates for Aryan Khan, outside Bombay High Court in Mumbai on Tuesday. Ganesh Shirsekar

illegally intercepting mobile phones. He said Wankhede had sought his family's call records. 'Rakesh Asthana ordered Sameer Wankhede and KPS Malhotra to use every available avenue to frame Bollywood actors in drug cases. Both of them in order to fulfill Asthana's orders framed Bollywood actors in false cases," the letter states. Malhotra is a deputy director in the NCB. According to the letter, the actors paid money through lawyer Ayaz Khan, reportedly a friend of Wankhede's. Khan did not re-

spond to queries. The letter, posted to Malik's residential address with copies to Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and Congress President Sonia Gandhi, says Wankhede and his team plant drugs in houses of individuals, who are then raided. "If the quantity of drug found at some individual's residence is less, then the team inflates the amount seized to show it is of commercial or intermediate quantity. This is done to ensure that those arrested do not get bail," the letter says, seeking an inquiry.

Malik said at least "Rs 1,000 crore" had been extorted from Bollywood personalities by



Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik

Wankhede and NCB officers. Malik also sent a copy of this letter to the Director General, NCB, stating that he hoped that the agency would include the letter in its vigilance inquiry against Wankhede.

The minister reiterated his allegations that Wankhede forged his caste certificate to get a job. "Sameer Wankhede was born and raised as a Muslim. As an afterthought he used his father's caste certificate to take the benefits of reservation," Malik said. Later, Malik met Thackeray and Home Minister Dilip Walse-Patil seeking an inquiry. He said Thackeray told him he would be writing a letter to PM Modi expressing concern over the way in which the industry was being "defamed".

Wankhede has denied the allegations, accusing Malik of bearing a personal grudge. He has released his school certificate and caste certificate of his father.

NCB Deputy Director General Mutha Ashok Jain said he had received the letter." Necessary action will be taken," Jain said.

Make industry 'drug-free', but don't send users to jail: Athawale

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

UNION MINISTER of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale said Tuesday that there is a need to make the film industry "drug-free", but said drug users must not be sent to jail.

"People who drink alcohol are not sent to prison. But there is a provision in law that people who consume drugs can be sent to jail. From the view of social justice, our ministry feels that of course a person should not take drugs, but if he does then be should not be sent to prison. The law needs to be changed," he said. "There is a need to change the atmosphere of the film industry and there is a need to make a drug-free film industry...'

The Indian Express reported earlier that the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, in its suggestion to review the NDPS Act, has recommended a more humane approach, avoiding prison, for drug users and addicts.

2011 for allegedly carrying un-

declared diamond jewellery

worth Rs 40 lakh while return-

report, says SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

Gujarat riots: Want

to see SIT closure

THE SUPREME Court said on Tuesday that it wanted to see the closure report filed before a Metropolitan Magistrate Court in Ahmedabad by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) which probed the 2002 post-Godhra riots, giving a clean chit to then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi and 63 others.

"We want to see the closure report accepted by the magistrate. It will have the reasons," a Bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar told Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal who appeared for Zakia Jafri, widow of Congress MP Ehsan Jafri who was killed during the 2002 Gujarat riots. Jafri has challenged the Gujarat HC's order on October 5, 2017, upholding the magistrate court's decision to accept the closure report.

Sibal told the Bench, which included Justices Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar, that the SIT and the courts did not look at Jafri's complaints and other relevant facts. He submitted that Jafri's complaint was not limited to the Gulberg Society violence in which her husband was killed, and the SC-appointed SIT 'ignored" evidence like that of (IPS officer) Sanjiv Bhatt etc.

"Our case was (that) there was a larger conspiracy at play, where there was bureaucratic inaction, police complicity, hate speech and a conspired directed unleashing of violence. But the 'magistrate says I cannot look at anything else since the Supreme Court asked me to look into only Gulberg Society case'." he submitted.

"There were people who were massacred due to police inaction. I am giving you official evidence. Who will be answerable

for this? The future generations?," said Sibal. "There are 23,000 pages worth of documents we have been collecting. A republic stands or falls depending on what the court decides. We cannot trust anyone but the judiciary and courts," he said.

"I am not on any particular person. This is not a political issue, It's the administrative failure of the state that I am concerned with," said Sibal. "All that I am looking for here is the investigation and not a conviction at this stage. I can show state intelligence bureau reports and see how it corroborates our submissions... We can't look away like this. This republic is too great to look the other way. So many documents were destroyed. Shouldn't this be investigated," he said.

Sibal said the magistrate court had not considered Jafri's protest petition against the SIT report. He said even the SIT, in its report, had not restricted itself to the Gulberg Society incident. Statements of witnesses before the SIT were with respect to the entire state, he said.

The Bench said that "ultimately the report is with reference to the crime. Crime in respect of which cognizance was or is to be taken".

"I must have a remedy in law, what is that? Magistrate doesn't look at it, sessions court doesn't look at it. I leave it for future generations to find out who will look at this," submitted Sibal.

"If we limit it only to Gulberg, what happens to rule of law, what happens to all material," he asked. "It's quite clear that (Jafri's) complaint didn't relate to Gulberg alone, neither did the material. If we point something to the court and the court says I will not look at it, where do we go, which court do we go to," he said.

2011: When Wankhede stopped SRK at Mumbai airport customs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

THE ARREST of his son Aryan isn't Shah Rukh Khan's first brush with Sameer Wankhede, zonal director of the NCB in Mumbai. More than a decade ago, the officer had stopped Shah Rukh at Mumbai

ARUN JANARDHANAN

THE DMK government in Tamil

Nadu on Tuesday sought to play

down a political controversy

brewing over an apparent wish

of new Governor R N Ravi for a

presentation on the government

departments and schemes, call-

on Tuesday issued a clarification

after a communication from him

to heads of departments on

October 18, asking them to pre-

pare a presentation for the

Governor, stirred a hornet's nest.

prepare a presentation about dif-

ferent departments for the

"The communication was to

Chief Secretary V Irai Anbu

ing it a "routine exercise".

CHENNAI, OCTOBER 26

airport, leading to the actor being made to pay customs duty. In July 2011, after Shah Rukh landed in the city after a trip to Holland and London, Wankhede stopped and questioned him for allegedly not declaring foreign goods that at-

Wankhede was at the time assistant commissioner of cus-

TN govt plays down Governor's

call for presentation on schemes

various schemes is a routine pro-

cedure in the government.

Making it a political controversy

was not accurate. Those who are

familiar with the government

operations know that this was a

routine exercise," said a state-

ment issued by the Chief

Alphonse, who was among the

first to react to reports of the

Chief Secretary's communica-

tion, said, "If a newly appointed

Governor is going beyond the

brief and government norms to

Senior Congress leader Peter

Secretary's office.

Tamil

Nadu

Governor

toms stationed at the airport. Shah Rukh, who had at least 20 bags, was questioned for several hours, and his luggage was checked by Wankhede's team for possible evasion of duty.

The actor and his family were ultimately allowed to leave; he was subsequently asked to pay Rs 1.5 lakh in customs duty.

government departments, it is

against the interest of an elected

government, an insult on people.

out a wrong message that there

are two power centres," he said.

two ministers familiar with the

developments ruled out reports

that Governor Ravi, a former IPS

officer, was meddling with gov-

"As a former IPS officer,

maybe he was seen expressing

interest in internal security mat-

ters, and also trying to find out

certain information directly

from some concerned officers. It

could have been avoided at his

end, but whatever happened

was all in a cordial manner, and

did not trigger an issue," said a

ernment functioning

However, senior officials and

"Sometimes this will send

detained several other celebrities, including actors Anushka Sharma and Minissha Lamba, and singer Mika Singh for alleged mis-declaration of goods, mostly jewellery and foreign

During his time with the air-

port customs, Wankhede also

Anushka was stopped in July

ing from Toronto to India. Mika was detained at the airport by Wankhede in 2013 for allegedly carrying foreign currency beyond the limit prescribed under Foreign Management Act (FEMA).

SOFI AHSAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

TV TODAY Network, which owns the news channels India Today and Aaj Tak, has filed a defamation suit against Newslaundry, its mar and senior editorial staff and sought damages of Rs 2 crore from it for "commercially disparaging" its commercial products and for "defaming" it, its news anchors, management and employees.

Newslaundry has uploaded "made untrue, unfair, disparaging as well as maliciously defamatory remarks" about the news, reporting and news anchors of news channels operated by it as well as management of the media group, alleges the suit.

Abhinandan Newslaundry co-founder and one of the defendants in the case, said reporting on someone is not defamatory and people like management of India Today are not used to being held accountable.

They are only used to holding others accountable, he said.

that these are the people who are supposed to stand up for a free press and freedom of speech," he said.

TV Today Network files Rs 2-crore defamation suit against Newslaundry

Sekhri.

'What is alarming to me is

newly appointed Governor. senior officer of the Home Collecting information about interfere in the functioning of the various videos on its website and the social media platforms wherein it "has infringed" on TV Rs 614 cr electoral bonds sold in Oct Today Network's copyrights,

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

POLITICAL PARTIES are getting funds from donors through electoral bonds even during a nonelection period. They received electoral bonds worth Rs 614.33 crore from donors in October, according to data from State Bank of India (SBI). While bonds worth Rs 200

crore were sold by the SBI's Kolkata main branch, bonds worth Rs 195 crore were sold by the bank's Chennai branch. This was followed by SBI's Hyderabad branch, which sold bonds worth

SHAJU PHILIP

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as farm hands.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

WITH PUBLIC and individual as-

set creation becoming a thrust

area under the MGNREGS

scheme, one lakh workers in

Kerala — mostly women — will

be trained to take up skilled jobs.

der MGNREGS in Kerala are en-

gaged in unskilled areas, mainly

At present, the workers un-

The Kerala MGNREGS

Mission launched the training

programme 'Mikavu' (excel-

lence) in 56 village panchayats

Kerala to train 1 lakh

workers for skilled jobs

In the previous sale held in July this year, the political parties received Rs 150 crore. As much as Rs 593 crore

> bonds were of the face value of Rs 1 crore each and Rs 18.90 crore bonds were of the face value of Rs 10 lakh each, SBI, the only bank authorised to sell these bonds, said in reply to an RTI application filed by Commodore Lokesh K Batra

According to SBI, the bond sale, 18th phase, took place between October 1 and 10. With this, political parties

have received a total of Rs 7,994 crore in 18 phases from donors, mainly corporate houses and in-

Sources at the state mission

said the trained skilled workers

would be pooled into a labour

bank at the panchayat level. "We

are taking up a lot of asset creation

works aimed at ensuring sustain-

able livelihood for those enrolled

for MGNREGS, apart from taking

up construction works under the

government sector, including

road construction. However, we

don't have enough skilled labour-

ers... Hence, the state mission has

come up with the training

scheme. This would also reduce

chances of corruption at the pan-

chayat level as presently there is

a practise of hiring contractors for

skilled works under MGNREGS,"

dustrialists, towards "funding of elections". As of now, 6,812 bonds issued were of Rs one crore value. In April 2021, when the elec-

tion process in four states and one Union Territory was in full swing, the SBI sold bonds worth Rs 695.34 crore to donors of parties. The Supreme Court had refused to stay sales of electoral bonds ahead of the last assembly polls on a PIL filed by an NGO pertaining to funding of parties and alleging lack of transparency.

Electoral bonds are purchased anonymously by donors and are valid for 15 days from the



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> **Extract of Consolidated Financial Results** for the Quarter and Half year ended 30-Sep-2021 [₹ in crores except per share data]

Particulars	Quarter Ended 30-Sep-2021	Half Year Ended 30-Sep-2021	Quarter Ended 30-Sep-2020
raruculars	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
Total Income from operations (net)	2137	4271	2017
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional items	472	956	384
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax and after exceptional items	472	956	384
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax and exceptional items	316	646	310
Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	341	635	372
Equity Share Capital	84.62	84.62	84.62
Other Equity excluding Revaluation Reserve*			
Earnings per share (of ₹ 5/- each)			
Basic	18.63	38.16	18.32
Diluted	18.63	38.16	18.32

Other Equity excluding Revaluation Reserve as on 31-Mar-2021 was ₹ 5753 crores.

1 Summary details of stand-alone audited financial results of Torrent Pharmaceuticals Limited:

			[\prec in crores]
Particulars	Quarter Ended 30-Sep-2021	Half Year Ended 30-Sep-2021	Quarter Ended 30-Sep-2020
Total Income from operations (net)	1799	3494	1640
Profit before tax	454	866	356
Profit after tax	326	600	283
Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	342	594	341

2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30-Sep-2021 filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the same, along with the notes, are available on www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.torrentpharma.com.

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across the state on a pilot basis.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

NOT AT HOME IN J&K

Minister Amit Shah's first visit to Valley after August 5 decision raised more questions, pointed to persisting disconnect

N HIS FIRST visit to Jammu & Kashmir after the abolition of the state's special status and its bifurcation into two Union territories, Union Home Minister Amit Shah packed in several "outreach" events. But these events, and the visit, on the whole, have raised more questions about the government's long-term plan for the former state. Throughout the three days, it was the extent of a seeming disconnect that was on show. "I have come here to forge a friendship with the youth of Kashmir. Join hands with Modiji and the government of India and become partners in the journey to take Kashmir forward," said Shah. But friendship can hardly be forged or forced in a climate where the state wields repressive laws and mass arrests, and takes away the people's right to the internet. Shah asked those whose "partnership" he sought to swallow the deprivations and the heavy-handed exercise of state power as "bitter pills" that had saved lives. But the slapping of cases under the draconian UAPA on students in a medical college for allegedly waving Pakistan flags after its cricket victory is yet another example of a response from the ruling establishment that is only likely to deepen the cynicism on the ground.

The several security reviews that Shah presided over during the visit were testimony to the challenges in Kashmir, belying his and other ministers' assertions that "terrorism ended" on August 5, 2019. Stone-pelting may have disappeared and there may be fewer "encounters" now, but militants continue to be recruited, and have changed their methods. The civilian killings in the Valley this month by pistol-wielding "hybrid" militants and the long stand by militants in the border district of Poonch in Jammu are indicators that can be ignored only at the nation's peril.

The Home Minister also fell back on the "three families looted and brought ruin to J&K" trope. But the question is: Why were those very same families and the parties associated with them considered so important that none other than the Prime Minister invited them to Delhi for talks in June? Even if it was for the limited purpose of getting their assent for the ongoing delimitation exercise, it was an admission that without them, there can be no viable political process in the state. The plan to replace them with new or specially reared politicians and parties has not made headway — the elected members of the district development councils are confined to hotel rooms for their own security. The absence of mainstream politicians and political parties from J&K's public life has been acutely felt after August 5, 2019. There is no alternative to holding elections without delay. But if this exercise is to have legitimacy, it will need to involve everyone, including the "three families". And first, the government needs to be transparent about the rationale for its chronology of "elections first, then statehood".

DUCKING

Team India are powerful influencers for the young. By not standing up for Shami, they disappoint — and dent Indian cricket

IRAT KOHLI HAS a social media following that the country's political parties would be envious of. Other cricketers in India's World T20 squad are also A-listed influencers. But when their long-time mate, Mohammad Shami, an India regular in charge of a new ball for close to a decade, was targeted and abused, and his faith was invoked after the loss to Pakistan, those eagerly followed timelines remained silent. The team that gets into a tight huddle before every game, a reassuring picture of solidarity in a diverse nation, didn't form the same ring of support for Shami. Hours before, however, the images of Kohli and his teammates congratulating Pakistani players sent out a heartwarming signal — that sportsmanship and grace could be found in defeat; that an India-Pakistan cricket match did not have to be overshadowed by bitter enmity. Surely, then, a statement from the team would also have been an eloquent rebuttal to those who saw in Shami only his faith.

In the polarised world of social media, debate usually means extremists on either side hijacking the discourse. Add to this the potent mix of cricket, India, Pakistan and majority vs minority, and it's not difficult to see why many may see silence as a preferred option. But India's sporting icons, from Neeraj Chopra to Virat Kohli, can send out the much-needed message of inclusion to the young. The cricketers' silence stood out, especially when the team collectively supported the ICC's anti-racism stand by taking the knee, the protest posture made famous by the Black Lives Matter movement. Along list of former players did react but many missed the point. Calling Shami a committed, world-class bowler, Sachin Tendulkar tweeted: "He had an off day like any other sportsperson can have." But a player doesn't deserve civility based on the runs he concedes in the game. And this was a day when India was thrashed by 10 wickets, openers Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul went for single digits, finishers Ravinder Jadeja and Hardik Pandya failed to fire at the end and the world's top bowler Jasprit Bumrah was blunted by Pakistan's sauntering openers. It was not difficult to see why the digital mob had targeted Shami.

The BCCI, the richest board with the deepest social media reach, too, must be mindful of its responsibility. England's Football Association was quick to throw its weight behind their players — Marcus Rashford, Jadon Sancho and Bukayo Saka — after they faced racist abuse on missing penalties against Italy in the Euro 2020 final. Indian cricket's footprint is now global. The IPL is a growing tent that attracts a diversity of talent. How players behave in such situations amplifies a vital message to the next generation — that ambition and talent go hand in hand only if they are inclusive. That the team chose to be silent when a colleague was the target of hate is not only disappointing, it also dents Indian cricket.

SPARE THE POTATO

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Please don't reduce it to a mere milk substitute

HE POTATO HAS been generous like few foods. For millennia, this humble, unprepossessing tuber flourished in the inhospitable terrain of the Andes, feeding the civilisations that rose and fell on its volatile slopes. It then crossed the cold Atlantic to stave off hunger in the Old World and here, just like in its South American homeland, it was made to do the work of 10 crops. It has given bulk and bite to meat-deprived pies and curries and added creaminess to stews and soups. It has been mashed to replace bread, brewed to make alcohol and roasted and fried to a crispness that no other food — whether it comes from animal or plant — can hope to match.

Now, it has been used to make something called potato milk. Veg of Lund, a Swedish plant-based company, has developed what it claims is the world's first plant-based "milk" made from potatoes. The company claims that its potato milk is the most sustainable of all plant-based milk — 56 times more water-efficient than almond milk and twice as efficient in land use as compared to oat milk. In a market that is always on the lookout for the next big plant-based substitute, the idea of "milk" squeezed out of a potato may just catch on. According to a recent trends report published by a UK-based retail chain, potato milk is set to be one of of the hottest new foods in 2022.

In view of the climate crisis, the urge to give up all animal-based foods is laudable. Given that food systems are designed to make us more dependent on animal proteins, it is perhaps even heroic. But, some things are sacred and the potato is one of these. It is meant to be hearty and heavy, shoring up the most meagre meal with its abundance of carbohydrates. What an ignominy to reduce something like this to a mere milk substitute.

The farmers' challenge



For protest to become movement, it needs broader vision, leadership, transcendence of social prejudices

Suhas Palshikar

THE LYNCHING AND murder of Lakhbir Singh at the Singhu border is symptomatic of what agitations must try to avoid. Such incidents cannot be avoided only by condemnation or strict vigil over participants. Only when agitations overcome the limitations of the social order in which they obtain can they avoid such condemnable violence. This has something to do with the trajectory of an agitation, from being a protest to a movement.

Agitations can turn into movements due to the intransigence of rulers. That seems to be the fate of the farmers' agitation. But even as agitations transform into movements, they run many risks. The agitation by the farmers of north-west India is no exception. Going on for a year, it has faced criticism from the ruling party and its sympathisers on many grounds. At the beginning of this year, the unruly behaviour of a section of protesting farmers attracted strong criticism and charges that it is being propped up by Khalistani elements.

The farmers' agitation is by far the most effective and long-term agitation of the past few decades. Precisely for that reason, the killing of a Dalit protester allegedly by a group of Nihang Sikhs or the Lakhimpur Kheri incident signifies the nature of complex challenges such mass mobilisations need to address. Such incidents not only help the government provoke vigilante action against protesters, they also test the patience of the protestors themselves. Imagine a retaliation by the kin of the person who was killed at Singhu or mass outrage at Lakhimpur Kheri and we have the complete recipe for mayhem. How can long-drawn agitations and movements-in-the-making ensure that they do not fall into this trap of being maligned, waylaid or sabotaged? There are at least three pathways that the farmers' agitation can adopt. The first two are interrelated.

It appears romantic to have an element of spontaneity and voluntarism but agitations simply cannot afford to be entirely leaderless or so loosely organised that there is no coordination. To be sure, the farmers' agitation does have a coordination committee but the lure of being "truly" a people's movement (in the

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sense of being almost without a leader) is always there. Leaders themselves savour this element because of the sense of democracy that it instills into the agitation. It empowers the ordinary participant, who believes that she or he is the actor and not a passive follower. Yet, there must be leadership and it must steer the agitation by balancing the agency of the participants and the demands of coordination to keep anarchy at bay. While Rakesh Tikait has gradually emerged as the face of the farmers' agitation, it is not clear if he is acceptable as a leader to all sections and beyond the limited territories of his popularity.

Secondly, leadership is a matter of planning and coordination too. An agitation to grow into a movement requires organisation and planning. When an agitation extends into weeks and months, it also requires the building of a cadre that will be ideologically and organisationally trained to retain a degree of influence over the followers. It is not clear how much of this the farmers' agitation is doing. During the heydays of the Shetkari Sanghatana in Maharashtra, Sharad Joshi made sure that a diverse set of intermediate leaders would gain acceptability, that ordinary farmers were educated on many issues and that the agitation touched upon broader issues like women's empowerment.

The third element needed is a larger vision to relate the agitation to ongoing socio-political processes. Very briefly, the farmers' agitation did attempt this by encouraging Jat-Muslim unity in parts of UP. But beyond that, it has remained singularly focused on the three farm laws and matters related to MSP. It can be argued that this approach avoids unnecessary division over other social and political matters; but, at the same time, such an approach imposes a limitation.

All agitations, when they extend temporally or in terms of social bases, begin to reflect the larger society. Internal dynamics of participating communities get transposed onto the functioning of the movement. This also means a movement will become home to prejudices and wrongs that inhabit society in general. In other words, the movement and its participants begin to look almost like the larger so-

cial system.

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The killing of Lakhbir Singh clearly shows that the farmers' agitation is yet to move into that direction. For that to happen, it will have to evolve a broader vision and include larger masses beyond territorial and occupational boundaries. In a limited sense, the anti-CAA agitation had come close to that objective. The government used anti-minority sentiment, the pandemic and the judiciary to effectively end that agitation.

In the case of the farmers' agitation, so far, the judicial route has not helped the government, though recent observations by a bench of the Supreme Court give us a foreboding of what might be. The acceptability of the discourse of farmers' distress as compared to that of citizenship and minority humiliation has ensured that the farmers' agitation will survive various governmental efforts to malign it. That is why the farmers' agitation must overcome not only the momentary challenge caused by the Singhu killing but the larger challenge of becoming a robust movement.

Movements face delicate moments when in a sub-democratic environment, the rulers are obstinate in matters of negotiation and eager to crush movements through public perception. Movements like the farmers' agitation must strive to be a microcosm of the larger society but also strive not to replicate social prejudices. To mobilise the masses but also to make them overcome the mass mentality is the most delicate task. Only time will tell if the farmers' agitation is up to it.

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COST OF DOING BUSINESS

Governments must focus on lowering prices, reducing regulatory cholesterol

SACHCHIDANAND SHUKLA

THE IMF'S executive board recently expressed confidence in the leadership of Kristalina Georgieva in the Doing Business survey controversy that raised doubts over the integrity of Ease of the Doing Business (EoDB) rankings. India has made considerable progress on these rankings since 2016. While the Centre's focus on EoDB has been commendable, several state governments have also made efforts to improve business conditions. This, along with the cut in corporate tax rates, the launch of Gati Shakti, the sale of Air India as part of an aggressive asset monetisation plan, the scrapping of retrospective taxation, the PLI scheme and labour reforms are likely to provide a boost to the manufacturing sector.

However, the controversy over EoDB notwithstanding, India must now sharpen its focus on the Cost of Doing Business (CoDB). There is a big underlying change that warrants this pivot to CoDB—the pandemic has made countries inward-looking in terms of their supply chain and domestic capacities, which will dictate their broader economic and trade policies. This may affect global trade and growth over the medium term and make countries extremely discerning on costs and competitiveness.

India lags behind other countries in terms of CoDB on several counts. However, only two key factors are highlighted here — energy costs and regulatory overload — which can be addressed in the near to mid-term, unlike other issues such as infrastructure. This would be critical to improving India's manufacturing competitiveness, boosting manufacturing ex-

High fuel and power costs impart a significant cost disability to energy-intensive sectors such as steel, aluminium and cement, where they account for between 25 and 40 per cent of the cost of production. This in turn leads to a competitive disadvantage for sectors such as autos, durable goods and construction which consume these intermediate goods.

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Take fuel and power costs. Diesel prices in India are 20.8 per cent higher than those in China, 39.3 per cent higher than in the US, 72.5 per cent higher than Bangladesh and 67.8 per cent higher than in Vietnam. This is largely because of heavy taxation — total taxes on diesel account for over 130 per cent of the base price in India. Including fuels under GST would lower costs for businesses owing to input tax credit even if taxation levels continue to remain high.

Likewise, in the case of electricity, prices for businesses in India were higher by around 7-12 per cent vis-à-vis those in the US, Bangladesh or China and by as much as 35-50 per cent as compared to those in South Korea or Vietnam prior to the recent coal/energy crisis. Cleaning up the power distribution sector, which is largely state-controlled, could potentially lower electricity prices for businesses. Coal which accounts for more than 70 per cent of electricity generation in India, is also pricier vis-à-vis other countries leading to higher electricity prices. Like in the case of the petroleum sector, government levies account for nearly half of the prices paid by coal consumers. And coal producers cannot claim input tax credit because electricity is not under GST. Further, coal freight costs are amongst the highest in the world as high freight rates are used to crosssubsidise passenger fares by the railways.

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cent of the cost of production. This, in turn, leads to a competitive disadvantage for sectors such as auto, durable goods and construction, which consume these intermediate goods.

Outsized regulatory levels also pose a significant burden on businesses. A Teamlease report highlights that a small manufacturing company with just one plant and up to 500 employees is regulated by more than 750 compliances, 60 Acts and 23 licences and regulations. A mid-sized manufacturing company with six plants spread across different states is regulated by more than 5,500 compliances, 135 Acts and 98 licences and registrations. Keeping track of such a large number of regulations along with the changes thereof, imposes huge operational and financial costs on businesses, particularly the MSME segment. Not surprisingly, most of them choose to remain in the informal sector.

A majority of the compliances stem from the states and reducing this burden would require a significant push on states to act on this front. The Centre could leverage the "carrot and stick" framework — using fiscal incentives to nudge the states to act and disincentivise them from maintaining the status quo. It must prioritise reducing the cost of energy and compliances for businesses rather than focusing on de jure measures to boost ease of doing business. These will boost India's manufacturing competitiveness significantly and further increase formalisation in the economy.

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OCTOBER 27, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

MEITEI OUTFITS BANNED

THE UNION GOVERNMENT has declared as unlawful associations the "People's Liberation Army" (PLA), Prepak and their offshoots such as the Red Army for participating in secessionist activities and for ongoing armed attacks on civilians and security forces. The order banning the Meitei organisations in Manipur was under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1967. The notification said that the Metei outfits mentioned in the order have openly declared as their objective, "the creation of an independent Manipur comprising the state of Manipur" and "have resorted to violent activities in pursuit of their objective to bring about

the secession of the said state from the Union of India". The order also noted that the organisations have made some efforts to resume contacts with foreign countries for securing assistance by way of arms and training".

Two Geoffreys

JAMES GBEHO, CHAIRPERSON of the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid, said here that if Geoffrey Boycott and Geoffrey Cook gave an undertaking to cut off all the sporting ties with China, they should play with England's team with India. He said that the decision on whether or not the Test matches will be played in India did not lie with the

Indian government but with the MCC. All that the MCC had to do to ensure that the Test matches went on was to drop the two black-listed Geoffreys from the team or ask them to withdraw of their own accord.

Namibian accord

THE FIVE WESTERN powers seeking a Namibian accord handed over their proposal to the South African government and the Pretoria-based parties in the disputed territory. Talks on the proposals, which the officials say aim to set out the constitutional path for Namibia, will be held in Cape Town on October 28.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The question now is whether the delegates in Glasgow can rise above pessimism and surprise us all with truly meaningful steps.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES

Taking vaccines to the people

Behind India's 100 crore milestone lie stories of great resilience, ingenuity and persistence. The momentum must not flag, the war is far from over



Shailaja Chandra

THIS ARTICLE IS a candid account of where we stand, having just crossed the stupendous 100 crore vaccination milestone. Some verifiable stories of grit and ingenuity will show how difficult it was

Six factors are majorly responsible for last week's achievement. First, all states were eager to immunise eligible citizens. That matters. Second, India had the manufacturing capacity to produce the vaccines. Most of the world does not. Third, despite avoidable confusion around May, once the central purchase of vaccines for those above the age of 44 commenced, the process of procurement, cold chain upgradation, logistic planning and online training of vaccination teams (cascading down to millions of health workers) was executed splendidly across both the public and private sectors. Fourth, every jab was linked through the Aadhaar card to the CoWin app, making tracking easy and fudging impossible. Fifth, local teams showed imagination to overcome enormous geographic obstacles. Sixth, there was unanimous public support - crucial for success.

First, the big picture. Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and the Union territories of Chandigarh, Jammu, Kashmir, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Dadra and Nagar Haveli (DD & H) have achieved 100 per cent vaccination. Their smallness must not diminish the success of complete immunisation executed in the most inaccessible habitations. Reaching small, isolated groups of tribal people living on different islands in the Andaman archipelago and persuading them was far from easy. Up north in mountainous Himachal Pradesh, hundreds of minuscule settlements dotting the mountain cliffs, visible only from a helicopter, had to be reached somehow. In the west, the tribal people of DD &H, mostly unseen, living within forest groves, had to be located and jabbed. Achieving 100 per cent immunisation in such inaccessible pockets was not tiny.

Among the large states, Kerala, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and the UT of Ladakh have achieved 90 per cent coverage with the first dose. The story, however, is not very encouraging for Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and the Northeastern states of Manipur, Meghalaya, and Nagaland where only 65 per cent of the population or less, have been vaccinated with the first dose. This is worrying because the populations of UP, Bihar and Jharkhand alone represent onefifth of India. The remaining large states fall somewhere between the 65 per cent and 90 per cent levels and the speed of immunisation does not appear to be in top gear. In fact, the CoWin app clearly exhibits how tardy the offtake of the second dose has been - almost everywhere. Summing up, a little more than 30 per cent adults are fully vaccinated, about 45 per cent have received only one dose and

25 per cent have not had even one dose. Even so, behind millions of successful inoculations lie stories of great resilience. Examples from two high-performing states illustrate this. Madhya Pradesh has only half the population density of the national average. The state is home to 46 tribal groups.



CR Sasikumar

Mohammed Suleman, the state's additional chief secretary (health), told me, "We realised that even as the urban areas were getting saturated, the rural areas were lagging. The district administrations then identified schools and community halls in every settlement, following the electoral polling booth strategy. Based on detailed mapping, each district scheduled outreach camps for two days for each hamlet falling within the gram panchayat. Each team had to vaccinate 5,000 adults within two weeks. One example will explain the challenge. Gawaria Faria hamlet has just 400 inhabitants. It falls in Sogat village, located some 60 kilometres from the Alirajpur district headquarters. Reena Sengar, the local auxiliary nurse midwife, led the team on an 8-kilometre uphill trek after which they camped in a primary school. They conducted scores of vaccinations each day, which is the story of hundreds of interior villages in Madhya Pradesh.

Amitabh Avasthi, the principal health secretary in Himachal Pradesh, recounted an experience involving vaccine hesitancy. The people of Malan, a remote village in Kullu district, had refused vaccination until their deity (devta) agreed. The Deputy Commissioner walked for six hours to personally convince the deity. After much persuasion, the devta finally approved, after which 1,000 people got vaccinated in a single day. In another village Bara Bhangal, unconnected by road, the DC requisitioned the state helicopter to enable the vaccines to be administered." Avasthi, however, added, "Without support from the Gompas (religious leaders) and his Holiness the Dalai Lama, it would not have been possible. Himachal's 100 per cent vaccination was rewarded with special congratulations from

If remoteness in India is a challenge, so is

vaccination by adopting a unique model.
BMC's tripartite Memorandum of
Understanding with the corporates, the private hospitals and the Corporation resulted in free vaccinations being administered by private hospitals to 10 lakh slum-dwellers. That helped. In Delhi, with a population of over 25 mil-

lion, Monica Rana, director, family welfare, explained, "Delhi has covered more than 85 per cent of its adult population with at least one shot and 46 per cent with two shots. With thousands of unorganised pockets, it would have been impossible to provide vaccination services within walking distance. Take, for example, a densely populated area like Mohan Garden in southwest Delhi, with a population of around 1.2 lac people. We had to operate six vaccination sites simultaneously every day using two local schools to vaccinate more than 1,200 people on a good day - all within walking distance."

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Commissioner I S Chahal told me, "Mumbai

reached close to 100 per cent single-dose

Battles are being won every day. But the war is far from over. Presently the CoWin app displays huge peaks and troughs state to state and week to week. In the last few weeks, the vaccination numbers have fallen steeply everywhere. Whatever the reasons - festivals, vaccine availability, organisation, staff or something else - maintaining the momentum will be the biggest challenge for India's vaccination drive.

A billion jabs have rightly given cause for celebration. While saluting everyone who had a hand — big or small — in this feat, it is good to remember that we have miles to go

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The syllabus patriots don't need

Pedagogy needs to encourage reflexive thinking and critical awareness, not cultivate blind devotion



AVIJIT PATHAK

IN THE AGE of competitive hyper-nationalism and demonstrative patriotism, it is difficult not to be a "deshbhakt" of some kind. Yet, as a teacher and perpetual wanderer, I urge my students not to be a bhakt of any particular deity, be it a nation, a political doctrine, or an organised religion. My fear is that a bhakt often loses the ability to decondition his mind, expand his horizon, and even critique what appears to be "sacred". We must not forget that the bhakts of Nazism, totalitarian socialism, greedy capitalism, religious fundamentalism and militaristic nationalism have given us a world filled with nuclear weapons, technologies of surveillance and psychic/spiritual dumbness. In other words, a bhakt is not really a student who continually evolves, grows, explores and unlearns in order to learn the music of existence. Hence, the idea of the "deshbhakti curriculum" (even when the Delhi government seeks to present it as genuine patriotism), I would argue, cannot be in tune with a life-affirming pedagogy that encourages awakened intelligence, reflexive thinking, ethics of love and critical awareness.

My critique doesn't mean that I am devaluing the significance of your close affinity with the territorial/geographical and socio-cultural landscape you inhabit. Yes, you love the river that flows through your village; the Himalayan peaks call you; the tales of Bhagat Singh and Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi fascinate you; the splendid diversity you experience through a rhythmic train journey from Chennai to Kolkata might have a special appeal to you; and possibly, Gautam Buddha's meditative self and compassionate eyes touch your soul. Moreover, the huge body of knowledge and wisdom that once flourished in this ancient civilisation - from the Upanishadic quest for the transcendental to the doctrine of logic and reasoning — make you a humble spectator of your creative heritage. You love your country; and it is natural that you would like your children to know and love it. Why should one deny this?

Yet, do you want your child to mechanically recite Saare jahan se achchha Hindustan hamara at the school assembly? Or is it that you want your child to open her eyes, and acquire the courage to accept that as things stand now, our country is culturally, spiritually and politically sick? A young IAS officer – the pampered icon of the Indian middle class - who accepts dowry in an instrumental marital alliance should not make her proud of her country. A politician who cherishes the cult of narcissism, and loves to be surrounded by sycophants should repel her. A "devotee" who pollutes the river at Haridwar through his "puja", and yet calls himself "spiritual" should make her question the hollowness of priestcraft and ritualism. A "nationalist" who keeps constructing his "enemies", and finds vicarious pleasure in militarism and all sorts of war metaphors should frighten her. The alliance of patriarchy, religious bigotry and vulgar consumerism

ought to disturb her. How can she continue to be bombarded by the sermons of deshbhakti as she finds herself in a country characterised by mind-boggling inequality and hierarchy, brutalisation of human consciousness and all-pervading corruption? I would imagine that as a concerned teacher/parent, you would like your child to sharpen the art of resistance (because to truly love the country is to say "no" to what degrades our land and people), and strive for something higher than nonreflexive/demonstrative deshbhakti and loud/noisy nationalism. As a teacher, I feel we do not need a

'deshbhakti curriculum", and that too at a time when a heavy dose of hyper-nationalism has poisoned our collective consciousness. Instead, we need something qualitatively different; we need a learning milieu that seeks to cultivate qualities like empathy, the art of compassionate listening and the ethics of care. Imagine a school principal giving an altogether new meaning to the morning assembly, and urging her students to realise what it means to be a Father Stan Swamy in our times. Imagine a physics teacher urging her students to realise that science is a search for truth through critical thinking; it is not just a "success mantra" — a road to the lucrative techno-corporate world. Think of a history teacher inspiring her students to imagine that they too were with Gandhi at Noakhali in 1946, and striving for harmony and cross-religious dialogue. Imagine the Republic Day celebration - no Vande Mataram, but students and teachers sitting together and watching M S Sathyu's *Garm Hava* or Satyajit Ray's *Sadgati*, and probing into this fractured independence. Imagine a school that activates critical thinking, arouses humanistic temper, and softens the soul.

Believe it, the prevalent practice of education is devoid of this sort of imagination. With rote learning, inflated marks, coaching centres and the rat race, it manufactures the "toppers", most of them crudely ambitious and incapable of imagining anything beyond the expressway and IIT-IIM-America. Or it stigmatises those who have "failed". Yes, it is manufacturing a disenchanted generation. It is nothing but violence — physical, cultural and psychic. Hence, for our collective redemption, we need to strive for emancipatory education characterised by critical pedagogy and an abundance of love and understanding. Our children deserve it, In this "risk society" filled with the threats of climate crisis, devastating wars and terrorist violence, they need a healing touch; a learning community that makes them capable of distin $guishing\,the\,soothing\,light\,of\,knowledge\,and$ wisdom from the glitz of falsehood and propaganda, or, say, the dedicated work of an environmentalist from the dramaturgical performance of the "messiah" of the nation, or the journey of Rabindranath Tagore's Gora from that of a militant nationalist shouting "Jai Shri Ram", or the story of Saadat Hasan Manto from what our "patriotic" television channels do every evening.

Will the educationists and policymakers who advise the Delhi government come forward with the idea of radical restructuring of education rather than this "patriotism" mantra? We already have enough of it.

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The road from Bhabanipur

Mamata Banerjee's national ambitions are deliberately paced, thought out

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JULY 21, 2021. Mamata Banerjee was addressing a massive crowd. The date, remembered as martyr's day by the Trinamool Congress (TMC), commemorates the death of the 13 people killed in police firing during a demonstration led by her in 1991. Less than two months after TMC trounced the BJP in West Bengal, the audience and many within her party expected a reiteration of the "Joy Bangla" war cry that so neatly summarised her party's strategy: That the party and its mercurial leader were of Bengal, the BJP wasn't. Instead,

Banerjee said, "Joy Bangla, Joy Hindustan". Immediately, the tenor of the euphoric celebrations in the crowd changed. The rally was electrified. This was a war cry. Didi was looking beyond Bengal. During the campaigning for the Bhabanipur bypoll — which she won with a record margin of over 58,000 votes her nephew Abhishek Banerjee was more explicit. He said that the battle for the seat was also for Bharat. "If Bhabanipur wins, Bharat will also win". This has to do with the nature of the seat itself: Bhabanipur is a mosaic of different communities, with nearly half of them "non-Bengalis". Mosques, gurdwaras and temples, posh colonies and slums, a Punjabi dhaba that has artist MFHussain's painting of Gajagamini behind the cash counter, and Netaii Subhash Chandra Bose's ancestral home all coexist in this south Kolkata neighbourhood.

While Mamata projected the seat as representative of an inclusive India, the BJP had hoped that they would gain traction from the "non-Bengali voters". The party had increased its vote share from 19 per cent in 2016 to 35 per cent in the 2021 state polls and hoped to protect the inroads that they had made. Neither Narendra Modi nor Amit Shah campaigned for the by-election — instead, Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri arrived to court Sikh voters

That she'd win was all but inevitable. But this was an important election since the influx of people from Hindi-speaking states had allowed the BJP to gain ground. Moreover, Banerjee has now been in power for a decade and there is a lot of anti-incumbency. When Banerjee decided to fight from Nandigram, the BJP state unit claimed that she was afraid of

losing from Bhabanipur and was fleeing. There is a key difference in how Banerjee approached the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and the recently concluded Assembly polls. In 2019, the BJP successfully injected religiosity into the state's politics and importantly, these elections weren't about Banerjee, but Modi and his image. But even then, she didn't expect BJP to do as well as they did. I had asked her once about BJP's growing clout in the state and she had reasoned that she couldn't determine which party - the BJP, Congress, or Left would occupy the opposition space. But that someone had to. In 2021, she didn't make the same mistake of underestimating the BJP. Instead, she worked to counter the fault lines that the BJP had exposed in those polls ranging from the "dormant Left DNA" of the Bengali bhadralok to religious polarisation in some parts of the state. Instead of getting angry and playing into the BJP's hands, she countered the chant of "Jai Shri Ram" with her claim that BJP leaders are "outsiders"

Importantly, Banerjee didn't say that the BJP were outsiders because they weren't Bengalis, but because their politics was antithetical to the inclusive ethos of the state. This was the essence of her plan – crafted with the help of Prashant Kishor — and is likely to be a central tenet for her national ambitions.

Abhishek Banerjee told me that the aim is to achieve the achievable. The first step in the route from Bhabanipur to Bharat was to ensure that the party regains the losses made to the BIP in 2019. She is no longer hosting opposition meetings with Rahul Gandhi. Even the party's involvement in the Goa polls is lowkey. In Tripura, the TMC has made it clear to dissident BJP MLAs that they are not interested in toppling the government. Instead, the party is content to wait for the 2023 polls. Abhishek argues that toppling the government will only harm the party's image. After all, this is exactly the charge that they level at the BJP's door.

Instead, Mamata's future political strategy is based on the belief that the euphoria that surrounded Modi in 2014 will not last. Economic degeneration and the party's management of the pandemic will eat away at the BJP's supremacy. With the BJP waning, West Bengal consolidated and regional parties doing well, Mamata knows that she will be an important

The next step for her is to amplify her acceptability beyond Bengal. This is what Modi, the then chief minister of Gujarat did ahead of his foray into national politics. She will interact with students and meet business leaders and members of civil society. In doing so, she will speak of moving from Bhabanipur to Bharat. But also, of the politics that she is proposing, highlighting issues of tolerance, attacks on the media and farmer issues. To do so, Banerjee is taking a leaf out of the BJP playbook. Ahead of 2014, and in every election since, the BJP has been able to create multiple ways of communicating promises — where the handbill and Twitter coexist. This is something that she was able to do during the recent Assembly polls. Wall paintings coincided with the Khela Hobe song, her wheelchair spawned countless memes and that was all a part of the strategy.

Will she be able to do that nationally? There are many ifs and buts. But that is the plan. Ahead of 2011, Banerjee was able to successfully become the vehicle for the discontent of people in Bengal. Now, she has sensed growing discontent with Modi, and she is looking to once again become the vehicle for the discontent and the opposition's fulcrum.

The writer is a senior journalist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cyber Questions

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Digital demons', (IE, October 26). Social media reaffirms our implicit biases by flooding us with content that satisfies our prejudices. Mark Twain is said to have remarked that a lie can travel around the world while the truth is still lacing up its boots. The underlying algorithms that run social media platforms are designed to promote content that is likely to grab more eyeballs, as user interaction is monetised. There isn't anything called open internet, our customised experience cannot assure us unfettered infor-

mation with reasonable fairness. Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Digital demons' (IE October 26). Facebook has earned notoriety for spreading fake news all over the world. The editorial has rightly observed that the blame for spreading fake and scandalous news rests not only on social media, which after all, is a mere tool. Unscrupulous political parties, to serve their vested interests, employ it to spread lies in society. It is imperative for the political class to mend its ways to curb this menace rather than keep ranting against social media. Ravi Mathur, Noida

SPEWING VENOM

New Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Sachin, former players, politicians back Shami after online abuse' (IE, October 26). Winning and losing are part of the game. Nonetheless, players have been blamed, abused, and protested against on the streets, even their effigies burnt, by fans who just could not digest the fact that their god-like icons have let them down. Sadly, what is new in "New India" is singling out players based on their caste and religion. A few months ago, casteist slurs were thrown at Dalit hockey player Vandana Katariya and her family for India's loss to Argentina, and now cricketer Mohammad Shami is at the receiving of hateful comments for the loss to Pakistan in the T20 World Cup match. His present teammates, the BCCI and the leaders espousing "Sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas and sabka prayas" must condemn this culture of spewing communal and casteist venom.

LR Murmu, Delhi

EQUAL SPACE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Weighed down' (IE, October 26). To highlight this and other issues surrounding the push for gender equality, 'Women in Space' is the theme for this year's World Space Week, which began on October 4. The goal is to bring more awareness to the issue of gender diversity and identify the obstacles that women are facing when entering space-related careers and contribute to discussions on ending disparities. Only 11 per cent of astronauts so far have been women.

SS Paul, Nadia

16TH DAY OF POONCH OPERATIONS

Security personnel say militant hideout busted

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU, OCTOBER 26

SECURITY FORCES busted a militant hideout and recovered some arms and ammunition during a search operation in Bhata Dhurian forest, in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, on Tuesday, officials said.

The search operation, in the forests between Dehra Ki Gali and Bhimber Gali in Poonch district, to flush out a group of militants who have killed nine security personnel since October 11, entered the 16th day on

Officials said the seizures included an AK rifle with ammunition, two grenades, two detonators, two syringes, four biscuit packets, a sling, socks, a T-shirt, iacket, blankets and shoes. There was some cooked food, burnt grass and bullet shells, said sources. A senior police officer said the seizures indicated that it was a small group of militants.



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Meanwhile, sources said three residents of Mendhar, in Poonch district, were detained from the India-Nepal border in Uttar Pradesh on Sunday for suspected links with the militants. The trio have been identified as Mohammad Noor alias Noori of Gulhutta, and Mohammad Rashid and Yasar Arafat, both from Bhata Dhurian. Sources

said they were on their way to Kathmandu, from where they were headed to Saudi Arabia. The men have been brought to Mendhar, where they are being questioned.

Ten others, including a 45year-old woman and her son, have been detained since October 17-18 on suspicion of providing logistical support to all being questioned.

On October 11, five security personnel, including a JCO, were killed in an encounter with militants at Chamrel forest, near Mughal Road which connects Poonch district in Jammu division with Shopian in Kashmir. Even as the search operation personnel, including a JCO, were killed in Bhata Dhurian forest, in Mendhar, on October 14.

On October 24, a jailed Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorist, who was taken on transit remand to lead security forces to the militant hideout, was killed, and two I&K policemen and an Army soldier injured. The terrorist was identified as Zia Mustafa, a Pakistani national who was arrested in 2003 as the mastermind of the Nadimarg massacre in Pulwama district in South Kashmir in which 24 Kashmir Pandits were killed.

According to sources, a group of 10 militants is suspected to

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE

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There were three encounters in and around Rajouri in August-September. While Army sources said there was nothing yet to link these three encounters to the attacks in Poonch, police sources pointed to a chain of events. "A joint security grid was tracking different groups of militants, but operations take time sometimes, depending on the topography of the area. Contact with the militants was established thrice this week, based on intelligence inputs," a senior police officer said

However, sources said it was unusual for infiltrators to remain "underground" in Poonch for over two months. They usually stay in the area for a couple of days, before moving on to Shopian in South Kashmir, they said. Army sources said if the militants were in Poonch since August, it could either mean that they feared getting caught, or that they intended to carry out attacks in the area.

LAKHIMPUR KHERI DEATHS

Two arrested in BJP workers' lynching case

MANISH SAHU

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 26

UTTAR PRADESH Police's Special Investigation Team (SIT), which is probing the Lakhimpur Kheri violence of October 3. on Tuesday arrested two persons in the case related to the alleged lynching of two local BJP workers and the driver of a Mahindra Thar vehicle, owned by Union minister Ajay Mishra.

This is the first arrest in the second FIR lodged in connection with the violence, and three deaths, that occurred on October 3 after a convoy of SUVs, which included the Mahindra Thar, allegedly ran over a group of protesting farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri, leaving four farmers and a journalist dead.

On Tuesday, the SIT arrested Gurvinder Singh (26) and Vichitra Singh (25), both farmers and Lakhimpur Kheri residents, in the case, police said. The two were produced before a local court, which sent them to judicial custody, police stated.

Sources said Gurvinder and Vichitra's names came to light after SIT released six photographs, urging the public to identity suspects. The SIT, it is learnt, has identified three more suspects and will decide on action on the basis of

Thirteen people have been arrested so far in the first case of murder of four farmers and the journalist. These include Union MoS Mishra's son Ashish, who has tested positive for dengue and is recuperating in hospital.

On Tuesday, police took custody of three accused - Mohit Rinku Rana and Dharmendra - who were sent to three-day custody until October 29. The probe found that the trio was in the Thar when the convoy allegedly ran over the farmers.

Top court tells UP govt to provide security to witnesses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE SUPREME Court Tuesday asked UP government to provide security to witnesses in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident in which eight people, including four farmers, two BIP workers, and a journalist were killed.

The SC bench led by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana also sought a status report of the probe into the killing of Shyam Sunder, who was an occupant of one of the vehicles involved and journalist Raman Kashyap.

The matter will be heard next on November 8.

The bench, also comprising **Justices Surva Kant and Hima** Kohli, which perused a status report filed by the state, said, "We are...concerned with two issues. One is about the delay in getting all the reports by the state government from the forensic laboratories. In this regard, we direct the state government to make a request to the concerned forensic laboratories to provide all the reports to it as early as possible.

"The second issue is that of protection of witnesses. Even though we have orally directed to provide protection to all the witnesses and the State has also taken some steps to do the needful, to get out of the procedural formalities, we direct the state government to provide protection to all the witnesses as per the Witness Protection Scheme, 2018." ordered the court.

MP man held for putting black cloth on

ment, senior advocate Harish Salve told the bench that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) had recorded the statements of 30 of the 68 witnesses before a judicial magistrate under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), "Of this, 23 are evewitnesses. A lot of them are formal witnesses which led to recovery etc...so their statements under Section 164] were not taken," Salve said.

The senior counsel said a lot of digital media has also been recovered which is being processed, adding that there are many overlapping videos. He pointed out that "all 16 accused have been identified".

The CJI sought to know if there are any injured witnesses, to which Salve said, "I believe 1 or 2 of the injured witnesses are also in the (list of those whose statement was recorded).'

Replying to the CJI on the issue of witness protection, Salve said they have provided security and that the police had informed them about the procedure for availing witness protection, under which, a district judge will pass suitable orders if they apply

The court directed the state government "to expedite the recording of statements of some more witnesses under Section 164 of the CrPC, 1973, who are relevant to be enquired about the alleged incident.'

FULL REPORT ON

IE Thinc session today on better housing for migrants

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

MILLIONS OF migrant workers struggle with inadequate housing. Higher quality of housing is linked with favourable health, education and livelihood related outcomes. Decent housing improves the quality of sanitation facilities available for the family, improves health and

enables children to do homework, thus raising learning outcomes. Housing also enables women to participate in the labour market. A home and its sur-

roundings affect identity and

The government estimates there is an estimated shortfall of 40 million housing units in India 11 million units in urban areas and 29 million units in rural areas. An additional 26 million informal housing, often with poor living conditions. In Mumbai, for

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Bengaluru, arrested by NIA for

his alleged involvement in send-

ing youths to Syria to join the

Islamic State in 2013-14, had

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Mahmood was intercepted and

arrested on October 23 at the IGI

Airport in New Delhi after the

NIA received information of his

accused Tauqir, along with com-

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Zuhaib Hameed alias Shakeel

Mohammed Shihab, of building

an "affiliation with the banned

ISIS/ISIL/Daesh". The "affiliation"

is alleged to have facilitated the

travel of around eight youths to

Syria from 2013-14.

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lives in a slum. The lack of affordable housing is at the heart of the urban crisis today.

What can governments, both the Centre and states, do to improve the housing opportunities for migrant workers? What role can India's formal private sector the bigger firms which have been doing well - play in boosting housing options? Are there

any policies or initiatives at the intersection of the government, private sector and civil society that can alter the dynamics and present a potential inclusive affordable housing solu-

The sixth edition of the eightpart webinar series Thinc Migration by The Indian Express, which will go live Wednesday, will address these questions. Presented by Omidyar Network India, the panel discussion among the leaders from academia, private sector and civil society will examine the different ways in which housing for mi-



grant workers can be improved. This edition will feature a keynote address Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal, followed by a panel discussion between Amita Bhide (Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences), Gautam Bhan (Associate Dean, Indian Institute for Human Settlements), Shrayana Bhattacharya (Senior Social Protection Economist. World Bank) and Manikandan KP (Institution Builder, Indian Housing Federation).

The session is being moderated by Udit Misra, Deputy Associate Editor, The Indian Express.

Bengaluru dentist Mosque, houses, shops vandalised in Tripura arrival from Saudi during VHP rally: police

DEBRAJ DEB

AGARTALA, OCTOBER 26

A MOSQUE, three houses and some shops were vandalised at Panisagar sub-division in North Tripura on Tuesday, allegedly by VHP activists during a rally in protest against the recent attacks on the Hindu community in Bangladesh, police said.

The shops and houses targeted are owned by the minority community.

Panisagar Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Souvik Dey said, "A section of rally activists went out of the way and ransacked a mosque at Chamtilla area. Later, three houses, three shops were ransacked and two shops were gutted at Rowa Bazar."

He said a complaint was received from "one of the stakeholdregistered.

CPI(M) leader Pabitra Kar said, "Incidents of these types are occurring in Tripura since the violence happened in Bangladesh. These things are instrumented by BJP... The state government should make sure communal harmony and peace is maintained."

When asked for comment, BJP spokesperson Nabendu Bhattacharya said he wasn't aware of the incident but said he believes police would take action.

Local Bajrang Dal activist Narayan Das, who participated in the protest, said the violence broke out due to provocation, "We found youths in front of a mosque shouting abuses at us. They were armed and raised religious slogans.... Some scattered incidents occurred due to their provocation," he said.

Covaxin: WHO seeks 'additional clarifications' from Bharat Biotech

Note: Data as on Oct 26; vaccination numbers as of Oct 25. Deaths include those from previous days Kerala added nearly 400 previously uncounted deaths as nort of a data cleaning exercise

YOSHITA SINGH

■ Kerala

■ Maharashtra

■ Tamil Nadu

■West Bengal

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■ Kerala

■ Maharashtra

■ Tamil Nadu

■West Bengal

UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA, OCTOBER 26

WORLD Health Organization's technical advisory group on Tuesday sought "additional clarifications" from Bharat Biotech for its Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin to conduct a final "riskbenefit assessment" Emergency Use Listing (EUL). The technical advisory group will now meet on November 3 for a final assessment.

Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech, which has developed Covaxin, had submitted EOI (Expression of Interest) to the WHO on April 19 for the vaccine's EUL. The technical advisory group met on Tuesday to review data.

"The TAG met today and decided that additional clarifications from the manufacturer are

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needed to conduct a final EUL riskbenefit assessment for global use of the vaccine," the WHO said in an email response to PTI.

"TAG expects to receive these clarifications... by the end of this week, and aims to reconvene...on November 3," it said.

The Technical Advisory Group for Emergency Use Listing (TAG-EUL) is an independent advisory group that provides recommendations to WHO on whether a Covid-19 vaccine can be listed for emergency use under the EUL procedure.

Earlier Tuesday, WHO spokesperson Dr Margaret Harris had said that the technical advisory group was reviewing the data on Covaxin. "Now if all is in place, and all goes well, and if the committee is satisfied, we would expect a recommendation within the next 24 hours or so," she

fore putting up lights to enhance the effect.

IRAM SIDDIQUE BHOPAL, OCTOBER 26

A MAN who works as a contractor for putting up decorative lights has been arrested in Madhya Pradesh's Satna district on charges of outraging religious sentiments of a community after he used a black cloth to cover the roof of a temple before decorating it with lights in run-up to

Rashid Ahmed, brother of accused Sageer Ahmed, denied the allegation and said walls are of-

temple roof while fixing decorative lights

In his written application to Kotwali police station, complainant Mayak Bhatt stated that around 9 pm on October 24 he saw Sageer putting up lights on the temple, with the rooftop covered in black cloth. Bhatt alleged that when he asked Sageer against doing so, "he started abusing me and made religious comments. Sageer's friends also came in and threatened us."

Based on his complaint, Kotwali police arrested Sageer

on Sunday. He was produced before court on Monday and has been sent to jail.

Rashid said, "It was there for two days, and no one had any objection, including the temple caretaker. Suddenly they objected on Sunday," he said.

Confirming the incident. Inspector Satish Kumar Singh said. "Sageer could not explain why he had put the black cloth before putting lights on it. The shop owner had not asked him to do so. A case was thus registered against him for outraging religious sentiments.'

HC orders status quo on Amnesty accounts, FDs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday ordered a status quo with respect to bank accounts and fixed deposits of Amnesty International and Indians for Amnesty International Trust, which had been attached by the ED

Justice Rekha Palli passed the order and said that the same will continue till the human rights watchdog's appeal against confirmation of the attachment order is taken up for consideration by the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) Appellate Tribunal, as and when it becomes functional.

The order was passed while disposing of the petition moved by Amnesty for a stay on the order passed by the Adjudicating Authority under PMLA in August.

In 2019, an FIR was registered against Amnesty International by CBI for alleged violations of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010. The ED later registered a case against the organisation under PMLA and froze various bank accounts and fixed deposits of Amnesty International India Limited and Indians for Amnesty International Trust (IAIT).

'202 notices sent for country of origin violations'

New Delhi: The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued 202 notices against incorrect declaration of country of origin on e-commerce platforms in one year, said Ministry of Consumer Affairs. Food and Public distribution.

The data was shared during a press conference on Tuesday.

The other violations included, date of expiry/best before (7), address of manufacturer/importer (6), charging more than MRP (3), non-declaration of MRP(1), nonstandard units (1) and net quantity (1).

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02503 Dibrugarh - New Delhi Special Express	Dibrugarh - Rangapara North - Rangiya Jn.	27.10.21, 28.10.21, 30.10.21 31.10.21 & 02.11.21			
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04038 New Delhi - Silchar Special Express	4 hours	28.10.2021		
04494 Firozpur Cantt - Agartala Special Express 4 hours 01.11.2021				
For any kind of information, passengers are advised to contact RailMadad Helpline No.				

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extreme climate events: report **ESHAROY** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26 Kerala are

ASSAM, ANDHRA Pradesh. Maharashtra, Karnataka and Bihar are the states most vulnerable to extreme climate events such as floods, droughts and cyclones in India, according to a climate vulnerability index by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), released on Tuesday.

The first-of-its-kind report, titled 'Mapping India's Climate Vulnerability – A District-level Assessment', supported by the India Climate Collaborative and Edelgive Foundation, has analysed 640 districts across India and has found that 463 of these are vulnerable to extreme



WEST BENGAL and Kerala,

27 states, UTs vulnerable to

despite being coastal states that face cyclonic activity or floods regularly, are at the bottom of the vulnerability list given the efforts these state governments took to create the infrastructure to combat extreme weather events, according to the study.

floods, droughts and cyclones. Overall, 27 Indian states and UTs are vulnerable to extreme climate events, report says.

New Delhi

India's most climate vulnerable districts are Dhemaji and Nagaon in Assam, Khammam in Telangana, Gajapati in Odisha, Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh, Sangli in Maharashtra, and Chennai in Tamil Nadu.

Echoing the findings of the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change physical science report, the CEEW report points out that most districts in India have been made particularly vulnerable due to "landscape disruptions".

"The anthropogenic activity in changing the land use and therefore degradation of natural ecosystems which means that an already vulnerable dis-

nerable..." said CEEW programme lead Abinash Mohanty, author of the study. Mohanty said Kerala and

trict becomes even more vul-

West Bengal have fared better because they have stepped up their climate action plans. "Kerala, for instance, dealt with the 2018 floods remarkably well," he said. "...At COP-26, developed

countries must regain trust by delivering the \$100 billion promised since 2009 and commit to stepping up climate finance over the coming decade. Further, India must collaborate with other countries to create a Global Resilience Reserve Fund, which could act as insurance against climate shocks..." said CEEW CEO Arunabha Ghosh.

THE WORLD



"The emissions gap is the result of a leadership gap. But leaders can still make this a turning point to a greener future instead of a tipping point to climate catastrophe."

- ANTONIO GUTERRES, UN Secretary-General

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SOUTH KOREA Ex-President Roh Tae-woo dies at 88

FORMER SOUTH Korean President Roh Tae-woo, a major player in a 1979 coup who later became president in a landmark democratic election before ending his tumultuous political career in prison, died in hospital on Tuesday in the capital of Seoul, He was 88, Roh. who ruled South Korea as president from 1988-1993, died of complications from various illnesses after his condition worsened while dealing with a degenerative disorder, Kim Yon-su, head of Seoul National University Hospital, told a news conference. Roh was a key participant in the December 1979 military coup that made his army friend and coup leader Chun Doohwan president after mentor, dictator Park Chunghee, was assassinated after 18 years of rule.

GREECE

Four migrant children drown after boat sinks

FOUR MIGRANT children drowned on Tuesday while trying to cross from Turkey to Greece after a boat carrying about 27 people sank, the Greek migration minister said. Greece is one of the main routes into the European Union for asylum-seekers crossing from Turkey in flimsy, overcrowded rubber boats but the number of people arriving has fallen sharply in recent years and deadly shipwrecks in its waters have become rare. The shipwreck occurred off the Greek island of Chios. **REUTERS**

At Amazon's NY warehouse.union vote a step closer

THE US National Labour Relations Board said there was sufficient interest to form a union at an Amazon distribution centre in New York, after union organisers on Monday delivered hundreds of signatures to the agency — a key step in authorising a vote that could establish the first union at the nation's largest online retailer. This is the second unionising attempt in the past year at Amazon. Workers in Alabama resoundingly defeated an effort earlier this year, but organisers there are asking federal officials for a do-over.

Bajwa has his way: Pak names ISI chief after weeks of delay

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 26

PRIME MINISTER Imran Khan on Tuesday approved the appointment of Lt Gen Nadeem Anjum as the new chief of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), seemingly relenting to pressure from the military over the key post after nearly three weeks of deadlock.

The military on October 6 announced that Anjum would replace Lt Gen Faiz Hameed as the chief of the spy agency, but the Prime Minister's Office withheld the official notification, saying that the civilian government was not properly consulted.

However, the issue was resolved after Pakistan's Army chief General Oamar Javed Baiwa met Khan on Tuesday, according to a statement by the PMO.

"The meeting was part of the ongoing consultation process between the Prime Minister and

Business stalled for 3rd day in Nepal SC; Chief **Justice refuses**

YUBARAJGHIMIRE KATHMANDU, OCTOBER 26

to step down

THE NEPAL Supreme Court's routine business was stalled for the third day in a row after Chief Justice Cholendra Shumsher Rana refused to step down despite pressure from the bar and from 15 out of 21 top court judges. They boycotted routine business, demanding that Rana quit to "redeem the honour and credibility of the court", amid allegations regarding the Chief Justice's interactions with politicians.

"I will not quit because of such pressure, but will face an impeachment should parliamentarians want Rana insisted, bringing the bitter confrontation in the judiciary to an unprecedented level.

Denying allegations that he pushed for his relative to be inducted into the recently formed Cabinet, Rana asked fellow judges if they had any other reason for demanding his resignation.

"Some of your verdicts have brought the judiciary to disrepute and you must step aside for that," one of the 15 judges is believed to have said.

"In that case, let us have all controversial verdicts by all judges reviewed and let others also quit," Rana said in response.

Soon after the spat between the Chief Justice and other judges came out in the open, former Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli said all the five judges, including Rana, who were in the constitutional bench that reversed his decision to dismiss the House of Representatives were "politically motivated, and must quit".

Rana has been accused of making deals with politicians, and seeking a ministerial berth for his brother-in-law, who was appointed as a minister on October 8, but resigned less than 72 hours after his induction following the controversy.

The military had on Oct 6 announced that Lt Gen Nadeem Anjum would be the new chief

of the spy agency

Chief of Army Staff about the timing of change of command in ISI and selection of the new DG (Director General) ISI," it said.

The designated ISI chief will assume charge on 20th November.

The delay in the approval of Anjum's appointment by Khan sparked rumours that civil and military leaders were "not on the same page" vis-a-vis the issue. The government also confirmed that ""proper procedure" was not followed for the appointment of the coveted post, *The Express*

the prime minister in consultation

DAY AFTER WANG YI MEETS TALIBAN IN QATAR

Imran dials Xi; both leaders urge world to send aid to Afghanistan

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 26

PAKISTAN PRIME Minister Imran Khan and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday for the first time jointly appealed to the international community to provide immediate humanitarian and economic assistance to the Taliban-ruled Afghanistan, which is facing acute shortage of essential supplies ahead of winter.

The two leaders discussed the current situation in Afghanistan during a telephonic conversation, Khan's office said in a statement here. "The two leaders discussed



Imran Khan and Xi Jinping reviewed bilateral ties and cooperation during a phone conversation on Tuesday

instability and flight of people as well as continued engagement for rebuilding of the country," it said.

The two leaders spoke over phone a day after Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with the Taliban representatives

the second meeting of the for-

both China and Pakistan. In September, China had sent

\$31 million aid, which included food and health supplies to the war-ravaged nation. Similarly, Pakistan had also

sent supplies such as cooking oil and medicines to its neighbour. During their phone conversa-

tion, Khan and Xi also reviewed bilateral ties and cooperation, the Pakistan PM's office said in a

DAVID STANWAY

SHANGHAI, OCTOBER 26

THE LEADERS of most of the

world's biggest greenhouse gas

emitters gather in Glasgow from

Sunday, aiming to thrash out

plans and funds to tilt the planet

towards clean energy. But the

man running the biggest of them

Xi Jinping, Beijing will likely be

represented at the UN COP26 cli-

mate summit in Scotland by

vice-environment minister Zhao

Yingmin along with the veteran

Xie Zhenhua, who was reap-

pointed as the country's top cli-

mate envoy earlier this year fol-

Shuo, senior climate adviser

with Greenpeace in Beijing.

"COP26 needs high-level sup-

port from China as well as other

"One thing is clear," said Li

lowing a three-year hiatus.

Instead of Chinese President

all likely won't be there.

China's President

unlikely to attend

key climate summit

China's successful containment of the Covid-19 pandemic as well as the relief measures to developing countries, including the vaccine cooperation with Pakistan, the statement said.

"Taking stock of the negative impact of Covid-19 on the global economy, the two leaders agreed on further strengthening bilateral economic and commercial ties, including full realisation of the potential offered by the Phase-II of the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement, to overcome the economic headwinds," it said.

The Pakistan PM lauded the implementation of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects.

The two leaders agreed to promote CPEC's green development as a high-quality demonstration of China's Belt and Road

Indian-origin Anita Anand is Canada's new **Defence Minister**

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA TORONTO, OCTOBER 26

INDIAN-ORIGIN CANADIAN politician Anita Anand was on Tuesday appointed as the country's new Defence Minister in a Cabinet reshuffle by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, over a month after his Liberal Party returned to power in snap elections.

Anand, 54, will replace Harjit Sajjan, who is also of Indian origin. Sajjan's handling of the military sexual misconduct crisis has faced criticism.

Sajjan has been appointed as Minister of International Development Agency, a report in the National Post newspaper said.

According to a report in Global News, Anand has been touted as a strong contender for weeks among defence industry experts who said that moving her into the role would send a powerful signal to survivors and victims of military sexual misconduct that the government is serious about implementing major reforms.

The Canadian military is facing intense public and political pressure to bring about changes in its culture and create better systems for both preventing and handling sexual misconduct allegations, the report said.

Anand has a background as a corporate lawyer and has worked extensively on corporate governance.

She was first elected as a rookie Member of Parliament in 2019 representing Oakville in Ontario province and served as procurement minister throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

In her role as former Minister Public Services and Procurement, she played a major role in the Liberal response to the health crisis.

"I'm just ecstatic," she had said after her win, thanking the volunteers who had worked "extremely hard as a team for five as saying by Oakville News.

weeks straight," she was quoted YouTube, TikTok, Snapchat execs

face US senators on kids' safety DAVID MCCABE, KATE CONGER &

DAISUKE WAKABAYASHI OCTOBER 26 US LAWMAKERS on Tuesday

grilled executives from YouTube, Snap and TikTok about mounting concerns that their platforms can harm children and teenagers.

A bipartisan group of senators expressed concerns that the companies' software steered young people toward inappropriate posts, mishandled consumer data and did not do enough to spot dangerous content on their platforms. Lawmakers repeatedly said their staff had been able to find harmful content inside the companies' products, sometimes while logged in as a teenager.

Senator Richard Blumenthal Connecticut opened the hearing by accusing the companies of drawing young people further and further into their products.

"Everything that you do is to add users, especially kids, and keep them on your apps for

longer," said Blumenthal. The companies sent executives with political experience. TikTok

was represented by Michael Beckerman, its head of public policy for the Americas who used to lead a top lobbying group for internet companies, Leslie Miller, YouTube's vice president for government affairs and public policy and a former Democratic aide, appeared on behalf of the streaming site. Snap, the parent company of Snapchat, sent Jennifer Stout, its vice president for global public policy and John Kerry's former deputy

the situation in Afghanistan. They in Qatar for a high-level meeting. called on the international com-It also came a day ahead of *Tribune* newspaper reported. munity to provide immediate humanitarian and economic assis-The ISI chief is appointed by eign ministers of the neighbours tance to the people of Afghanistan of Afghanistan in Tehran, Iran, with the Pakistan Army chief, PTI to alleviate their suffering, prevent which would be attended by

A road barricade is set on fire in Khartoum, Sudan, on Monday. Reuters

Sudan top general says military ousted govt to avoid civil war

7 killed in clashes after coup; ousted PM 'unharmed'

KHALID ABDELAZIZ KHARTOUM, OCTOBER 26

SUDAN'S TOP general defended the army's seizure of power, saying he had ousted the government to avoid civil war, while protesters returned to the streets on Tuesday to demonstrate against the takeover after a day of deadly clashes.

Speaking at his first news conference since he announced Monday's takeover, military leader Abdel Fattah al-Burhan said the army had no choice but to sideline politicians who were inciting against the armed forces.



Abdel Fattah al-Burhan

"The dangers we witnessed last week could have led the country into civil war," he said, an apparent reference to demonstrations against the prospect of a military takeover.

Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok, who was arrested on Monday along with other members of his cabinet, had not been harmed and had been brought to Burhan's own home, the general said: "The prime minister was in his house. However, we were afraid that he'd be in danger so he has been placed with me at my home." Burhan had appeared on TV

solution of the Sovereign Council, a body set up to share power between the military and civilians. Images on social media showed renewed street protests

on Monday to announce the dis-

on Tuesday in the cities of Atbara, Dongola, Elobeid and Port Sudan. An official at the health ministry said seven people had been killed in clashes between protest-

ers and the security forces on

REUTERS

But China will be unwilling be seen yielding to international pressure for more ambitious goals, according to one environmental consultant, especially as it grapples with a crippling energy supply crunch at home. Beijing is "already maxed out", said the consultant, speaking on condition of anonymity citing the sensitiv-

ity of the matter.

unlikely IF THE Chinese President doesn't attend COP26, experts suggest that will likely mean Beijing is not going to offer any

New climate

concessions

major concessions during the summit, having already made three climate pledges since last year. Xi had announced last year that China would reach carbon neutrality by 2060. He later said China would start reducing coal consumption by 2026, and this year announced an end to overseas coal financing. Experts say China will not make any more major announcements this year, especially as the country struggles with an energy supply crisis.

Though there has been no ficial announcement, analysts and diplomatic sources said few had been expecting Xi to attend COP26 in person, He has already missed several high-profile global summits since the Covid-19 outbreak began in late 2019, and didn't physically attend the Global Biodiversity Conference in China's Kunming earlier this month.

Facebook froze as anti-vaccine comments swarmed users

DAVID KLEPPER & AMANDA SEITZ

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 26

IN MARCH, as claims about the dangers and ineffectiveness of coronavirus vaccines spun across social media and undermined attempts to stop the spread of the virus, some Facebook employees thought they had found a way to help.

By altering how posts about vaccines are ranked in people's newsfeeds, researchers at the

company realised they could curtail the misleading information individuals saw about Covid-19 vaccines and offer users posts from legitimate sources like the World Health Organisation.

"Given these results, I'm assuming we're hoping to launch ASAP," one Facebook employee wrote, responding to the internal memo about the study.

Instead, Facebook shelved some suggestions from the study. Other changes weren't made until April. When another Facebook re-

Facebook faces allegations that it prioritised profits over users' safety

searcher suggested disabling

comments on vaccine posts in March until the platform could

do a better job of tackling antivaccine messages lurking in them, that proposal was ignored. Critics say the reason

Facebook was slow to take action on the ideas is simple: The tech giant worried it might impact the company's profits. "Why would you not remove

comments? Because engagement is the only thing that matters," said Imran Ahmed, the CEO of the Center for Countering Digital Hate, an internet watchdog group. "It drives attention and attention equals eyeballs

and eyeballs equal ad revenue.' In an emailed statement, Facebook said it has made "considerable progress" this year with downgrading vaccine misinformation in users' feeds. Facebook's internal discus-

sions were revealed in disclosures made to the Securities and Exchange Commission by former Facebook employee-turnedwhistleblower Frances Haugen's legal counsel. The redacted versions received by Congress were obtained by a consortium of news organisations.

TORTUROUS PATH TO MARRIAGE FOR JAPANESE PRINCESS LEADS TO A REGISTRY OFFICE IN TOKYO

At last, a royal wedding; but no trumpets, just a press conference

MOTOKO RICH

& MAKIKO INOUE TOKYO, OCTOBER 26

THE LAST time the sister of a future emperor of Japan got married, thousands of well-wishers lined the streets as the bride, Princess Savako, left the palace to attend the ceremony and reception at one of Tokyo's premier hotels.

But when Princess Mako, 30, a niece of the current emperor and an older sister of the likely future sovereign, married Tuesday, there was just a simple trip to a registry office in Tokyo, handled by royal

Still, even without a televised

wedding or a balcony kiss, there was a poignant expression of romantic devotion. In a formal news conference Tuesday afternoon, the groom, Kei Komuro, looked into the camera and declared: "I love Mako. I would like to spend my one life with the person I love." The path to this moment had

been torturous. Not long after the princess and Komuro announced their engagement four years ago, the public began to question her choice. Tabloids revealed that his mother had received 4 million ven (about \$36,000) from an exboyfriend whom she had not repaid, leading critics to suggest that Komuro was trying to marry into the imperial family for



Japan's former Princess Mako and her husband Kei Komuro at a press conference to announce their wedding. AP

money or fame. Mako's father withheld approval of the marriage, citing the

curdled public opinion. The paparazzi chased Komuro, 30, after he left for New York to attend

Fordham Law School and tracked his shaggy hair and food truck habits. Savage attacks on social media left the princess suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Yet after waiting three years for Komuro to finish law school and start a job at a New York law firm, the patient couple, who were college sweethearts at the International Christian University in Tokyo, registered their marriage Tuesday morning.

At the news conference, held at a hotel less than a mile from the Imperial Palace, the couple sat side by side at a long table and faced a roomful of reporters and a phalanx of cameras. The bride wore a pale blue sheath dress and jacket with a single strand of pearls, while Komuro wore a dark navy-blue striped suit. In prepared remarks, the

princess said: "I acknowledge that there are various opinions about our marriage. I feel very sorry for the people to whom we gave trouble. I'm grateful for the people who have been quietly concerned about us, or those who continued supporting us without being confused by baseless information."

To avoid having to answer unpleasant questions or address falsehoods, the couple asked to reply in writing to five questions from reporters submitted in advance. To avoid accusations that

New Delhi

money, they paid to rent the room for the news briefing. Underlying many of the vir-

they were wasting taxpayers'

ulent opinions about Mako's choice of partner is a strain of existential panic about the royal family, which stands as a symbol of traditional Japan. The world's oldest monarchy faces a looming succession crisis.

Under the Imperial Household Law, women are not allowed to reign on the throne. The law also stipulates that Mako must relinquish her royal title because she is marrying a commoner, and she will become a commoner herself. Any children she has will not be in line to the throne.

chief of staff.

HDFC BANK

Legal Cell

Add- 75A,2ND Floor, MAK PLAZA Rajpur Road, Dehradun-248001

DEMAND NOTICE

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER Sec 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The following borrowers & co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from HDFC Bank Ltd. the loans of below mentioned borrowers & co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms & conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loans were classified as NPA's as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to HDFC Bank Ltd. are mentioned in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be payable as applicable and the same will be charged with effect from their respective dates.

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ı		Property		Mortgagor S/o Shri. Said Ahmad Add:		Sq.Ft., Situated In Khasra No 451 M,	
l				503/14 Bharat Nagar Mahigran Kh No-	/ Notice Date:	Mohalla Mahigarahan Pargana, Tehsil	
ı				451 Roorkee Uttarakhand- 247667		Rorrkee, District Haridwar. Bounded As	
ı			2.	Mrs. Shazia Shahid (co-borrower) W/o		Under: North: Plot of Sadakhat Ali, South:	
l				Mr. Fareed Ahmad Add: 503/14 Bharat		Plot of Ashad Hussain, East: Property of	
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Since the notices sent to you in the address in which you originally reside / carry on business / personally works for gain has not returned to us, we are constrained to cause this notice published. You are hereby called upon u/s 13(2) of the above Act to discharge the above mentioned liability with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc. within 60 days of this notice failing which the Bank will be exercising all or any of the rights u/ Sec 13(4) of the above Act. You are also put to notice that as per terms of Sec 13(13) of the above Act, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the aforesaid secured assets.

Date: 27.10.2021. Place: Uttarakhand

For HDFC Bank Ltd., Authorised Officer

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	82988961 8149160	Loan Against Property Loan Against Property (GECL)	M/s M/s Pawan Putra Traders (Borrower) Through It's Proprietor Mr Jagat Singh Arora (Deceased) Through It's Legal Heir - Mr Anshul Arora Add: 85 A ddaitan d Marg, Rishikes H Uttarakhand-249201 Mr. Jagat Singh Arora (Deceased (Borrower & Mortgagor) Legal Heir - Mr Anshul Arora S/o Mr. Jagat Singh Arora Add: 85 Adveta Nand Marke Rishikesh Uttarakhand-249201 Mr. Anshul Arora (Co-Borrower) S/o Mr Jagat Singh Arora Add: 85 Adveta Nand Marke Rishikesh Uttarakhand-249201	as on 02.09.2021 / Notice Date: 02.09.2021	All That Property Bearing Municipal No.78/3 (New No.85) Sitituated At Adveta Nand Marg, Rishikesh Pargana Parwa Doon, District Dehradun Measuring 122.68 Sq.mts. Along With Construction Standing Thereon. Bounded As Under: North: Abchak, Side Measuring 44 Ft. 9 Inches, South: 3 Ft. Wide Road, Side Measuring 44 Ft. 9 Inches, East: Adveta Nand Marg, Side Measuring 29 Ft. 6 Inches, West: Property of Shri Jagmohan And Sir Rakesh. Side Measuring 29 Ft. 6 Inches	

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Date: 27.10.2021 Place: Uttarakhand For HDFC Bank Ltd. Authorised Officer



Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001702)

Regd. Office: Engineering Building, H.E.C., Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004, *Telephone:-0651-2400826 & Fax: 0651-2400799* Email: - pmkusum.jbvnl@gmail.com, https://www.jbvnl.co.in

3rd Extension Notice

NIT No. - 93/PR/JBVNL/2021-22

e-tender vide NIT No- 93/PR/JBVNL/2021-22 invited for "Selection of Solar Power Generators (SPGs) for implementation of 50 MW Grid Connected Solar based power plants connected to 33/11 KV sub stations for sale of solar power to JBVNL at various locations in the State of Jharkhand under PM- KUSUM Component-A" is hereby extended as per the schedule given below:

Sl. No.	Details of Work				
	Selection of Solar Power Generators (SPGs) for implementation of 50 MW Grid Conne				
1	Solar based power plants connected to 33/11 KV sub	stations for sale of solar power to			
	JBVNL at various locations in the State of Jharkhand under PM- KUSUM Component-A				
2	Revised Calendar of Events :				
i	Online bid uploading/submission closing date and time	17-11-2021 upto 18:00 Hrs			
ii	Last date & time for physical submission of tender fee	18-11-2021 upto 18:00 Hrs			
- 11	and EMD				
iii. Date and Time for Opening of Technical bid 19-11-2021 at 17:00 Hrs					
	Submission of tender fee/ EMD will not be accepted by courier	Regd. Post.			

Further bidders are requested to go through Corriengdum details of which can be seen on website http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in & http://www.jbvnl.co.in. Contact person Mobile No. 9431708983 / 9801063475. NIC Helpline No.- 06512400178.

एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपयाृ अपनी षिकातों को 18003456570 (कॉल सेन्टर) पर दर्ज करायें।

Sd/-General Manager (Coml.)

PR No. 251166

PR 255625 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(21-22)D





Civil Circle, P.W.D., Devpura Haridwar Website: http://pwd.uk.gov.in, Fax/Phone No.: 01334-221407, E-mail: sepwdharidwar@gmail.com

Date: 25.10.2021

Letter No. : 2605/6सी-सि.वृ. / 2021

National Competitive Bidding (E-Tendering)

The Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, PWD, Haridwar on behalf of "Governor of Uttarakhand" invites item rate tender through E-tendering under Two Bid system. All information will be available from date 08.11.2021 and onwords on website http://www.uktenders.gov.in.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lakhs)	Cost of Tender (Rs.)	Time of Completion of work (in Months)	Validity of Tender (Days)	Category of Contractor
1.	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Construction of internal roads with trimix and drain work of Nehru Colony at constituency BHEL Ranipur, District Haridwar under State Sector.	3.54	5000.00+ 18.00% GST	6 Month	120 Days	Category 'B' or above for Road work in any State Govt./ Central Govt.
2.	Construction of 4No. qtr. of Type-II, 4No. qtr. of Type-III and 2 No. qtr. of Type-IV in pooled house colony in Distt. Hq, Roshnabad at Distt. Haridwar under District Sector.	5.26	5000.00 + 18.00% GST	12 Month	120 Days	Category 'A' or above for Building work in any State Govt./ Central Govt.

Note:- submission of following documents in original is essential in above mentioned office upto/before the last date and schedule time of uploading tender by the bidders.

Cost of tender document as per column 4 shall be attached in the form of demand draft in favour of Executive Engineer. Provincial Division, PWD, Haridwar. Bank draft for Rs. 5000.00 and G.S.T. Rs. 900.00 to be submitted separately. Validity of Tender for 120 Days should be written on Rs. 100.00 Non Judicial stamp paper with

duly signed and affixed Rs. 1.00 Revenue stamp. Earnest Money as per column 3 to pledged in the name of Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle,

PWD. Haridwar.

Copy of Registration.

Superintending Engineer Civil Circle, PWD, Haridwar



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

CIRCLE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GOPESHWAR

S.N. 6252/50 Yatayat(Rudr)-7/2021

Dated- 21.10.2021

E-Tendering

Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, Public Works Department, Gopeshwar on behalf of "Governor of Uttrakhand" invites tender by E- tendering under Two- Bid system for the following works. Information regarding bid will be available from 02-11-2021 on http://www.uktenders.gov.in.

S. N.	Name of Work	Amount of Bid Security (Rs. Lakhs)	Validity of Tender	Cost of Tender Document	Completion Period (in months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1.	Metalling and Painting of Sirai Nandwangaon Bhatwari Motor Road in Km 4. 5 and 6 Under State Sector in Block Jakholi in District Rudraprayag.		120 Days	5000+ 900.00 G.S.T.	9 Month	Category "B" and above for Road Work

Bid will be submitted online at website www.uktenders.gov.in. Before opening of bid following documents to be submitted physically to this office or in office of Executive Engineer, P.D. P.W.D. Rudraprayag before 3.00 p.m. along with online submission-1- FDR of earnest money pledged in favour of Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle.

P.W.D., Gopeshwar. Seperate DD of tender cost and GST will be payable to Executive Engineer, PD. PWD.

Rudraprayag. Rs. 100.00 non-judical stamp with Rs. 1.00 Revenue ticket duly signed for bid validity.

4- Required category Registration-copy Technical Bid

Superintending Engineer 7th Circle, P.W.D., Gopeshwar

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The captioned RFP is available on Bank's Corporate Website www.bankofindia.co.in under "Tender" section.

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Name of work and its location	30-Elect-07-T-2021-22-E3 Electrical Works required for GM Inspection in GZB-SRE section			
Approx cost of the works in Rs. 77.07 lacs				
Address of the office	Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.			
Earnest Money	Rs. 00.00			
Date & time of submission of tender	17.11.2021, 12.00 Hrs.			
Opening of tender	17.11.2021, 12.00 Hrs.			
Website & notice board	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.			
	2430/2021			

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e-Tender Time Extension Notice

Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of online submission and ppening of following e-tender invited by the office of the Executive Engineer (Generation), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) is hereby extended as follows:

Tender No. 21/EE (GEN)/MB-II/2021-22

Name of work: Procurement of Spares for 31 MVA, 11/245 KV Generating Transformer at MB-II, Dharasu Power House.

l ast date for online submission of tender: 11 11 2021 upto 16:00 Hrs ast date for submission of hardcopy of documents in the office of EE (Generation MB-II, Chinyalisaur):15.11.2021 upto 16:00 Hrs

Due date for opening the tender on website:16.11.2021 at 12:00 Hrs For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the eprocurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in"

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Notice Inviting E-Tender No. 24/2021-22 Online Tenders are invited on behalf of Municipal Corporation Kota

South (MCKS) from experienced, technically and financially sound reputed bidders fulfilling eligibility criteria as described in the bid documents and in accordance with the RTPP Act 2012 & rule 2013. The document can be downloaded from the web site http:/eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. Bidders are to be submitted online electronic format on website http:/eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.

The DD of Tender fee in favor of <u>Commissioner Municipal</u> <u>Corporation Kota-South</u> payable at Kota. The processing fee in favor of "Managing Director", RISL, Jaipur payable at Jaipur and instead of earnest money for Bid security fee, Bid security declaration on Rs. 50 stamp paper to be submitted along with technical bid.

Other information can be seen on the http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, www.kotamc.org www.kotamunicipal.org, http://sppp.raj.nic.in Sd/- Commissione Municipal Corporation Kota-South

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DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Ref. No.: 2022/11-02(xix)/ITCO/URRDA/21 Dated: 26-10-2021 PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Ultarakhand nvites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yolana in the Districts of Tehri for 02 number of Packages with estimated cost totaling to Rs.3.13 Crore including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or

e-Procurement Notice- 11/2021-22

Date of release of invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 29-10-2021. Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in. The bidder would be required to egister in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the pids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities

The bidders are required to submit original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with CONCERNED CIRCLE OFFICES, mentioned in SBD/MBD, only up to or before the time and date of the submission of the Bids (for World Bank funded works) and on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid (for Regular PMGSY Works), either by registered post or by hand failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and ime of submission of bids.

.ast Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement 12-11-2021, 01:00PM

For further details please log on to www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in Chief Engineer

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bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract. Note: For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2508125 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

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25.08.2020 of the Finance (HR.V-TFR) Dept.

DIPR No.444PP/CL/NDVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 26/10/2021

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T.N.No. 13/APMSIDC/TECHNICAL/2021-22, Dated: 25.10.2021 Tenders are invited through e-procurement platform for 1) Supply installation and commissioning of 10 KL LMO storage vessel system

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SCRAP FOR SALE (E-AUCTION)

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e-procurement Tender Notice

NIT No: 86 to 97/MD/APEWIDC/VJA/2021-22, Dated: 26.10.2021

Northern Railway Construction Organization

and EOI form are available at school counter against draft/POS machine/NEFT of ₹ 500/- each. Forms duly filled be submitted by Chairman

Issued by

Sd/- Managing Director

(along with hard copy) opening date: 16-11-2021 For more details of tender pl. visit : https://etender.up.nic.in & www.bridgecorporationltd.com
Ravi, Dy. Project Manager (M)

E-Tender Notice

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Online bid submission closing date : 15-11-2021 upto 5:00 PM, Online Techno-Commercial Bid

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Executive Engineer(C), Postal Civ Division. New Delhi invites on behalf o percentage rate (CPWD-7) e-tenders fo the following work

N.I.T. No.: NIT/EEPCND/2021 22/27(second call) Dated:-26.10.2021 Name of Work: Construction of Pos Office Building at Kirby Place, Delhi

Earnest Money: ₹ NIL/-. Period of completion -06(Six

Last time and date of submission of

Estimated Cost: ₹ 26,64,282/-.

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(E-Tender Notice)

Dv. CME/Repair for Chief Worksho Manager, North Eastern Railway Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur-fo and on behalf of President of India invites open tender through on line (E-Tendering) for the following work:-S.No.-1, E-Tender Notice No & Name of the work: Tender No.: "22-GKP MWS-2021-22" "Fire safety audit o workshop & shop related office & store Depot in Mechanical Workshop Gorakhpur". Estimated Cost: ₹ 9,86,480/ Earnest Money: Zero, Cost of Tender forms: Zero, Last date of tender submission: Date 25-11-2021, Upto 11:00 Hrs., Period of Contract: 06 Months The details of above tenders are also available on Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH EDUCATION & WELFARE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, VIJAYAWADA Divisional Railway Manager (Signal Telecommunication), West Centra Railway, Bhopal acting for and on behal NIT No: 86 to 97, downloading commencement on 28.10.2021 and of President of India, invites e-Tenders for the following works. Manual offers are not allowed against these tender Tenders are invited from the Original Equipment Manufacturers and any such manual offer received (OEM)/ Original Equipment Manufacturing firms / Companies for shall be ignored for the below mentioned various Products / items under Mana Badi:Nadu-Nedu Programme work. Tender documents have been up oaded on website http://www.ireps Phase – II in various Packages for procurement of Ceiling Fans, Dual gov.in. Tender Notice No. and Date Desks, Green Chalk Boards and Electrical Fixtures each item/product BPLNWKS2021-22SIG10 for Govt. Schools (Educational Institutions) with an Estimated Cost work with its location: Carrying out ranging from Rs.13.64 Crores to Rs. 72.40 Crores for 13 Districts of painting works on different signalling gears in BINA-BPL Section Bhops Division of WCR. Approx. cost of the Further details may be viewed at http://tender.apeprocurement work: Rs. 18.76.072.35 Cost of Tender form (non refundable): Not Note: 1. Changes / amendment if any will only be communicated applicable. Earnest Money to be deposited: Not applicable Completion period of the work: 01 P. Reverse auction applicable as per G.O.Ms.No.67, dated 16.08.2019 Due date & time for of Water Resources (Reforms) Department and G.O No:79, Dated submission of tender and opening of

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Sd/- Managing Director, APEWIDC, Vijayawada

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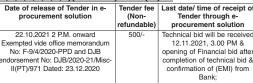
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UZANBAZAR, GUWAHATI No.DSW(ICDS)G/SNP/98/2021/66 Dated, Guwahati, the 26th October, 2021 **EXTENSION NOTICE**

The date and time of online submission and tender document to be downloaded in respect of Eol No. DSW(ICDS)G/SNP/98/2021/1, dated 09/08/2021 for "Lifting of rice (to be allotted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD, Govt. of India) from FCI depots in Assam and Re-packing of Lifted Rice from FCI Depots in Assam and supply of other food stuff etc. (and packing thereof)" as Take Home Ration (THR)/ Hot Cooked Meal (HCM) for various Anganwadi Centres and Mini-Anganwadi Centres of Assam are hereby changed and rescheduled as

SI. No.	Schedule	Earlier End Date and Time	Rescheduled End Date and Time	
1	Tender download	28/10/2021 at 04.00 PM	24/11/2021 at 04.00 PM	
2	Bid submission	28/10/2021 at 05:00 PM	24/11/2021 at 05:00 PM	
3	Bid opening	29/10/2021 at 11:00 AM	25/11/2021 at 11:00 AM	

Sd/ Director Social Welfare, Assam Uzanbazar, Guwahati-1

SIMPLY PUT

China's new land border law & Indian concerns

It makes China's borders 'sacred and inviolable'. In India, some read it as a Chinese attempt to stay put at current positions; others say it's Chinese actions that count.

KRISHN KAUSHIK

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

ON OCTOBER 23, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's ceremonial but top legislative body, passed a new land law for the "protection and exploitation of the country's land border areas" which will come into effect from January 1, state media Xinhua reported.

The law is not meant specifically for the border with India; however, the 3,488-km boundary remains disputed, and some experts feel it could create further hurdles in the resolution of the 17-month-long military standoff. Others think the law is just words - what has vexed ties is not domestic Chinese legislation, but their actions on the ground.

The Chinese law

According to Xinhua, it states that "the sovereignty and territorial integrity of...China are sacred and inviolable", and asks the state to "take measures to safeguard territorial integrity and land boundaries and guard against and combat any act that undermines [these]".

The state can take measures "to strengthen border defence, support eco-

nomic and social development as well as opening-up in border areas, improve public services and infrastructure in such areas, encourage and support people's life and work there, and promote coordination between border defence and social, economic development in border areas".

In effect, this suggests a push to settle civilians in the border areas. However, the law also asks the state to follow the principles of "equality, mutual trust, and friendly consultation, handle land border related-affairs with neighbouring countries through negotiations to properly resolve disputes and longstanding border issues", Xinhua said.

China's land borders

China shares its 22,457-km land boundary with 14 countries including India, the third longest after the borders with Mongolia and Russia. Unlike the Indian border, however, China's borders with these two countries are not disputed. The only other country with which China has disputed land borders is Bhutan (477 km).

A signal to India...

The announcement of a law that makes China's borders "sacred and inviolable" at a

time of prolonged ongoing discussions to resolve the standoff in eastern Ladakh signals that Beijing is likely to dig in its heels at the current positions, observers said.

Lt Gen D S Hooda (retd), who has commanded the Northern Command, which is responsible for the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, said the new law gives the responsibility of the border clearly to the PLA -- "as opposed to us", with a lack of clarity on who among the Ministries of Home and Defence is responsible for border management. "There is a clear distinction, clear approach that PLA will do border management," Lt Gen Hooda

"With this new law, I don't see the PLA pulling back from any other area (in Ladakh)," Lt Gen Hooda said. The PLA is now "bound to protect the integrity, sovereignty of the border", and saying "that we are going to pull out from A, B, C, D areas, will make this much more difficult". he said.

Overall, "It will make negotiations a little more difficult, a pullout from balance areas less likely," Lt Gen Hooda said.

"Why should you want to pass a law in the midst of an ongoing standoff? You are clearly sending a message... Now that they have made...a law, how does it reconcile with an agreement tomorrow?" Going forward, the negotiations will become more difficult, Lt Gen Hooda said. "They may demand more from us, [saying] these are our laws, if you want us to negotiate, this is our bottomline," he said.

... Or stating the obvious?

Some experts feel it is not what the law says, but what China does on the ground that matters. Gautam Bambawale, who served as India's ambassador to China in 2017-18 and has dealt with Beijing for much longer, said the law only "states the obvious".

"Every country is in the business of protecting its territorial integrity, that's the job of any government. The big question is what is your territory, and there we don't agree with each other."

Bambawale said the law has no implications for the question of settling the border dispute, which the two countries have been negotiating for several decades now, "except to say that the central government of China is responsible for it, and that is true even without the law". It is only "a whole amount of language, words, verbiage, whatever you want to call it"

The "real issue", Bambawale said, is "what

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LODHI, 19th century

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the British; belonged

they are doing with their military, what they have done since May 2020, the way India has reacted... That is what impacts the ground situation. I don't see it (the law) as having any great impact on negotiations, if there are any negotiations".

According to Bambawale, by their actions in eastern Ladakh last year, "the Chinese are clearly indicating that they are tired of trying to resolve the boundary or the LAC through negotiations; they're indicating they'll do it through use of force."

Model border villages

China has been building "well-off" border defence villages across the LAC in all sectors. President Xi Jinping visited a village in Tibet near the border with Arunachal Pradesh in July this year.

Even before the law was announced, Eastern Army Commander Lt Gen Manoj Pande, who is responsible for the 1,346-km LAC from Sikkim to Arunachal Pradesh, had said that the "dual civil and military use" of border villages is a concern for India.

"According to their own policy or strategy, model villages have come up near the border. In what quantity have people settled there, that's a different question. But for us, it

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UP; former

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is a matter of concern, how they can make dual civil and military use of these facilities and villages. And we have taken note of it in our operational planning," Lt Gen Pande said last week.

Lt Gen Hooda said China has "always been using the civil population to reinforce their claims". He mentioned the situation in Demchok, where some "so called civilians" have pitched tents on the Indian side of the LAC, and the issue is yet to be resolved.

China is trying to change the facts on the ground "not only through military but also civilian presence", Lt Gen Hooda said. "Which means you are going to see resettlement of civil population closer to the LAC."

He added: "If you (China) start having settled population on the other side, creeping across what we (India) feel is our border, at some stage later, whenever, when you start discussing the border between the two sides, they will say we (China) have settled population in this area."

Bambawale, however, said China has been doing this anyway — even without the new law. "The law is not a necessary condition to be able to do that... In certain parts of Arunachal Pradesh, we know that. Perhaps in other areas also," he said.

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD TOTAL VACCINATED IN INDIA (at least one dose) 71,91,86,075 ■ First dose ■ Second dose 60 crore 39,89,877 • 17.19.789 30 crore 26,98,347 • LAST 10 DAYS (daily) **COVISHIELD COVAXIN TOTAL DOSES** 88.5% 11.4% 102,94,01,119 (Sputnik V's 10.64 lakh doses not represented in pie) DOSES ON OCT 25 66,88,224 **OCT 24:** 16,69,637 (1st dose: 7,54,419; 2nd: 9,15,218) 5.28.853 12,75,070 10,24,692 Number of doses administered in Andhra 5.46.016 3,95,830 Pradesh on October 25, Madhya Pradesh Andhra Pradesh the highest for any state. Note: The October 25 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on October 26 Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on October 26



Sangh leaders, a goddess, and a sage: the politics of naming UP's medical colleges

ACROSS UP, REACHING OUT TO A CROSS-SECTION OF PEOPLE

UMANATH SINGH,

social worker

and BJP leader

IAUNPUR

MAULSHREE SETH

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 26

EIGHT OUT of nine new medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh, set up with an investment of Rs 2,319 crore and inaugurated recently by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, bear names clearly chosen with local caste and religious equations in mind. This attempt at social engineering comes ahead of next year's Assembly elections, and two months after the government had decided to name a new university in Aligarh after the Jat King Mahendra Pratap Singh.

The medical college in Hardoi has not been named yet. A look at who the colleges in the other eight districts are named after, and the political significance of choosing these names:

MADHAV PRASAD TRIPATHI MEDICAL COLLEGE, SIDHARTHANAGAR

A veteran from the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, Tripathi went on to become the first state president of the BJP in UP when the party was formed. He helped establish the party, especially in eastern Uttar Pradesh. He was an MLA from the late 1960s to the 1970s, and was elected the MP from Dumariyaganj in 1977.

The naming of the college after him comes with an eye on the Brahmin vote. The Prime Minister spoke at length about Tripathi's contributions to eastern UP as a minister and the first BJP state president.

"Naming a medical college after him aims at sending two messages to the cadre. First, those who contributed to the party during hard times are not forgotten. The second, obvious message is for the Brahmins; he is still a respected Brahmin name but was uncontroversial; he was not a Bahubali face in the region, where Tripathis have traditionally enjoyed political dominance," said a party leader from Gorakhpur region.

SONE LAL PATEL MEDICAL COLLEGE, PRATAPGARH

Patel was the founder of the Apna Dal, a party which banks on the Kurmi votes of eastern UP, especially Patels in and around

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Union Minister
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revered pilgrimage
centre in Eastern UP

Pratapgarh and Varanasi. Part of the ruling coalition at the Centre, the Apna Dal has tied up with the BJP for the 2022 polls as well. In the latest Cabinet reshuffle, the BJP gave a ministerial berth to Sone Lal Patel's daughter, Anupriya Patel. The naming of the college is an outreach to the Kurmis, which come under the OBCs, in a large belt of eastern UP.

VIRANGANA AVANTIBAI LODHI MEDICAL COLLEGE, ETAH

This is named after a freedom fighter, and Queen of Ramgarh in Madhya Pradesh. In the region surrounding Etah, where Lodhi Rajputs are dominant, the BJP recently lost its popular

Lodhi face, former CM Kalyan Singh, whose son Rajveer represents Etah in Lok Sabha. Besides aiming to woo Lodhi Rajputs, the move is an attempt to honour a woman warrior. Recently, the first three all-women Provincial Armed Constabulary wings were named after women warriors, including Avantibai Lodhi.

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Gayatri Mantra

JODHA SINGH AND DARIYAO SINGH MEDICAL COLLEGE, FATEHPUR

In a region marked by the leadership of Thakurs, especially *zamindars*, the college has been named after two Thakur warriors from here, who were sentenced to death for their role in the 1857 revolution.

UMANATH SINGH MEDICAL COLLEGE, JAUNPUR

In this Thakur-dominated region, the government has chosen the name of a former Jana Sangh and BJP and leader, a minister in Kalyan Singh's UP government. Singh, who hailed from a prominent Thakur family, died of a heart attack during a public protest, and many in Jaunpur refer to him as "Amar Shaheed". Several schools and colleges, and the district hospital are already named after him.

MAA VINDHYAVASINI MEDICAL COLLEGE, MIRZAPUR

This is named after Goddess Vindhyavasini, whose temple in Mirzapur is a revered pilgrimage site, one of the *Shakti peeths* across India. The region is also known as Vindhyachal. The naming comes at a time when Congress leaders are visiting temples during an ongoing yatra. No political campaign in this region begins without a visit to the pilgrimage site.

DEVRAHA BABA MEDICAL COLLEGE, DEORIA

Devraha Baba, popularly known as the Eternal Yogi, was a seer widely followed in eastern and western UP, and also in Bihar. Little is known about his early life, except that he lived initially in Deoria before moving to Vrindavan. His long list of political devotees included Congress leaders such as Rajiv Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri and Arjun Singh.

MAHARISHI VISHWAMITRA MEDICAL COLLEGE, GHAZIPUR

Originally a Kshatriya king, Maharishi Vishwamitra was not born a Brahmin but earned the title of Maharishi through meditation and devotion. Apart from his contribution to the Vedas, he is also known for his contribution to the Ramayana by giving the knowledge of Devastras and weaponry to Lord Ram and his brother Lakshman. Ghazipur has a presence of both Kshatriya as well as Yadavs, and the naming seeks to address both caste and religious sentiments in a region where the BJP has not been performing very well; it lost the Lok Sabha seat in 2019.

Strike in Nepal Supreme Court: why judges want Chief Justice to quit

YUBARAJGHIMIRE

KATHMANDU, OCTOBER 26

THE SUPREME Court of Nepal has become sharply divided with judges taking the unprecedented step of boycotting their Benches on Monday, holding up hundreds of cases.

Judges are calling for the resignation of Chief Justice Cholendra Shumsher Rana, accusing him of making deals with political parties, especially with Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, and even securing a ministerial berth for one of his relatives. On Tuesday, a 14 out the 20 judges met Rana and insisted that he resign to save the dignity and

credibility of the judiciary.

Rana told the judges he would not resign just because they want it, but would be ready to face an "impeachment motion" in Parliament, the only way provided in the Constitution to seek the exit of a judge or CJ. When they mentioned "controversial" verdicts he had delivered, Rana said, "Let us all review the so-called verdicts given by all of us."

Political parties on both the ruling and opposition sides have so far been silent on the controversy.

A majority of the judges against Rana have the support of at least four retired CJs — Min Bahadur Rayamajhi, Anup Raj Sharma, Kalyan Shrestha and Sushila Karki — a group that commands considerable respect in the Supreme Court and is well connected with NGOs and international donors working in the field of judiciary.

Issues over Ministry, SC

On October 8, Deuba expanded his Council of Ministers to its full strength of 25. Gajendra Hamal, Rana's brother-in-law, was one of the 18 new inductions, and was allotted the Ministry of Industries, Commerce and Civil Supplies. Hamal was not an MP, a fact that led to speculation that his induction was part of a "deal" between Rana and Deuba.

Hamal, a leader of the Nepali Congress that Deuba heads, resigned "voluntarily" three days later, but this did not close the chapter. A forum of former judges, and the four former CJs went public asking for an investigation into the episode, and also appealed to the conscience of the CJ to resign to uphold the dignity of the judiciary.

The PM too has come under fire. "Along with Rana, Deuba also must be punished



CJCS Rana has refused to resign just because judges want him to. Barsha Shah

for the inclusion of Hamal," said former CJ Sushila Karki.

Some judges have held informal meetings and warned the CJ that he was going against his earlier assurances to implement judicial reforms recommended by a committee of judges headed by Harikrishna Karki, second in line of succession.

Rana had agreed to the committee's recommendation that to end the practice of the CJ exercising his discretion in allocation of cases, and to replace it with an new mechanism effective from September 1. Now, he has agreed to begin allocation through a 'gola' system (lucky draw) from October 26. This has not satisfied the judges.

Power from politics

In recent years, political parties have gone through a series of splits. Several decisions taken by the leadership have been challenged in the Supreme Court. Several cases are pending while several others have been settled by the courts, at times overruling party and government leaders.

on July 12, a Constitution Bench headed by Rana reversed a decision of the KPOli government dissolving the House of Representatives in May, and going for midterm polls. The Bench not only reinstated the dissolved House but also ordered that Deuba, who in May had submitted a list of MPs supporting him, be appointed as the new PM.

Last year, ruling on a dispute over the symbol used by the Communist Party of

Nepal, a two-member Bench not only restored the symbol to the petitioner but also ruled that the 2018 merger of the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist and Maoist Centre to form the Communist Party of Nepal was illegal, and that their pre-merger status should restored.

that their pre-merger status should restored. Among political cases currently in under consideration:

■ A murder case against Speaker of the House of Representatives Agni Sapkota is before a Bench headed by CJ Rana. Sapkota, a leader of the Maoist Centre, is accused of "burying alive" a rival, Arjun Tamang, during the insurgency years.

Acorruption case involving two former Prime Ministers — Madhav Kumar Nepal and Baburam, Bhattarai, both now in Opposition — is in the final stages of hearing.

A case filed by former PM Oli seeks the disqualification of Madhav Kumar Nepal and 13 other MPs who went against Oli during the vote of confidence.

Judges and politicians

During the monarchy, in early 2006, a full Bench of the Supreme Court declared the Royal Commission of Investigation against

New Delhi

corruption illegal and unconstitutional. "It took only few hours for the order to be executed and leaders under trial released," Min Bahadur Rayamajhi, the then CJ, wrote in his autobiography.

There was hardly any political interference in the judiciary in those days. After the Monarchy was put under suspension along with the Constitution of 1991, political parties asked sitting judges to take oath of office afresh — widely seen as an oath of loyalty to the new regime. All of them complied.

In March 2013, Chief Justice Khilraj Regmi took charge as Prime Minister for 11 months with ministers from four major parties, presenting a unique coalition between judiciary and legislature.

A case was filed over this. A Bench led by Regmi's successor, Kalyan Shrestha, sat on it until Regmi relinquished the PM's post and retired as CJ. Today, Shrestha is a prominent face of civil society, and occasionally issues remarks along with three fellow former CJs on how to go about constitutional cases.

About the ongoing controversy, senior advocate Upendra Keshari Neupande said: "Its time serious introspection and restructuring of the judiciary is done."

Classifieds

PERSONAL

We Ritu W/o-Rohit Kumar and Rohit Kumar, S/o-Ved Prakash, R/o-C-1/3, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053, have changed name of our minor son Keshav to Keshav Kumar for future.

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We Ritu W/o Rohit Kumar and Rohit Kumar, S/o Ved Prakash R/o-C-1/3, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053, have changed name of our minor son Krishna to Krishna Kumar for future.

0040589348-3

We Pooja W/o Raman Kumar and Raman Kumar S/o Puran Chand Gureia R/o-B-72.Phase 1. Ashok Vihar Delhi-110052, have changed name of our minor son Sehej to Sehej Gureja for future.

0040589348-2

My father actual/correct-name is Ved Pal Saini instead of Ved Pal. Sonia Saini-D/o-Ved Pal Saini R/o-New-GH-6/95, White Appartment, New-Delhi-87. 0040589336-9

It is for general information that I.Akash Manna.s/o.Viiav Manna, residing at.5440, gali. no.5.Raghubarpura no.2 Gandhi-Nagar Delhi-110031. declare that name of mine and my mother has been wronglywritten as Aakash and Shivani in my 10/12 Educationdocuments. The actual-name of mine and my mother are Akash Manna and Shivani Manna respectively. Which may be amended accordingly.

0040589335-10

I,hitherto known as GUDDAN alias SONIYA,D/O LATE. CHIRKUT,W/O LATE.HEMRAJ, residing at, E-42/458, AMBEDKAR-CAMP INDUSTRIAL AREA.GT ROAD.JHILMIL.EAST-DELHI, DELHI-110095, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SONIYA. 0040589354-3

I,Vijender Singh S/o Dalpat Singh R/o B-56, Sunder Apartment Sector-14.Rohini Delhi-11085, have changed my name to Vijender Singh Verma for all future purposes.

0040589350-4

I,Vijay Kumar Verma,S/o-Jagdish Prasad Verma, residing at-H.No.J-22, 1/1392 Mansarovar-Park, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed the name of my minor daughter Kanak 13 Years and she shall hereafter be known as Kanak 0040589335-9

I.URMIL, W/O.RAN IFFT SINGH. H.NO.1674/35,NAI WALA KAROL BAGH DELHI-110005. changed my name to URMIL CHAUHAN, permanently. 0040589335-5 I.URMIL SETHI W/O SUNIL SETHI,

R/O W-30A, SECOND-FLOOR, RAJOURI GARDEN DEI HI-110027.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO URMILA SETHI FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040589336-1 I.Teiaeelal S/o-Late Sh.Ram

Prasad R/o-A-744.A-Block. Gali.No.19, Mahavir Enclave, Part-2,Uttam Nagar,New Delhi-110059, have changed my name.from Jitender to Tejaeelal for all, future purpose.

0040589350-1

I.Sudhir Yadav.S/o Jaswant Singh,H.No.38, Sector-81A, Nakhrola, Gurugram (Harvana)-122004, have changed my minor daughter's Name Aanushvi to Aanushvi 0040589348-10 I.Shane Ilahi.S/O Noor Ilahi

Kasba(Rural)Mandwar Distt-Bijnor Uttar-Pradesh-246721, have changed my name to 0040589336-6 I,SUBHASH CHANDER/SUBHASH ARORA, S/O. SATYA PAL, ADD-

R/O, Mohalla Qaziyan

FLAT.NO-01 KIRTI-APARTMENT **BLOCK-3 MAYUR-VIHAR PHASE-**1.FAST DELHI-110091. Changed my name to SUBHASH CHANDER ARORA, 0040589335-2 permanently. LSACHIN S/O BHAGAT SINGH

R/O B-253,SECOND-FLOOR, RAMA PARK, MOHAN GARDEN, LITTAM-NAGAR DEI HI-110059 CHANGED MY NAME TO SACHIN

I,Rajeshwari W/o Vijender Singh Verma R/o B-56,Sunder Apartment Sector-14 Rohini Delhi-11085,have changed my name to Rajeshwari Verma for all future purposes.

I,RHEA MARIA JAMES PERINGARAPPILLY,D/O. JAMES PERINGARAPPILLIL THOMAS, A-183 PANDARA-ROAD NEW-DELHI-110003. Changed my name to RHEA MARIA JAMES, 0040589335-4 permanently.

I,Parminder Singh Kakkar S/o Balwant Singh Kakkar R/o-F-14, South City-1 Gurgaon Haryana-122001, changed my minor son's name Harman Singh Kakkar to Harmann Singh Kakkar.

0040589350-2

I,Nitesh Dinesh Gupta S/o Dinesh Gupta R/o-B-4/24. Rajasthali Apartment Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my name to Nitesh Gupta S/o Dinesh Kumar 0040589350-5

I,P Girish alias Girish Panthaloor, S/O G.K. Nair, R/O.C-3/63, First-Floor, Janak Puri, Opp.Indira Ideal Senior Secondary-School, New-Delhi-110058, Have Changed my Name to Girish Panthaloor.

0040589336-8

I.PUTHENVEETIL KUTTAN MURALEEOHARAN,S/O:KUTTA N, R/O:2, SASHWAT BUNGLOW, OPP. AANGAN PARTY PLOT SATELLITE, AHMADABAD CITY AHMADABAD.GUJARAT380015. Changed my name to MURALEEDHARAN PUTHANVEETIL KUTTAN.

I,NIDHI, W/O.AMIT SANDUJA, ADD-17-B POCKET-IV MAYUR-VIHAR PHASE-1, EAST DELHI-110091,Changed my name to NIDHI SANDUJA, Permanentiv. 0040589335-6

I,Muskan Sharma W/o Sudhir Sharma R/o, 4/2779, Gali no 3,Bihari Colony, Shahdara, Delhi-32 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Mukesh Rani in the hirth certificate of my minor daughter Siddhi Sharma aged 14 years. The actual name of mine is Muskan Sharma.

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0040589335-7

I,MATAM SIREESHA spouse of BELLAMKONDA DINESH. residing of, plot no.RZ-C-3/191. Gali.no-14, Gurudwara road, Mahavir enclave, New-Delhi-110045 have changed my name, from BELLAMKONDA SIREESHA to MATAM SIREESHA. vide-affidavit dated-26-Oct-21.

0040589354-2 I,Kanta Budhiraja W/O-Suresh Budhiraja R/O-4/751-A, Gali. No.13.Bholanath Nagar. Shahdara, Delhi-110032, Have Changed My Name To Kiran Budhiraja, For All Purposes.

0040589336-4

I,INDERJEET,S/O RAM DULARE, R/o FLAT.NO.B.1201, NIRALA-EDEN PARK, AHINSA KHAND.2, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, U.P.201014, changed my name to INDER IFFT YADAV.

I,Pradeep Suryaprakash Gupta S/o Suryaprakash Gupta R/o-68-69.Pocket -9 Sector-25. Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my name to Pradeep Gupta. 0040589350-6

I,Dinesh kumar r/0-2234,sec-22 Faridabad, have change his minor child names ANURAAG TO ANURAAG KUMAR, ANANYA TO ANANYA KUMARI, FOR ALL.

0040589336-7 I,DEEPAK, S/o-MANSARAM

GURUNG.ADD.PLOT.NO-2A/9. 3RD-FLOOR, BHAWANI KUNJ APARTMENT, KISHANGARH VASANT-KUNJ, NEW-DELHI-110070. Changed my name to DEEPAK GURUNG.

0040589335-8

I. Asha Virdi W/o Bhupinder Singh R/o-H.No.T-562/A1, Baljeet Nagar, New Delhi-110008, have changed my name to Asha Kaur Virdi, for all future

0040589348-5

I.ARYAN GUPTA.S/O-Late Shri.Asheem Kumar,R/O-94-A New-R-Block, Dislhad-Garden, Delhi-110095.declares that my name has been written incompletely as only Aryan in my passport(Passport.No.-P9227452) while my surname is GUPTA. My correct-name is ARYAN GUPTA. Both ARYAN and ARYAN GUPTA are one and the same person,for all,future nurnoses. 0040589336-10

I,ANURADHA SINGH YADAV,W/O JITENDRA KUMAR YADAV, PRESENTLY, RESIDING AT, H/NO A522,SOMNATH-NAGAR SOCIETY, TARSALI, VADODARA-390009 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM ANURADHA SINGH YADAV TO ANURADHA SINGH, VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-26-OCT-2021. 0040589354-1

I,AMBRISH SHARMA,S/O MAHESH CHAND SHARMA R/O-4/249, STREET.NO-4,BHOLA-NATH NAGARA, SHAHDARA DELHI-110032HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO AMBRISH KUMAR SHARMA,FOR ALL PURPOSE

0040589336-5

L Zeba Salman D/o. Late Shri Arjun Lal Sharma residence at A-1830 Greenfield Colony Faridabad-121010 Harvana have changed my name to Akhilesh Sharma vide affidavit dated 14/08/2021 New Delhi

0050185807-1 I, Vasvi Chandolia D/O Late Shri

Dhiren Kumar R/O G-20/83, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085. have changed my name to Vasvi for all purposes.

0040589348-1 **I,** Shyam Dev S/o Madhuvan

Yadav R/o House No. 1, Type-2, ITICampus, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-100092 have changed my name as Shyam Dev Yadav for all

I, Shweta Gupta W/o Kunal Vijayendra R/o E904, Sethi Max Royal, Sector 76, Noida-201301, have changed my name to Shweta Anvi for all future Purposes. 0070758771-1

I, Shainy W/o Janeesh Mathew R/o-RZF-1/64A, Gali-No.2, Plot-No.84, UGF, Mahavir Enclave, Palam-Village, Delhi-110045 have changed my name to Shiny Janeesh. 0040589348-6

I, Santosh S/o Ram Murat Singh Chauhan, R/o-C-67, Hind Vihar Pre Nagar-3, Kirari-Suleman Nagar, Sultanpuri, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Santosh Singh Chauhan Permanently 0040589300-3

I, Ramit Verma S/o Late Sh. R.C.Verma, R/o-A-204, 2ndfloor,Khurana Farm,Nearnanda hospital, Chattarpur-Extn..New Delhi-110074.have changed my minor daughter namely Rushmita Verma to Rushmita Srivastava aged about-14 years

0040589300-2

I, Salma, W/o Kokab Ali, R/o-Flat No.104,Taj Apartment,Plot No.F/B-4, Shaheen Bagh, Okhla, New Delhi-110025,have changed my minor daughter's name from Aleeza Mashkoor to Aliza, for all future purposes. 0040589350-7

I. Rushali Verma D/o Ramit Verma,R/o-A-204,2nd-floor, Khurana Farm, Near-Nanda Hospital.Chattarpur-Extn.. New-Delhi-110074,have changed my name to Rushali Srivastava. 0040589300-1

LAJAY JAIN S/O SUMER CHAND JAIN R/O TU-74,PITAMPURA, DELHI-110088.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AJAY KUMAR 0040589336-3 JAIN.

I, Ramesh Chander Kohli S/O Rishikesh Kohli, R/o F- 14A, BLK F Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi-110016, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Romesh Chander

0070758741-1 I, Priyanshu S/o Lalit Kumar Jha R/o-S-19A Sharma Colony,Budh Vihar, Phase-2, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to

Priyanshu Jha 0040589350-9 I, Preksha Sogani W/o Dheeraj Sogani R/o L1604 Ajnara grand, sector-74, Noida, changed my minor daughter's name from Lavi Jain to Lavishka Jain.

0040589241-1

I, Nidhi D/o Amit Arora R/o 5-A, Single-Storey, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Nikita Arora permanently. 0040589348-7

I. Mihir Maheshwari, S/o Om Prakash Maheshwari, R/o-DU-9, Vishakha Enclave, Pitampura,

to Shlok Maheshwari. 0040589350-11 I, Mihir Maheshwari, S/o Om Prakash Maheshwari R/o-DU-9. Vishakha Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110088, have changed my

minor daughter's name.from

Shivika to Shivika Maheshwari

Delhi-110088, have changed my

minor son's name from Shlok

I, Khushi Bhatia D/o,Sanjeev Bhatia R/o-C-103, Kirtinagar, N.Delhi-15, that in PPF Account-No.0931588046 my name mentioned as Garima Bhatia instead-of Khushi Bhatia.

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0040589350-10

I, Kashni D/O Rajan Arora, W/O Niskam Anand R/o A-8, Ram Nagar Colony, Mohaddipur, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh-273008, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Karshni Anand. 0070758740-1

L JAGDDISH KUMAR s/o

GIRDHARI LAL r/o 14/65, Punjabi Bagh West, New Delhi-110026 have changed my name

as JAGDDISH BUDHIRAJA 0040589313-1 I, Divyanshu Shekhar S/O Himanshu Shekhar, R/o Flat No-802, Hindon Height, Sector-4, Vaishali, I.E.Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201010. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Himanshu Shekher and Neetu in my 10th Class Certificate No-8121239. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Himanshu Shekhar and Nitu Pandey, which may be

amended accordingly 0070758742-1

I, Bobby Oberoi S/o Bharat Bhushan Oberoi R/o WZ-221, Upper Second Floor, Gali No-13, Shiv Nagar, New Delhi- 110058 $have\, changed\, my\, minor\, son$ (DOB 13-08-2008) name from Vansh Oberoi to Davik Oberoi for all future purpose.

0040589238-1

I. Aiay Singh, S/o-Late Shri Hukam Singh, R/o-H.No.48-A, Nangli Razapur, Sari Kale Khan.New Delhi-110013.have changed my name, from Ajay Singh to Ajay Chauhan, for all,purposes. 0040589350-8

Shri Dev Nandan R/o-Plot No-32, Khasra No-39/5, Ground Floor, Gali No-3, Shiv Mandir Gali, Agar Nagar, Prem Nagar Phase-3, Kirari Suleman Nagar, North West Delhi, Delhi-110086. have changed my name from Dharam Singh to Acharya Dharam Shastri for all future purposes. 0070758805-1

I. Acharya Dharam Shastri S/o

I, Rohit Rustagi, S/o Rajeshwar Rustagi, R/o H.No.140, Shrestha Vihar, Anand Vihar, Delhi-110092, do herebydeclare that I have changed my name from Rohit Rustogi to Rohit Rustagi for all purposes. 0040589288-1

I, HARJEET KAUR, W/o BHUPINDER SINGH, R/O- G-115, Jeewan Nagar, Bhagwan Nagar, Ashram, New Delhi-110014, inform that HARJEET KAUR and HARLEEN KAUR both are same and one person.

I Shyni Gopinathan R/o Hno 665/GH 13, SFS Flats, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi 110087 have changed my minor son's name from Karthik to Karthik Renjeev 0040589337-1

I Sanjay Kumar Bhardwaj S/o Sh. Ram Dhan Bhardwaj R/o Flat No.006, Shri Keshav Kunj Apartment, Sector-17, Pocket D, Phase-2, Dwarka, New Delhi-

0040589284-6 purposes. l Naresh Kumar S/o Tulsi Ram R/o House No-RZF-276/2, Gali No-20, Sadh Nagar Part-2, Palam Colony, Palam Village, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Naresh Kumar Sharma

 $110078\,have\,changed\,my\,name$

to Sanjay Bhardwaj for all

ISANDHYA RANI W/O-MANOJ VIG R/O- D6/10 RANA PRATAP BAGH DELHI-110007 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SANDHYA VIG FOR ALL FUTURE

0070758776-1

IRitik Sharma S/O Rajesh Sharma R/O 38A/85 Sewla Gwalior road, Agra Uttar Pradesh shall henceforth be known as Ritikk Sharma affidavit no 32AE 996060 sworn before notary Mahesh Baghel dated 23/10/2021.

PURPOSES

0050185777-1

I Ragho Sah S/O, Jageshwar Sah R/o B-269 Naviiwan Camp Kalkaji D.d.a Flat New Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Raghav Sah for all purposes. 0040589334-1

I Nisha Sharma W/o Late Sh

Vijay Sharma R/o 8/142, West Mehram Nagar, Delhi Cantt., South West Delhi, Delhi-110010 have changed the name of my minor son from Krish Sharma to Abhinandan Sharma for all purposes. 0040589284-7

I Mohammed Quamar Nadeem S/o Mohammed Razi Uddin R/o UGF-2. Pro.No.1018, Ward No.7. Mehrauli Delhi-110030 have changed my name to Mohammad Ouamar Nadeem. for all future purposes.

0040589245-1

| Manish Kumar Bharti S/o Banwari Lal R/o Ward No-7, Sanjay Nagar, Dibiyapur, Behind Police Station Kakrahi. Auraiya, Uttar Pradesh-206244, have changed my name to Manish Naagar 0070758789-1

IJAYPAL SHOKEEN S/O-RAM NATH R/O-48 PANNA MOHALLA MANGOLPUR KALAN DELHI-110085 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JAI PAL FOR ALL **FUTURE PURPOSES**

0070758774-1

I Dinesh S/o Dhuruv Kumar R/o A-72/3 Gali No.-6,West Vinod Nagar Shakar Pur Baramad East Delhi. I Have Change My Name Dinesh Shrivastav For All 0070758769-1 Purpose.

I Aarish S/o Rashid Ali R/o-Firdaus-Nagar Qila Road Gali.No.-4 Koil-Aligarh U.P.-202001, have been changed my name to Aarish Ali.

0040589335-1 I,USHA ARORA, W/O. SUBHASH

CHANDER ARORA, ADD-FLAT. NO-01 KIRTI-APARTMENT BLOCK-3 MAYUR-VIHAR PHASE-1,EAST DELHI-110091. Changed my name to USHA RANI ARORA, permanently. 0040589335-3

I. Neerai Kumar S/o Uma Shankar Sharma R/o E-56 Begum Vihar, Bharat Vihar, Begum Pur, Delhi-110086, that name of my father has been wrongly written as Rajender Singh in my Aadhar Card, Voter Id Card and Pan Card. The actual name of my father is Uma Shankar Sharma

0070758767-1

LOST & FOUND

I have lost/misplaced following original documents for my Flat, "B-46, Kendriya Vihar Phase-I, Block 4. Sector-56. Gurugram, Harvana": 1. Allotment cum Call up Notice 2. Possession cum Occupation Letter 3.Handing/Taking Over Certificate. Loss was reported on Delhi Police online portal vide LR No:854849/2021 dated 23/10/2021. Rajiv Kumar Tayal,

rk.tayal@gmail.com 0040589317-1

I Prabal Kanti Chakravorty S/o Sh. Sitesh Chandra Chakravorty R/o B-1, Suvidha CGHS Ltd., Plot No.25, Sector-13. Rohini, Delhi-110085 have lost my Original Allotment Letter of above said property. Finders may contact at Mobile No.9999031398.

0040589284-8

I Sunil Kumar S/o Sh.Om Prakash R/o 631, Chirag Delhi, New Delhi-110017 have lost my Original Gift Deed of above said property which is executed by Sh.Om Prakash in favour of Sunil Kumar and Harish Kumar vide Registered Gift Deed dated 08.02.2021. Finders may contact at Mobile No.9990376056

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I, Dr. Om Kumari Singh, W/o Rama Shanker Singh & Ashok Singh, S/o Ram Pal Singh, R/o B-105. Sector-51 Noida U.P. have lost my Lease Deed Allotment No. SRS02-61292, 300 Sqmt. & Occupancy Certificate of House No. 200, Block-C, Sigma-2, Greater Noida, U.P. Mob. 8743904002.

I.Sarabiit Singh S/o Suriit Singh

R/o-A-82 Majlis Park Azadpur

NS Mandi Delhi-110033, have

Phase-II.Delhi-110042,finder

Contact-9654775323.

lost my Original Allotment Letter of Plot.No.233,Block EG Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar

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These documents of my house, 2-C, SFS Flats B Block East of Kailash Delhi are lost; Allotment letter dated 10.9.85 Site & Handing Possession letter dated 1985 Bank Receipt No.37965 (26.7.85). If found contact Bandeep 9811556529

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PUBLIC NOTICE the undersigned on behalf of my client, mit. Mandeep Kaur, Wio Jagdeep sind, Whija RVO 671, 2nd floor, Gali no. 04, beeta Colony, East Delhi Delhi-31 have enved all relationship with their ather/husband namely Jagdeep Sind huja disowned/Debarred him from all ineir movable & immovable property due to ispute and differences created by above armed Jagdeep singh Ahuja to my client bove named Smt. Mandeep Kaur with nmediate effect. Now my client having no lationship with Mr. Jagdeep singh Ahuja nd now my clients shall not been seponsible for the any Acts, Deeds & hings if any done by him in past and in ture.

Sd/- SANJEEV KUMAR, AD **PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is informed to the public at large that my client, Ram Bhaj S/o Sh. Bhartu Ram and his wife Smt. Patasho R/o H.No. J-32 & 33, J.J. Colony, Shakurpur, Delhi hereby declaring debarring/disowning his son Naresh Kumar and his wife Smt. Suman from their properties (movable or immovable) situated at Delhi or outside of Delhi because they are not under the control of my clients. My clients have also severed all their relations from them and they are not be responsible/liable for any act, deed and thing done by them.

Sd/-Ramesh Kuma Advocate Seat No. 253, Gajanand Block Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Sh. Ram Dev Ojha S/o.
Late Sh. Saryu Ojha R/o. RZ-G-687
E, Raj Nagar, Part II, Palam Colony,
New Delhi-110045, has severed
all of his family realtions with his
son namely Manoj Ojha, and Smt.
Hemlata Ojha W/o. Manoj Ojha,
from his life, property and legal
liabilities because they are beyond
the control. If anybody deals with
them will do so at their own cost,
risk and consequences and my
client will not be responsible for
their any good or bad acts.
JAISWAL A.K. BADAL_ADVOCATE
Ch. No. 432, lawyer's Chamber
Block, Dwarka Court
Complex, Sec 10, Dwarka,
New Delhi-75,
Mob:- 9899271423

PUBLIC NOTICE

e it known to all that our client, Sh. Indres. ikkar (Mob: 8802211272) S/o Sh. Mohai 1 Kakkar R/o 59/13-14, F.F., Ashok Nagar w Delhi-110018 intende by the elhi-110018, intends to buy a proper no. WZ-154, Built on Plot No. C-8 earing no. W2-154, Built on Plot No. C-87 rea measuring, 100 sq. yds. (150-4), Gall No. Sharing, 100 sq. yds. (150-4), Gall No. Shiv Nagar, New Delih-110058, from Mrasimran Singh Khanna, for which ar dvance payment has already been mad an agreement has already been mad an an greement has already been was the sharing that the sharing has been been been been been been been sharing the sharing the sharing has been been sharing the sharing has been s

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"It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Kanika Sharma acquired First Floor on Property No. 606/7-A. (Old No. K-108/B) measuring 75 sq. yds., Khasra No. 108, Village Maujpur, Shahdara, Delhi, vide Sale Deed dt. 18.11.2020 executed by Mrs. Anita Gupta, Regd. as doc. No. 5090 and Mrs. Kanika Sharma is the undisputed owner of above said property. Any person/firm/institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated mull and Ajay Kumar Giri, Advocate "H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

is to inform to the public at large r. Suresh Kumar and Mr. Jagmar Imar acquired Back Portion of Prop earing No. A-22, measuring 50 sq. y Kumar acquired Back Portion of Property Bearing No. A-22, measuring 50 sq. yds., Village Saral Pipal Thala, Sanjay Nagar, Village Saral Pipal Thala, Sanjay Nagar, Olai No. 10, Delhi, vide Relinquishment Deed dt. 26.03.2021 executed by Mrs. Santosh Rani, Mrs. Nirmala Devi and Mrs. Anita Garg, Regd. as doc. No. 4907 and Mr. Suresh Kumar and Mr. Jagmander Kumar is the undisputed owner of above said property. Any person / firm / Institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inhertance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, pariners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to infimate in writing s hereby required to intimate in writin o the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of the date of publication of this notice c his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at belov mentioned address. After expiration o notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri, Advocate "H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi -24

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re: First Floor, without roof rights, area measuring 69.5 sq. yds. (towards Gali no. 12) "said floor" part of Portion of Property No. W2-4.4/3, 01d Plot No. 222, area measuring 139 sq. yds. falling in Khasra No. 29 (0/29), situated in the area of Village Nangil Jalib, colony known as Krishna Puri, Gali No. 12 & 14, New Delhi-110018; hereimfetre referred to as "said property". Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc., that our clients, Mr. Inderejee Ahlup Go Shr Insbeers Sinhaho Park, Tlake Narwal Kour W/o Mr. Inderjee Ahlupi, Both Residents of W2-222/273, 65, Goli No. 2, Krishna Park, Tlake Narwal Kour W/o Mr. Inderjee Ahlupi, Shri Residents of W2-222/273, 65, Goli No. 2, Krishna Park, Tlake Narwal New Delhi-110018 (hereinafter called the "Seller). this connection, the seller has informed the pur that she is the owner of the said floor vide Sale De registered as Document No. 10111 in Book No. registered as Document No. 10111 in Book No. 1, Volume No. 6304, pages 142-150, the eastern portion of the said property who execute a sale deed dated 17/06/21, as aforesaid, in favo of Babita Gaba (the present seller) in respect of sai floor. Thus, Babita Gaba became the absolute owner o

The sale 1100r.

The saler has further informed our clients that the said floor is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said floor. Any person Including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s

Any person Including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s, relative/s having any daim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the aforesaid floor is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within O'd days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the seller to the said floor shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whotsoever and any subsequent daim shall not bind our clients/ Purchase; in any manner whotsoever. Amit Kumar Khur

> M/s Intellective Law Office A-74, LGF, Defence Colony New Delhi -110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

e it known to Public at large the clients Mohinder Jit Singh son ate Sh. Jagat Singh and Ch aur wife of Mohinder Jit Singh, b residing at 102, Akashneem Marg DLF Phase-2, Gurugram, Haryana ave severed all their relations an debarred/ disowned their s namely Tanjeet Singh and his w larleen Tanjeet Singh, both residin t D-64, Naraina Vihar, New Dell from their movable and immovab properties. If anyone deals with the qua my client in any manner f anything related to my client, n clients will not be responsible f heir acts and deeds.
Sd/- (AJAY GUPTA)

ADVOCAT ENRL.NO. D-292/9 CH.NO. 786, WESTERN WING TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-11005

This is to inform that my clients

Mr. Ashok Doultani & Mrs. Mamta Doultani R/o D-46, Ashok Viha Ph-1, Delhi, have served all thei relations with their son Sh. Hitesl relations with their son Sh. Hites Doultani, his wife Preeti Doultar & their granddaughter Maanik Doultani due to their bad habits Dehaviour. My clients do hereb irrevocable, unconditionally and irreversibly declare & state that they DISOWN, DISINHERIT & DEBARR their son, daughter in law, granddaughter from all the movable/immovable propertie and all the other assets. Anypooy dealing with them, will do so at his/her/their own risk. My clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by them. Parth Bhardwaj (Advocate) 64 Vijay Block, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE clients Sh. Umesh Paswan S/o Sh. Shaki Paswan R/o D-150, 1st Floro, Nawad Housing Complex, New Delhi-110059 Gail No. 40, Vipin Garden Extn., Net Delhi-110059 are going to purchase th lold/property No. 1, measuring 250 St Yds., out of Khasra No. 23/1 min., situate in the area of Village Razapur Khur Delhi State, Colony known as A-3 Blod Mohan Garden Ultam Nagar New Delli 3950/249 or ... m the publication of this recarder, any objection cannot be itertained and my clients will not be appossible for the same in any manner in

Sd/- PARVESH KUMAR SING Off: A2/89A, Near Muni Internation School, Mohan Garden, Uttam Naga

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known that my client Sh. Sarv Parkash
Mehra s/o Late Sh. Karam Chand Mehra
R/o BB-1, Greater Kallash Enclave-II,
intends to get registered the will dated
26.10.11 of Late Sh. O. P. Mehra S/o Late
Sh. Karam Chand Mehra who expired on
09.01.2012 at his residence BB-1, Greater
Kailash Enclave - II. Sh. O. P. Mehra made
his will dated 26.10.11 in perfect state of
mind with unimpaired faculties. Sh. O. P.
Mehra was not suffering from any mentel
infirmity and was possessing sound
disposing state of mind and he executed his
said will dated 25.10.11 in favour of my client
Sh. Sarv Parkash Mehra without any
pressure, coercion, force or fraud from any
corner, whereby he bequeathed his
moveable and immoveable properties over
my client.
Any person having any objection to the

Any person having any objection to the registration of said will of said Late Sh. O. P. Mehra, may put forth his objection to the undersigned with in 7 days from publicatio of this notice and thereafter no objectio SHEETESH KHANNA - ADVOCATE J-1, LGF, Lajpat Nagar- III, Delhi

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/43/2021dt, 21-10-2021 The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work. Name of the Work Approx. Value

nal contract for miscellaneous Rs. 1,74,33,981/ works in and around Bengaluru. (SBC-WFD/04) Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 12-11-2021

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/ Works, Bengaluru Cantonment

🔊 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🌀

TENDER NOTICE No. DNR/S&T/Sig./2122/7 Danapur, dtd. 25.10.2021 Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), East Central Railway Danapur Division, for and on behal of President of India invites tenders on web portal www.ireps.gov.in for the following work:

1. Name of work with its Location

Interlocking of 8 nos LC gates and various signaling works ir connection with replacement of signaling cable and track renewal work in Danapur division. 2. Approximate cost of work : Rs 66399072.04 3. Earnest Money Nil, Bid Security Declaration is to be submitted mandatorily. **4. Last Date & Time of Submission**: Up to 15.00 hrs. on 17.11.2021 **5.** Opening of tender: 15.30 hrs. on 17.11.2021 6. Website particulars where detail of the work and criteria can be seen : www.ireps.gov.in 7. Address of the office from where detail information can be obtained. Sr. Divnl. Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, East Central Railway, Danapur. **Note :** Any corrigendum if required will be uploaded on above website before

14 days. DSTE, ECR, Danapur PR/01042/DNR/S&T/T/20-21/40

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Cummins make engine

E-Tender Notice # Date: 22.10.202 Tender Notice No. TRD_NGP Tender 21-22 27, dated 22.10.2021 Name of the Work: Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Cummins make engine (8 Nos.) fitted in 8 Wheeler Tower Cars and 4 Wheeler Tower Wagons of Nagour Division for a period of Three years. IRPSM ID: -. Tender Cost: ₹ 1,37,65,269.50. Last date of submission of electronic offer (online): 18.11.2021 at 15.00 Hrs. For the above tender, please visit website www.ireps.gov.in for

e-Tender Notice Nes. : (1) TRD-KGP-W-2021-22-12, (2) TRD-KGP-W-2021-22- dated : 23.19.2021 Sr Divisional Electrical EngineenTRD, South Eastern Railway, Kharagour-721301 for and on whalf of the President of India invites e Tender for the following works before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against kens nd will be opened at 15:30 hrs. St. No. Description of work: (1) Replacement of Rusted Contilever assembly in PKU-HLZ ection of KGP Division, (2) Provision of apacitor Bank at Tamluk/TSS and replacement of SF6 CB/BM under ADEE/TRD/SUB/SRC jurisdiction of KGF Division. Tender Value : ₹ 63,80,068.08 for St. No. 1), ₹ 2,02,61,463.60 (for St. No. 1. EMD : NI for both, Cost of Tende ocument : ₹ 5.000/- (for St. No. 1), 10,000/- (for St. No. 2). Completion eriod: 12 (twelve) months for both. Date of Submission: Upto 15.00 hrs. of 25.11.2021 for both. Date of Opening: 25.11.2021 for both. Interested funderer

see manual lenders for this work will be scepted. **Note** : Prospective (lidders

nay regularly visit www.ireps.pov.in to

Dated: 22.10.202

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT
Dindigul District

NOTICE INVITING TENDER - 1st CALL Construction of Houses at Integrated Rehabilitation camp for Srilankan Tamils at Thottanuthu Village, Dindigul Panchayat Union in Dindigul District.

at Thottanuthu Village, Dindigul Panchayat Union in Dindigul District.

1. For details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in

2. e-Bids are invited by the Additional Collector (Development), District Rural Development Agency, Dindigul for the Construction of Houses at Integrated Rehabilitation camp for Srilankan Tamils at Thottanuthu Village, Dindigul Panchayat Union in Dindigul District under two cover system.

3. The documents can be downloaded free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in from 28.10.2021 to 18.11.2021.

4. Date and time for downloading of Bid document, submission and opening:

(i) Last Date and Time for downloading and : 18.11.2021, Upto 3.00 PM

(ii) Date and Time of online opening of : 18.11.2021, 4.00 PM onwards

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER O-860 CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR

Corrigendum No. 4889 Date :- 23.10.2021 1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. Tender-Online-

The date of availability of tender, date of opening of Technical Bid 8 Financial Bid invited vide this office N.I.T. No. Tender-Online- C.C.-22 or 2021 Dt- 11.10.2021 issued vide this office Lr. No. 4763 Dt- 11.10.2021 is here by rescheduled as below due to some unavoidable

All other conditions remain unaltered. n Engineer Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar

OIPR- 25082/11/0028/2122 Online Tender Document for M.P. Police POLICE HEADQUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL

No. PHQ/15/GPC/3691-16/2021 Bhopal, Dated 21/10/2021 "ONLINE TENDER NOTICE" Online tender are invited by Assistant Inspector General of Police (Provisioning) Police Head Quarter, Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for the following on website

https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app EMD Paid Online Tender Fees (Rs.) Through mptenders.gov.in Cot (folded with water proof ply) 6000 12.500 3,54,000

1. Cost of tender document (Tender Fee) is non refundable and cannot be exempted in

any condition & must submit online through website https://mptenders.gov.in/

Tender document can be download from the website of MP Police (www.mppolice.gov.in) Bids shall be submitted online Tenders website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app 22/10/2021 Time 10:45 AM Published Date

Bid Submission End Date 08/11/2021 Time 02:00 PM Bid Opening Date 09/11/2021 Time 04:00 PM Intending Bidders are advised to visit this website regularly till closing date of submission to keep themselves updated as any change/modification in the tender will

be intimated through this website only by corrigendum/ addendum/amendment. Bids will be opened as per date/time as mentioned in the Tender Critical Date Sheet. After online opening of Technical-Bid the results of their qualification as well Price-Bid opening will be intimated latter.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER

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Bid Document Download Start Date

Bid Submission Start Date

For: Director General of Police M.P. **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**

Date & Time of opening of

Technical Bid Financial Bid

(Shailendra Singh Chouhan)

A.I.G. (Provisioning)

22/10/2021 Time 11:00 AM

25/10/2021 Time 11:00 AM



 Name/ Nature of Work No of Works Estimated Cost

4. Bid document Cost EMD Class of Contractor

Addl. Chief

Period of Completion

Other details are as follows

SE,BOIC-03/202

Availability of tender on-line for

Rs.10,000.00

Bid Security Declaration to be furnished 'B', 'A' & 'Special Class (Odisha PWD or relevant class of other licensing Authority.) As mentioned in Col. 7 of NIT

Technical Bid. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "https:// www.tendersorissa.gov.in"

Additional Chief Engineer Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir OIPR- 32172/11/0003/2122

New Delhi

further details.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer(Tr-D), P/65/131 S.E.C. Rly., Nagpur.

S. E. RAILWAY TENDER ray visit website www.ireps.gov.in for ull details, description, specification of the enders and submit their bids online. In no



Additional Collector (Development),

DRDA, Dindigul DIPR/3107/Tender/2021 சோதனை கடந்து கதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம். சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்.

C.C.22 of 2021 Dated 11.10.2021 invited vide this office Lr. No. 4763 dated 11.10.2021

circumstances.						
Procurement Officer	Bid Identification		y of Tender or bidding	Last Date & Time of	Date & Time of opening of tender	
	No.	From	То	seeking tender clarification	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	Tender- Online- C.C 22 of 2021	25.11.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	10.12.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.	08.12.2021 up to 3.00 P.M.	13.12.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later on

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SECTOR WATCH **A**VIATION

Drone deliveries a step closer: Public, private providers to manage traffic

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

INWHAT could be the first step towards allowing beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) drone operations, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has notified a traffic management framework for drones, under which public and private third-party service providers will manage the traffic movement in the airspace under 1,000 feet.

In detailing the need for having an automated UAS (unmanned aircraft system) Traffic Management (UTM) system, the Ministry said: "... India has started taking steps towards enabling advanced use cases like delivery of goods using unmanned aircraft and is also looking at human transportation using unmanned aircraft".

This requires the creation of a separate, modern, primarily software-based, automated UAS Traffic Management (UTM) system, it said, adding such systems may subsequently be integrated into traditional ATM systems.

The framework allows third-party service providers to give services such as registration, flight planning, dynamic deconfliction and access to supplementary data like weather, terrain and position of manned aircraft. Also, a set of supplementary service providers will also be permitted under the framework to

BRIEFLY —

CPSE dividend

New Delhi: The government

received Rs 533 crore as div-

idend tranches from four

CPSEs this fiscal, DIPAM Sec-

retary Tuhin Kanta Pandey

said Monday. "IRCON, NHPC,

CONCOR and Hindustan

paid about Rs 148 crore, Rs

294 crore, Rs 67 crore and Rs

24 crore as dividend

tranches to GoI." he tweeted.



third-party providers to give services like flight planning, registration. File

provide services such as insurance and data analytics.

DigitalSky platform shall continue to be the interface for government stakeholders to provide approvals and permissions to drone operators, All drones (except nano drones operating in the green zone) shall be required to share their real-time location through the network to the Centre. It said the third-party

providers will first be deployed in small geographical areas that could be increased gradually. They will be permitted to charge drone operators a service fee and a small portion of it might have to be shared with the Airports Authority of India. Drone Federation of India Director Smit Shah said: "Traditional traffic management services provided by ATCs(air traffic controllers) for manned aircraft cannot be scaled for managing drone traffic which is expected to become at least 100 times higher since the traditional ATM is manual and requires human

COURT HAS NOT DECLARED MEETING CALL ILLEGAL OR INVALID

HC restrains Invesco from requisitioning ZEEL EGM

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

IN A relief to Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL), the Bombay High Court on Tuesday restrained Invesco from going ahead with the requisition of an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) seeking removal of ZEEL MD and CEO Punit Goenka.

Invesco Developing Markets Fund, which holds 17.88 percent stake in the company, had requested ZEEL to convene an EGM on September 11 seeking the removal of Goenka and appointment of six new independent directors.

ZEEL had moved the court against Invesco's call for an EGM and to declare it illegal and invalid. The High Court had reserved its order on the issue last week after ZEEL had told the court that it was not willing to hold an EGM of shareholders as requested by Invesco.

Although the Bombay HC

Invesco asked for

What has

INVESCO DEVELOPING Market Fund, which holds 17.88 percent stake in the company, had requested ZEEL to convene an EGM on September 11 seeking the removal of MD and CEO Punit Goenka and appointment of six new inde-

has restrained Invesco from taking any action in furtherance of their requisition notice to call an EGM, the court has not declared the call for an EGM illegal or invalid. The HC order means that EGM cannot be convened until it decides whether the requisition notice is valid or not on the grounds raised by Zee, observers said.

The High Court had last week reserved its order on the issue last week after ZEEL had told the court that it was not willing to hold an EGM of shareholders as requested by its Invesco.

The promoter group -Subhash Chandra family — holds an only four per cent stake

ZEEL has commenced the due diligence process for its proposed merger with Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI), a subsidiary of Japan's Sony Corp, following a non-binding agreement signed in September.

Falling short of quorum, **ZEEL cancels** board meet

New Delhi: Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL) cancelled its board meeting, scheduled for Wednesday for considering the results for the July-September quarter, due to lack of quorum.

In a regulatory filing on Tuesday, ZEEL said, "A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, which was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, inter alia, to consider and approve the unaudited financial results of the Company both on a standalone and consolidated basis for the 2nd quarter and half year ended September 30, 2021, has been cancelled due to lack of quorum, ENS, WITH PTI

SOPs for IT rules this week: Clarity on powers, jurisdiction of agencies likely

AASHISHARYAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is likely to, by the end of this week, come out with a detailed standard operating procedure (SOP) for the proper implementation of Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code, senior government officials said.

The SOP may spell out the jurisdiction of various agencies, whether they have the power to issue a legal takedown notice to a social media intermediary and other aspects, such as the criminal or civil liabilities for certain executives such as the nodal contact officer, the officials said.

Earlier this year, social media intermediaries had met officials from MeitY to apprise them of the problems they had been facing due to the lack of SOPs for the new IT Rules. The need for SOPs for the intermediary guidelines was felt again following the controversy on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's post on social media platforms, where he had posted a photo of parents of a nine-year old Dalit girl who was allegedly raped.

The photo stoked controversy, and was subsequently taken down by Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, but not before National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) sent notices to the platforms as well as Gandhi.

Though all three platforms removed Gandhi's post, they claimed it was done based on their internal guidelines on posting and not the notices sent by the NCPCR.

An executive at a social media company had then told *The Indian* Express that as per the Supreme Court's judgment in the Shreya **COS MET OFFICIALS SEEKING SOPs**



■Earlier, social media intermediaries had met MeitY officials to apprise them of the problems they had been facing due to the lack of SOPs for the new IT Rules

Notices to 202 e-comm players

New Delhi: The government said Tuesday it has issued 202 notices to e-commerce players for incorrect declaration of 'country of origin' on products on their platforms in the last year. Most such violations were found with respect to electronic appliances, followed by clothing and home products. PTI

Singhal case, where Section 66A of the IT Act had been struck down, the direction to remove any content from social media can only be if there is a court order, or if a competent authority of the Central government issues such order under Section 69A of the IT Act, adding that neither Section 69A nor the blocking rules under IT Act authorised NCPCR to direct intermediaries to remove content.

The ongoing chip shortage is likely to moderate passenger the industry recovery, a Crisil report said

vehicle (PV) sales growth to 11-13% this fiscal, delaying

'Auto volume growth may fall

to 11-13% on chip shortage'



WHILE FOR CUSTOMERS, THE WAITING PERIOD FOR SOME MODELS HAS RISEN FROM 2-3 MONTHS TO 6-9 MONTHS

Semiconductors or chips are key components of a vehicle as they facilitate a range of features such as navigation, infotainment and traction control

Shortage of semiconductors will lead to a decline of 400-600 basis points in sales from 16-17% seen earlier to 11-13%

for CEA

post invited

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

applications for the post of chief

economic adviser (CEA) to replace

KV Subramanian, who will com-

plete his three-year tenure next

month. Subramanian was ap-

pointed as CEA on December 7,

2018, while he assumed charge on

October 24, 2021 issued by

Department of Economic Affairs,

the Ministry of Finance, officer of

central, state governments, RBI

and public sector banks holding

analogous post on regular basis in

parent cadres or department are

candidate should possess Master's

degree in Economics or Finance

from a recognised university or in-

As per the public notice dated

December 24 in the same year.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

Top three PV companies command a combined market share of 71%

Preference for personal mobility has increased since the pandemic began, leading to more-than-expected demand for cars

Source: Crisil Ratings/PTI

Loan outreach: PSBs sanction ₹11,168 cr to 1.93 lakh accounts

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

BANKS HAVE sanctioned loans lakh accounts under the credit outreach programme, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Tuesday, Banks are holding special camps across the country to sanction loans to eligible borrowers ahead of the festival season.

The loans under the credit outreach programme are over and above those sanctioned and disbursed under the various central government loan guarantee schemes, the Finance Ministry said in a tweet. A total of Rs 6,268 crore business loans were sanc**FESTIVE DEMAND** ■The government had

urged public sector nationwide credit outreach programme to take advantage of festive demand

tioned to about 1 lakh beneficiaries, while vehicle loans worth Rs 448 crore were sanctioned to 5,058 borrowers. Housing loans worth Rs 762 crore were sanctioned to 3,401 borrowers as of October 20, 2021, it said.

The government had earlier this month urged public sector banks (PSBs) to start a nationwide credit outreach programme to take advantage of the potential loan demand during the festival season ahead of Diwali. The move in August to state-run lenders to initiate the outreach programme.

Over Rs 4.94 lakh crore was disbursed by banks between October 2019 and March 2021 through outreach initiatives undertaken by them. Having remained muted for months together, non-food loan flow witnessed an uptick of late. Growth in nonfood bank credit improved to 6.7 per cent in August from 5.5 per cent a year earlier. Loans to industry grew 2.3 per cent from 0.4 per cent but still remained low.

IPPB, HDFC

New Delhi: India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and HDFC inked an MoU on strategic alliance to offer home loans to nearly 4.7 crore customers of IPPB. As per the MoU, credit, technical and legal appraisals, processing and disbursement for all home loans will be handled by HDFC, while IPPB will handle sourcing of loans.

Chalobuys Shuttl

New Delhi: Public transport technology firm Chalo said it has acquired Shuttl, the app-based office commute bus aggregator platform, but did not disclose the cost.

Union Bank loan New Delhi: Union Bank of

India announced a cut in home loan rates to all-time low of 6.40 per cent. The reduced rate will be effective from 27th October 2021.

Skill Impact Bond

New Delhi: The National Skill Development Corporation launched first-of-its-kind 'Impact Bond' for skilling, in collaboration with global partners, involving a \$14.4 million fund that will make 50,000 youth job ready. PTI

'Georgieva meet'

Washington: The World Bank board turned down a request by IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva for a meeting to defend herself against claims that she pressured staff to alter data as the bank's CEO in 2017, sources said. **REUTERS**

Jio-bp opens its first fuel station in Applications Navi Mumbai; plans 5.5K by FY25

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

RELIANCE BP Mobility Ltd (RBML) on Tuesday launched the first Jio-bp branded mobility station in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra. The joint venture between

Reliance Industries (RIL) and global oil major bp is planning to set up a network of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and battery swapping stations to become a leader in EV charging infrastructure. Reliance Petroleum's existing network of over 1.400 fuel sta-



The Jio-bp 'mobility station' in Navi Mumbai. Credit: company

Sources at RIL said Jio-bp plans to install EV charging stations at all of its existing fuel retail points and was looking at installing battery swapping facilities more selectively based on demand.

tions will be rebranded as Jio-bp.

The IV plans to expand the fuel retailing network across India to 5,500 outlets by FY25. Stateowned IOC, BPCL. and HPCL with over 78,000 retail outlets had EV charging facilities at about 370 retail outlets as of FY21-end.

Axis Bank net profit rises 86%

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

AXIS BANK on Tuesday reported an over 86 per cent jump in its standalone net profit at Rs 3,133.32 crore in the second quarter ended September 2021.

The bank had posted a net profit of Rs 1,682.67 crore during the same period of the previous

REUTERS

LUXEMBOURG.OCTOBER 26

EUROPEAN UNION nations failed

to agree on a bloc-wide response

to surging energy prices in an

emergency meeting of govern-

ment ministers on Tuesday, with

some seeking a regulatory over-

record highs this autumn and re-

main at lofty levels, prompting

most EU countries to respond

with emergency measures like

price caps and subsidies to help

trim consumer energy bills.

European gas prices have hit

haul and others firmly opposed.

EU countries split

over joint response

to energy price spike

fiscal year. Total standalone income during July-September 2021-22 rose to Rs 20,134.39 crore, from Rs 19,550 crore in the same period of 2020-21. Axis Bank said

The bank showed improvement on the asset quality front, as the gross non-performing assets (NPAs) or bad loans fell to 3.53 per cent of the gross advances by the end of September this year from 4.18 per cent in the

Net NPAs, however, rose to 1.08 per cent from 0.98 per cent.

Bank's provisions for bad loans and contingencies for the reported quarter fell substantially to Rs 1.735 crore from Rs 4,343 crore put aside in the year-ago period.

Meanwhile, Central Bank of India reported an over 55 per cent jump in net profit at Rs 250 crore for September quarter. WITHPTI

eligible to apply for the post. Candidates from recognised TRACO CABLE COMPANY LIMITED (A Kerala Government Company) universities or recognised research institutions or central regulatory Regd. Office, Irimpanam P.O, Kochi Kerala-682309, Tel: 9446003254, bodies and registered private institutions or financial institutions are eligible, it said. With regard to EOI is invited from the experts as educational qualification, it said, a

HT XLPE Cable Manufacturing field using Dry Cure up to 66 kV.

Last date of receipt of EOI is on or before 03.11.202

AI in espionage: **Amazon inks**

stitution. WITHPTI

BRITAIN'S SPY agencies have given a contract to Amazon Web Services (AWS) to host classified material in a deal aimed at boosting the use of data analytics and artificial in-

Britain's GCHQ spy agency championed the procurement of a high-security cloud system and it will be used by sister services MI5 and MI6, as well as other government departments such as the Ministry of Defence during joint operations, the report added. The agreement was signed this year with AWS, Amazon.com Inc's cloud service unit, and the data of all the agencies will be held in Britain, the

STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED (Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking) 19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI-600 008. CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967 TENDER NOTICE TENDER NOTICE TENDER NOTICE TENDER NOTICE TO THE TENDER NOTICE TO THE TENDER NOTICE TO TWO COVER SYSTEM TECHNICAL BID AND THE TENDER TO TWO COVER SYSTEM TECHNICAL BID AND THE TENDER TO THE TENDER TO THE TENDER THE TENDER

Consultancy Services for the Supervision of from truction of Industrial Housing Facility (Dormitory to SIPCOT Industrial Park, Vallam-Vadagal is anchipuram District.

1	Tender Inviting Authority	The Superintending Engineer,SIPCOT, 19-A, Rukmani Lakshmipathy Road, Egmore, Chennai 600008.
2	Name of the Work	RFP for Selection of Consultant for Consultancy Services for the Supervision of Construction of Industrial Housing Facility (Dormitory) at SIPCOT Industrial Park, Vallam- Vadagal in Kanchipuram District.
3	Tender Document only online download	Tender document can be downloaded from 27-10-2021 to 26-11-2021. The tender documents could be downloaded from www.sipcot.tn.gov.in/ and www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost.
1	Cost of bid documents	Rs.15,000/- + GST 18% Rs.2700 /- = Rs.17,700/- in the form of DD in favour of SIPCOT Ltd., payable at Chennai (Non refundable)
	Bid Security	Rs. 3,98,500/- in the form of DD drawn in favour of SIPCOT Ltd., payable at Chennai. (in the name of tenderer/firm only)
3	Pre-Bid Meeting	16.11.2021 at 11.30 AM
7	Due Date, Time & Place of submission of the tender	29-11-2021 up to 3.00 PM at the address mentioned in SI.No (1) above.
3	Date, Time and Place of opening of	29-11-2021 at 3.30 PM at the address mentioned in SI.No (1) above.

/ 3105 /TENDER/2021 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

Petronet LNG Limited NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) FOR SELECTION OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT PETRONET LNG LIMITED

Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) invites bids from experienced companies for Selection of Project Management Consultant for Document Managemen nterested parties are requested to visit our website www.petronetIng.in for

detailed eligibility criteria along with other necessary details for issua Sr. Manager (C&P)

PETRONET LNG LIMITED

1st Floor, World Trade Centre, Babar Road, Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi, Tel. No. +91-11-23472525, E-mail id:-cnp@petronetlng.in

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED CIN- U40102RJ2000SGC016484 (A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking)

ONLINE TENDER NOTICE: TN-52(RVU2122WSOB1166) tenders are invited for Annual Contract for Routine/Breakdown and Anr

maintenance of Boiler & its Auxiliaries of Unit# 7 & 8, 2x660MW at SSCTPF Suratgarh. Tender details are available on websites http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.ir (for e-tender), <u>www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl</u> 8 www.sppp<u>.rajasthan.gov.in</u>. Chief Engineer (STPS-SC) RVUN/PR-3585



NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubanesw invites e-Tender for the Work(s) for Interior Work at Reception Area of Dharmasala Bullding, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar (NIT No. AllMS/BBSR/Engg./027/2021-22). The detailed Tender Documen along with Last Date & Time of Submission of Tender can be viewed

& downloaded from the website www.allmsbhubaneswar.nic.in

www.tenderwizard.com/AIIMSBBSR & CPP Portal

Executive Engineer(Civil) I/C AllMS, Bhubaneswar

New Delhi

www.eprocure.gov.in.

agree, however, on a longer-term plan to cushion against fossil-fuel

Countries are struggling to EU electricity market reforms.



Power station in Luetzerath, Germany. AP file

price swings, which Spain, France, the Czech Republic and Greece say warrant a bigger shake-up of the way EU energy markets work.

Nine states including Germany published a joint statement that said they would not support

British spy deal BENGALURU. OCTOBER 26

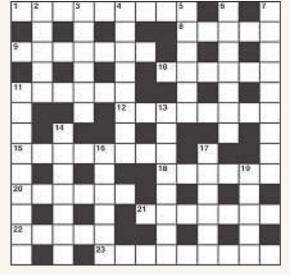
telligence (AI) for espionage, the Financial Times reported.

newspaper reported, citing people familiar with the talks.

GCHQ said it would not comment on reports about its relationships with tech suppliers. AWS declined to comment. In February, Britain's cyber spies at GCHQ said they had fully embraced AI to uncover patterns in vast amounts of global data to counter hostile disinformation.

Calendar

CROSSWORD 4571



2 Put oil on an eel that has been

Give up but accept the contract

prepared(5)

4 Evidence in camera?

misogynist?(7)

11 Let out and enrich

credit(9)

Go by in turn please

(6) Weapon advocated by a

7 Little known but giving one

13 It may be taken to promote

14 An excuse can appear so naive

16 A girl distributes medals

- Wealthy backer takes time -
- it's the custom (9) 8 Being a heel I deserted Louise
- 9 A communication you'll understand when you get it
- $10\ \ Olympian\ master\ of\ arts$
- 11 A measure that's taken when people stand for it (6)
 12 Put into water and simmered
- perhaps (8) 15 Interest shared about a point
- 18 One way to get inspiration
- 20 Put on a ship taking back a native of Australia
- 21 Far from friendly? (7)
- one(5)
- couples do (4,1,4)

23 Convincingly act as estranged

22 Old woman is little credit to 17 Confine to silence (4,2)19 It goes inside a ship

Solutions Crossword 4570: Across: 1Acronym, 4 Herbs, 7 Sink, 8 Engraved, 10 Starvation, 12 Bakery, 13 Breaks, 15 Distracted, 18 Retainer, 19 Boat, 20 Eying, 21 Shocked. Down: 1 Asses, 2 Ransacks, 3 Minute, 4 Harbour bar, 5 Rove, 6 Saddles, 9 Overriding, 11 Last look, 12 Bizarre, 14 Stress, 16 Dated, 17 Etui.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson









MARVIN by Tom Armstrong







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. _and has a horror of constraint. - Robert Delaunay (8)

FLOTY

AEINCM **RSTUHH**

Answer: Art in Nature is **rhythmic** and has a horror of constraint. - Robert Delaunay SOLUTION: WHIRR, LOFTY, CINEMA, THRUSH

Difficulty Level 1s Instructions

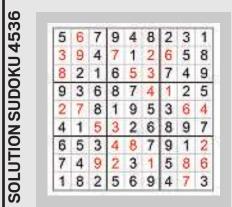
To solve a Sudoku puzzle every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the

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

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) A change of plan is a good possibility at

the moment, largely because you're free from most pressures. The Moon's relationship to your sign promises to assist you in all domestic matters, all the more so if you are prepared to put your own

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) A sound and

supportive lunar trend augurs well for success today, whatever you are doing. There's plenty of time to update plans and venture into fresh fields, making moves which will be useful later You will run into a couple of minor obstacles, but nothing you can't handle.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

A word is needed about your work, worldly ambitions and professional prospects. There honestly seems to be little chance that you will succeed without a good deal of sympathy and support. Your best move is,

people and persuade them of the rightness of your cause. CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

therefore, to charm other

There could be good fortune in all matters involving communication and ideas. In fact, it's a day to think laterally and to make a dramatic break from all stale habits, attitudes and opinions and to keep friends and acquaintances on your side.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) This should be a talkative sort of a

time. Trivial problems could mar the start of the day, but by midmorning you'll be back on course. Events should run heavily in your favour, all the more so if domestic expenditure is on the cards. A fresh responsibility at work could have a surprising effect on your closest relationships.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)
This is definitely the time to promote

vour social image as a confident and caring person. If you're on the ball, people will look up to you as the ideal person to represent their interests. Do look after yourself, though, and make keeping fit your priority.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) Major career changes are still pending, in spite of all the upheavals you've been through over the

past year or so. Today's stars bring a prosperous but extravagant mood, and it will be necessary to watch your wallet. A financial speculation could be a fine idea, but you do need to have all options covered.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Current planetary influences seem set

to boost your relationships but. what the results will be, nobody can tell. One thing is certain, that you will be swept off your feet by events over the next three or four days. Take the lead at home, your ideas may be radical, but they're certainly the best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) Your ruling planet,

Jupiter, has an awkward habit of dredging up all sorts of hidden desires and longings from your unconscious. There are long-term questions which can be dealt with now, mainly by talking about them. You have to have the confidence to say what you really feel.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) You may be feeling more at ease, but with the planets in their current mood

there's little time for $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{$ relaxation. You will, though, be laying solid foundations for the future, especially for business expansion. Somehow, somewhere, sometime, you're going to find a new way to earn more money.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)



are moving your way, they are unlikely to come to fruition just yet. In the long run, delays are likely to work to your advantage, yet first you have to tackle a personal gripe.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Before long, news

from a distance could be pleasing and might contain a tantalising invitation. Day-to-

day chores should by now be under control, so take a wellearned break while you can. If you can spend time by yourself, pursuing a personal project, get on and do it.

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professional expertise in procurement of items for setup of queries contact APS Delhi Cantt on 25693777, 25692720.

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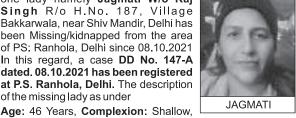
vocational skill lab at Army Public School, Delhi Cantt. RFPs with specification can be downloaded from school website www.apsdelhlcantt.com. Tender Form duly completed in all respect be submitted to APS Delhi Cantt by 16 Nov 2021 at 1030 hrs along with DD (Tender Form Fee Rs 1000/- & EMD of Rs 15000/-) as per RFP in favour of **Army Public School Delhi Cantt.** For any

TENDER NOTICE

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED General public is hereby informed that one lady namely Jagmati W/o Raj Singh R/o H.No. 187, Village

In this regard, a case DD No. 147-A dated 08.10.2021 has been registered at P.S. Ranhola, Delhi. The description of the missing lady as under



JAGMATI

Height: 5'7", Face: Round, Wearing: Blue Colour Suit and Salwar, and Chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped lady then please inform P.S. Ranhola, Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639

DP/1244/OD/2021

Sd/- S.H.O. Ranhola, Delhi Phone: 011-28363001/28363002

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, राँची

अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

टेन्डर रेफरेंन्स नं0-प0नि0वि0/राँची-38/2021-22

		दिनांक :- 26.10.2021
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5.	निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	03.11.2021 को अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक।
7.	निविदा खोलने तिथि / समय	03.11.2021 को अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।
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निविदा http://prdjharkhand.in/online_tender.php एवं कार्यालय के सूचना पटट पर देखा जा सकता है।

PR 255672 Road Construction Dept Road Division Ranchi(21-22).D

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कार्यपालक अभियंता पथ निर्माण विभाग,पथ प्रमंडल, राँची।

0651-2361018

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited

(CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001702)
Engineering Building, H.E.C., Dhurwa, Ranchi phone:-0651-2400799 & Fax: 0651-2400799/www.jbvnl.co.in Email- cecr2018@gmail.com

Tender Cancellation Notice 09/PR/JBVNL/2021-22

e-tender vide NIT No- 09/PR/JBVNL/ 2021-22 invited for "Empanelment/selection of agencies for the development of 25 Mwp rooftop Solar Power Projects under RESCO mode" is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances

PR No. 245539

Sd/-General Manager (Coml.) PR.NO.255624 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(21-22):D

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown, was admitted in Jag Pravesh Chandra Hospital, Delhi and doctors decleared brought him dead on 19.10.2021 in the area of P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi. In

this regard a case has been lodged vide DD No. 55-A dated 19.10.2021 at P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- Age: About 30-35 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, ID Mark: A old injury mark on left leg, Built: Normal, Wearing: Red colour T-shirt and black colour nicker. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

DP/1147/NE/2021

P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi Ph.: 011-22172410, 8750870722

ई-प्रोक्चोरमेन्ट सेल मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय कम्बाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड, रांची

ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट नोटिस

टेन्डर रेफरेन्स नं0- BCD/CE/66/Gumla/2021-22

1	कार्य का नाम	Repair of Rural Welfare Hospital Nagfeni ,Sisai		
		Dist-Gumla		
2	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू०)	रू० ३,12,76,000.00 (रुपये तीन करोड़ बारह लाख		
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3	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	09 महीने		
4	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन	3.11.2021		
	की तिथि			
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused namely Talib S/o Babban Khan R/o A-1/35, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Aman Vihar Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 345/21 U/s 307/323/325/341/34 IPC Dated 01.08.2021 P.S.: Begumpur, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Talib could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Talib has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Talib of FIR No. 345/21 U/s 307/323/325/341/ 34 IPC Dated: 01.08.2021 P.S.: Begumpur, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.12.2021.

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De Kock pulls out after SA team is told to take a knee against racism

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY DUBAI, OCTOBER 26

MINUTES AFTER a Cricket South Africa press release directed its T20 World Cup team to collectively take the knee against racism, its wicketkeeper-batsman Quinton de Kock stunned the cricketing world by making himself unavailable for "personal"

The rest of the South African team did kneel in the game against West Indies Tuesday in the posture of protest made famous by the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement.

CSA didn't wait long to react. With the game still in the first half, they put out a statement saying de Kock's action had been noted. "The Board will await a further report from team management before deciding on the next steps. All players are expected to follow this directive for the remaining games of the World Cup," it said.

De Kock, a former South Africa captain who has played 53 Tests, 124 ODIs and 58 T20Is, has of late expressed reluctance to take the knee. At an online press conference in June, de Kock had said: "My reason? I'll keep it to myself. It's my own, personal opinion. It's everyone's decision; no one's forced to do anything, not in life. That's the way I see things."

The South African team is led by Temba Bavuma at the T20 World Cup, the first time a black African has been appointed as captain of the men's cricket team on a permanent basis.

However, the team had drawn criticism for its inconsistent support to the BLM movement. Even in their T20 World Cup opener against Australia, a game that South Africa lost by five wickets, some players took the knee, a few raised their fists, and some others stood in attention.

The role of Mark Boucher, the current coach of South Africa and a former player, also came under scrutiny at the CSA's ongo-

ing Social Justice and Nation-Building (SJN) hearings. Accused of not doing enough to remove racism from the dressing room in his playing days, Boucher filed an affidavit to the SJN, admitting and apologising for his role and acknowledging his failure to remedy what he encountered.

In the recent past, when some players tried to take a stand against racism, they were met with opposition. "I'm thinking of Lungi Ngidi wanting to take up the Black Lives Matter (BLM) cause and getting a lot of flak from white former players," Wahbie Long, a clinical psychologist and academic and the author of "Nation on the Couch: Inside South Africa's Mind", told New Frame.

"For someone like Lungi Ngidi, who is a Black man from an under-privileged background moving in white circles, race and privilege are more salient. All those contrasts are in your face. It's hard to not feel some degree of resonance with a cause like BLM." Long said



Both sets of players took the knee to support the Black Lives Matter

At the World T20, the ICC, as part of its anti-racism policy, has given the option for teams to take the knee. "After some teams expressed the desire to take the knee, the ICC offered all teams the opportunity to do so if they wished," an ICC spokesperson had told *The Indian Express*.

On Tuesday, on the eve of the game against West Indies, the CSA had issued a statement: "After considering all relevant issues, including the freedom of choice of players, the Board had made it clear it was imperative for the team to be seen taking a stand against racism, especially given SA's history. The Board's view was that while diversity can and should find expression in many facets of daily lives, this did not apply when it came to taking a stand against racism."

On Tuesday, TV commentators expressed shock at de Kock's decision. "The team concerned is South Africa, with a history of exclusion and racism. At the very least, (it) can be about how to be united about something that everybody agrees on. Pardon me, but I can't shed the colour of my skin," former Zimbabwe seamer Pommie Mbangwa said.

"I will say this with regard to Quinton de Kock that I think, freedom of choice, is fair enough. I don't know. I don't want to speculate on what the personal reasons exactly are. But I hope that discussion can actually be had," he said.

Former West Indies captain Darren Sammy took it from there: "Something I don't understand; is it so difficult to support this movement if you understand what it stands for?"

In his book "Why We Kneel How We Rise", former West Indies fast bowler Michael Holding cited ex-Proteas quick Makhaya Ntini's example and wrote that unofficially different rules existed within the team even after the country came out of the apartheid in the early 1990s.

At *The Indian Express Idea Exchange* event, Holding was asked about the discrimination Ntini faced. He replied: "Yeah, he didn't feel comfortable with the team. And he related a story that he would go for breakfast (first) and sit at a table. Other team members would come in and sit at another table. None of them would come and join him. Because of course, he was the first Black African to play for South Africa."

Champs WI lose to SA, hopes of advancing hang in balance

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY DUBAI, OCTOBER 26

AT ONE corner of the Dubai International Stadium, a South African flag was held aloft by some fans for the entire duration of the Proteas' chase. West Indies fans were conspicuous by their absence. And save an electric half-century from Evin Lewis, their team barely turned up.

They imploded for 55 all out in their opening game against England at the T20 World Cup. Against South Africa on Tuesday, their batting improved to take the total to 143/8. It was never going to be enough on a tired pitch that demanded partnership batting to post a challenging

South Africa chased down the target in 18.2 overs, losing just two wickets, to send West Indies closer to the exit door. After back-to-back losses, the Caribbeans are at the foot of Group 2, yet to open their account and reeling under a net run-rate of 3.97. Time will tell if the Proteas can overcome a 'Quinton void' and win the World Cup, but today at least, Aiden Markram galloped to 51 not out off 26 balls.

Quinton de Kock opted out of this game, citing personal reasons, after Cricket South Africa made it mandatory for the squad members to take the knee before all the remaining matches in this tournament. Reeza Hendricks came in as his replacement and his 30-ball 39 at the top allowed South Africa to build after losing Temba Bavuma early.

But when Hendricks got out to a sensational catch from Shimron Hetmyer at deep square in the 10th over, South Africa were still going at less than seven runs per over. Markram provided the charge, starting with a six off Hayden Walsh followed by another one against Kieron Pollard and a third against Ravi Rampaul. His dismantling of Andre Russell was glorious, an inside-out cover drive being the best of the

Markram was the enforcer, while Rassie van der Dussen was the anchor in an unbroken 83-run third wicket partnership. Before that, van der Dussen had added 57 runs with Hendricks for the second wicket.

Through their partnership batting, South Africa showed that in day games, when dew isn't going to be a factor, the ODI-type of batting – keeping wickets in hand before going for a charge – would serve the teams well.

All the pitches in UAE have taken a pounding over the last one month, thanks

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to the IPL. Contrary to their opponents, West Indies' batting was individualistic rather than collective.

Lewis exploded with a four and a six off Kagiso Rabada, but his partner Lendl Simmons laboured to a 35-ball 16, a dropped catch notwithstanding. Lewis' 35-ball 56 was the only highlight in an otherwise subdued West Indies innings.

Inexplicably, Chris Gayle was sent at No. 4 after Nicholas Pooran. The big man warmed up with a couple of sixes off Tabraiz Shamsi, but a Dwaine Pretorius slower delivery foxed him. And typical of West Indies, when wickets rained, it poured. Anrich Nortje made matters worse for them by dismissing Russell with a yorker and two balls later, Hetmyer was run-out. They mainly suffered from a lack of batting discipline, never looking to have a Plan B other than going for big shots when under pressure. Pretorius returned with three wickets.

BRIEF SCORES: West Indies 143/8 in 20 overs (Evin Lewis 56; Dwaine Pretorius 3/17, Keshav Maharaj (2/24) lost to **South Africa** 144/2 in 18.2 overs (Rassie van der Dussen 43, Aiden Markram 52; Akeal Hosein 1/27) by 8 wickets.



Aiden Markram galloped to 51 not out off 26 balls to lead South Africa over the line on Tuesday.

Hurricane Haris makes landfall

Pacer dismantles New Zealand batting order to lead Pakistan to second victory in T20 World Cup



SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

SUDDENLY, THEY went quiet in the aisles in Sharjah. Devon Conway's stunning catch triggered a Pakistan collapse and as the home stretch approached, New Zealand looked favourites to pull off an upset. But as it has happened for the umpteenth time at this venue, Pakistan found an unlikely hero.

Asif Ali's strike-rate in T20Is until this

game had been 123 and averaged a shade over 16. He spoiled the Kiwis' hopes with an unbeaten 27 off 12 balls, including three sixes, sending India into a virtual knockout on Sunday in the process.

In a group that has three big teams, India and New Zealand will now meet each other in a win-or-bust contest. Pakistan have stolen a march over the rest with back-to-back wins. After rolling over India, they edged ahead in this game by five wickets.

Heaps of wickets in the middle-overs had brought New Zealand firmly back into the game, despite a sub-par total, 134/8. After 16 overs, Pakistan needed 37 runs off 24 balls, with Shoaib Malik providing his team's tenuous link to proper batsmanship. Sharjah has always been Pakistan's home away from home, support-wise. Their fans in the stands, vociferous right from the start, had lost their voice. They found it back through back-to-back gives from Ali

Tim Southee bowled a slower delivery and Ali sent it way over long-off for a six. Another slower ball followed, another over-the-boundary ensued. The fast bowler responded with a bouncer and hit Ali on the helmet. Southee was the first to check on the batsman.

This was supposed to be a grudge game. New Zealand's abrupt Pakistan tour cancellation last month had prompted Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Ramiz Raja to tweet about the Kiwis hearing from them at the ICC. Things on the field unfolded differently. Rival captains, Babar Azam and Kane Williamson, broke into laughter at the toss. After the game, Pakistan's celebration was respectful. Their reserve players danced near the dug-out. Ali hugged Malik and shook hands with the opponents. Shaheen Shah Afridi took a selfie of the squad. Pakistan



Haris Rauf finished with four wickets in his alloted overs and gave away 22 runs. AP

rather let their cricket talk, through a hard-fought victory.

Malik, 26 not out off 20 balls, joined the party soon, taking a four and a six off Mitchell Santner in the 18th over. Game over. Before the pyrotechnics, there was Haris Rauf.

Rising star

Five years ago, when the last World T20 happened, Rauf wasn't even a professional cricketer. On a private trip to Gujranwala, he dropped in at the Lahore Qalandars trial and burst onto the Pakistan Super League by dint of his pace. Then, Dale Steyn got injured and

Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash League called him. The 27-year-old fast bowler has been on a steady rise since.

Martin Guptill's wicket was the result of a 148 kph thunderbolt that pitched on a perfect length, cramping the batsman and beating him for pace. Rauf was even more impressive at the death. Conway was done in by a delivery that bounced a little more than the batsman expected. A slower ball accounted for Glenn Phillips. Only three runs were conceded in the 18th over for two wickets. New Zealand, choked by spin upfront, had been resurrecting things for a

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back-end charge. Rauf cancelled it. His fourth wicket was Santner, another slower ball doing the trick.

Figures of 4/22 made Rauf the Man of the Match. "I just want to thank Lahore Qalandars, too, who supported me a lot. They are the reason I am here," he said at the postmatch presentation.

After consecutive home series cancella-

arter consecutive nome series cancellations by New Zealand and England, Raja had urged his boys to play with even more zeal at the T20 World Cup. Pakistan looked determined from the outset, from bowling to toporder batting, and very refreshingly for the team management, good fielding.

It was a new pitch at Sharjah, not conducive to stroke-play. Babar and Mohammad Rizwan made a cautious start to the chase before the skipper was cleaned up by Southee. Taking the pace off the ball was working well for the quicks and when spin was introduced, Ish Sodhi and Santner bowled good spells.

Conway's catch came as a tonic. Mohammad Hafeez danced down the track to Santner, timed the ball well and it was sailing past wide long-off when Conway ran to his left, dived full-length and pulled off the catch of the tournament. It was spectacular enough even for the Pakistan fans to applaud the effort.

Close on Hafeez heels, the in-form Rizwan walked back to the pavilion. Then Imad Wasim departed and Pakistan's winning probability took a hit. But as much as Ali and Malik rose to the challenge, New Zealand also failed to nail things towards the end. They badly missed Lockie Ferguson, who was ruled out of the tournament after suffering a calf tear.

As for Pakistan, a change in mentality has been serving the team well. After two consecutive wins, Babar spoke about conceding "10 runs too many" in this game.

BRIEF SCORES: New Zealand 134/8 in 20 overs (Daryl Mitchell 27, Devon Conway 27; Haris Rauf 4/22) lost to **Pakistan** 135/5 in 18.4 overs (Mohammad Rizwan 33, Shoaib Malik 26 not out, Asif Ali 27 not out; Ish Sodhi

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A day of 'what if' for Hafeez



At nearly 42, **Mohammad Hafeez** keeps popping up in Pakistan teams like an evergreen number every now and then. He has played for over 30 teams and has been in pressure-cooker situations innumerable times. With Pakistan two wickets down, captain Babar Azam and No.3 Fakhar Zaman gone, the next man needed to steady the ship. Hafeez walked in with a swagger. He wasted no time to get going. He dispatched the first

ball he faced from Jimmy Neesham for a six, inside out and over extra cover. When bowling he had got Neesham on the first ball he had bowled. It seemed to be Hafeez's day. That was till, in the next over, he came down the track and lofted left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner over long-on only for Devon Conway to pull off the catch of the tournament. It was a day of 'what if' for Hafeez who looked on in disbelief as he walked back.



Rauf's leaps of joy

Haris Rauf leaped and fistpumped with joy during a phenomenal spell of four for 22 against New Zealand. Rauf's best leap was when he dismissed Glenn Phillips, the

slower ball which was caught in the deep. He reduced his pace when he got Devon Conway to hit skyward and into the hands of the fielder manning the ropes and a similar ball worked for Mitchell Santner. Opener Martin Guptill was beaten by a length ball. A genuine quick who touches speeds of 150 kmph, Rauf can also bowl the slower one. When Santner smashed him through the off side, he bent backwards, buried his hands in his face and staved in that pose for a while. In reality, the thunderbolt - clocked at 149 kmph - was his first really bad ball of the day. The next delivery, the last of the innings, he cleaned up Santner and a mini leap fol-

Bowler in pole position



Who is the king of the first few overs in T20? **Shaheen Shah Afridi** must be the first bowler in the T20 world when it is batsmen who explode. Not getting any wickets seems to be a prized tar-

get and Afridi bowled a maiden to boot. Incredibly, Afridi is doing this in conditions which aren't really known for extravagant swing. No other bowler has got the ball to curve as much as him either in IPL or in the World Cup till now. He had one ball dink away and got the rest to curve back into New Zealand's Martin Guptill who paid utmost respect, tapping them away. Everyone knows what he is going to do but they haven't come up with any answers

His unique flexible wrist snap seems to have the batsmen confused about the length, if not the direction itself. The world still awaits a batsman who dares to attack Afridi in the first over.

New Delhi



Finishing mentor Malik

Shoaib Malik is the reliable floater who can steer the finisher in this Pakistan batting line-up while hanging around and getting just the last batch of runs. Not too many, though. A sous chef on preps and second-in plater on the kitchen line. On Tuesday, he had for company Pakistan's assigned finisher Asif Ali who walked away with the glory of a 12 ball-27 at a strike-rate above 200 and had a physio look into the thump on the helmet from

a Southee bouncer. Malik would stick around after 'Prof Hafeez had been sent back via a stunning catch and Rizwan had departed well past Babar and Fakhar Zaman's short stays. He picked on spinner Santner after trialling his big hits against Ish Sodhi earlier, to settle nerves nearing the end. He's been at it for 22 long years now, and knows all there is to know about finishing a chase, though his career looks nowhere close to the finish, at 39.

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Boxing world c'ship: Thapa, Bhoria win

Belgrade: The seasoned Shiva Thapa (63.5kg) entered the second round, while tournament-debutant Deepak Bhoria (51kg) advanced to the prequarters of the AIBA World Boxing Championships after dominating victories in their respective opening bouts. Five-time Asian medallist Thapa produced a fine tactical performance to prevail 5-0 against Kenya's Victor Nyadera. Asian silvermedallist Bhoria was equally dominant against Kyrgyzstan's Azat Usenaliev, also notching up a 5-0 win to enter the round of 16.

No fans in stadium for Jr hockey WC

Bhubaneswar: The men's FIH Hockey Junior World Cup beginning here on November 24 will be held behind closed doors as the organisers feel it will be difficult to enforce COVID-19 protocols if spectators turn up in large numbers. The junior showpiece event will be played at the Kalinga Stadium here from November 24 to December 5. Hosts India are the defending champions.

Equestrian: 4 riders qualify for Asiad

Bengaluru: Four Indian riders qualified for show jumping equestrian event of 2022 Asian Games after winning the first selection trials here. Pranay Khare, Kaevaan Setalvad, Zahan Setalvad and Yashaan Khambatta are the four riders and they will be accompanied by five horses -- Vanilla Sky, Alasdair, Quintus Z, Lorenzo and El Capitan -- in the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China from September 10-25.

Three records set at swimming nationals

Bengaluru: Three national records were rewritten on the opening day of the 74th Senior National Aquatic Championships here on Tuesday. Srihari Nataraj improved his own national record in the 100m backstroke by clocking 55.10s. Delhi's Kushagra Rawat clocked 3:53.68s to a new 400m record and in 4x200m freestyle for men, team Karnataka set a new record with a timing of 7:37.65.

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Engineer builds a football club

I-League entrants Rajasthan United started off seven years ago as a club for college students

MIHIR VASAVDA

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

IN 2014, a first-year engineering student started a football team at his college for a casual kickabout. Four years later, his side was asked to take part in the Rajasthan state league to make up the numbers. Last Saturday, the club, Rajasthan United, pulled off one of the most improbable heists in Indian football: qualifying for the I-League, Indian football's second division.

"This feels like a Hollywood movie," says Kamal Saroha, the 26-year-old civil engineer, who is the co-owner of Rajasthan United.

In the last few years, the I-League has produced many an underdog tale – be it the emergence of Bengaluru FC, the rise of Aizawl, the feisty Minerva Punjab, or the gritty performances by Real Kashmir.

With each passing season and every heart-warming story, the league expanded its footprint across the country. In that sense, Rajasthan United's qualification carries forward the trend of minnows defying odds in Indian football.

At the same time, their rise is different.

Every region that witnessed these miracles on the field had some sort of football culture. Not Rajasthan, however. The state was home to one of India's famous teams of the 60s and 70s, the Rajasthan Armed Constabulary. But it has never had a professional club and hasn't produced a player of repute since the two Rajvi brothers, Magan and Chain, who dazzled crowds across the country in the 60s and 70s.

This, the lack of culture, was Saroha's first observation when he moved from Delhi to study at the Jaipur Engineering College and Research Centre (JECRC) in 2014. "Even the college didn't have a team," he says. So, he assembled a group of football-crazy students and formed one.

No one, though, imagined the casual post-lecture matches would turn into something serious, especially after the frequency of those games reduced during the final year, when campus placements were around the corner. Saroha, who wanted to pursue sports management, reluctantly accepted a job offer from a Gurgaon-based infra firm upon the insistence of his family. "But it was so frustrating," he says. "You can imagine the life of a just-graduate engineer trainee. No football... The frustration reached such a level that, one day, I started crying in front of my mother."

After six months, Saroha quit his job, left Delhi and returned to Jaipur where, along with a friend, he launched a sports apparel



Rajasthan United players celebrate after winning the I-League second division. AIFF

company, which supplied kits to local football teams in Rajasthan.

One of their clients was AU Rajasthan FC, now named Rajasthan Perfect, who harboured the hopes of competing in the second division of I-League. In 2018, an AU Rajasthan official approached Saroha with a request to field a team in the state league the following year.

Making up the numbers

"They were falling short by one to meet the minimum criteria – without eight teams, they couldn't conduct the state league. And if that tournament did not take place, a club from Rajasthan would not be eligible to compete in the second division of the I-League,' Saroha says.

At first, the then 23-year-old laughed at the mere thought of forming a team that would compete in the Rajasthan League. But after a lot of convincing, he agreed.

"I revived some of my contacts from JE-CRC FC and got a few players from there. The rest we got from other parts of the state. It was bizarre. AU Rajasthan had A and B licensed coaches... I was gathering everyone only on relation," Saroha says. "I couldn't even afford to pay anyone but the players were more than happy to take part as long as their food and accommodation were taken care of."

The JECRC FC team comprised teachers, physical trainers and students. And, the team that was there just to make up the numbers defeated the professional outfit that AU

Rajasthan was to become 2019 Rajasthan League champions and become the state's entry for the I-League second division.

'Suddenly, I was in an alien territory,' Saroha, who had only 'managed' his college team before this, says. "I knew what the second division was but had no idea about the rules. I downloaded all the documents and educated myself," he says. But it was all too overwhelming and that year, the club gave the second division a pass. "We weren't pre-

In 2020, when the football world, like the rest of the planet, came to a standstill owing to the pandemic, Saroha made sure he was prepared for the next season. He first made two of his friends – Rajat Mishra, an entrepreneur and Swapnil Dhaka, a footballer -'co-founders' of the club. The trio renamed JECRC FC to Rajasthan United, then tied up with an international school in Bhilwara to set up a residential academy and began scouting for youth players across Rajasthan.

When the state league returned in July 2021, they were better placed than before. But Rajasthan United finished second behind another state heavyweight, Zinc, who entered the I-League second division on the virtue of being the champions.

Zinc, however, were unable to meet All India Football Federation's licensing criteria, which made them ineligible to compete. Consequently, Rajasthan United, who were next in the queue, snuck in. "On August 30, we got to know we go for the qualifiers. And 31st was the last day to register the players,'

We were a team with players who'd been together for a few weeks, while others had been training for months and competed in a couple of tournaments, too. Some of our players were playing with shoes that cost Rs 500. It was a complete mismatch."

KAMAL SAROHA

CO-FOUNDER, RAJASTHAN UNITED

The club's chief executive, Dinesh Negi, the three co-founders and coach Vikrant Sharma began negotiations at express pace. "We signed almost a dozen players in a very short span. In fact, the registration of our centre-back, Gurmukh Singh, was completed at 11.59 pm, one minute before the deadline!" Saroha says.

Their campaign, too, was touch and go.

Heroic performance

When Rajasthan United landed in Bangalore, where the I-League second division was held earlier this month, not many gave Rajasthan United a chance. More so, after their first game against Shillong's Rynith FC where they went 3-0 up but almost threw away the lead before holding on to win 3-2.

"No one expected us to do a lot after that match," Saroha says. "We were a team with players who'd been together for a few weeks, while others had been training for months and competed in a couple of tournaments, too. Some of our players were playing with shoes that cost Rs 500. It was a complete mismatch."

But coach Sharma, who played for Goan giants Dempo and Churchill Brothers, made sure his team remained unbeaten throughout the tournament and crucial wins over Delhi and Bhopal-based Madan Maharaj put them in pole position to qualify for the I-League.

In the final match, Rajasthan just needed to avoid defeat against Mumbai's Kenkre FC, who had to win to qualify. On a sunny Saturday afternoon, true to a movie script, goalkeeper Vishal Joon, after a forgettable start to the campaign, produced a heroic performance and Rajasthan held on to a goalless draw to qualify for the I-League.

"It's tough to describe all that's happened," Saroha, who has begun his hunt for an investor for the I-League, says. "All this was just for fun." And now, improbable as it sounds, the engineer has ended up building a football club.

Amidst rumours, United likely to give Solskjaer one more chance



There are reports of Italian Antonio Conte expressing interest in Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's job. Reuters

REUTERS

MANCHESTER, OCTOBER 26

MANCHESTER UNITED manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has been given a chance to turn things around at the club and sort out the aftermath of Sunday's 5-0 hammering at home to Liverpool. Despite speculation that he was set to be replaced after nearly three years in the position, Solskjaer remains in his post and multiple sources have told Reuters that he will be in charge for Saturday's game against Tottenham Hotspur.

United's players and staff were due back at their Carrington training ground on Tuesday as the Norwegian manager begins the task of dealing with the shocking performance against Liverpool and getting ready for Saturday's trip to Tottenham Hotspur.

After the trip to Spurs, United travel to Italy to face Serie A side Atalanta in the Champions League on Tuesday. United are top of group F at the halfway stage and are in a strong position to make it into the last 16 of the competition. Those two games are followed by a home clash with Pep Guardiola's Manchester City, when Solskjaer can ill-afford a repeat of the Liverpool debacle.

Sources close to the club said that United did not want to make a knee-jerk decision and are now focused on fixing the problems with the team's performances and results. That loyalty came despite the intense pressure placed on Solskjaer, 48, after Sunday's humiliation. Media has reported former Juventus and Chelsea manager Antonio Conte is "interested" in the job and there have been claims of dressing room discontent.



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