

**BAIL HEARING IN HC TO RESUME TODAY**

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

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

OMKARGOKHALE
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 Rajgaria, 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, saying all the accused are connected by a

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PANDORA PAPERS - PART 15

AN INVESTIGATION BY THE INDIAN EXPRESS
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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), acquired 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 chartering. Spider Investments was incorporated through Trident Trust Company (BVI) Ltd, a

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Cheering Pak: UAPA in Srinagar, FIR in Agra, a sacking in Udaipur

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

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SRINAGAR,
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. A day after police booked medical 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.

J&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 August 2019. Shah made several 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 Gujran village near the international border for questioning, over their alleged pro-Pakistan slogans

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Facebook papers on fake news, hate speech: Govt works on report

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

EXPLAINED
All focus on US

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.

executives to explain how their 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.

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2 journalists held in Raipur after Cong MLAs complain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, OCTOBER 26

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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Ganguly has football club link with new IPL franchise owner

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DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26



BCCI chief on board of ATK Mohun Bagan headed by Goenka

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

chairman. "The team was owned by Kolkata Games and Sports Pvt. Ltd. consisting of former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly, alongside businessmen Harshvardhan 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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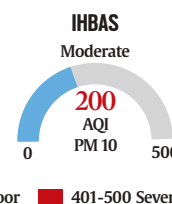
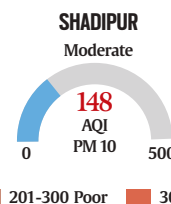
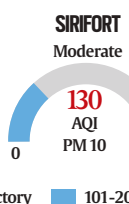
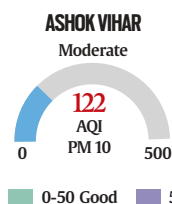
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Stubble burning: Rain plays spoilsport in Delhi govt's biodecomposer plans

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 month.

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 extension 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



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sub-divisional magistrate. Earlier 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 after harvest.

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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-year-old 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 Raghbir 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 Rajasthan. 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 seven-year-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 pollutant-causing diseases." **ENS**

HC orders reinstatement of woman discharged from service during pendency of sexual harassment complaint

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

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

the arrears within four weeks.

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.

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In November 2019, she made a complaint with the police and 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

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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Sr. No.	Particulars	3 months ended 30 Sep. 2021 Unaudited	3 months ended 30 June 2021 Unaudited	3 months ended 30 Sep. 2020 Unaudited	Half year ended 30 Sep. 2021 Unaudited	Half year ended 30 Sep. 2020 Unaudited	Year ended 31 March 2021 Audited
1	Interest earned (a) + (b) + (c) + (d)	9,249.65	9,149.64	8,659.66	18,399.29	17,319.40	34,569.13
	(a) Interest on loans and advances	8,300.16	8,369.84	7,607.41	16,670.01	15,308.93	31,196.24
	(b) Income on investments	949.49	779.80	1,052.25	1,729.28	2,010.47	3,372.89
	(c) Interest on balances with Reserve Bank of India and other inter bank funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(d) Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Other Income	-24.22	21.56	9.45	-2.66	18.28	102.04
3	Total Income (1 + 2)	9,225.43	9,171.20	8,669.11	18,396.63	17,337.68	34,671.17
4	Interest Expended	6,478.74	6,527.99	5,952.35	13,006.73	12,018.06	24,219.55
5	Operating Expenses (i) + (ii)	582.95	513.48	581.61	1,096.42	1,320.46	2,120.95
	(i) Employees cost	471.09	422.70	488.94	893.79	1,152.23	1,683.00
	(ii) Other operating expenses	111.86	90.78	92.67	202.63	168.23	437.95
6	Total Expenditure (4 + 5) excluding provisions and contingencies	7,061.68	7,041.47	6,533.96	14,103.15	13,338.52	26,340.50
7	Operating Profit before Provisions and Contingencies (3-6)	2,163.75	2,129.73	2,135.15	4,293.48	3,999.16	8,330.67
8	Provisions (other than tax) and Contingencies	619.53	204.97	567.76	824.50	833.85	2,249.26
9	Exceptional Items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Profit (+)/Loss (-) from Ordinary Activities before tax (7-8-9)	1,544.21	1,924.76	1,567.39	3,468.98	3,165.31	6,081.41
11	Tax expenses	392.23	488.89	404.51	881.12	803.99	1,761.45
12	Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) from Ordinary Activities after tax (10-11)	1,151.98	1,435.87	1,162.88	2,587.86	2,361.32	4,319.96
13	Extraordinary items (net of tax expense)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Net Profit (+) / Loss (-) for the period (12-13)	1,151.98	1,435.87	1,162.88	2,587.86	2,361.32	4,319.96
15	Paid-up capital	15,580.00	15,080.00	15,080.00	15,580.00	15,080.00	15,080.00
16	Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserves (as per balance sheet of previous accounting year)						38,551.91
17	Net Worth	56,092.34	54,440.35	51,278.74	56,092.34	51,278.74	53,004.48
18	Analytical Ratios						
	(i) Capital Adequacy Ratio	21.67%	20.49%	21.46%	21.67%	21.46%	18.80%
	(ii) Earnings Per Share (EPS)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	(iii) Debt Equity Ratio	9.50%	9.85%	8.92%	9.50%	8.92%	10.42%
19	NPA Ratios						
	(a) Gross NPA	2,059.19	1,240.26	1,238.30	2,059.19	1,238.30	1,240.88
	(b) Net NPA	409.63	0.00	332.25	409.63	332.25	0.00
	(c) % of Gross NPA to Gross loans & advances	0.36	0.22	0.25	0.36	0.25	0.21
	(d) % of Net NPA to Net loans & advances	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.00
20	Return on Assets	0.72%	0.89%	0.85%	0.81%	0.87%	0.76%

NA = Not Applicable

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

Notes:

- 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 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.
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- Provisions and Contingencies includes Floating Provision of ₹ 250 crore (Previous half year ₹ 300 crore).
- During the half-year ended September 30, 2021 GOI contributed ₹500 crore towards the capital of NABARD.
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- Previous period figures have been regrouped / rearranged wherever necessary.

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Date: October 26, 2021

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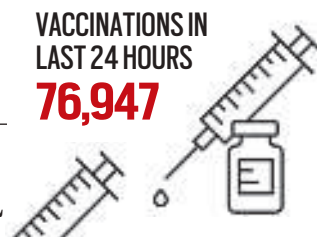
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			Total	Vacant
			15,744	15,536
TOTAL CASES			14,39,671	3,351
	HOSPITAL BEDS			
	ICU BEDS			
	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Oct 25	27	40	0	46,667
Oct 26	41	25	0	50,202
Total	323*	14,14,257	25,091	2,91,29,536

*Total active cases

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 Ameesha 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 Chief 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

no reasonable explanation was offered on behalf of the prosecution".

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 Jamai "did not disclose his name



BJP MLA Om Prakash Sharma (in blue), CPI member Ameesha 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

"improved his version from the 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" in his statement recorded on

February 3, 2021, but this was not stated in his previous statement recorded on October 27, 2020.

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 police..."

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

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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 different 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..."

OVER 40 STAFFERS SHORT

South MCD 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 Bhati.

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

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 rainfall.

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*

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

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 MCD.

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-law.

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 this."

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 lamp 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.

Sushela, 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."

BRIEFLY

Armed men fire gunshots; loot Rs 40k from liquor store

Gurgaon: Four unidentified 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 accused are yet to be arrested.

Project for resolving air pollution issues

New Delhi: A project for the identification and resolution 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 comprises a 'Smart City 311' mobile app that citizens can use to raise complaints.

Five held for conning 60 in job fraud

Gurgaon: The Faridabad Police have arrested five members of an interstate gang for allegedly conning at least 60 people in the Delhi-NCR region on the pretext of offering them 'prestigious' jobs in multinational companies. After taking hefty sums, the accused would later ask the victim to accept a job in an escort service to get the money back, police said. **ENS**

WINTER BREAK

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

DJB will now provide water connections to all households directly

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE DELHI Jal Board (DJB) will now provide all household water connections without any intermediaries, according to the decision taken at a board meeting of the DJB held by Water Minister Satyendar Jain.

While the DJB maintains a 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 connections and meters. With the DJB taking charge of all connections, handling damaged pipelines, contamination, and unauthorised connections could become easier, said a communication from the government. This can also help provide new meter connections in upcoming

colonies.

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 categories 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.

The installation of an RO plant with a capacity of 20 million 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.

5 held for extortion from people they met on dating apps

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE DELHI Police arrested five from Dwarka for allegedly extorting money from people on dating apps. The accused are members of a "sextortion gang" who cheat individuals by creating fake profiles on dating apps and threatening them.

Police said a businessman lodged a complaint Saturday against a woman and her associates. He alleged that his drink was spiked when he went to the woman's house and she removed 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

42-year-old man named Sonu Suri (42) is running the gang and extorting money from people.

The other accused — Revti Devi (33), her husband Vaibhav (37), Sheetal Arora alias Pooja (40) and Harbinder Singh (60) — were arrested with Suri after several raids.

The accused confessed to 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 victims and invite them to Revti's house. Other gang members posing as neighbours, family members or NGO officials would "bargue" in and threaten the victim 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 said.

The DCP said they are verifying details and looking for other victims/complainants.

Maharashtra MoS swings by Delhi govt schools

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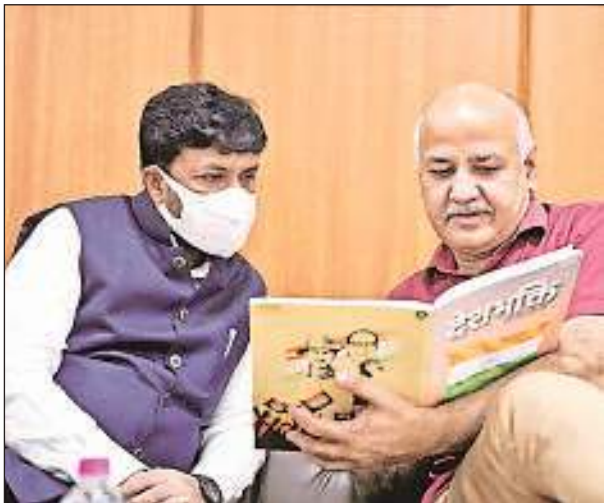
SANJAY BANSODE, Minister of State, Government of Maharashtra, visited Delhi government schools along with Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia Tuesday and interacted with students. He said that Maharashtra would adopt Delhi's education model.

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 government.

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

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.

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

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 commendable. He also praised the labs and the libraries at the schools.

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."

Judicial infra in focus, Rijiju to meet state law ministers

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26



Kiren Rijiju

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 afterthought" 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 Authority.

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

EXPLAINED
Push from the CJI

EMPHASISING THE importance of judicial infrastructure for "improving access to justice", Chief Justice of India N V 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

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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 N V 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

Shashi Kumar, Pranjoy Guha 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

PRESS TRUST 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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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 Selvanapathy 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

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 Rule in the state, alleging a "complete 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,

sources said, adding that Naidu will be returning to the capital 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 Pradesh.

Speaking to mediapersons on Tuesday, Naidu said: "We need to fight to protect the state and its people...We are under attack 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 the Home Minister..."

Assam bypolls: EC issues showcase notice to CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 26

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

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 lodged against Sarma. **ENS**

Tathagata takes dig at Vijayvargiya with pug tweet

Kolkata: Former Tripura Governor and BJP leader Tathagata Roy triggered a fresh controversy after tweeting a photo collage of a pug and Kailash Vijayvargiya, the central leader in charge of the BJP's affairs in West Bengal, with a caption: "Vodafone in West Bengal again." Roy had posted the photo on Monday in response to a person's tweet asking why Vijayvargiya remained in charge of the BJP in West Bengal despite the poll debacle earlier this year. The tweet drew criticism from state BJP president Sukanta Majumdar on Tuesday. **ENS**

KIRAN PARASHAR
HANAGAL, OCTOBER 26

"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 BJP leader who will lead the party into the 2023 assembly elections. Hanagal, a taluk located 38 km from the district

Lack of clarity, set aside ambitions, Sonia tells Cong

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

DAYS AFTER she declared that she was "a full-time and hands-on" 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 state-level leaders lack "clarity and cohesion" on policy issues.

Chairing a meeting of state Congress presidents and AICC general secretaries and in-charges of states — it was also attended by Rahul Gandhi — in the run-up to assembly elections in key 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 state-level 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 power struggle between Chief

Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Health Minister T S 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 must train our people to fight it while upholding and projecting

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 jobs 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 past," she said.

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

MANOJ CG
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 minister Luizinho Falerio quitting 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 BJP 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 investigative agencies. 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 emphasises 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 interest in strengthening Opposition unity to take on the BJP, and said it "cannot wait for an indefinite period" for the Congress to act.

The TMC said no action was taken despite West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee personally making a case to Congress President Sonia Gandhi — after TMC's victory in the Bengal elections — to "bring like-minded 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.

Ram Janmabhoomi: Kejriwal says free pilgrimage for Delhi's senior citizens

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 26

AAP CONVENOR and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday offered prayers at the Ram Janmabhoomi site and the Hanuman garhi temple in Ayodhya, and announced that senior citizens of Delhi would soon be able to undertake the pilgrimage to Ayodhya for free.

His announcement prompted potshots from Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who said that "one person" in Delhi had driven out people from UP and Bihar 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 teeth yatras and will include Ayodhya to the list in a Cabinet meeting on Wednesday..."

"All that I have received — all

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 Vaishnav has decided.

In an order issued on Tuesday, the Railway Ministry withdrew the earlier policy, promulgated during the time of Vaishnav'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

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 cancelled 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 round-about 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 competition.



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

my strength and resources — I 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-

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 fur-

ther 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.

Top state BJP leaders, including Bommai and former chief minister B S Yediyurappa, have put their weight behind Sajjanar. Last week, Bommai held back-to-back public meetings in the constituency for two days with former Yediyurappa. Party ministers, including K Sudhakar and B C Patil, and several other leaders have also been campaigning in the constituency.

On Saturday, when Yediyurappa campaigned at Chikkanshi Hosur, Prakash Pujar, a villager, said there was an evident shift towards the BJP. "It was definitely a disappointment the way Yediyurappa 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

Munirathna is camping, voters expressed angst that local issues were neglected. "Neither Hanagal town nor Akki Alur has a super-specialty hospital. All of them are making big promises but most of them are not concerned with Hanagal constituency," said Shruthi Savanur, a labourer.

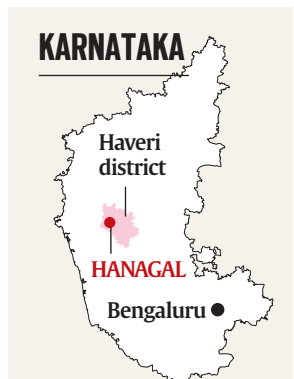
According to local leaders, the JD(S) candidate and an Independent candidate could play the deciding factor in the battle. "What can hamper the Congress's prospects is that there are two Muslim candidates, who are potential pullers of minority votes. JD(S) has fielded Niyaz Shaikh, while a long-time 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.



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 major chunk has been witnessing intense campaigning, including road shows, public meetings and door-to-door campaigns.

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 and Visakhapatnam among others from where important documents and digital evidence have been seized and are being examined, they said. **PTI**

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 who introduced Tamilselvan to Marappan. "He was asked to pay Rs 17 lakh as a bribe to secure a government job by the then CM's personal assistant," said an official. **ENS**

MADHYA PRADESH
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 injuries, 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 S Prajapati said. **PTI**

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

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 spoken against Sawant. "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 Limbachiya, 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 respond 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.

2011: When Wankhede stopped SRK at Mumbai airport customs

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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

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 attracted duty.

Wankhede was at the time assistant commissioner of cus-

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.

During his time with the airport customs, Wankhede also detained several other celebrities, including actors Anushka Sharma and Minishha Lamba, and singer Mika Singh for alleged mis-declaration of goods, mostly jewellery and foreign currency.

Anushka was stopped in July

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

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 management 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 various videos on its website and the social media platforms wherein it "has infringed" on TV Today Network's copyrights, "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 Sekhri, 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. "What is alarming to me is that these are the people who are supposed to stand up for a free press and freedom of speech," he said.

TN govt plays down Governor's call for presentation on schemes

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 26

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, calling it a "routine exercise".

Chief Secretary V Irai Anbu on Tuesday issued a clarification after a communication from him to heads of departments on October 18, asking them to prepare a presentation for the Governor, stirred a hornet's nest.

"The communication was to prepare a presentation about different departments for the newly appointed Governor. Collecting information about



Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi

various schemes is a routine procedure 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 statement issued by the Chief Secretary's office.

Senior Congress leader Peter Alphonse, who was among the first to react to reports of the Chief Secretary's communication, said, "If a newly appointed Governor is going beyond the brief and government norms to interfere in the functioning of the

government departments, it is against the interest of an elected government, an insult on people. "Sometimes this will send out a wrong message that there are two power centres," he said.

However, senior officials and two ministers familiar with the developments ruled out reports that Governor Ravi, a former IPS officer, was meddling with government functioning.

"As a former IPS officer, maybe he was seen expressing interest in internal security matters, 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 senior officer of the Home Ministry.

Rs 614 cr electoral bonds sold in Oct

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

POLITICAL PARTIES are getting funds from donors through electoral bonds even during a non-election 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 Rs 140 crore.

Kerala to train 1 lakh workers for skilled jobs

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 26

WITH PUBLIC and individual asset creation becoming a thrust area under the MGNREGS scheme, one lakh workers in Kerala -- mostly women -- will be trained to take up skilled jobs.

At present, the workers under MGNREGS in Kerala are engaged in unskilled areas, mainly as farm hands.

The Kerala MGNREGS Mission launched the training programme 'Mikavu' (excellence) in 56 village panchayats across the state on a pilot basis.

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 (Retd).

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-

dustrialists, towards "funding of elections". As of now, 6,812 bonds issued were of Rs one crore value.

In April 2021, when the election 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 date of issue.

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Gujarat riots: Want to see SIT closure report, says SC

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

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 Dinesh Maheshwari and C T 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.

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4.	नए शैक्षणिक संस्थानों द्वारा ई-कल्याण पोर्टल पर पंजीकरण एवं पंजीकृत संस्थानों द्वारा नवीनीकरण हेतु आवेदन की अंतिम तिथि।	03.11.2021

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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
	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.

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

ON 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

VIRAT 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. A long 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 K L 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

It is hearty and heavy, shoring up the most meagre meal. Please don't reduce it to a mere milk substitute

THE 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 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.



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

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

The farmers' agitation need not be held responsible for the killing of Lakhbir Singh but it represents a social ill that the agitation and its participants needed to avoid but could not. This is where the core challenge emerges. An agitation of this magnitude needs to transform itself into a movement, aspire to transcend pre-existing prejudices among its adherents and bring out the sublime among the followers rather than allow them to remain passive participants unwilling to change themselves. The killing of Lakhbir Singh clearly shows that the farmers' agitation is yet to move into that direction.

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-

ports and raising its share in GDP.

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 cross-subsidise passenger fares by the railways.

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 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 Meitei 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.

THE IDEAS PAGE

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 one-fifth 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 the PM."

If remoteness in India is a challenge, so is

population density. The Mumbai Municipal Commissioner IS Chahal told me, "Mumbai reached close to 100 per cent single-dose 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 million, 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."

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 before we sleep.

The writer was former secretary, Health Ministry

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

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 *bhakt*s 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 achcha 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 non-reflexive/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 *Gandhi* 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 disenfranchised 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 crises, devastating wars and terrorist violence, they need a healing touch; a learning community that makes them capable of distinguishing 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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JAYANTA GHOSAL

The road from Bhabanipur

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

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 MF Hussain's painting of Gajagmini behind the cash counter, and Netaji 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 BJP in 2019. She is no longer hosting opposition meetings with Rahul Gandhi. Even the party's involvement in the Goa polls is low-key. 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 su-

premac. With the BJP waning, West Bengal consolidated and regional parties doing well, Mamata knows that she will be an important factor.

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.

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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 information 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

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.

L R 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

Two arrested in BJP workers' lynching case

Top court tells UP govt to provide security to witnesses

the Witness Protection Scheme, 2018," ordered the court.

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

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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

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

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

grant workers can be improved.
This edition will feature a
keynote address by
Brijhannambai Municipal
Corporation commissioner Iqbal
Singh Chahal, followed by a
panel discussion between Amita
Bhide (Professor, Tata Institute of
Social Sciences), Gautam Bhanu
(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.*

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 stakehold-

ers" and a case was being registered.

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.

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

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 had said.

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

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

According to the study, 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-

trict becomes even more vulnerable..." said CEEF programme lead Abinash Mohanty, author of the study.

Mohanty said Kerala and 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 Research Fund, which could act as insurance against climate shocks..." said CEEF 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

TOPOF THE WORLD



Roh Tae-woo

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 Doo-hwan president after mentor, dictator Park Chung-hee, was assassinated after 18 years of rule. **AP**

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**

USA

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. **AP**

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 Qamar Javed Bajwa 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

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 Tribune* newspaper reported.

The ISI chief is appointed by the prime minister in consultation with the Pakistan Army chief. **PTI**

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 the situation in Afghanistan. They called on the international community to provide immediate humanitarian and economic assistance to the people of Afghanistan to alleviate their suffering, prevent



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 in Qatar for a high-level meeting.

It also came a day ahead of the second meeting of the foreign ministers of the neighbours of Afghanistan in Tehran, Iran, which would be attended by

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

Business stalled for 3rd day in Nepal SC; Chief Justice refuses to step down

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

KATHMANDU, OCTOBER 26

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 it,” 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.



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 ‘unharmd’

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.



General 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 gen-

eral 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 on Monday to announce the dissolution 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 Tuesday in the cities of Atbara, Dongola, Elbeid and Port Sudan.

An official at the health ministry said seven people had been killed in clashes between protesters and the security forces on Monday. **REUTERS**

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 anti-vaccine 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 discussions were revealed in disclosures made to the Securities and Exchange Commission by former Facebook employee-turned-whistleblower Frances Haugen's legal counsel. The redacted versions received by Congress were obtained by a consortium of news organisations. **AP**



Anita Anand

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

PRESS TRUST 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 of 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 weeks straight,” she was quoted as saying by *Oakville News*.

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 chief of staff. **NYT**

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

MOTOKORICH & 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 Sayako, 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 representatives.

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 yen (about \$36,000) from an ex-boyfriend 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

they were wasting taxpayers' money, they paid to rent the room for the news briefing.

Underlying many of the virulent 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. **NYT**

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

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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.

Loan A/c No	Loan availed / Product	Name of Borrowers & Co-borrowers / Mortgagor	Outstanding as per 13(2)/Notice Date	Details of Secured as Assets	Date of NPA
82203181	Loan Against Property	1. Mr. Fareed Ahmad (borrower & Mortgagor) S/o Shri. Said Ahmad Add: 503/14 Bharat Nagar Mahigan Kh No-451 Roorkee Uttarakhand-247667 2. Mrs. Shazia Shahid (co-borrower) W/o Mr. Fareed Ahmad Add: 503/14 Bharat Nagar Mahigan Kh No-451 Roorkee Uttarakhand-247667	Rs. 11,83,539/- as on 09.09.2021 / Notice Date: 09.09.2021	Residential Property, on Plot Area 517.5 Sq.Ft., Situated In Kharsa No 451 M, Mohalla Mahigrahan Pargana, Tehsil Roorkee, District Haridwar. Bounded As Under: North: Plot of Sadakhat Ali, South: Plot of Ashad Hussain, East: Property of Jagdish Etc. West: Passage 10 Feet Wide	07.12.20

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 us 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	Loan Against Property	1. 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 Addaitand Marg, Rishikesh Uttarakhand-249201 2. Mr. Jagat Singh Arora (Deceased) (Borrower & Mortgagor) Legal Heir - Mr. Anshul Arora S/o Mr. Jagat Singh Arora Add: 85 Advela Nand Market Rishikesh Uttarakhand-249201	Rs. 93,93,996/- as on 02.09.2021 / Notice Date: 02.09.2021	All That Property Bearing Municipal No.78/3 (New No.85) Situated At Advela Nand Marg, Rishikesh Pargana Parwa Doon, District Dehradun Measuring 122.88 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: Advela Nand Marg, Side Measuring 29 Ft. 6 Inches, West: Property of Shri Jagmohan And Sri Rakesh, Side Measuring 29 Ft. 6 Inches	09.05.21
8149160	Loan Against Property (GEOL)	3. Mr. Anshul Arora (Co-Borrower) S/o Mr. Jagat Singh Arora Add: 85 Advela Nand Market Rishikesh Uttarakhand-249201			

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Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited
(CIN : U40108JH2013SC001702)
Regd. Office : Engineering Building, H.E.C., Dhurua, Ranchi-834004,
Telephone:-0651-2400826 & Fax: 0651-2400799
Email:- pmkusum.jbvn@gmail.com, https://www.jbvn.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
1	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
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 and EMD 18-11-2021 upto 18:00 Hrs
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 Corrigendum details of which can be seen on website <http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in> & <http://www.jbvn.co.in>. Contact person Mobile No. - 9431708983 / 9801063475. NIC Helpline No.- 06512400178.

Sd/-
General Manager (Coml.)

PR No. 251166 PR 255625 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(21-22)D

Office of Superintending Engineer
Civil Circle, P.W.D., Devpura Haridwar
Website : <http://pwd.uk.gov.in>, Fax/Phone No. : 01334-221407, E-mail : sepdwharidwar@gmail.com

Letter No. : 2605/6सी-सि.पू. / 2021 Date : 25.10.2021

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 onwards on [website http://www.uktenders.gov.in](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 2No. 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 be pledged in the name of Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, PWD, Haridwar.
- Copy of Registration.

-Sd
Superintending Engineer
Civil Circle, PWD, Haridwar

Office of the Superintending Engineer
7TH CIRCLE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GOPESHWAR
Website- <http://pwd.uk.gov.in>, E Mail- sepdwgope@rediffmail.com

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 Uttarakhand" 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.	Metallising and Painting of Sirai Nandwangaon Bhatwari Motor Road in Km 4. 5 and 6 Under State Sector in Block Jakholi in District Rudraprayag.	3.50	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](http://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-

- FDR of earnest money pledged in favour of Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle. P.W.D., Gopeshwar.
- Separate DD of tender costs and GST will be payable to Executive Engineer, PD. PWD. Rudraprayag.
- Rs. 100.00 non-judicial stamp with Rs. 1.00 Revenue ticket duly signed for bid validity.
- Required category Registration- copy
- Technical Bid.

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

ANDHRA PRADESH CENTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED
(IN VSIR VEDUT SQUADRA, CORPORATE OFFICE, TMC COLLEGE ROAD, VILVANA WADA-520 083)

E-Procurement Notice
Tender notification No: **CPWPD-33, 31/2021-22 of APCPDCL/GM (P&M) Dt: 27-10-2021**
APCPDCL invites online bids under e-procurement for supply of all CPWPD-33/2021-22. Supply of 3-phase 4-wire TCT Transformer 750VA/400V/415V accuracy with ICBUS (CB) protection & with 10A port for ICBAT (CB) Consumer meters along with 4 Nos. 750VA CTR housed in PP Box without TTD-800Nose and without CTS and IP Box-350Nose all CPWPD-31/2021-22. Supply of Hand held thermal cameras for 10A-meter sub-range, 1000 Nos.

Tenders can have further details and download the tender schedules from e-Procurement marketplace from 27-10-2021 i.e. <https://tenders.apcprocurement.gov.in> (as notified by APCPDCL). Ph: 0866-2355456 & Email: cpdcl@apcpdcl.in

Chief General Manager P&M
APCPDCL, Andhra Pradesh.

Bank of India
Relationship Beyond Banking

Head Office, General Operations Department, C 4, G BLOCK, Star House-2, 2nd floor, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400 051. E-mail: HeadOffice.GOD@bankofindia.co.in

Document Management System & Record Management System in Bank of India

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

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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. Divl. 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

UJVNL LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025868, Website: www.ujvnl.com

RO No. 786 e-Tender Time Extension Notice Date: 25.10.2021

Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of online submission and opening 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.

Last date for online submission of tender: 11.11.2021 upto 16:00 Hrs

Last 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 e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"

Executive Engineer (Generation)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
KOTA-SOUTH, RAJASTHAN
Rajeev Gandhi Building, Dusshera Ground, CAD Circle, Kota
email: nksouth@gmail.com, websites: www.kotamc.org, Ph: 0744-2502142
S./NNK-S/CIVIL/2021/476-487 Date: 26.10.2021

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 bid document can be downloaded from the web site <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>. Bidders are to be submitted online in electronic form on website <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>.

The DD of Tender fee in favor of **Commissioner Municipal Corporation Kota-South** payable at Kota. The processing fee in favor of "Managing Director", RISEL, 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 web portal <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, www.kotamc.org, www.kotamunicipal.org, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>

Sd/- Commissioner
Municipal Corporation Kota-South

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, देवघर

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना (1st Call)

ई-निविदा प्रसंग संख्या -RCD/DEOGHAR/1593/2021-22 दिनांक-25.10.2021

1.	कार्य का नाम	देवघर एयरपोर्ट के पहुँच पथ (टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग तक) (कुल लंबाई 1.03 कि०मी०) का निर्माण कार्य।
2.	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में)	रुपये 3,94,89,644/- (तीन करोड़ चौरानबे लाख नवासी हजार छः सौ चौवालीस रुपये मात्र)।
3.	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	03 (तीन) माह।
4.	निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	22.11.2021 (12:00 बजे दिन तक)
5.	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशित होने की तिथि एवं समय	02.11.2021 (10:30 बजे पूर्वाह्न)
6.	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, देवघर।
7.	प्रोक्योरमेंट अधिकारी का सम्पर्क नम्बर	06432-275640
8.	ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन नम्बर	0651-2446007

अतिरिक्त जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखें। कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, देवघर

PR 255621 Road(21-22)#D

CHIEF ENGINEER, UTTARAKHAND RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
First Floor, Directorate of Panchayati Raj, Opp- IT Park, Sahasrastraana Road, Dehradun

Ref. No.: 2022N11-02/1X/ITC/URRDA/21 Dated: 26-10-2021

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) e-Procurement Notice- 11/2021-22

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

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.pmgstendersuk.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, 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 time of submission of bids.

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

For further details please log on to www.pmgstendersuk.gov.in

Chief Engineer
URRDA, Dehradun

*Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Note: For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2608125 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, SHANKAR VIHAR
(NEAR MAHIPALPUR) DELHI CANTT-10
Tale No - 011-26153559

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI is solicited from the leading vendors for Repair of toilets Boys & Girls as per specification available in EOI form. Details of the above and EOI form are available at school counter against draft/POS machine/NEFT of ₹ 500/- each. Forms duly filled be submitted by 15 Nov 2021.

Chairman

NORTHERN RAILWAY
PUBLIC NOTICE

It is publically informed that, the train operations will start from 27.10.2021 to 29.10.2021 on new railway track between Railway Stations LAKSAR TO AITHAL (L-Xing No. 3) Section in connection with Haridwar-Laksar Doubling of Moradabad Division.

General Public is hereby informed to stay away from Railway lines in the above section. **Track should be crossed at level crossings only.** Crossing the track at any location other than level crossing is trespassing and is a punishable offence and is liable for prosecution under Railway Act.

Issued by
2429/21 Northern Railway Construction Organization
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Plot No.9, Survey No.49, IT Park, Mangalagiri-522503, Guntur District, Amaravathi Region, Andhra Pradesh, email : ce.aphmids@gmail.com
T.N.No.13/APMSID/TECHNICAL/2021-22, Dated: 25.10.2021

Tenders are invited through e-procurement platform for 11 Supply, installation and commissioning of 10 KL LMD storage vessel system in various Govt. Hospitals in A.P for 23 locations 2) Construction of Multi Purpose Hall, Class Rooms over the existing building (4th Floor) in Government College of Nursing, Kurnool (5th Call)-Rs.2.62 Crs 3) Construction of New OPD Block in the premises of District Hospital at Nandyal in Kurnool District (Balance Works) (6th Call)-Rs.2.49 Crs 4) Construction of building for "National Programme for Prevention & Management of Burn Injuries" at SV Medical College, Tirupati in Chittoor District (6th Call)-Rs.1.78 Crs. The other details can be seen at the website <http://msidc.ap.nic.in>.

Sd/- Managing Director
DIPR No.444PP/CLMDNT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 26/10/2021

SCRAP FOR SALE (E-Auction)

E-Auction forms are invited from interested buyers for disposal, strictly on "As is Where is" basis, on lot basis of damaged/fire effected cables, Electronics Cards, Remote I/O Panel Fabrication & Assembly, Motors, UPS, Switchgear items, LVPH & misc. Items/extra. Salvage belonging to M/s SAIL, Ispat Bhawan Lod Road, New Delhi, Damaged/fire effected Cables, Electronics Cards, Remote I/O Panel Fabrication & Assembly/Motors/UPS, Switchgear items, LVPR can be inspected at Oil Cellar of PLTCM in CRM-3 Deptt. of M/s SAIL, Bokaro Steel Plant, Bokaro City, Jharkhand-827001 between 28.10.2021 to 08.11.2021 after taking prior appointment from Mr. Prabhakar Ranjan-9366677779.

E-Auction date/time: 09.11.2021 between 03:00 PM to 04:30 PM. Interested buyers/bidders have to deposit an EMD (D.D.) of Rs. 5 Lacs in favour of "SAIL" payable at Bokaro to participate in the e-auction. One or all bids/offers can be cancelled without assigning any reason. E-Auction forms can be obtained from the Auctioneers Savor Systems Pvt. Ltd., 511, 5th Floor, Usha Kisan Building, Commercial Complex, Azadpur, Delhi-110033. Contact Mr. Jitender Bhaskar: 8744013008, 9654773277.

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
EDUCATION & WELFARE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, VIJAYAWADA

e-procurement Tender Notice

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

NIT No: 86 to 97, downloading commencement on 28.10.2021 and closing date may be viewed in eprocurement.gov.in

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No.DSW(ICDS)/G/SNP/98/2021/66 Dated, Guwahati, the 26th October, 2021

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Sl. 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

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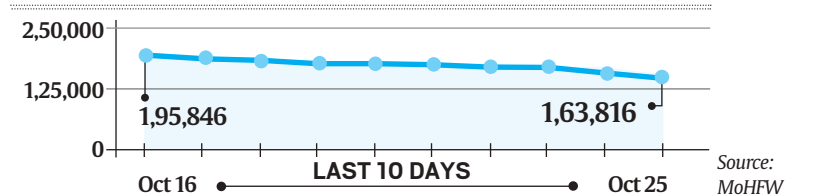
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Name of Work: Construction of Post Office Building at Kirby Place, Delhi.

Estimated Cost: ₹ 26.64,282/-.

Earnest Money : ₹ NIL/-.

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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-

nomics 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 (ret'd), 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 said.

"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

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

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."

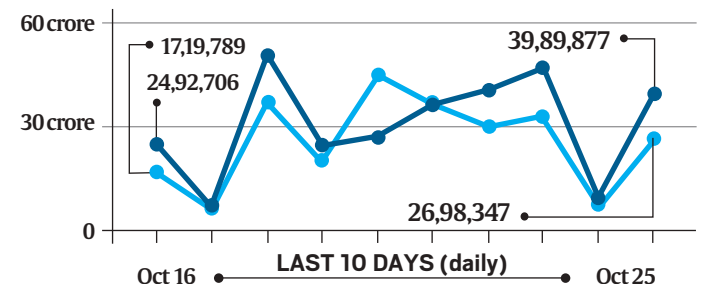
Bambawale, however, said China has been doing this anyway — even without the new law. "The law is not a necessary condition to be able to do that... In certain parts of Arunachal Pradesh, we know that. Perhaps in other areas also," he said.

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

TOTAL VACCINATED IN INDIA (at least one dose)

71,91,86,075

■ First dose ■ Second dose



TOTAL DOSES

102,94,01,119

(Sputnik V's 10.64 lakh doses not represented in pie)

COVISHIELD

88.5%

COVAXIN

11.4%

DOSES ON OCT 25

66,88,224

OCT 24: 16,69,637 (1st dose: 7,54,419; 2nd: 9,15,218)

12,75,070

Number of doses administered in Andhra Pradesh on October 25, the highest for any state.

10,24,692

West Bengal
5,46,016
Andhra Pradesh

5,28,853

Maharashtra
3,95,830
Madhya Pradesh

Note: The October 25 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on October 26
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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

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

ETAH

VIRANGANA AVANTIBAI LODHI, 19th century figure who opposed the British; belonged to Lodhi Rajput community from which Kalyan Singh came

JAUNPUR

UMANATH SINGH, social worker and BJP leader

SIDDHARTH NAGAR

MADHAV PRASAD TRIPATHI, first BJP state president of UP; former minister and Jana Sangh leader

FATEHPUR

JODHA SINGH & DARIYAO SINGH, Thakur figures who fought against the British

HARDOI

Lucknow

DEORIA

DEVRAHA BABA, popular holy man, legendary 'ageless' seer who sat on a *machan*

PRATAPGARH

SONE LAL PATEL, Kurmi leader who founded Apna Dal, a BJP ally; father of Union Minister Anupriya Patel

MIRZAPUR

MA VINDHYAVASINI DEVI, the deity of Vindhyaachal Dham, the revered pilgrimage centre in Eastern UP

GHAZIPUR

MAHARISHI VISHWAMITRA, ancient Indian sage said to have been author of a major part of the Rg Veda, including the Gayatri Mantra

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.

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 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 Vindhya vasini, whose temple in Mirzapur is a revered pilgrimage site, one of the *Shakti peeths* across India. The region is also known as Vindhyaachal. 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

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

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 Cholenra 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 of 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



CJ CS 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 KP Oli government dissolving the House of Representatives in May, and going for mid-term 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-United Marxist Leninist and Maoist Centre to form the Communist Party of Nepal was illegal, and that their pre-merger status should be 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.

■ A corruption 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

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 Gureja 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 Apartment, New-Delhi-87.

0040589336-9

It is for general information that I, Akash Manna, S/o Vijay Manna, residing at 5440, gali, no.5, Raghubarpura no.2, Gandhi-Nagar, Delhi-110031, declare that name of mine and my mother has been wrongly written as Aakash and Shivani in my 10/12 Education documents. 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 Verma.

0040589333-9

I, URMIL, W/O, RANJEET 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, DELHI-110027, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO URMILA SETHI FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040589336-1

I, Tejaeal 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 Tejaeal for all, future purpose.

0040589350-1

I, Sudhir Yadav, S/o Jaswant Singh, H.No.38, Sector-81A, Nakhrola, Gurugram (Haryana)-122004, have changed my minor daughter's Name Aanushvi to Anushvi Yadav.

0040589348-10

I, Shane Ilahi, S/o Noor Ilahi R/O, Mohalla Qaziyan Kasba (Rural), Mandwar Distt-Bijnor Uttar-Pradesh-246721, have changed my name to Shaney Ilahi

0040589336-6

I, SUBHASH CHANDER/SUBHASH ARORA, S/O, SATYA PAL, ADD-FLAT-NO-01 KIRTI-APARTMENT BLOCK-3 MAYUR-VIHAR PHASE-1, EAST DELHI-110091. Changed my name to SUBHASH CHANDER ARORA, permanently.

0040589335-2

I, SACHIN S/O BHAGAT SINGH, R/O B-253, SECOND-FLOOR, RAMA PARK, MOHAN GARDEN, UTTAM-NAGAR, DELHI-110059, CHANGED MY NAME TO SACHIN SINGH.

0040589336-2

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.

0040589350-3

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

0040589335-4

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

0040589350-5

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

0040589338-8

I, PUTHENVEETIL KUTTAN MURALEEOHARAN, S/O: KUTTA N. R/O-2, SASHWAT BUNGLOW, OPP. AANGAN PARTY PLOT SATELLITE, AHMADABAD CITY, AHMADABAD, GUJARAT 380015. Changed my name to MURALEEOHARAN PUTHANVEETIL KUTTAN.

0040589335-7

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

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 birth certificate of my minor daughter Siddhi Sharma aged 14 years. The actual name of mine is Muskan Sharma.

0040589348-9

I, MATAM SIREESHA spouse of BELLAMKONDA DINESH, residing of plot no. RZ-C-3/191, Gali, no-14, Gurdwaru road, Mahavir Enclave, New-Delhi-110045 have changed my name, from BELLAMKONDA SIREESHA to MATAM SIREESHA, wide-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, W/O, BALDULARE, R/O FLAT, NO.B.1201, NIRALA-EDEN PARK, AHINSA KHAND-2, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, U.P.201014, changed my name to INDERJEET YADAV.

0040589336-11

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/O-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 purposes.

0040589348-5

I, ARYAN GUPTA, S/O-Late Shri. Asheem Kumar, R/O-94-A New-R-Block, Dishad-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 purposes.

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, WIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-26-OCT-2021.

0040589354-1

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

0040589336-5

I, Zeba Salman D/o. Late Shri Arjun Lal Sharma residence at A-1830 Greenfield Colony Faridabad-1221010 Haryana 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 Ashyam Dev Yadav for all purposes.

0040589307-1

I, Shyam Dev S/o Madhuvan Yadav R/o House No. 1, Type-2, ITI Campus, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-100092 have changed my name as Shyam Dev Yadav for all purposes.

0040589307-1

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.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

0040589300-3

I, Ramit Verma S/o Late Sh. R.C.Verma, R/O-A-204, 2nd-floor, Khurana Farm, Near-nanda 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 Mashkooor 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

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

0040589336-3

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 Ramesh Chander Kohli.

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 Segani 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 S-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, Vishakhia Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110088, have changed my minor son's name, from Shlok to Shlok Maheshwari.

0040589350-11

I, Mihir Maheshwari, S/o Om Prakash Maheshwari, R/o-DU-9, Vishakhia Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110088, have changed my minor daughter's name, from Shivika to Shivika Maheshwari

0040589350-10

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

0040589348-8

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

I, JAGDISH KUMAR S/o GIRDHARI LAL R/O 14/65, Punjabi Bagh West, New Delhi-110026 have changed my name as JAGDISH 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 Shekhar 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, Acharya Dharam Shastri S/o 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, Rohit Rustagi, S/o Rajeshwar Rustagi, R/O H.No.140, Shrestha Vihar, Anand Vihar, Delhi-110092, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rohit Rustagi to Rohit Rustagi for all purposes.

0040589288-1

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

0070758733-1

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-110078 have changed my name to Sanjay Bhardwaj for all purposes.

0040589284-6

I, 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

0070758766-1

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

0070758776-1

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

0050185777-1

I, Ragho Sah S/O, Jageshwar Sah R/O-B-269 Navjivan Camp Kalkaji D-6, 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 Razid Uddin R/O UGF-2, Pro.No.1018, Ward No.7, Mehrauli Delhi-110030 have changed my name to Mohammad Quamar Nadeem, for all future purposes.

0040589245-1

I, Manish Kumar Bharti S/O Banwari Lal R/O Ward No-7, Sanjay Nagar, Dibiyaapur, Behind Police Station Kakrahi, Auraila, Uttar Pradesh-206244, have changed my name to Manish Naagar

0070758789-1

I, JAYPAL SHOKEEN S/O-RAM NATH R/O-48 PALAN 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 Purpose.

0070758769-1

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, Neeraj 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, Haryana": 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:854489/2021 dated 23/10/2021. Rajiv Kumar Tayal, rk.tayal@rajivkumar.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

0040589284-9

I, Dr. Om Kumar 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. SR502-61292, 300 Sqmt. & Occupancy Certificate of House No. 200, Block-C, Sigma-2, Greater Noida, U.P. Mob. 8743904002.

0070758645-1

I, Sarabjit Singh S/o Surjit Singh R/O-A-82 Majlis Park Azadpur NS Mandi Delhi-110033, have lost my Original Allotment Letter of Plot.No.233, Block EG Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar Phase-II, Delhi-110042, finder Contact-9654775323.

0040589354-8

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

0050185778-1

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PUBLIC NOTICE
I, the undersigned on behalf of my client Smt. Mandep Kaur, W/o Jagdeep Singh Ahuja R/O 671, 2nd floor, Gali no. 04, Geeta Colony, East Delhi-110051 have served all relationship with my father/husband namely Jagdeep Singh Ahuja disowned/Debarred him from all their movable & immovable property due to dispute and differences created by above named Mr. Jagdeep Singh Ahuja and now my clients shall be in full responsible for the any Acts, Deeds & Things if any done by him in past and in future.

Sd/- SANJEEV KUMAR, ADV

Dt/17/7/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is informed to the public at large that my client, Ram Bhai S/o Sh. Bharu Ram and his wife Smt. Patahar R/O H.No. 432 & 39 J.J. Colony



GOLD

₹47,153



RUPEE

₹74.96



OIL

\$84.77



SILVER

₹64,453

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of October 25

SENSEX: 61,350.26 ▲ 383.21 (0.63%) NIFTY: 18,268.40 ▲ 143.00 (0.79%) NIKKEI: 29,106.01 ▲ 505.60 HANG SENG: 26,038.27 ▼ 93.76 FTSE: 7,265.49 ▲ 42.67 DAX: 15,744.35 ▲ 145.12

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
AVIATION

Drone deliveries a step closer: Public, private providers to manage traffic

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

IN WHAT 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



The framework allows 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 intervention."

COURT HAS NOT DECLARED MEETING CALL ILLEGAL OR INVALID

HC restrains Invesco from requisitioning ZEEL EGM

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
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

EXPLAINED

What has Invesco asked for

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 independent directors.

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 in ZEEL.

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**

'Auto volume growth may fall to 11-13% on chip shortage'

The ongoing chip shortage is likely to moderate passenger vehicle (PV) sales growth to 11-13% this fiscal, delaying the industry recovery, a Crisil report said



SHORTAGE HAS LED TO PRODUCTION LOSSES FOR OEMs, 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%

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

BRIEFLY
CPSE dividend

New Delhi: The government received Rs 533 crore as dividend tranches from four CPSEs this fiscal, DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said Monday. "IRCON, NHPC, CONCOR and Hindustan Copper Ltd have respectively paid about Rs 148 crore, Rs 294 crore, Rs 67 crore and Rs 24 crore as dividend tranches to GoI," he tweeted.

IPPB, HDFC

New Delhi: India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and HDFC allied 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.

Chalo buys 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 Navi Mumbai; plans 5.5K by FY25

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
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*

tions will be rebranded as Jio-bp.

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.

The JV plans to expand the fuel retailing network across India to 5,500 outlets by FY25. State-owned 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%

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
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

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

same period a year ago.

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**

EU countries split over joint response to energy price spike

REUTERS
LUXEMBOURG, OCTOBER 26

EUROPEAN UNION nations failed to agree on a bloc-wide response to surging energy prices in an emergency meeting of government ministers on Tuesday, with some seeking a regulatory overhaul and others firmly opposed.

European gas prices have hit record highs this autumn and remain at lofty levels, prompting most EU countries to respond with emergency measures like price caps and subsidies to help trim consumer energy bills.

Countries are struggling to agree, however, on a longer-term plan to cushion against fossil-fuel



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 EU electricity market reforms.

AI in espionage: Amazon inks British spy deal

REUTERS
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 26

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 intelligence (AI) for espionage, the Financial Times reported.

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 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.

Applications for CEA post invited

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE GOVERNMENT has invited applications for the post of chief economic adviser (CEA) to replace K V Subramanian, who will complete his three-year tenure next month. Subramanian was appointed as CEA on December 7, 2018, while he assumed charge on December 24 in the same year.

As per the public notice dated 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 eligible to apply for the post.

Candidates from recognised universities or recognised research institutions or central regulatory bodies and registered private institutions or financial institutions are eligible, it said. With regard to educational qualification, it said, a candidate should possess Master's degree in Economics or Finance from a recognised university or institution. **WITHPTI**

Loan outreach: PSBs sanction ₹1,168 cr to 1.93 lakh accounts

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

BANKS HAVE sanctioned loans worth Rs 11,168 crore to about 1.93 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 banks to start a 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 followed Sitharaman's instruction 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 non-food 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.

TRACO CABLE COMPANY LIMITED
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E-mail: head.marketing@tracocable.com

EOI is invited from the experts as Project Management consultant in HT XLPE Cable Manufacturing field using Dry Cure up to 66 kV.

The details can be downloaded from www.tracocable.com
Last date of receipt of EOI is on or before 03.11.2021.

Managing Director,
Traco Cable Company Limited

STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED
(Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIAPATHY ROAD, EGMORE,
CHENNAI-600 008. CIN U49999TN19715G005967

TENDER NOTICE
Tender Reference No. NIT No. 46 / CW / T.No. 46 / 2021-22, Dt: 25.10.2021
Sealed tenders are invited in Two Cover System (Technical bid and Price bid) from reputed Consulting Agencies having experience in similar nature of works for Consultancy Services for the Supervision of Construction of Industrial Housing Facility (Dormitory) at SIPCOT Industrial Park, Vallam-Vadagall in Kanchipuram District.

1) Tender Inviting Authority: The Superintending Engineer, SIPCOT, 19-A, Rukmani Lakshmiapathy 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-Vadagall 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 can be downloaded from www.sipcot.gov.in/ and www.tenders.tn.gov.in/ at free of cost.

4) 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)

5) 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)

6) Pre-Bid Meeting: 16.11.2021 at 11.30 AM

7) Place of submission of the tender: 29.11.2021 up to 3.00 PM at the address mentioned in SLNo (1) above.

8) Date, Time and Place of opening of the tender: 29.11.2021 at 3.30 PM at the address mentioned in SLNo (1) above.

DIPR/ 3105 /TENDER/2021 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

* தொழில் வளத்துத் துறையின் கீழ் இயங்கும் அரசுப் பதிவு இல்லத்தின் கீழ் உள்ளது *

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 Management System at PLL.

Interested parties are requested to visit our website www.petronetng.in for detailed eligibility criteria along with other necessary details for issuance of tender document.

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@petronetng.in

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED
CIN-U40102RJ2000SGC016484 (A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking)

Suratgarh Super Critical Thermal Power Project, Suratgarh-325805

ONLINE TENDER NOTICE: TN-52/RVU222WSQB1166)

E-tenders are invited for Annual Contract for Routine/Breakdown and Annual maintenance of Boiler & its Auxiliaries of Unit# 7 & 8, 2x660MW at SSCPTP, Suratgarh. Tender details are available on websites <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> (for e-tender), www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.

Raj.Samwad/C/21/7686 RVUN-PR-3585 Chief Engineer (STPS-SC)

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ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (AIIMS), BHUBANESWAR
(A Statutory Body under aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
Engineering Branch (Civil), Shilpa (Department), Bhubaneswar (Odisha)-751019
www.aiimshubaneswar.nic.in

File No. -AIIMS/BBSR/Engg./CIU-2621/Minz/Work/039 Dates : 26th Oct 2021

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubaneswar invites e-Tender for the Work(s) for Interior Work at Reception Area of Dharmasala Building, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar (NIT No.: AIIMS/BBSR/Engg./027/2021-22). The detailed Tender Document along with Last Date & Time of Submission of Tender can be viewed & downloaded from the website www.aiimshubaneswar.nic.in, www.tenderwizard.com/AIIMSBBBSR & CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Civil) I/C
AIIMS, Bhubaneswar

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ACROSS

1 Wealthy backer takes time - it's the custom (9)

8 Being a heel I deserted Louise (5)

9 A communication you'll understand when you get it (7)

10 Olympian master of arts (6)

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 (8)

18 One way to get inspiration (6)

20 Put on a ship taking back a native of Australia (6)

21 Far from friendly? (7)

22 Old woman is little credit to one (5)

23 Convincingly act as estranged couples do (4,1,4)

DOWN

2 Put oil on an eel that has been prepared (5)

3 Give up but accept the contract again? (6)

4 Evidence in camera? (8)

5 Go by in turn please (6)

6 Weapon advocated by a misogynist? (7)

7 Little known but giving one credit (9)

11 Let out and enrich (9)

13 It may be taken to promote good feeling (8)

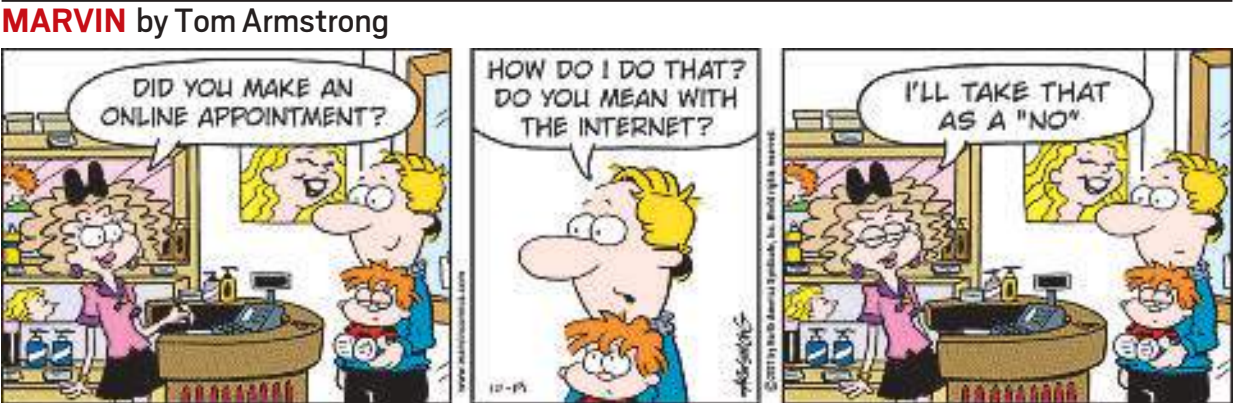
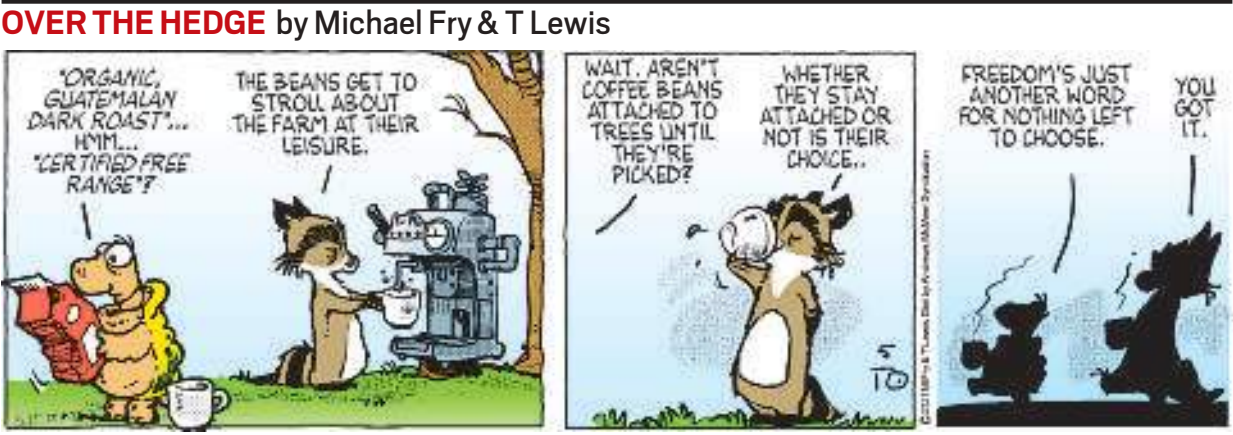
14 An excuse can appear so naive (7)

16 A girl distributes medals (6)

17 Confine to silence (4,2)

19 It goes inside a ship (5)

Solutions Crossword 4570: Across: 1 Acronym, 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.



JUMBLE 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.

Art in Nature is _____ and has a horror of constraint. - Robert Delaunay (8)

HRWIR

AEINCM

FLOTY

RSTUHH

Answer: Art in Nature is a horror of constraint. - Robert Delaunay (8)

SUDOKU 4637

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 nine boxes.

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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4536

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3 9 4 7 1 2 6 5 8
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9 3 6 8 7 4 1 2 5
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4 1 5 3 2 6 8 9 7
6 5 3 4 8 7 9 1 2
7 4 9 2 3 1 5 8 6
1 8 2 5 6 9 4 7 3

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL DELHI CANTT

SADAR BAZAR ROAD, DELHI CANTT-110010
www.apsdelhicantt.com, 25693777, 25692720

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from firms/manufactures/dealers with professional expertise in procurement of items for setup of vocational skill lab at Army Public School, Delhi Cantt. RFPs with specification can be downloaded from school website www.apsdelhicantt.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 queries contact APS Delhi Cantt on 25693777, 25692720.

Presiding Officer

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Jagmati W/o Raj Singh R/o H.No. 187, Village Bakkarwala, near Shiv Mandir, Delhi** has been Missing/kidnapped from the area of PS: Ranhola, Delhi since 08.10.2021 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 is under

Age: 46 Years, Complexion: Shallow, 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

Sd/- S.H.O., Ranhola, Delhi
DP/1244/OD/2021 Phone: 011-28363001/28363002

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, राँची

अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

टेन्डर रेफरेंस नं०-प०नि०वि०/राँची-38 / 2021-22

दिनांक :- 26.10.2021

1.	कार्य का नाम	विभागीय सूचीबद्ध परामर्शी से रिंग रोड से झारखण्ड जंगुआर (एस.टी.एफ.) परिसर पथ का विस्तृत परियोजना प्रतिवेदन कार्य।
2.	अनुमानित लम्बाई	0.850 कि०मी०
3.	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	30 दिन
4.	निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि एवं समय	01.11.2021 एवं 02.11.2021 को कार्यालय अवधि में।
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।
8.	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल राँची, मोहराबादी, राँची-834008.
9.	निविदा प्राप्ति एवं जमा करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम	(क) मुख्य अभियंता (यातायात) का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड, अभियंत्रण छात्रावास सं०-2, प्रथम तल्ला, धुवा, राँची। (ख) अधीक्षण अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ अंचल, राँची। (ग) कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल राँची।
10.	कार्यालय हेल्यलाईन संख्या	0651-2361018

निविदा http://prdjharkhand.in/online_tender.php एवं कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, राँची।

PR 255672 Road Construction Dept Road Division Ranchi(21-22).D

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited

(CIN : U40108JH2013SGC001702)

Regd. Office : Engineering Building, H.E.C. : Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004, Telephone :-0651-2400799 & Fax : 0651-2400799
<https://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

स्वहित एवं राष्ट्रहित में कर्ना बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को 18003468570 (कॉल सेंटर) पर दर्ज करायें।
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 declared 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.

SHO P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi
DP/1147/NE/2021 Ph.: 011-22172410, 8750870722

ई प्रोक्वोरमेन्ट सेल

मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय कम्पाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग

भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची

ई प्रोक्वोरमेन्ट नोटिस

टेन्डर रेफरेंस नं०- BCD/CE/66/Gumla/2021-22 दिनांक- 26.10.2021

1	कार्य का नाम	Repair of Rural Welfare Hospital Nagfeni ,Sisai Dist-Gumla
2	प्राक्कलित राशि (रु०)	रु० 3,12,76,000.00 (रुपये तीन करोड़ बारह लाख छिहत्तर हजार) मात्र।
3	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	09 महीने
4	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	3.11.2021
5	वेबसाइट पर बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अंतिम तिथि/समय	16.11.2021 के 11.00 AM तक
6	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	ई-प्रोक्वोरमेन्ट सेल मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, कम्पाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टैंक रोड, राँची। 9973708817
7	प्रोक्वोरमेन्ट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	9334994126
8	ई-प्रोक्वोरमेन्ट सेल का हेल्यलाईन संख्या	

• किसी भी प्रकार का बदलाव <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

• अन्य किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

Note: UCAN Registration is mandatory for the Bidders

नोडल पदाधिकारी ई-प्रोक्वोरमेन्ट सेल, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, कम्पाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टैंक रोड, राँची

PR 255604 Building (21-22)_D

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**.

By order Babru Bhan Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West) Room No. 101, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/1146/RD/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 50 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'6", Wearing: Khakhi Colour Shirt**, who was admitted in LBS Hospital, Delhi and during treatment doctor declared him as dead. In this regard a case **DD No. 24A dated. 20.10.2021 has been registered at P.S. Mayur Vihar, Delhi**.

Any person having any information or clue about the above deceased may kindly inform the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO P.S: Mayur Vihar, Delhi
DP/765/ED/2021(UIDB) Tel. No. 011-22711048

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a lady namely **Asha Devi, W/o: Mithlesh Kumar, R/o: H. No. D-64, Swarn Park, Mundka, Delhi** has been reported missing/kidnapped since 09.10.2021 from the area of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 64-A dated 11.10.2021 has been registered at P.S. Nangloi, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped lady is as under:

Name: Asha Devi, Age: 36 Years, Height: 5', Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Yellow Colour Suit-Salwar and Blue Chapple in feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Nangloi, Delhi

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO Police Station Nangloi, Delhi
DP/1248/OD/2021 Ph: 011-25947225, 7065036127

TELANGANA STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED

Regd. Office: "B" Block, #6-3-6551/A, Civil Supplies Bhavan, Somajiguda, Hyderabad -500082
Telangana

Ln.No.MKTGM/2/OSB/KMS 21-22 Dated:26.10.2021

SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE

Tenders for supply of serviceable old 50KG gunnies to be delivered at various buffer godowns/MLS Points/PPCs of TSCSCL located in 1. Jagtial_pegadapalli, 2. Jagtial_Metpalli, 3. Vwarangal-R_Narsampet, 4. Nalgonda_Nalgonda, 5. Nizamabad_nizamabad2 Districts of Telangana State for packaging of Paddy during KMS 2021-22 are being called for through Govt of Telangana e-Procurement Platform. Tenders will be opened for technical scrutiny on 30.10.2021 from 2.00 P.M. onwards and RFP can be downloaded from <https://eprocurement.telangana.gov.in> & www.tscscl.telangana.gov.in. Contact details: 7995050702, 7995050703 Sd/- DIPR No. 2280-PPICL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2021-22 For Vice Chairman & Managing Director

झारखण्ड सरकार

पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग

ई-प्रोक्वोरमेन्ट सूचना

ई-निविदा प्रसंग सं०:- RCD/HAZARIBAG/858/2021-22 दिनांक :- 23.10.2021

1.	कार्य का नाम	पथ प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग अन्तर्गत "हजारीबाग (संत कोलम्बस कॉलेज) चुरसू-हत्थारी मोड़ (On NH 33) पथ (कुल लम्बाई 30.038 कि.मी.) का राईडिंग क्वालिटी में सुधार कार्य। वर्ष 2021-22
2.	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में)	रु. 13,59,16,541.00 (तेरह करोड़ उनसठ लाख सोलह हजार पाँच सौ एकतालिस रुपये मात्र)
3.	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	08 (आठ) माह
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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 reasons".

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 ongoing

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 movement. AP

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*.

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 score.

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 Caribbean was 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 lot.

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 Hoseni 1/27) by 8 wickets.



Aiden Markram galloped to 51 not out off 26 balls to lead South Africa over the line on Tuesday. AP

EXPRESS AT T20 WORLD CUP



SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
SHARJAH, OCTOBER 26

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 sixes 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

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

A day of 'what if' for Hafeez



At nearly 42, **Mohammad Hafeez** keeps popping up in Pakistan teams like an ever-green 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 fist-pumped with joy during a phenomenal spell of four for 22 against New Zealand. Rauf's best leap was when he dismissed Glenn Phillips, the

muscular hard-hitter, with a 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 Gupthill 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 stayed 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 followed.

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 Gupthill who paid utmost respect, tapping them away. Everyone knows what he is going to do but they haven't come up with any answers yet.

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.



Haris Rauf finished with four wickets in his allotted 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 Gupthill'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

actly 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."

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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 post-match presentation.

After consecutive home 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 top-order 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 2/28).



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.

