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China's law can hit border pacts: India

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

A FORTNIGHT after they blamed each other for failing to make headway in talks over the military standoff on the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, India Wednesday expressed "concern" over China's new land boundary law, calling it a "unilateral" move that has implications on bilateral

The Ministry of External Affairs's official spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India expects that China "will avoid action" under the pretext of this law, which could "unilaterally alter the situation" in border areas.

On October 23, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's ceremonial but top legislative body, passed the new law for "protection and exploitation of the country's land border areas", to come into effect from January 1. The law asks the state to

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90% with Covid antibodies in Delhi's latest sero survey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

AROUND 90 per cent of those tested as part of the sixth serological survey in Delhi have Covid antibodies, official sources said Wednesday.

The latest sero survey was conducted in the last week of September, and a total of 28,000 blood samples were collected from all the 280 civic wards.

Sero positivity shows the presence of antibodies in samples, and the last such survey in Delhi, conducted in January, showed a rate of 56 per cent.

While sero prevalence is usually indicative of the infection rate, officials said the high percentage in Delhi could also be due to the "robust" vaccination numbers (see table).

"We cannot say that 90% of the people who have been tested have contracted the infection since we also have to account for vaccination. Delhi's vaccination numbers are very robust. But it is also true that the second Covid wave had a devastating impact in Delhi and almost every family

3 Agra students held for cheering Pak win; college

shuts over outsider entry I&K students, were arrested on

Wednesday for allegedly sharing PAGE 8 anti-India messages after Pakistan's win over India at a T20

The administration of Raja Balwant Singh Engineering CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

World Cup match on Sunday.

% POSITIVE IN **EARLIER SURVEYS**

JUNE 2020	22.86%
AUG 2020	29.1%
SEPT 2020	25.1%
OCT 2020	25.5%
JAN 2021	56.13%
Total cases	14.39 lakh
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was affected. In two months

(April and May), the city recorded

around 7.5 lakh cases and 13,000 deaths," an official said. Over the past three months, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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'No free pass': SC rejects Govt's Pegasus denial, orders probe into snooping charges

Panel to find out if any govt agency got spyware, if use cleared, details of targets

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

MAKING CLEAR that the State cannot get "a free pass every time the spectre of 'national security' is raised", the Supreme Court Wednesday ordered a "thorough inquiry" into allegations of unauthorised surveillance using the Pegasus spyware.

The inquiry will be conducted by a three-member technical committee constituted by the court and its functioning will be overseen by Justice R V Raveendran, a retired judge of the Supreme Court, who will be assisted by two other experts.

The committee has been asked to conduct the inquiry and submit its report to the Supreme Court "expeditiously". The matter will be heard again after eight weeks.

Ruling on a batch of 12 petitions which sought an independent probe into the alleged illegal use of the Israeli NSO Group spyware Pegasus, the bench of Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli said "the Petitioners have placed on record certain material that prima facie merits consideration by this Court. There has been no specific denial of any of the facts averred by the Petitioners by the Respondent - Union of India. There has only been an omnibus and vague denial in the 'limited affidavit' filed by the Respondent – Union of India,



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PUSHBACK ON PEGASUS By APAR GUPTA

SC HAS DONE THE **RIGHT THING**

which cannot be sufficient. In such circumstances, we have no option but to accept the prima facie case made out by the Petitioners to examine the allegations made".

While acknowledging that it is "a settled position of law that in matters pertaining to national security, the scope of judicial review CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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SC moved the needle on privacy, press freedom, Govt security alibi

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

ATTHE heart of its significant order on the Pegasus snoop allegations, lie three key imperatives that the Supreme Court has underlined: the right to privacy of citizens; freedom of the press including the right of journalists to ensure protection of their

sources; and the limits of national security as an alibi by the Government to block disclosure of facts related to citizen's

three-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice of tional aspirations and rule of India N V Ramana, in ordering a



Order by Bench with CJI Ramana, Justices Kohli and Kant

in (the) political rhetoric." On the government's refusal to file a detailed response to the allegations made by the petition-

probe by a committee headed by former Supreme Court judge R V Raveendran, flagged that its intervention is to "uphold the constitulaw" without being "consumed

ers, the court cited the 2011 landmark ruling on black money Ram lethmalani v. Union of India CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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Bajrang Dal got Munawar's show cancelled, say organisers

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 27

BAIRANG DAL members from Gujarat allegedly came down to Mumbai, threatened the owner of Rangshardha auditorium that was to host stand-up comic Munawar Faruqui's show and got it cancelled, according to the show's organisers

Sources said the Bajrang Dal members also allegedly threatened the owner of a Borivali hall, which was also to host Faruqui. leading to cancellation.

The shows were to take place on October 29 at the hall in Borivali (West) and on October 30 and 31 at Rangsharda auditorium in Bandra (West).

Purnima Shah, owner of Rangsharda auditorium, said, "We were threatened on Tuesday by three members of Bajrang Dal. They said 'this show is against Hindus'.... I told them that the organiser has censor certificate, but still the Bajrang Dal members were threatening us...so we decided to cancel the show." A senior police officer said: "We warned Bajrang Dal that action will be taken if it creates any issue. We also served notice to organisers."

HC pulls up UP cops for arrest from Delhi without info

SOFI AHSAN

NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 27

PULLING UP the UP Police for registering a kidnapping case against a Delhi family in a matter connected to alleged elopement of a woman and for making arrests in the case without informing Delhi Police, the Delhi High Court has asked the SHO of Shamli police station in UP to remain present before it on Thursday along with the case file.

"One fails to understand when [the woman] is major and has left her parental home of her own free will and married to [the man], how an offence under Section 366 IPC and consequential offence under Section 368 IPC is made out. It is unfortunate that even without finding that [the woman] was major or minor, and without finding correct facts from her, arrests in the FIR in question have been made." Justice Mukta Gupta said in an order.

The court passed the order in the petition of a couple, who stated that they got married on July 1, 2021. The court was told that the woman's parents are against the marriage and have been threatening them.

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Press freedom

to say that the Government "should not take an adversarial position when the fundamental rights of citizens are at threat".

'This free flow of information from the Petitioners and the State, in a writ proceeding before the Court, is an important step towards Governmental transparency and openness, which are celebrated values under our Constitution," the court said.

The apex court also refused to accept the blanket argument of national security made by Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta when he refused to file a detailed affidavit or answer whether the Centre had procured the spyware at all.

Indeed, the court moved the needle on holding the government accountable when it refused to accept the sweeping use of national security to deny information to the court. In fact, it said that now on, the Government will have to plead

"Of course, the Respondent-Union of India may decline to provide information when constitutional considerations exist, such as those pertaining to the security of the State, or when there is a specific immunity under a specific statute. However, it is incumbent on the State to not only specifically plead such constitutional concern or statutory immunity but they must also prove and justify the same in Court on affidavit," the Court

That's not all. The court also rejected the government's plea to set up its own probe. "Such a course of action would violate the settled judicial principle against bias, i.e., that 'justice must not only be done, but also be seen to be done'," it said.

Citing the right to privacy, the court said that "privacy is not the singular concern of journalists or social activists.'

"In a democratic country governed by the rule of law, indiscriminate spying on individuals cannot be allowed except with sufficient statutory safeguards, by following the procedure established by law under the Constitution."

The court has set six terms of reference for the Justice Raveendran Committee that range from confirming the use of Pegasus spyware on citizens, details of those affected to whether the government or any other party procured the spyware to use on citizens and the laws that could have allowed such use. Significantly, these are the same questions the government refused to answer before

The court has also asked the Raveendran committee to make recommendations on a legal and policy framework to protect citizens against surveillance and enhance cyber security of the

Significantly, the court also emphasised freedom of press and the right of journalists to protect sources as a compelling reason to initiate the probe.

"Such chilling effect (alleged surveillance) on the freedom of speech is an assault on the vital public- watchdog role of the press, which may undermine the ability of the press to provide accurate and reliable information," the court said.

"An important and necessary corollary of such a right is to ensure the protection of sources of information. Protection of journalistic sources is one of the basic conditions for the freedom of the press. Without such protection, sources may be deterred from assisting the press in informing the public on matters of public interest," it added.

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the Covid situation in Delhi has improved significantly. Cases re-

No national security free pass, says SC, orders Pegasus probe

is limited". the bench said "this does not mean that the State gets a free pass every time the spectre of 'national security' is raised. National security cannot be the bugbear that the judiciary shies away from, by virtue of its mere mentioning. Although this Court should be circumspect in encroaching upon the domain of national security, no omnibus prohibition can be called for against judicial review... The mere invocation of national security by the State does not render the Court a mute spectator".

It listed what it called the "compelling circumstances that have weighed with us to pass such an order":

■ Right to privacy and freedom of speech are alleged to be impacted, which needs to be examined.

- The entire citizenry is affected by such allegations due to the potential chilling effect. ■ No clear stand taken by the Respondent--Union of India regarding actions taken by it.
- Seriousness accorded to the allegations by foreign countries and involvement of foreign parties. ■ Possibility that some foreign
- authority, agency or private entity is involved in placing citizens of this country under sur-■ Allegations that the Union or
- State Governments are party to the rights' deprivations of the Limitation under writ juris-
- diction to delve into factual aspects. For instance, even the question of usage of the technology on citizens, which is the jurisdictional fact, is disputed and requires further factual examination.

The terms of reference of the committee include: ■ Whether the Pegasus suite

of spyware was used on phones or other devices of the citizens of India to access stored data, eavesdrop on conversations, intercept information and/or for any other purposes not explicitly stated herein?

■ The details of the victims and/or persons affected by such a spyware attack.

■ What steps/actions have been taken by the

Respondent--Union of India after reports were published in the vear 2019 about hacking of WhatsApp accounts of Indian citizens, using the Pegasus suite of spyware.

- Whether any Pegasus suite of spyware was acquired by the Respondent--Union of or any State Government, or any central or state agency for use against the citizens of India?
- If any governmental agency has used the Pegasus suite of spyware on the citizens of this country, under what law, rule, guideline, protocol or lawful procedure was such deployment made?
- If any domestic entity/person has used the spyware on the citizens of this country, then is such a use authorised?

Express — two current and one former — are among the over 40 journalists and over 100 others whose phone numbers figure in a leaked list of potential targets of surveillance by an "unidentified agency," using the Pegasus spyware, The Wire had reported as part of a global investigation drawing on data accessed by Paris-based Forbidden Stories. Prominent among those whose phones were targeted were Rahul Gandhi, Ashwani Vaishnaw, Prashant Kishor, Abhishek Baneriee, Prahlad Patel, Ashok Lavasa and Rakesh Asthana.

During the hearing in the set up the committee.

said it is turning down the government's request due to allegations that the Union or state governments are party to the deprivations of rights of the citizens. It said allowing the re-

Three editors of The Indian

Supreme Court, the Centre had filed a brief affidavit "unequivocally" denying the allegations and said the matter involved national security questions due to which it did not wish to put the details in a public affidavit and make it a matter of public debate. It said it would divulge the details to a committee of experts who would examine the issue. It urged the court to allow it to

But the bench, in its order,

guest "would violate the settled judicial principle against bias, i.e., that 'justice must not only be done, but also be seen to be done'.' Noting it was "an extremely

uphill task to find and select experts who are free from prejudices, are independent and competent" and that "some of the candidates politely declined... while others had some conflict of interest", the bench named a three-member technical committee comprising Dr Naveen Kumar Chaudharv. Dean of National Forensic Sciences University in Gandhinagar; Dr Prabaharan P, Professor at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham in Kerala; and Dr Ashwin Anil Gumaste, Institute Chair Associate Professor at Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. The committee's functioning will be overseen bv **Iustice** Raveendran who will be as-

expert Dr Sundeep Oberoi. The bench expressed displeasure over the "limited affidavit" filed by the government saving it "does not shed any light on their stand or provide any clarity as to the facts".

sisted by former IPS officer

Alok Joshi and cyber security

The bench said "if the... Union of India had made their stand clear it would have been a different situation, and the burden on us would have been different. Such a course of action taken by the... Union of India, especially in proceedings of the present nature which touches upon fundamental rights... cannot be accepted".

The ruling also touched upon the aspect of privacy rights, noting "certain limitations exist" but "any restrictions must necessarily pass constitutional scrutiny" The bench said the "right to

privacy is directly infringed when there is surveillance or spying... by the State or by any external agency" and "if done by the State... must be justified on constitutional grounds".

Elaborating on the need for balancing privacy concerns with the security needs of the state, the bench said it "is cognizant of the State's interest to ensure that life and liberty is preserved and must balance the same. For instance, in today's world, information gathered by intelligence agencies through surveillance is essential for the fight against violence and terror. To access this information, a need may arise to interfere with the right to privacy of an individual... The considerations for usage of such alleged technology, ought to be evidence based. In a democratic country governed by the rule of law, indiscriminate spying on individuals cannot be allowed except with sufficient statutory safeguards".

"Somewhat allied to the concerns of privacy," it said, "is the freedom of the press". It recalled observations made by the Supreme Court in the case of Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Private Limited v. Union of India, (1985) 1 SCC 641: The freedom of press, as one of the members of the Constituent Assembly said, is one of the items around which the greatest and the bitterest of constitutional struggles have been waged in all countries where liberal constitutions prevail. The said freedom is attained at considerable sacrifice

It said "it is undeniable that surveillance and the knowledge that one is under the threat of being spied on can affect the way an individual decides to exercise his or her rights. Such a scenario might result in self-censorship. This is of particular concern when it relates to the freedom of the press... Such a chilling effect on the freedom of speech is an assault on the vital public-watchdog role of the press, which may undermine the ability of the press to provide accurate and reliable information".

and suffering...."

"An important and necessary corollary of such a right is to ensure the protection of sources of information. Protection of journalistic sources is one of the basic conditions for the freedom of the press. Without such protection, sources may be deterred from assisting the press," it said.

Circle Officer (Lohamandi) Saurabh Singh said the three students, identified as Arsheed Yusuf, Inayat Altaf Sheikh and Showkat Ahmed Ganai, were arrested around 5 pm on Wednesday. "They will be presented in front of a magistrate tomorrow," said the officer. The three were booked un-

der IPC Sections 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups) and 505(1)(B)(with intent to cause, or which is likely to cause, fear or alarm to the public, or to any section of the public), and 66-F of the Information Technology Act for allegedly sending WhatsApp messages "against the country" after Sunday's match. The case was lodged at Jagdishpura police station on Tuesday after protests were held by Hindu outfits outside the college demanding their arrest.

While Yusuf and Sheikh are third-year students of civil engineering, Ganai is a fourth-year student from the same depart-

The college's chief proctor, Dr Ashish Shukla, said the three are among 11 students studying under the PM Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS). "Of the 11, seven were present on campus on Sunday, while four were not here. After the incident, we had to shut down the college so the remaining Kashmiri students have also left the campus," said Dr Shukla.

"We have already informed the AICTE (All India Council of Technical Education) about the incident and the subsequent action. We took action on time. Our only issue is, how can some people just enter the college and create a ruckus," said Shukla.

On Wednesday evening, the administration announced that the college would be shut until action is taken against those who entered the college forcibly on Tuesday. "Yesterday, the college was functioning like it does when around 3.45 pm, several outside elements entered the college premises illegally and disrupted the studies. They also tried to forcefully enter the hostel, which is wrong and unacceptable. They did not have any conversation with the director of the college regarding this. When they could not enter the hostels, they raised slogans in the premises and also blocked the road outside," reads the statement issued by the college.

after police personnel arrived at the spot, the outsiders continued their protest till late in the night. "They also used objectionable language against the three students and also the college administration. They also said the college is a shelter for youths with separatist ideology, and made an attempt to ruin the college's image," reads the statement, saying that until the trouble makers face action, "the institutes of the RBS family will remain shut." The RBS Group has seven educational institutes across UP.

The statement said that even

On Wednesday, the J&K Students' Association wrote to UP CM Yogi Adityanath, urging that the case against the three students be dropped since it will ruin their future and further alienate them".

Under the PMSSS scheme, 5,000 scholarships are offered every year to students of J&K to pursue undergraduate studies in areas such as engineering, medical, nursing, pharmacy, hotel management, agriculture, architecture and commerce in a list of select institutes. Apart from tuition fees, the scholarship also gives students Rs 1 lakh for living expenses. During the pandemic, when colleges were shut, this amount was brought down to Rs 40,000. The largest number of applications is usually received from Kashmir, followed

ported in a day have remained under 100 since August and the average positivity rate below 0.1 per cent.

The average number of people tested per day was around 70,000 till September, and about 55,000 in October. On Wednesday, 38 Covid cases were reported at a positivity rate of 0.06% -- over 59,000 tests were conducted and no deaths were reported.

Sero surveys in other cities, conducted after the second wave and vaccination drives, also show high sero prevalence.

In the survey conducted in Mumbai in August, the prevalence of Covid antibodies was 86.64 per cent. The rate was 80.2 per cent in a survey started in Chandigarh in July, and 78.3 per cent in the one conducted in Haryana's Gurgaon September.

China's law

follow the principles of "equality, mutual trust, and friendly consultation, and handle land border related-affairs with neighbouring countries through negotiations to properly resolve disputes and longstanding bor-

New Delhi's sharp response

is similar to Beijing's "concern" in August 2019 over India's decision to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370.

It also comes almost a yearand-a-half into the unresolved border standoff between the two countries. China has resolved boundary disputes with all its neighbours, except India and Bhutan.

gaged on the north and south banks of Pangong Tso and Gogra Post, but not at Hot Springs where they continue to face each other ever since the Chinese crossed the LAC in May 2020. The Chinese have also been

In Ladakh, troops have disen-

preventing Indian troops from accessing traditional patrolling points on the Depsang Plains, not far from the strategic Indian outpost at Daulat Beg Oldie near the Karakoram Pass in the north. "China's unilateral decision

to bring about a legislation, which can have implications on our existing bilateral arrangements on border management as well as on the boundary question, is of concern to us," the MEA spokesperson said.

Detailing India's position, the spokesperson said: "Such a unilateral move will have no bear-

ing on the arrangements that both sides have already reached earlier, whether it is on the Boundary Question or for maintaining peace and tranquility along the LAC in India-China Border areas. We also expect that China will avoid undertaking action, under the pretext of this law, which could unilaterally alter the situation in the India-China border areas."

He said: "China's law also states among other things that China abides by treaties concluded with or jointly acceded to by foreign countries on land boundary affairs. It also has provisions to carry out reorganisation of districts in the border ar-

Underlining that India and China "have still not resolved the boundary question", the MEA said that both sides have agreed to seek a "fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable" resolution through consultations "on an equal footing". They have also concluded

the interim, the spokesperson New Delhi also reminded Beijing that "the passage of this

New Delhi

new law does not in our view confer any legitimacy to the socalled China Pakistan "Boundary Agreement" of 1963 which the Government of India has consistently maintained is an illegal and invalid agreement". India maintains that under this agreement, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 km of Indian territory in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir to In August 2019, after India

decided to abrogate Article 370, China had expressed "serious concern" and said that "the parties concerned should exercise restraint and act with caution. especially to avoid actions that unilaterally change the status quo and exacerbate the tension". In its response, the MEA had

said that "India does not comment on the internal affairs of other countries and similarly expects other countries to do like-

Agra students

Technical College, which rustiseveral bilateral agreements, cated the three students on protocols and arrangements to Monday, announced that the maintain peace along the LAC in college would be shut down until action is taken against those who forcibly entered the college on Tuesday demanding the arrest of the Kashmiri students.

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DAY AFTER CM VISIT

Ayodhya to be added in Delhi govt free pilgrimage scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE DELHI Cabinet Wednesday approved the inclusion of Ayodhya in its free pilgrimage scheme for the elderly, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal an-

At present, Amritsar, Ujjain, Shirdi, Jammu, Dwarka, Tirupati, Rameshwaram, Haridwar, Bodh Gaya are among locations that are part of the Mukhyamantri Teerth Yatra Yoina, wherein senior citizens are taken to pilgrimages by the government free of

"We decided in the cabinet meeting today that Ayodhya will be added to Mukhyamantri Teerth Yatra Yojna. Under this



CM Kejriwal on his visit to Ayodhya Tuesday

scheme, senior citizens are taken for pilgrimages completely free of cost. All expenses, including AC train tickets, AC accommodation, food, local travel, are borne by the government. Those going for the trip can take one person along, for example, a child. Their apply for scheme

Around 35,000 people have been taken on pilgrimages by the government so far. People can online on edistrict.delhigovt.nic.in. They can also apply by visiting the office of the

expenses will also be borne by the government," Kejriwal said. The scheme, launched in 2018, has been on hold since the

Divisional Commissioner.

MLA of the area or Teerth

Yatra Committee.

onset of Covid but is expected to restart soon.

During his visit to Ayodhya Tuesday, Kejriwal had promised that the Ram temple would be made part of the scheme. A cabinet meeting was scheduled immediately after the visit.

AAP leaders, including Kejriwal, have been visiting different states where elections are due next year, including Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa and Uttarakhand. The polls are crucial to the party's expansion plans and state units have been working to broaden their base.

While the party's main campaign point has been free power and subsidies, along with an improvement in government schools, it has also held various Tiranga yatras in Uttar Pradesh.

Farm fires, calm winds make Delhi's air quality plummet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

DELHI'S AIR quality index once again slipped to the 'poor' category on Wednesday, and is likely to deteriorate further to the 'very poor' category by Thursday.

The AQI on Wednesday was 232 with PM10 being the main pollutant, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) bulletin. So far this month, the national capital has recorded four 'poor' AQI days.

AOI in the 201 to 300 range is considered 'poor', while an index between 301 and 400 is categorised as 'very poor'. AQI in the 'poor' range can cause "breath-

ing discomfort to most people on prolonged exposure", and 'very poor' AQI can lead to "respiratory illness on prolonged exposure", according to the CPCB.

Going by the SAFAR forecast, the effective fire count in the northwest of Delhi is 656. The contribution of crop residue burning to PM2.5 levels is 16%, the SAFAR forecast said. The wind direction is from the northwest, favouring transport of pollutants, and local winds are calm making the dispersion of pollutants difficult. The air quality, is likely to deteriorate to the 'very poor' category on October 28, and to the "higher end" of the 'very poor' category on October

29, the SAFAR forecast said.

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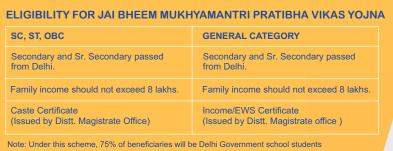
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Delhi schools to reopen for all classes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

AFTER MORE than 19 months of a Covid-induced shutdown. schools in Delhi will be permitted to re-open for all classes — including at the primary levelfrom November 1.

The announcement by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Wednesday, permitting all schools - government and private —to reopen for all classes, came as a surprise for stakeholders considering that in late September, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) had decided that schools in the city may only be allowed to reopen for nursery to Class 8 after the festive season.

While the expert committee constituted by the DDMA to plan for school re-opening had recommended in August that schools re-open for classes 6 to 8 in September, it recommended that they open for children of primary and pre-primary grades in the third phase.

Even before the national lockdown had been announced on March 24 2020, schools across Delhi had closed from March 12 as a precautionary measure against the spread of Covid-19. Since then, students of primary and middle school grades have not returned to schools.

In January this year, schools

12 and in February, classes 9 and 11 were allowed to go to school. However, with the onset of another wave of Covid, schools shut down completely on April 9.

With the daily Covid caseload continuing to drop, schools opened for classes 9 to 11 once again on September 1. However, there was no approval then for allowing younger children back

Wednesday's announcement means that primary and middle school students will be permitted to return to school after more than a year and a half. However, schools may function only at 50 per cent capacity on any given day and attendance will be voluntary with students requiring parental consent to report to school. All schools will be directed to follow a blended or hybrid model of teaching-learning.

Sisodia also said no parents are to be pushed into sending their children to school. Schools have been directed to ensure complete vaccination coverage of all staff members, including non-teaching staff.

"It was informed in the DDMA meeting that in all schools, 98-99% staff have received at least one dose of the vaccine. But now they should expedite the second dose as well and ensure that the few people who haven't yet received the first dose get it," said Sisodia.

Private schools may wait till after Diwali

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 27

AFTER THE Deputy Chief Minister's announcement that schools will be permitted to open for all grades from November 1,

many private schools are contemplating opening for the younger children only after the Diwali break, and school transport is still not likely to be available at most. For most schools and parents,

the announcement that the next phase of reopening from November 1 will extend to all primary and middle grades at the same time came as a surprise as they had been expecting this to happen in a staggered manner, beginning with middle school grades, followed by primary.

Schools have been open since September 1 for classes IX to XII and have been reporting varying levels of physical attendance, from as much as 80% in some government schools to less than 50% in private schools.

At DAV Public School Pushpanjali Enclave, the physical attendance has been around 60-70% for classes IX-XII. Principal Rashmi Biswal said they are looking forward to welcoming younger children back to school



Schools open since September 1 for classes IX to XII. Archive

but would have to work through some logistical challenges first.

"We were preparing for classes V to VIII, and the announcement that the reopening will be for primary grades as well came as a surprise. I'm a little worried about the handling of younger children. But the first step will be to drop a line to all parents that we are planning the reopening and to get a rough estimate of how many students are willing to come. In a physical parent-teacher meeting I had with preschoolers in August, there was a lot of excitement to come to school, which they have never been to. Working parents are also under a lot of pressure... With the need to open up all grades, maintain 50% capacity in rooms, and have blended learning, there's quite a lot of burden. Many schools, including ours, had streamlined their staff during the pandemic and we'll have to reappoint," she said.

She said they will only reopen after the Diwali break, in the second week of November.

At Bal Bharti Public School Pitampura, principal Meenu Goswami said they are likely to open after Diwali. She said school buses are not likely to resume as it is not "financially viable".

"On a given day, we can only call only 50% students, and we don't know how many of them will actually attend. I don't know how many of those children will take the bus... It's not financially viable to rope in a private contractor with these considerations. And if we do introduce bus services, we'll have to hike up the transport fee," she said.

However, she said the school is prepared to take on blended learning for all grades with interactive panels in all classrooms.

At government schools which are still functioning as sites for non-teaching activities, space remains a concern for the next phase, "We are excited to have our students back and the issue we face is that of space. My school has vaccination sites, and each site is operating with three classrooms. We will be able to bring it down to two rooms per site, but there are some other schools with five sites. Even for classes IX to XII, we have only been able to call different classes on alternate days to accommodate them at 50% capacity. But we are prepared for blended teaching since we have access to the required Google platforms, tablets and have even purchased tripods to facilitate recording," said PD Sharma, head of a government school in Peeragarhi and general secretary of Vice and Principals' Association

DOORSTEP DELIVERY OF RATION

Even if scheme not stayed, your issues with Centre remain: HC to Delhi govt

SOFI AHSAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday said that the Delhi government cannot challenge the Centre's objection to its scheme for home delivery of ration "by a side wind" and clarified that even if it has not stayed the scheme, the same does not resolve the government's issues with the Centre.

Meanwhile, the Union government submitted that it has challenged before the Supreme Court the HC order of last month, which allowed the Delhi government to curtail the supplies of the existing fair price shop owners to divert the same for home delivery of ration.

The division bench of Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Jasmeet Singh said that it seems the Delhi government wants a "stamp of approval" from the court, even when the issue of conflict between the Centre and the Delhi government is not before it. Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, representing the Delhi government, earlier submitted that the court should clarify that there is no stay and that there should be implementation.

However, the court said that it has already clarified that there is no stay. It further said that the implementation apparently is stuck because of the issue between the Delhi government and the Centre. We are not concerned with the issue in the petition before us, added the court.

"Assuming that this petition is dismissed, your problem... which you are facing, the issue between Union of India and GNCTD does not get resolved; that is not an issue before us, that has not been brought before us. Whenever it is brought, we will look at it," observed the court.

The court made the observations while hearing a petition filed by the Delhi Sarkari Ration Dealers Sangh challenging the tenders issued towards implementation of the scheme on home delivery of ration, which seeks to create a parallel mechanism for distribution of rations under the PDS scheme through private dealers at people's doorstep.

The Delhi government, through an application on Wednesday, sought modification of an earlier court direction asking it to share details of those who have opted for doorstep delivery of ration with fair price shop holders. The government said the data will be misused.

However, the court said FPS licensees already may have the basic data about families and the other information like Aadhaar details can be redacted before disclosure. "You can always redact."

Petition seeks removal of 'unnecessary' police barricades from roads

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday issued a notice to the Centre and the Delhi Police on a petition seeking removal of "unnecessary and hazardous" barricading from the roads in the national capital, and strict compliance of the standing order on use of mobile barricades.

The division bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh, while asking authorities to respond to the petition, listed the case for hearing on November 24.

A petition filed by Jan Sewa Welfare Society states that there is a "menace of unmindful and erratic installation" of mobile barricades by police on the roads and in residential colonies. The plea states that the same is a violation of the guidelines contained in a 2018 standing order on the usage of iron barricades.

"The petitioner is also aware of the fact that one of the reasons for huge traffic jams in Delhi is unnecessary barricading of roads by Delhi Police. It is evident that mismanagement and unprofessional attitude of Delhi Police in installation of iron barricades on several roads all over Delhi causes grave hardship and inconvenience to the safety, security and welfare of the public," the organisation has said in its petition.

According to the petition, the guidelines specify that barricades need to display the names of police stations they belong to, have necessary fluorescent paint or reflective tape in case they are used during the night, the staff deployed near them also must wear specially designed fluorescent jackets, they under no circumstances should be left unmanned, and they should be positioned in such a manner that while the traffic slows down for checking, heavy vehicles should

not have difficulty moving.

New Delhi: A group of farmers from the Hind Mazdoor Kisan Samiti heading towards Singhu border to protest against the illing of Lakhbir Singh alleged they were manhandled and lathi-charged by the Delhi Police. The protesters tried to remove barricades Wednesday evening,

The protesters said they came from Uttar Pradesh and by Nihang Sikhs, and that they wanted to protest against farm-

ficer. ENS

BRIEFLY —

Central Vista: L&Tawarded contract

New Delhi: Engineering and construction major L&T Wednesday was handed over the contract for the construction and maintenance of the first three buildings part of the new Common Central Secretariat under the Central Vista revamp plan.

Nihang Sikhs hold meeting at Singhu

New Delhi: A meeting was held by Nihang Sikhs at Wednesday to decide the further course of action regarding the farmers' protest. The gathering comes days after a protester was killed, allegedly by Nihang Sikhs, who claim he desecrated the Sikh holy book. The Nihangs are likely to hold a conference Thursday to further provide clarity on their participation.

Two injured after a fight with neighbors

New Delhi: Two men were injured after a fight broke out between two groups in Northeast Delhi's Seelampur Wednesday. A video was uploaded on social media showing two men covered in blood, alleging that their neighbours were celebrating Pakistan's win in the cricket match and when they objected, they thrashed them with bricks. ENS

HEIGHT OF FILTH

Ragpickers at the Ghazipur landfill, known as the largest 'garbage mountain' in Delhi-NCR, on Wednesday. Praveen Khanna

Pre-decided venues, limited attendance for Chhath in capital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE DELHI Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Wednesday decided to allow Chhath celebrations in public in the capital.

The body, which is headed by the Delhi L-G Anil Baijal, had earlier banned public celebrations of the festival, which is primarily observed by people from

"Many people's sentiments are associated with Chhath, the DDMA has granted permission to celebrate it in public... We have observed that Covid is under control in the city and there is no need to worry, but there is a need to be very careful. The celebrations will have to follow a very strict protocol, celebrations will be held only at pre-decided locations, a limited number of people will be allowed and masks will be mandatory," said Deputy Chief Minister Manish

The earlier decision to ban celebrations in public had drawn flak from the state units of the BJP and the Congress, putting pressure on the AAP-ruled Delhi

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had appealed to the Centre to allow the festival to be celebrated, while Sisodia had written to the Health Minister asking him to consult a group of experts and come out with guidelines for the festival.

According to estimates, close to a third of Delhi's population is originally from the Purvanchal region, which includes eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Over the years, Chhath has become one of the main festivals celebrated in the city, and the Delhi government along with civic bodies makes arrangements for celebration at the banks of Yamuna.

Firefighter dead as part of building falls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

A 31-YEAR-OLD firefighter, injured while controlling a factory fire, succumbed to his injuries Wednesday. Police said Praveen Kumar was posted in the Outer district of Delhi Fire Services

The Delhi government has announced an ex-gratia of Rs 1 crore for Kumar's family. Home Minister of Delhi Satyender Jain visited the family and said he was a "brave officer and a martyr of the DFS".

On October 9, a fire had broken out at a paper plate factory at Narela, and 33 fire tenders were rushed to the spot.

While the team managed to douse the fire, the rear portion of the building collapsed on three firefighters. They received burn injuries and were rushed to Lok Nayak, where Kumar died on Wednesday morning.

Two retired professors from Delhi University commit suicide at Kalkaji

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

TWO RETIRED Delhi University professors allegedly committed suicide inside their home in Southeast Delhi's Kalkaji. Police said the deceased had been confined to bed for months after suffering injuries in a road accident. While the husband used to teach at Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, the wife had been a teacher at Maitreyi College.

The police found two suicide notes at the spot stating that the couple were "fed up of being bedridden".

Police said they received a PCR call about the incident around 3.45 pm Wednesday. The couple's daughter told the police that she found her parents hanging from steel pipes.

The deceased were identified as Ranjit Kumar (74) and Usha Kumar (69)

The couple lived with a caretaker who went to the house in the afternoon but found that the door was locked from the inside. He informed the daughter, who lives near the house

The two broke the lock and found the couple hanging.

Esha Pandey, (Southeast), said, "Our team has inspected the scene. Two suicide notes were found on the table The couple wrote that they were fed up with their bedridden life due to multiple fractures after an accident. Nothing suspicious has been found."

Last year, the couple were going to Gonda in Uttar Pradesh to attend a wedding when they met with a car accident.

Their family told police that Ranjit injured his spinal cord while Usha had multiple fractures. Recently, they had started to walk again but weren't feeling well because of age-related issues, police were told

Farmers' group alleges lathi charge at Singhu

but were removed from the area.

Haryana to give "ardas" to

Lakhbir, who was allegedly killed ers at the Singhu border.

Protesters alleged eight to ten persons sustained injuries. The Delhi police said they only used "mild force" to remove protesters and maintain peace. "They wanted to protest against people already sitting there. This could lead to tension," said an of-

SPREAD ACROSS DELHI

Saptarani: Hard-to-miss fragrant sentinels that come alive before winter

ASHNA BUTANI & ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE SAPTAPARNI is hard-toentire streets are swathed in the unmistakable smell of its flowers in the evening, and vehicles parked beneath the trees are peppered with the tiny, white blooms that have become associated with these days of the year, when rains have subsided and a slight

nip in the air heralds the arrival

Some are stealthtucked into smaller lanes and main roads. The tree was first planted in the 1940s at Golf popular avenue tree.

TREES

OF DELHI

others line the city's Links and it is now a Its leaves, which

radiate from a common centre, are just as hard to miss. Dr Faiyaz Khudsar, who is

in charge of the Yamuna Biodiversity Park, said that the leaves are 'palmately compound', which means they are sym-

metrically arranged around a common The name

Saptaparni comes from Sanskrit words 'sapta', meaning seven, and 'parni', which means leaves. They generally have seven compound



The tree was first planted in the 1940s at Golf Links and it is now a popular avenue tree. Ashna Butani

leaves but could have anywhere the smell was so strong that he between four to eight.

Dr Faiyaz said that one starts getting a whiff of the flowers by late September. October to December is the tree's flowering season. He explained that the ultimate objective of any flower is to attract pollinators. Each tree has thousands of flowers, which

"For many, it's a beautiful smell while for others, pollen in the air is a hazard," he said. He recalled a time this season when

attract bees and wasps.

could sense it inside his car, with a mask on. The tree's scientific name is

Astonia scholaris and it is also popularly known as the 'devil's tree' or the 'blackboard tree'. The bark was used to make blackboards and slates at one point. Traditionally, its leaves have been awarded to students graduating from Visva Bharati in Shantiniketan. Hence, the tree is commonly known as the 'scholar tree' or the 'blackboard

According to Pradip Krishen's book 'Trees of Delhi', the old and large Saptaparni trees can be found at Delhi Golf Course. Tall trees can be found near the Sheesh Gumbad at Lodhi Garden and outside the Indian International Centre

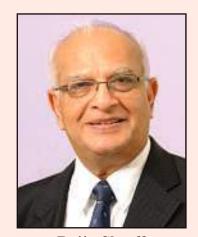
The tree is evergreen and comes from forests in the submontane Himalayas. It can also be found in Peninsular India, the Eastern and Western Ghats.

Small Farms

The millions that made India an agricultural powerhouse

"Need to increase the collective power of our small farms. Make them national pride"

- Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi, 15th Aug 2021



Rajju Shroff

Small is the new big. Majority of the farms in India belong to the small and marginal category with holdings of less than 2 hectares (ha). The average size of operational holdings is only 1.08 ha, down from 2.28 ha in 1970s. Yet, India's agricultural production has rapidly accelerated in recent decades to become the second largest one, globally. India ranks fifth and ninth respectively in industry and services sector. This emphatically demonstrates the innovation, ingenuity and hard work of the millions of small farmers of India. Adoption of modern methods coupled with traditional skills help the small farms to grow sustainably.

It is an acknowledged fact that small farms are efficient producers of labour-intensive crops/ commodities. The average size of farm holdings in West Bengal is 0.76 ha.

West Bengal is the largest producer of vegetables (29.55 mill tons in 2019-20). The state of West Bengal produces 60% vegetables that the entire United States of America (USA) produces. Uttar Pradesh produces more milk than New Zealand. Andhra produces more fish than Japan. There are several such triumphant achievements by the small farms in the arena called Indian agriculture.

Our Prime Minister is right to urge the people to make the small farms pride of India. India was once a chronic importer of food grains. Today, India is the world's largest exporter of rice.

Indian farmers are multi-skilled. Driven by the economic necessity to maximize the returns, these small farms have evolved through self-engineered innovation, especially since 2000. They produce a variety of agricultural and allied products round the year. Between 2000 and 2019, India's agricultural output has grown 300% from \$101 bn to \$ 479 bn (World Bank). The growth in agricultural production has outstripped the population growth. The infamous theory of Thomas Robert Malthus that "the growth of human population always tends to outstrip the agricultural production" is now buried and forgotten.

India's global rank in select food products.

Sr. No	Commodity	India's production in 2019-20	India's global rank in production
1	Milk	198	First
2	Rice	119	Second
3	Wheat	108	Second
4	Fruits	102	Second
5	Vegetables	189	Second
6	Cotton	6.13	First
7	Spices	10.3	First
8	Sugarcane	370	Second
9	Eggs*	114	Third
10	Fish	14.16	Third

Source: 1. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Unit: mn tons

2. Economic survey 2020-21 report by Ministry of Finance

*Eggs: bn no's

India's agricultural output is larger than that of the USA that supplied food grains to us in 1960s to tide over acute shortage of wheat and rice.

Indian agriculture is as diverse as her culture. Small farms and their inherent heterogeneity remain the hallmark of modern farming in India. Mixed crop-livestock system is the most dominant model. This model of inclusive agriculture achieves manifold biological, ecological, environmental and socio-economic benefits. It is also highly sustainable.

Small scale mixed farming is our strength. This makes Indian agriculture remarkably resilient, vibrant and less vulnerable to uncertainties.

Thanks to small farms, every unit of farmland in India produces multiple agricultural outputs. Land use intensity and labour use intensity remain high in family-owned small farms. Consequently, the aggregate agricultural output per unit area/year in India is among the highest in the world.

While assessing the relationship between the farm size and productivity, one must go by the multiple output generated per unit area. This would include crop output plus that of the livestock in value terms.

Crop Yield vs Total Output

If we are to fairly evaluate the relative productivity of small and large farms, we must discard "yield" as our measurement tool. Yield means the production per unit area of a single crop....."

"While a monoculture may allow for a high yield of one crop, it produces nothing else of use to the farmer"

Small farmers on the other hand, especially in the third world, are much more likely to plant crop mixtures. They also tend to combine or rotate crops and livestock. with manure serving to replenish soil fertility.

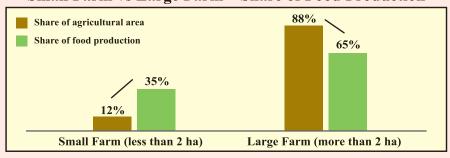
Therefore, if we are to compare small and large farms we should use total output, rather than yield. Total output is the sum of everything a small farmer produces: various grains, fruits, vegetables, fodder, animal products, etc.

While yield almost always biases the results toward larger farms, total output allows us to see the true productivity advantage of small farms.

Source: "The Multiple Functions and Benefits of Small Farm Agriculture In the Context of Global Trade Negotiations" (Sept 1999) by Peter M. Rosset, Ph.D. Executive Director Food First, The Institute for Food and Development Policy Oakland, CA USA

Latest FAO data show that small farms of the world, though occupying only 12% of the cropped area, account for as much as 35% of the food production. The empirical evidence is loud and clear. In terms of production efficiency, the small farms of the world outperform the large farms due mainly to mixed farming. Small farms generate more wealth per unit area.

Small Farm vs Large Farm – Share of Food Production



Data Source: "Which farms feed the world and has farmland become more concentrated?" by Sarah K. Lowder et al, June 2021. (www.sciencedirect.com)

According to the latest data from the World Bank, the global agriculture production is \$3,522 bn. Of this, nearly \$2,170 bn (i.e 62%) comes from Asia. The top two global leaders in agricultural production are China (\$1020 bn) and India (\$479bn). The USA ranks third (\$197 bn). Despite the lower farm sizes, China and India have emerged as the world leaders in agricultural production. These two countries account for over 40% of the world's agricultural output.

Advantages of Small Farms:

Their "multi-functional" character makes them more productive and enables them to contribute more to economic development than the large farms.

The small farms are innovative users of available resources. It is common in India to see a food grain / cotton / vegetable farmer doubling up as dairy farmer / poultry keeper / aqua culturist. Small farmers are generalists. They are bestowed with many skills.

The small farms are neither capital intensive nor input intensive. Family labour plays a major role in the small farms.

India's international trade in agricultural products fetches our country valuable trade surplus every year. In the last five years, the trade surplus has sharply increased from \$8bn (Rs 52, 993 cr) to \$19 bn (Rs 1,40,148 cr).

Trade Surplus from India's International **Trade of Agricultural Products.**

Veen	Agricultural Trade				
Year	Export	Import	Trade Surplus		
2016-17	32	24	8		
2017-18	37	23	14		
2018-19	37	20	17		
2019-20	35	20	15		
2020-21	40	21	19		

Source: Ministry of Commerce Database Unit: \$ bn (Accessed on 19th August 2021)

With further increase in agricultural export to around \$100 bn and reduction in import, the trade surplus can easily cross \$50 bn in the next few years. It is relevant to mention that the global agri export is over \$1700 bn.

There exists huge scope to increase our agri. export. Export of farm products would achieve inclusive growth leading to reduction in poverty and inequality in the rural India.

How to build a culture of pride in small farms and enhance their revenues?

Building pride is a collective effort. Institutions, both government and private, have the prime responsibility in bringing out the sunny side of small farms. Traditionally, our minds have been conditioned to look down upon the small farms. This must change.

Remember, the small farms are no less innovative or progressive than the large ones. They are the ones who secured us the food sovereignty besides food security. Small farmers are fast learners. They quickly adopt new technologies and often modify them to suit their needs. Young farmers increasingly take to digital platforms to connect to their peers and distant markets.

Also remember that our dependence on the small farms is set to grow substantially as global diets diversify.

Small farms utilize mostly family labour, fewer external resources such as electricity, fossil fuel, fertilizers and pesticides. Therefore, the small farms leave less impact on the environment than the large farms. For example, though India ranks 2nd in agricultural production it ranks 10th in pesticide consumption globally. The European Union consumes 6 times more pesticides (3,67,779 tons) than India (61,702 tons) – yet the EU's food production is much less than India.

Small farms are of great ecological and economic importance in the world striving for sustainable development. Small farms grow region specific food crops and nurture diet diversity. Examples include tapioca in Kerala, ragi in Karnataka, makhana in Bihar etc.

Women empowerment is at its best in the small farms. As men increasingly enter the nonfarm sector, most small farms are managed by women. According to the World Bank, the percentage of women employment in Indian agriculture is 55% (2019), double than that of the global average of 25%.

"The Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are India's engines of growth", observed the World Bank. Similarly, the small farms fuel the growth in the agricultural sector.

We must stop pitying the small farms and start patronizing their produce. India is currently the 4th largest retail market in the world. Buying and consuming the agricultural products produced by the small farms is a virtuous act to show our pride in India's small farms.

Our agricultural commodities are highly price competitive and affordable. It is only in India one can easily buy 1 dozen bananas or eggs for less than 1 USD (Rs 74). We need to take every effort possible so that the small farms of Bharat contribute more and more to the GDP through national and international trade. This and this alone, will bring a multiplier effect in Indian agriculture and help increasing the farmers income.

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6 GOVT & POLITICS



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LEARNING ON THE MOVE

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi, who has made meetings of his Council of Ministers a regular affair like Cabinet meetings, gave some interesting suggestions to his ministers at the last meeting held at Sushma Swaraj Pravasi Bharatiya Bhavan earlier this week. He suggested that the ministers could have a carpooling system to come for the meeting, sources said. This will not only save energy but also give them an opportunity to share information about their ministries with each other, he is learnt to have told the ministers. Apparently, the suggestion was to get one Cabinet minister and two junior ministers in the same car. The ministers were also advised to ensure that work of their respective ministries should be visible on the ground as well

GROUP INFO

UNION HEALTH Minister Mansukh Mandaviya held a national review meeting with state health ministers at Vigyan Bhawan on Wednesday. In the early part of the meeting, a proposal was floated to start an interactive group with the state health ministers on WhatsApp — to facilitate their real-time interaction with the Union Health Minister. By the time the meeting ended, the group had already been created and the state ministers informed Mandaviya about it. They told Mandaviya that the WhatsApp group will provide them a platform to discuss issues with him.

GUNS AND ROSES

THE BJP and Andhra Pradesh's ruling YSRCP appear to be sharing a strange relation. On a day BJP secretary in charge of Andhra Sunil Deodhar targeted the YSRCP government and Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy at a press conference, YSRCP's Rajya Sabha MPV Vijaysai Reddy showered praises on the central government for a number of initiatives. Taking to Twitter, he lauded Home Minister Amit Shah for sending a "strong message to disruptors of peace" in Jammu and Kashmir. "His stay at CRPF camp in Pulwama has reassured army personnel & civilians that the Centre is working towards putting J&K on the path of peace & development," he tweeted. He also appreciated initiatives taken by other ministries, including Railways, Health and Education.

Amarinder hints at pact with BJP, backs Centre BSF order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, OCT 27

IN HIS first press conference since his resignation last month as Amarinder Singh defended the Centre's decision to enhance BSF jurisdiction in the state, saying it was to counter the threat posed by drones from across the border.

"To say that enhancement of BSF jurisdiction is wrong is not fair. Nobody is taking over the states. It is just that they are on the lookout for drones in a 50-km area."

The Centre's decision to extend the BSF's jurisdiction from 15 km to 50 km inside the international border along Punjab, West Bengal and Assam triggered furious reactions from Oppositionruled states, with an all-party meeting in Punjab, barring the BJP, passing a unanimous resolution

Monday rejecting the notification. At the press conference, Singh said Pakistan and Khalistanis were fomenting trouble. "The technology of drones is changing fast. They may come ever deeper into



Amarinder

give assistance to Punjab Police if we want peace," he said.

Singh said he would announce his new party soon, "Lawyers are working on finalising the name (of the party). Let EC decide. We have made a request for a symbol and name... We will contest on all 117 seats. We will have a seat-sharing arrangement with BIP. I have not said we will be allying with BJP."

Saving he has "not vet talked to the BJP", he made it clear that he had no intention of aligning with Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) but only with breakaway Akali groups. "To defeat the Congress, SAD and AAP, we will all have to work as a joint force," he asserted.

Taking on his detractors, par-

ticularly Navjot Singh Sidhu and Randhawa. Sukhiinder Amarinder slammed them for indulging in petty issues. He also dismissed as "baseless" the allegations against Aroosa Alam.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Wednesday emphasised the importance of a resilient global value chain and reiterated India's commitment to provide Quadsponsored vaccines to Indo-Pacific nations.

Speaking at the East Asia Summit (EAS), Modi recalled India's support of \$1 million to

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE OPPOSITION parties on

Wednesday welcomed the

Supreme Court's decision to set up

an independent panel to "enquire,

investigate and determine" if the

Pegasus software was used for

step" towards uncovering the

truth. The NCP hoped the panel

"will not be under any pressure

from the government." The CPI

said the Supreme Court had repri-

senior Congress leader Rahul

Gandhi said his party was "quite

happy" with the court's decision,

but asserted that they would con-

tinue to raise the issue in

Parliament. "But this is a deeper

problem. If the PM is using this as

a personal tool....if the data is ar-

riving on the PM's desk then it is

totally criminal...we will follow it

up," he said. "Pegasus is an at-

tempt to crush Indian democ-

by the government and the

Minister of Telecommunications

has been exploded by the SC or-

der. The primary basis of the or-

der is that Pegasus spyware was

acquired by an Indian govern-

ment agency. The second basis is

that Pegasus was used against

MEGHALAYA

TORA AGARWALA

GUWAHATI. OCTOBER 27

A DISTRICT autonomous council

in Meghalaya is attempting to

modify a customary practice of

inheritance of the Khasi tribe in

which the youngest daughter of

the family is bequeathed the full

District Council (KHADC), an au-

tonomous body under the Sixth

Schedule of the Constitution, is

scheduled to introduce the Khasi

Hills Autonomous District Khasi

Inheritance of Property Bill, 2021,

for "equitable distribution" of

parental property among sib-

lings – both male and female –

in the autumn session of the

society and trace inheritance and

descent through mother's clan.

The Khasis are a matrilineal

Council on November 8.

The Khasi Hills Autonomous

share of parental property.

"All the casuistry marshalled

racy," he said.

Addressing a press conference,

manded the government.

The Congress said it was a "big

unauthorised surveillance.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

ASEAN Covid-19 Recovery Fund.

Participating in the 16th East Asia Summit earlier on Wednesday via videoconference, Modi also stressed the importance of Free, Open and Inclusive Indo-Pacific and raised the idea of developing global standards on cybersecurity.

The summit was hosted by Brunei as EAS and ASEAN Chair. It saw participation of leaders from ASEAN countries and other EAS Participating Countries, includ-

Indian citizens. I am certain that

the inquiry will bring out the mul-

tiple violations of law by the gov-

ernment," said senior Congress

mained obdurate and arrogant,

denying discussion on the

Pegasus issue and derailing the

monsoon session of Parliament.

After the Supreme Court order,

they have egg on their face," said

senior Congress leader Anand

ment had refused to give a cate-

gorical answer to the Supreme

Court on whether any state

agency used Pegasus spyware or

not". "This evasive stand, itself,

was an admission of their com-

"The top court has not only

assured a thorough investigation

changing Khasi inheritance custom

The 'custodian'

IN MOST Khasi families.

ancestral property is be-

daughter, who becomes

'custodian'. Custom dic-

tates she can't sell prop-

erty without permission

of her maternal uncle.

Activists point out that

custodianship is often

ship by the daughter.

misconstrued as owner-

"In the Khasi custom, the

youngest daughter inherits all

the property of the parents. As a

result, the siblings [not just boys,

queathed to youngest

plicity in the matter," it said.

District council to introduce Bill

The CPI(M) said the "govern-

"The BJP government re-

leader P Chidambaram.

Sharma.

ing Australia, China, Japan, South Korea, Russia, the US and India.

In his remarks at the Summit, the Ministry of External Affairs said. Modi reaffirmed the importance of EAS as the premier leaders-led forum in the Indo-Pacific, bringing together nations to discuss important strategic issues.

"(The) Prime Minister highlighted India's efforts to fight the Covid-19 pandemic through vaccines and medical supplies,"

Opp hails SC order on Pegasus: Cong says

but also promised a guarantee

for the protection of the privacy

of the individual," said CPI(M)

Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas, one

of the petitioners in the Supreme

the government has not allowed a

discussion in Parliament on issues

like internal security and Pegasus.

"We are happy that the BJP has

been caught sleeping on the is-

committee has been constituted,

it is expected that it will function

on expected lines, will not be un-

der any pressure from the govern-

ment, and will come out with a

clear guideline with regard to ex-

tent of right of privacy of common

man as also the extent of the au-

thority of the state to intrude upon

but also eldest girl siblings], do

not get their share," KHADC chief

Titosstarwell Chyne said, adding

it resulted in a "lot of problems".

able to take loans because there

is no collateral. Sometimes,

when a couple has no children,

and there is no genuine heir, the

clan takes over the property, as

per custom. It leads to a number

While "equitable distribu-

tion" of ancestral property is the

main objective of the Bill, Chyne

said another provision will let

parents decide who they want to

early to say whether such a Bill

will actually be made into a law.

Even if the KHADC does pass it,

Paragraph 12 A of the Sixth

Schedule says the right of pass-

ing a district council law rests

with the state legislature.

Commentators say it is too

will their property to.

of litigations...

"Many times, boys are not

it," said NCP's Majeed Memon.

"Now that the independent

sues," he said.

TMC leader Derek O'Brien said

Rahul Gandhi addresses media in Delhi, Wednesday. Anil Sharma

"The Prime Minister also spoke about 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaign for post-pan-

demic recovery and in ensuring resilient global value chains. He emphasised on establishment of a better balance between economy and ecology and climate sustainable lifestyle.'

The 16th EAS also discussed important regional and international issues, including Indo-Pacific, South China Sea, UNCLOS, terrorism, and the situation in Korean Peninsula and Myanmar. Modi reaffirmed "ASEAN centrality" in the Indo-Pacific and

highlighted the synergies between ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific (AOIP) and India's Indo-Pacific Initiative (IPOI).

EAS leaders adopted three statements on mental health, economic recovery through tourism and sustainable recovery, which have been co-spon-

PM: Committed to free and open Indo-Pacific Kerala bishops' Modi to meet Pope on Oct 30

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will have an informal meeting with Pope Francis during his Europe visit beginning Friday, the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC) said on Wednesday.

The "meeting between His Holiness Pope Francis and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will take place on Saturday, October 30," KCBC president Cardinal George Alenchery said in a statement, quoting official sources. Sources said the Vatican con-

firmed the visit, scheduled for 8.30 am, which should include a 30minute tête-à-tête between

Describing it as a "historic meeting", Cardinal Alenchery said it will "add more energy and warmth to the relations between our country and the Vatican and the Catholic Church".

Modi will be travelling to Rome and Glasgow from October 29 to November 2 to attend the G-20 Summit and the World Leaders' Summit of COP-26 respectively, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has said.

'Exercise restraint' while campaigning: EC to Assam CM

Guwahati: The EC on Wednesday let off Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for violating the Model Code of Conduct, with a "warning" that he must "exercise restraint" while campaigning for upcoming bypolls in the state.

'The commission... cautions him to be more careful and exercise restraint in future..." a notice by NT Bhutia, secretary of the poll panel, said.

The EC on Monday sent a show-cause notice to Sarma on the basis of complaints made by Congress leaders – for allegedly violating the poll code by making announcements on

big step, NCP hopes no pressure on panel Court order in line with Centre's affidavit: BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE BJP said on Wednesday that the Supreme Court's order was in line with the government's affidavit which sought an expert committee to "counter" the "attempt to create a false narrative" by people with "vested interests".

"The government filed an affidavit which categorically said there was an attempt to create a false narrative by people with vested interests, and it would be fair to appoint an expert committee to counter this narrative. The court today appointed a committee. We welcome it," said BIP spokesperson Sambit Patra.

"The affidavit clearly said it was a manufactured controversy based on some conjectures, surmises and unsubstantiated reports. The committee is to look into it, and will do its investigation. BJP believes in democratic

values. Truth will prevail," he said. The JD(U), an ally of the BJP, also welcomed the order, saying it upheld the constitutional rights of citizens. "The SC has upheld the right to privacy, which is a constitutional right. The court has held that it has to be ID(U) leader K C Tyagi. He recalled that Bihar Chief Minister and JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar was among the first leaders to seek a probe into the issue. Earlier, the government had

protected at every level," said

stonewalled demands by Opposition parties for an inquiry, or even a debate in Parliament, on the Pegasus issue. The BJP, which had maintained that it was a "non-issue", was embarrassed when Nitish Kumar backed the Opposition's demand for a probe and a debate in Parliament. Meanwhile, a senior official

of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said the ministry will study the SC's order and the terms of reference of the expert committee. "Our official stand for now is the same as what the minister said in Parliament. These allegations are intended to just sensationalise,' said the official

An email sent to the IT ministry, seeking an official response, did not elicit any response. Earlier this year, IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had said that the Pegasus issue was an attempt "to malign Indian democracy and its well estab-

Shah: PM Modi most successful

administrator since Independence

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi has changed the "scale and size" of schemes initiated by the central government and has given GDP a human face during his seven-year tenure, and is the most successful administrator the country has seen after Independence, Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday.

"Terms like good governance, change, reforms, or economic development would not resolve the problems faced by the country. It's not just administration... the leader has to handle development, preserve and take forward the culture of the country, ensure security — all these can be done only by a leader who has people's support. Only those who come from the ground and sense the pains of the poor can



Home Minister Amit Shah at an event in New Delhi, Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

change it...Even though Narendra Modi considers himself the 'pradhan sewak', I can say with conviction that he is the most successful administrator the country has had since Independence," said Shah while speaking at the national conference on 'Delivering Democracy: Review of two decades of Narendra Modi as head of Two Governments', organised by

Reiterating that Modi's re-

forms [as chief minister] in Gujarat's education sector laid the foundation for the state's development. Shah said. "I have been trolled for saying this... But want to say this again. Unpadhon ki fauj lekar koi desh vikas nahi kar sakta (No nation can develop with an army of illiterates)... Those who are not conscious of their rights and their duties cannot take part in the development of the nation."

"This (his similar remark earlier) was interpreted as my being against the uneducated... in fact, I believe they are victims... Educating them is the responsibility of the system," he said.

Taking a strong exception to the criticism that Modi's schemes were copied from the previous governments, Shah said the Prime Minister changed the size and scale of the schemes

Tarapur bypoll: RJD places a caste bet to upset JD(U)

SANTOSH SINGH TARAPUR. OCTOBER 27

OFTHE two assembly constituencies in Bihar, where bypolls are scheduled to be held on October 30, Tarapur in Munger district appears to be giving some nervous moments to ruling JD(U) and its NDA allies

Over the past fortnight, top ID(U) leaders, from Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his deputy Tarkishore Prasad to state ministers, have either held poll meetings or camped here, joining an intense campaign to retain the seat it won in 2020. Ally BJP's leaders, including Sushil Kumar Modi and Shahnawaz Hussain, too visited Tarapur to boost JD(U)'s prospects.

Principal opposition party RJD, sniffing an opportunity, has also intensified its campaigning with Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav making sure senior party leaders pitch in. In fact, on the last day of campaigning on Wednesday, RJD's biggest crowdpuller, party chief Lalu Prasad, addressed an election meeting here his first since the 2015 polls.

"I am here to ensure the immersion of Nitish Kumar government. It was Teiashwi who started the process, it is my job to complete it," Lalu said, as he targeted the Chief Minister for not doing enough to generate employment. He also targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing him of failing on all fronts.

This was two days after Nitish, at a poll meeting here, specifically targeted the RJD and Lalu's tenure as chief minister: "What had they done during their 15-year rule?"

Although development and jobs remain primary issues in campaigning, the RJD is pinning hopes on caste calculations to upset the ID(U).

While the JD(U) has stuck to a candidate from Kushwaha community, which has sent winners from the seat since 1980, the RJD has taken a calculated risk in field-



RJD chief Lalu Prasad with party leader Tejashwi Yadav at a public meeting in Tarapur town on Wednesday. Sanjay Das

ing a candidate from another OBC community, Vaishyas. The RJD strategy appears to revolve around efforts to split votes from Vaishya community, traditionally BJP supporters, while consolidating its own Yaday vote bank.

With 50.000 voters, Yadavs form a chunk in the constituency, followed by 45,000 Kushwaha voters and 30,000 Vaishya voters. There are also 20,000 Muslims. 30,000 from upper castes and 10,000 from Paswan community. With several ifs and buts play-

ing on minds, considering the close numbers between Yadavs and Kushwahas, the fight is expected to be tight, and vote consolidation may play a deciding role. In the 2020 polls, the RJD had fielded a Yadav candidate who lost

BIHAR Munger Patna TARAPUR

by only 7,000 votes.

This time, the result would be decided on how many upper caste and Vaishya votes split away from NDA. Asarganj's Vaishya community looks divided with the RID fielding Vaishya candidate Arun Kumar Sah. It looks touch and go. That is why NDA is using all its resources to retain the seat," said Krishna Kumar Das, a retired government employee from Dhouni.

"The NDA always took our support but never fielded a Vaishya. The RJD has valued us, so we will support Sah," said Ramesh Sah, a

businessman in Asarganj. But Deen Daval Keshri of Tarapur said, "Our pick could still be the NDA for all the development work it has done in past 16 years."

JD(U) candidate Rajiv Kumar Singh, who earlier contested unsuccessfully thrice from Tarapur, is considered a prominent leader of Kushwahas, much like Shakuni Choudhary, who won the seat several times since 1980 for various parties – last in 2005 for RID.

The ID(U) won the seat thrice since 2010, first by Neeta Choudhary, then by her husband Mewalal Choudhary in 2015 and 2020. His death necessitated the bypolls.

Incidentally, LJP (Ram Vilas) and Congress have picked upper caste candidates. While the party of Chirag Paswan, the MP from Jamui, under which Tarapur falls, has fielded Chandan Singh, a Rajput, the Congress has picked Rajesh Mishra, a Brahmin.

The other seat going to polls is Kusheshwar Sthan in Darbhanga, which was also held by the JD(U).

New Delhi

Huzurabad bypoll: In prestige battle, TRS takes on its ex-minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 27

THE BATTLE for Telangana's Huzurabad Assembly constituency, the home turf of former minister Eatala Rajender, is a matter of prestige for the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS)

The bypoll was necessitated by the resignation of Rajender, the former health minister who was dropped from the Cabinet on May 1 over allegations of land grabbing by a company owned by him.

The four-time MLA from Huzurabad resigned from the TRS and as an MLA on June 4 before joining BJP on June 14. Nominated by the BIP as its candidate, he challenged Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao to defeat him. The TRS has fielded Gellu Srinivas Yadav, the chief of

forts to win the seat, and salvage the pride lost in the Dubbaka bypoll and the elections for the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). While the BJP won the Dubbaka, it performed quite well in GHMC polls. The Chief Minister, while personally overseeing the campaign, appointed Finance Minister and

party leader THarish Rao to camp

in the constituency and bolster the

student wing TRS Vidhyarthi. It is

leaving no stone unturned in its ef-

chances of a TRS victory. The Congress has picked 29-

year-old B Venkat Narsing Rao, chief of the state's NSUI unit, as its candidate.Although the BJP has thrown its weight behind Rajender, the TRS may just have an edge over both BIP and Congress. "The party has strong roots and a huge support base in Huzurabad," said state minister Gangula Kamalakar said.

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI Guidelines for Swachh Bharat 2.0 launched

New Delhi: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on Wednesday released guidelines for the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission — Urban 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0 aimed at making all cities "garbage free" and "water secure". "SBM-U 2.0 envisions to make all cities garbage free and ensure grey and black water (used water) management in all cities other than those covered under AMRUT, making all urban local bodies ODF+ (open defecation free) and those with a population of less than 1 lakh as ODF++, and water+, thereby ensuring that no untreated used water is discharged in the open to pollute water bodies, thus achieving the vision of safe sanitation in urban areas," the ministry

WEST BENGAL

Ex-Chief secy receives death threat in mail

Kolkata: Former West Bengal chief secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay received a death threat in the mail, officials have said. They said the oneline letter, delivered by Speed Post Tuesday, was addressed Bandyopadhyay's wife Chakraborty Sonali Banerjee and was signed by one Gaurahari Mishra. Kolkata police said they have begun an investigation. Bandyopadhyay declined to comment. ENS

TAMIL NADU

Harassment case: HC rejects IPS officer plea

Chennai: The Madras High Court Wednesday rejected a plea from a suspended special DGP, facing charges of sexual harassment, to transfer the trial from the chief magistrate iudicial court in Villupuram to the territorial court. The accused, facing charges of sexually harassing a IPS officer during a bandobast duty in February, filed the petition to transfer the case to the judicial magistrate court having iurisdiction on the place where the offence was alleged to have been committed. PTI

New Delhi: Defence Minister

Rainath Singh addressed the

second leg of the biannual

conference of Army's top

commanders Wednesday,

expressing confidence that talks for the resolution of the

military standoff in eastern

Ladakh will continue. The

Rajnath addresses Army top

brass at commanders' meet

BOOKED FOR CHEERING PAK IN T20 WORLD CUP

Udaipur teacher arrested, out on bail

HAMZA KHAN

JAIPUR, OCTOBER 27

THE UDAIPUR teacher who was sacked from her job at a private school for posting a celebratory WhatsApp status on Pakistan's win over India in T20 World Cup match was arrested on Wednesday and later released on bail, police said.

Dalpat Singh, Station House Officer at Udaipur's Amba Mata police station, said Nafeesa Attari was arrested on Wednesday and produced in a court, "She said it was done as a joke but was a mistake," the SHO said. The investigating officer, ASI Ganpat Lal Sharma, said Attari accepted she made the comment. "The next hearing is on November 9," Lal said. Attari's phone has been seized as part of the probe.

Rajasthan education minis-

DEBRAJ DEB

workers.

North

AGARTALA, OCTOBER 27

POLICE ON Wednesday regis-

tered two cases and stepped up

security in North Tripura district's

Panisagar and nearby areas a day

after a mosque and some shops

were allegedly vandalised during

a rally by Vishwa Hindu Parishad

Superintendent of Police

Bhanupada Chakraborty said

prohibitory orders under Section

144 of the CrPc were imposed in

Panisagar and Dharmanagar

sub-divisions of the district.

Police said they provided secu-

rity cover to all mosques after the

incident. "We are keeping a vigil on the situation," Director

General of Police V S Yadav told

said two cases have been filed

against unidentified people for

North Tripura SP Chakraborty

ter and state Congress president Govind Singh Dotasra could not be contacted for comments.

A teacher at Neerja Modi School in Udaipur, Attari had posted a picture of Pakistani players with the caption, "Jeeeet gayeeee... We wonnn (sic)" on WhatsApp. After screenshots of her WhatsApp status surfaced on social media, the school management terminated her services. As per the termination letter dated October 25, she was "immediately expelled".

Subsequently, a case was filed against her under IPC Section 153 B based on a complaint by local Bajrang Dal leader Rajendra Parmar. The development comes days before bypolls to Udaipur's Vallabhnagar Assembly seat on October 30.

On October 24, India had lost its ICC T20 world cup opener against Pakistan by 10 wickets.

Tuesday's violence. No arrests

have been made so far.

Arrests, FIRs in UP, J&K, Haryana

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JAMMU, GURGAON, OCTOBER 27

A DAY after three Kashmiri students of an engineering college in Agra were booked for allegedly cheering Pakistan during Sunday's T20 World Cup match, two more people, including a jail warder in Bareilly, have been booked and two others arrested in Uttar Pradesh over social media messages and posts purportedly "favouring Pakistan".

In Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, two more people were taken into custody on Wednesday for allegedly raising pro-Pakistan slogans following the game, taking the number of people detained in Samba's Chak

Manga Gujran village for celebrating Pakistan's win to eight. More detentions are likely in the case, sources said

In Haryana, police on Tuesday booked a man for allegedly raising "Pakistan Zindabad" slogan in a video clip in Nuh's Pinangwa village. The FIR was registered on the complaint of a police official. The accused, Irshad, alias Saddam, was booked under different IPC Sections, police said.

In UP, most FIRs were registered on complaints lodged by members of Hindu Jagran Manch and BJP. Badaun police arrested a labourer, Mohammad Niyaz, 19, for his Facebook posts.

In Sitapur, one Musharraf was arrested for his WhatsApp status "favouring" Pakistan, while Bareilly police have lodged

a case against jail warder Arsh Ali Malik under IT Act.

Senior Sub-Inspector of Izzat Nagar police station, Sudesh Kumar, said Hindu Jagran Manch member Arun Kumar lodged a complaint against Malik for posting a WhatsApp status in favour of Pakistan. Police have invoked criminal intimidation and intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace against Malik. Superintendent of Bareilly district jail, Vijay Vikram Singh, said they have sought an explanation from Ali regarding his

WhatsApp status. Another person, Ayan Khan, has been booked in Bareilly Act on a complaint by a BJP leader for allegedly posting a controversial status on WhatsApp after Pakistan's victory, police said.

Probed all facts, says SIT as it denies Zakia Jafri charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE SUPREME Court-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT), which probed the 2002 post-Godhra riots in Gujarat, on Wednesday denied contentions by the wife of slain Congress MP Ehsan Jafri that it had not gone into all the facts related to the communal incidents, stating that it had "faithfully investigated everything".

"We will show you that we have faithfully investigated everything," Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the SIT, told a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar.

The bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheswhwari and CTRavikumar, is hearing the appeal by Zakia Jafri challenging the October 5, 2017 Gujarat High Court order upholding the Ahmedabad Metropolitan Magistrate Court's decision to accept the closure report filed by the SIT, giving a clean chit to the then Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi and 63 others

Rohatgi's statement came in response to a contention by Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, apnot inquired in detail into the presence of a minister in the police control room. "What business does the minister have in being in the police control room? Does this not need a probe?" asked Sibal.

He pointed out that a private person, Jaydeep Patel, was handed over the bodies of persons who were killed in the Godhra train carnage. "Question is, contrary to all rules of procedure, how was a dead body given to this individual through an official communication?" said Sibal, adding it calls for serious investigation.

"By the time these bodies reached Ahmedabad the crowd had gathered. Who made phone calls? How did anyone know that Patel was taking dead bodies? I don't know, but these have to be investigated. But SIT saying a departmental enquiry is not enough," he submitted.

The bench pointed out that it was not an ordinary investigation. SIT was ordered by the Supreme Court" and told Sibal to not "generalise it".

The arguments remained incomplete and the hearing will resume on November 10.

TRIPURA MOSQUE VANDALISED Akhilesh, Rajbhar share stage in Two cases registered; Mau: 'Have shut door for BJP' no arrests made so far

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 27

A mosque and some shops were vandalised in Panisagar. some 155km north of Agartala, allegedly by a section of VHP activists who took out a 3,500strong rally to protest against the anti-Hindu violence in Bangladesh, Tripura State Jamiat Ulama (Hind) President Mufti Tayebur Rahman asked Muslim Rajbhar. community members to refrain Speaking at a public meeting

from reacting to any instigation. Later on Wednesday, former chief minister and CPI(M) leader Manik Sarkar said in a statement, "Few protests were organised by the VHP against those incidents (Bangladesh violence) in different parts of Tripura. Few provocative programmes are being held in some places center-Tripura Police tweeted later

that the "law and order situation in the state is absolutely

ing these...

SAMAIWADI PARTY president Akhilesh Yaday on Wednesday shared the stage with Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party leaders in Mau district, saying that the door through which the BJP came to power in 2017 has been shut by SBSP chief Om Prakash

organised to mark the SBSP's 19th Foundation Day in Mau district, Akhilesh said, "You (Rajbhar) said it right. What happened in Bengal, will happen here as well. Here, it will be khadedha (removal) hobe (borrowing the Trinamool Congress's poll slogan in West Bengal, khela hobe). I said in Lucknow that the door through which BJP came to power has been shut by Om Prakash Rajbharji. We have locked it together. What will happen to the



SP chief Akhilesh Yadav along with SBSP chief Om Prakash Rajbhar at a rally in Mau on Wednesday. Express

"Purvanchal will rise to rewrite history in these elections. I am confident the marginalised communities of UP will flush the BJP out of the state. Your leader (Om Prakash Rajbhar) was with the BJP. See the state of Uttar Pradesh today. Where has it

reached?" the former chief minister said.

Rajbhar claimed that all the backward class leaders in the BJP are "loaders" who shine the shoes of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Prime Minister Narendra

Climate change to severely impact G20 nations: report droughts, threatening essential

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

Climate impacts will "tear through G20 countries" and will play out in the world's richest economies in the absence of urgent action to reduce emissions. according to a new report from the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (CMCC), the leading Italian research centre on climate change and National Focal Point for the IPCC.

The first study of its kind, G20 Climate Impacts Atlas collates scientific projections and said rising temperatures and intense heatwaves could cause severe

water supplies for agriculture, causing huge loss of human life and increase the chance of fires. In India, the report found,

drops in rice and wheat production could spark economic losses of up to 81 billion Euros and a loss of 15% of farmers' incomes by 2050. Heatwaves in India will last 25 times longer by 2036-2065 if emissions are high (4°C). Donatella Spano of CMCC,

who coordinated the report, said, "From droughts, heatwaves and sea level rise, to dwindling food supplies and threats to tourism, these findings show how climate change will hit the world's biggest economies, unless we act now.'

Report: Mumbai 2020 outage due to 'cascade tripping', not sabotage

YOGESH NAIK MUMBAI. OCTOBER 27

A REPORT by a technical audit Kalwa line was damaged in heavy committee set up to probe the October 12, 2020 power outage in Mumbai concluded that the hours-long breakdown occurred due to cascade tripping, and not due to cyber sabotage by Chinese hackers as suggested by an international cybersecurity firm and

The report, prepared by the eight-member committee headed by Professor B Fernandes of IIT-Mumbai's Department of

a Maharashtra minister.

four-day Army Commanders'

Conference began on October

25, in which the Army's lead-

ership is brainstorming about

current and emerging secu-

rity aspects to chart the future

course for the Army, in the

backdrop of the situation

along the borders.

Electrical Energy, was submitted in November 2020. "The report has said the outage happened due to cascade tripping. The Talegaon rains on October 10. This led to a load on three other lines." Principal Secretary in the Energy Department, Dinesh Waghmare,

told The Indian Express. There is no mention of sabotage in the report, Waghmare said. However, in its recommendations, the committee said the Centre's protocol to prevent cyberattacks must be strictly followed, he said. The energy department submitted an action taken report to the Cabinet Wednesday.

In March, a report in *The New* York Times said Recorded Future, a US-based cyber security company, had suggested a link between the Galwan clash and the Mumbai power outage. The report mentioned a "broad Chinese cybercampaign against India's power grid". The Chinese Foreign Ministry had rejected the report as "highly irresponsible".

Then state home minister Anil Deshmukh had said preliminary probe findings indicated the "blackout" could "probably have occurred" due to "attempts" by unidentified foreign agencies.

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SPECIAL SECRETARY (VIG)

EXPRESS explained.Live India's power sector and the future of coal In conversation with Partha Sarathi Bhattacharyya Karunjit Singh Former Chairman and Managing Director Senior Correspondent Coal India Ltd. The Indian Express

As the economy recovers, power demand has spiked. And with thermal power plants running out of coal, several states have faced load-shedding.

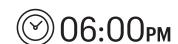
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10 cr haven't taken 2nd dose after prescribed interval, Centre tells states

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

ABOUT 10.34 crore people across the country have not taken the second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine after the prescribed interval between two doses, the Centre told the states on Wednesday.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya is learnt to have flagged the issue at a review meeting with state health ministers, and asked them to accelerate the second dose coverage. Sources present at the meeting said the Centre said that among the 10.34 crore, 85 per cent had taken Covishield while the remaining had taken Covaxin.

Mandaviya asked the states to "aim to cover all eligible with first dose of Covid-19 vaccine by November-end". "Adequate vaccine doses are available in the country... more than 12 crore unulitised doses are available with the states for administering. No district should be without full vaccination," he said.

Mandaviya asked the states to make regional and local level plans with all stakeholders to reduce the number of people with overdue vaccination. According to sources, Bihar told the Centre that it has started 279 mobile vans for vaccination in villages. "Similarly, Jharkhand said it is utilising sahiyas or asha workers for door-to-door vaccination. Gujarat said it is using Panchayati Raj and revenue workers to mobilise people for the second dose of vaccination,' sources said.

On Wednesday, India's Covid-19 vaccination coverage crossed 103.99 crore doses. According to official data, 77 per cent of the estimated adult population has received their first dose and 34 per cent are fully vaccinated.

Among the large states, Gujarat (53%), Karnataka (46%), Rajasthan (38%) and Madhya Pradesh (35%) have reported second dose vaccination coverage above the national average. However, Maharashtra (33%), Uttar Pradesh (18%), Bihar (21%) and West Bengal (26%) are below the national average.

The gap between the first and second dose is 12 weeks for Covishield and four weeks for TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE



DAILY DEATHS | TOTAL DEATHS | WEEKLY CFR 4,56,388 | 2.83%



TESTS TODAY: 13.60.266 | TOTAL TESTS: 60.45.67.771 WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 1.18% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 5.66%

STATES REPORTING MOST CASES

STATE	NEW Cases	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY Positivity	TOTAL VACCINATION
■ Kerala	9,445	77,158	10.60%	3,84,28,383
■ Maharashtra	1,485	19,480	1.19%	9,62,83,108
■ Tamil Nadu	1,075	12,288	0.90%	5,69,96,318
■ West Bengal	976	7,973	2.31%	7,40,30,517
■Mizoram	740	6,773	9.23%	12,14,875

STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

STATE	TODAY'S Deaths	TOTAL Deaths	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Kerala	622	29,977	4.06%	0.62%
■ Maharashtra	39	1,43,714	1.38%	2.18%
■ West Bengal	15	19,096	1.70%	1.21%
■ Karnataka	13	38,037	2.21%	1.28%
■ Tamil Nadu	12	36,060	1.21%	1.34%

Note: Data as on Oct 27; vaccination numbers as of Oct 26. Deaths include those from previous days Kerala added nearly 530 previously uncounted deaths as part of a data cleaning exercise

ALLOPATHY REMARKS

HC gives green signal to suit against Ramdev

SOFI AHSAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

GRANTING PERMISSION to a group of doctors' associations to institute a suit against Ramdev for his statements against allopathy during the pandemic, the Delhi High Court Wednesday issued summons to the Yoga guru and others and asked them to file statements within four weeks.

"Clearly, from parts of those video clips, your client is scorning the allopathic treatment protocol. It is clear. If you want me to reproduce those things in the order, I will reproduce it, it might be detrimental to your client,' said Justice C Hari Shankar addressing Ramdev's counsel.

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by an Advocate General or with leave from a court.

The court said that the only issue involved at this stage is whether the plaintiff should be allowed to institute the suit or not. "From the parts of the clips which have been shown, there is definitely a case for the institution of the suit," it added.

Senior advocate Rajiv Nayar, representing Ramdev, did not oppose the issuance of summons after hearing the observations of the court. Nayar, however, objected to allegations made against his client in the suit and submitted that it does not disclose any case for grant of any of the relief sought. The court, in the order, later said that it has not expressed any opinion on the merits regard-

ing the allegations in the suit. The resident doctors' association of AIIMS, Rishikesh, and other unions have alleged in the suit that Ramdev was misleading the public by claiming that allopathy was responsible for the deaths of several people infected by Covid, and insinuating that allopathic doctors were causing deaths of thousands of patients.

Illegal arrest, says Merchant's lawyer; NCB to respond today

OMKAR GOKHALE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 27

THE BAIL HEARING of Aryan Khan, son of actor Shah Rukh Khan, along with co-accused Arbaaz Merchant and Munmun Dhamecha, in the case related to alleged drugs bust on a cruise ship will continue before Bombay High Court on Thursday when the Narcotics Control Bureau presents its response to arguments from defence lawyers.

ARYAN BAIL PLEA IN HC

On Wednesday, Senior Advocate Amit Desai, representing Merchant, argued before the single-judge bench of Justice Nitin W Sambre that the NCB's arrests in the case were "illegal" because the agency failed to follow procedure under section 41A of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), which mandates the investigating officer to issue notice

Caste certificate row: Malik puts out Wankhede 'nikahnama'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 27

MAHARASHTRA MINISTER Nawab Malik Wednesday released a document claiming it was NCB Mumbai zonal director Sameer Wankhede's nikahnama and reiterated his allegation that Wankhede, despite being a Muslim, had taken reservation benefits of the Scheduled Caste communtiy to secure a job in the Indian Revenue Service (IRS).

The handwritten document, dated December 2006, refers to the marriage of one Sameer Dawood Wankhede with one Shabana Zaheer Qureshi.

"In the case of Wankhede, inspite of being a Muslim, he has forged his certificates to avail reservation benefits and action needs to be taken against him,' Malik said at a press conference.

Wankhede's Dnyaneshwar acknowledged the nikahnama was genuine but said his family had never converted to Islam, "My son's Nikah did take place. As per Islamic rules, a nikah can't take place between two nonmuslims. My wife, who was a Muslim, probably would have referred to me as a Muslim and, out of love, referred to me as Dawood in the nikah nama," he said.

Desai also contended that WhatsApp chats were not admissible in court, according to previous High Court judgments and provisions of the Indian Evidence Act. Merchant should be granted bail as he was booked with alleged possession of narcotics in small quantity, and "not in commercial quantity", and his medical test was not conducted, the lawyer argued.

Desai further referred to Tuesday's Special Court order granting bail to two other men in the case, Avin Sahu and Manish Rajgariya — the first from among 20 of those arrested to be granted bail. "Offence of conspiracy was levelled against them (two who got bail) and the reply of NCB was identical to that of Arbaaz and Arvan. They were also accused of having contraband in their possession. Even ment is not binding on this court (High Court), we are not on parity but liberty. They were two independent people. There was no connection between all these people arrested," Desai said.

Aryan, Merchant and Dhamecha have been in custody since October 2, when they were detained ahead of an alleged rave party on a cruise ship. The three had approached the High Court after the Special Court under the NDPS Act rejected their bail pleas last Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Senior Advocate and former attorney general Mukul Rohatgi, appearing on behalf of Aryan, had called his arrest "arbitrary".

On Wednesday, Rohatgi said the NCB's remand application did not give "true and correct facts" and his client had rights under section 50 of CrPC and Article 22 formed of arrest and right of bail, which was not followed.

Representing Merchant, Desai argued: "Why a need for arrest when only the offence of possession under NDPS Act was levelled?

Desai said: "Only thing they are using to keep us in custody is WhatsApp chats, which were from before the incident took place. There are no WhatsApp chats in any manner whatsoever supporting the conspiracy theory. They (devices) were seized but there is no panchnama. Based on this, there has been speculation of drug trafficking, it is absurd."

Advocate Ali Kaashif Khan Deshmukh, representing Dhamecha, argued that there was no material against her and that she had no connection with the other accused. **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

IN ITS detailed order granting bail to two men arrested in connection to the cruise ship drug raid case by the Narcotics Control

> from one of them, it cannot be said that they had conspired with other co-accused. It also said that the role attributed to actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan and two others, whose bail pleas it had rejected last week, is "different'

Bureau (NCB), a special court has

said that merely because they

were on the ship and some contraband was allegedly recovered

from these two men. Special Judge V V Patil on Tuesday had granted bail to Odisha residents Avin Sahu and Manish Rajgariya, who were booked for alleged consumption of ganja twice on the ship and possession of 2.4 gm of ganja, respectively. So far, 20 people have been arrested in the case and NCB has claimed that all accused

are "intrinsically connected". "In the present case, as far as applicant is concerned, respondent failed to produce on record any evidence to show that he was either in contact with any of the accused or that in any way he is connected with the co-accused," the court said in its detailed order made available on Wednesday.

"...case of the present applicant (Sahu) is different from the case of accused number 1 (Aryan), in that, the present applicant has no WhatsApp chats, no connection with any of the accused... Merely because the applicant was present on the cruise, he cannot be said to have acted in conspiracy with co-ac-

in Mumbai on Wednesday. A team led by him recorded NCB Mumbai zonal director Sameer Wankhede's statement in an extortion probe for more than four hours. Ganesh Shirsekar cused," the court said. In another case, witness says signed blank papers

JAYPRAKASHS NAIDU MUMBAL OCTOBER 27

NAVI MUMBAI resident Shekhar Kamble, a witness in a drugs case lodged by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in August against a Nigerian national, Wednesday alleged that the central agency, as part of panchanama, had taken his signatures on 10 to 12 blank papers and filled them up without informing him about the contents.

A similar allegation has been made against NCB by Prabhakar Sail, a witness in the cruise ship

drug raid case involving actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan. Kamble said he saw Sail's in-

NCB Deputy Director General (northern region) Gyaneshwar Singh arrives at the NCB office

cided to "reveal the truth". When contacted for a comment on allegations made by Kamble. IRS officer Sameer Wankhede, Mumbai Zonal Director for NCB, said, "Hostile.

terview in the media and de-

is sub-judice.' Earlier this year, as part of its 'Operation Thunderbolt', NCB had raided several places and arrested alleged drug peddlers.

In August, at Kharghar in Navi

Will comment in court. Matter

The agency had claimed that Ukweuza has international links and is a major drug supplier in avi Mumbai.

Mumbai, it had intercepted

Nigerian national Kingsley

Ukwueza at a Nigerian commu-

nity kitchen. Ukwuzea was there

along with around 50 other

Nigerian nationals who fled when

the NCB team arrived. Two NCB

officers were injured in the melee.

ness in the case. Speaking to a Marathi news channel, he

Kamble claimed he is a witclaimed, "In Kharghar case number 80/21, a Nigerian was caught.

50 Nigerians. NCB raided the building and all Nigerians started running away. They managed to catch two of them, including a boy. They took them to the office and let go of the boy the next day and caught the second person (referring to Ukweuza)." He added that three days

That Nigerian was not a drug ped-

dler. The Nigerian drug peddler

who we went to arrest pushed us

and ran away. Then we went to

another place called 'Nigerian Kitchen'. Here, there were 40 to

later, NCB officers made him sign 10-12 blank papers.

NITI Aayog okays study on facial recognition tech in India

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

NITI AAYOG has ap-

proved a proposal to

conduct a study on

the use of facial

recognition technol-

ogy in India. The

study, to be con-

ducted by an inde-

pendent think-tank.

will have a budget of

sources, the decision

was taken on 18

October during a

meeting chaired by

NITI Aayog Vice

recognition tech-

Rajiv

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

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Need for legislation amid privacy issues

FACIAL RECOGNITION technology has been used in several countries in recent years. In India, it has been used at some airports and across several states. Concerns, however, have been raised with regard to privacy issues. Till date, there is no legislation to regulate the technology's use. The European Union has moved in the direction of enacting a law that will deal with AI, facial recognition and other issues.

nologies in India: A case study for Digi Yatra' by Centre for Applied Law and Technology Research (ALTR), Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi was approved at a budget of Rs 23.17 in a timeline of 4 months...

During the meeting, Kumar suggested the inclusion of infor-The minutes of the meeting read: mation on what institutional "After deliberations, arrangements need to be made the research study, to use the technology, it is learnt. 'Handbook for re-Sources said NITI Aayog sponsible facial member Dr VK Saraswat, who

looks after science and technol-

ogy, highlighted the "security angle" and flagged the issue of "misuse / malpractices" related to facial recognition technology. According to a source, a rep-

resentative from Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy said a "big concern" related to FRT in India would be the level of accuracy "since most of the data sets that are being used by the algorithm are Caucasian males and there are higher chances of inaccurate results even with white women"

Delhi airport due to farm stir support, says family **ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA**

NRI sent back to US from

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 27

THE ISSUE of Indira Gandhi International airport authorities sending Darshan Singh Dhaliwal back to the US while denying him entry into India has taken a political turn with his family claiming that he was "punished for organising langar for the protesting farmers at the Delhi borders".

The incident took place on the night of October 23-24. According to his younger brother Surjit Singh Rakhra, a minister in the previous SAD-BIP government in Puniab. Dhaliwal visited India four times in the last year and was harassed every time at the airport.

The 71-year-old Dhaliwal, who hails from Rakhra village near Patiala, had migrated to the US in 1972 at the age of 21. Dhaliwal pursued a degree in mechanical engineering and after doing some odd jobs, took a gas station on lease in 1977. Two vears later he bought his first gas station and now owns hundreds of them in various US cities.

Surjit Singh said his brother is a frequent flyer to India but was never harassed earlier. "My brother landed at 7:00 pm on October 23 in 989 United Airlines flight and after quizzing him for 5-6 hours, the airport authorities sent him back to the US," Surjit Singh said.

He claimed that the authorities asked Dhaliwal to stop helping the farmers' agitation. Surjit Singh said that Dhaliwal was only organising 'langar' at the Singhu border. Dhaliwal's family supports

SAD but he has never participated in any political activity here, said Surjit Singh who had unsuccessfully contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections from Patiala against Congress's Preneet Kaur. SAD patriarch Parkash Singh Badal has asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to "intervene personally" in the case.

Turbulence hits Delhi-Odisha flight, pilots make 'normal' landing

New Delhi: A Vistara flight from Delhi to Bhubaneswar Wednesday encountered strong tailwinds that made for rough landing conditions, which AAP lawmaker Sanjay Singh said "shook the soul", but pilots of the Airbus A320 managed to make a normal landing, officials said.

The incident was brought to the notice of officials by AAP's Rajva Sabha MP, who was on the flight. "Today, Vistara's flight landing in Bhubaneswar shook the soul of the passengers and it narrowly avoided an accident."

Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia responded to Singh's tweet and said the incident will be investigated.

A senior official at the DGCA said the aircraft made a normal landing. "The gusty conditions kept increasing as the aircraft came closure to ground. Consequently, the pilot flying had to make continuous lateral corrections," the official said. ENS

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gets welcome from ruling party Indian Revenue Service (IRS) **SREENIVAS JANYALA** officer, has served in various HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 27 positions in the Income Tax (I-T) Department across the state. Before being appointed $Commissioner\,of\,\bar{I}ncome\,Tax$

IN A break from tradition. leaders of the ruling YSR Congress Party (YRSCP) on

Wednesday held a function to Mekathoti welcome Dayasagar who took charge as the Commissioner of Income Tax (TDS) at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh. Dayasagar is the husband of state Home Minister Mekathoti

Sucharitha.

Dayasagar, a 1992-batch

(TDS, Vijaywada, he was posted Commissioner of Încome Tax (Appeals) in Mumbai.

Andhra's new I-T commisioner

Several central and state government officers, as well as leaders of the ruling party visited Dayasagar to welcome him on Wednesday.

Dayasagar told reporters his priorities include effective TDS tax administration, a grievance free system, better taxpayer services to the tax deductors and prompt collection of due taxes. Sucharita was appointed state Home Minister after the

Jagan Mohan Reddy government was voted to power in 2019. She belongs to the Mala Scheduled Caste community and is considered a staunch loyalist of late former chief minister and senior Congress leader Y S Raiasekhara Reddy (YSR) – whose death precipitated the formation of YSRCP.

corrigendum/corrections etc. in response to Sr. D.S.T.E. East Central Railway, Dhanbad. PR/01049/DHN/S&T/T/21-22/32

In signal to China, India tests Agni 5

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

INDIA ON Wednesday successfully test-fired its surface-to-surface nuclear capable Agni 5 missile that can strike targets at ranges up to 5,000 km, the Ministry of

This comes just days after reports that China tested a hypersonic vehicle in August, which circled the globe before missing its target by over 20 miles.

A "successful launch of the surface-to-surface ballistic missile. Agni 5, was carried out on October 27, 2021, at approximately 1950 hrs from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha," the defence ministry said. "The missile, which uses a three-stage solid fuelled engine, is capable of striking targets at ranges up to 5,000 km with a very high degree of accuracy," it said. The launch, the ministry said, is "in line with India's policy to have credible minimum deterrence that underpins the commitment to 'no first use".

With its range, the missile is capable of hitting almost any target in China. The test is being viewed as a signal to China, with whom ties have been on the downslide since May 2020, when the yet-to-be resolved military standoff in eastern Ladakh began.

Agni 5 is India's most potent missile, with a 1.500-kg warhead capacity, and can achieve the speed of Mach 24, meaning it can travel 24 times the speed of sound. India is currently working on Agni 6, which is likely to have a range beyond 8,000 km. Agni 5 was inducted into India's Strategic Forces Command around 2018, after at least six successful tests

While China has denied it had tested a hypersonic missile vehicle, calling it a spacecraft, it has raised concerns across the world

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A 17-YEAR-OLD girl delivered a

baby on her own at home with

the help of YouTube videos in

Kerala's Malappuram district,

police said. After the delivery on

October 20, she stayed in her

room for three days till she de-

veloped some infections.

Subsequently, her mother found

out and rushed her to the hospi-

tal where she is recovering now.

welfare committee (CWC) chair-

man Advocate Shaiesh Basker

Malappuram district child

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

OCTOBER 27

TARUN TEJPAL CASE

Don't read out evidence, says HC

Trial court's acquittal order 'retrograde, regressive', 'victim was on trial': Goa govt

MAYURA JANWALKAR PANAJI. OCTOBER 27

THE HIGH Court of Bombay at Goa said on Wednesday that it expected lawyers to "maintain decorum while reading the evidence" in the 2013 case of rape and sexual assault, in which former Tehelka editor Tarun Tejpal was acquitted by a trial court on May 21 this year. The court said instead of reading out the evidence, the lawyers could just "point out the para-

graph number". "I'm sure all parties will maintain decorum while reading the evidence. You can just point out the paragraph number, we will read it for ourselves," Justice Revati Mohite Dere said. "Not



Tarun Tejpal

only in this case, in all cases pertaining to rape we do not want the lawyers to read the evidence (aloud) in open court," she said.

Opposing Tejpal's plea seeking in-camera proceedings, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, arguing for the Goa government, said the trial court's order to acquit him was "retrograde and regressive" and "fit for the fifth century". "The victim was virtually on trial" and she was "named and shamed," he said.

A division bench of Justice

MP school run by church

VHP, Bajrang Dal 'threat'

writes to police over

Dere and Justice M S Jawalkar said it would not consider the application for in-camera hearing at this stage.

Tejpal's counsel, Amit Desai, told the court that he first wanted to argue on the maintainability of the Goa government's application seeking to appeal against the trial court's May 21 decision to acquit Tejpal. Desai said that on the day the appeal was filed, the additional public prosecutor did not have permission to file it.

"Is that the only hurdle?" Iustice Dere asked.

"But that is a very serious hurdle," Desai said. He said that an inquiry under the RTI Act had shown that on May 24, when the appeal was filed, the state gov-

NO DATA BREACH

JAY MAZOOMDAAR

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

A TEAM of cyber security re-

searchers red-flagged last

Wednesday a critical security is-

sue in Sebi-registered KYC regis-

tering agency CDSL Ventures

Limited (CVL), which it claimed,

could be exploited for unautho-

rised access to sensitive personal

CVL is a wholly owned sub-

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Protection Centre (NCIIPC) under

National Technical Research

Organisation, and CERT-In under

the Ministry of Electronics and

Information Technology (MEITY).

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KYC registering

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ernment had not given permission to the additional public prosecutor to file the appeal under Section 378 of the CrPC.

In an additional affidavit on Wednesday, Tejpal said he had reason to believe that while the application to appeal was filed on May 24, the approval reached the office of Additional Public Prosecutor Pravin Faldessai on May 31 Inquiries made under the RTI Act showed the note seeking the state government's permission to file the appeal was initiated on the same day that it was filed, Tejpal's affidavit said. The Under Secretary (Home-1) sent it to the Director General of Police (DGP) on May 27.

The court is expected to hear the case next on November 16.



Police escort three of the convicts of the 2013 serial blasts, in Patna on Wednesday. PTI

2013 Patna serial blasts: NIA court convicts 10

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA PATNA, OCTOBER 27

A SPECIAL NIA court on Wednesday convicted 10 people in connection with the 2013 serial blasts that left six dead and scores injured at the Patna venue of a political rally by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was then the chief minister of

Special NIA judge Gurvinder Mehrotra, who passed the order, also acquitted one of the accused for want of evidence. "The NIA had submitted charge-sheets against 11 people in the course of investigation. Of these, one was a minor and his case was referred to the juvenile justice board. The remaining were put

on trial. "Today, all but one were convicted. The quantum of sentence will be pronounced on November 1," Special Public Prosecutor Lalan Prasad Singh, who appeared for NIA, said.

Those who were pronounced guilty are Imtiaz Ansari, Mujibullah, Haider Ali, Firoz Aslam, Omar Ansari, Iftekhar, Ahmed Husain, Umair Siddiqui and Azharuddin. The court acquitted Fakhruddin, he added.

The blasts took place at Gandhi Maidan on October 27, 2013 when a rally by Modi, who had been declared the party's prime ministerial candidate, was

No terror outfit claimed responsibility, but the involvement SIMI and the Indian Mujahideen, was suspected.

Lakhimpur Kheri: Farmer held for 'lynching' sent to 3 days in remand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 27

A LOCAL court in Lakhimpur Kheri on Wednesday sent Gurvinder Singh, a 26-year-old farmer who was arrested in connection with the lynching of two local BIP leaders and the driver of a Mahindra Thar owned by Union MoS Ajay Mishra, to three days' police custody.

Gurvinder Singh was arrested along with another farmer, Vichitra Singh, in connection with this case on Tuesday.

The SIT probing the October 3 incident, which also saw four protesting farmers and a journalist being alleged run over by three cars, including one belonging to the Union minister, had sought Gurvinder's remand to recover the stick which he had allegedly used to beat the victims. Granting the SIT's request, the court sent Gurvinder to three days' police custody remand starting October 28 morning.

The court also sent four others booked for the alleged murder of the four farmers and a journalist to two days' police custody. The four are Sumit Jaiswal, Shishu Pal, Nandan Singh Bhist and Satya Prakash Tripathi. This is the second time that the SIT has obtained remand of these four accused.

lice following an "ultimatum" by Chittuparambil said. the VHP and Bajrang Dal to "reinstall" an idol of Saraswati, which they had claimed had been removed from the premises. The manager of Jyoti Christ Senior Secondary School, Father

Augustine Chittuparambil, denied the claims of the two groups. SP Dharamveer Yadav said there was no confirmation of any such idol being removed. Chittuparambil said around

said the hospital informed them

about the delivery and they, in

turn, contacted the police. The

girl is recovering and her new-

born boy is safe at the hosptal

ment, the police have arrested a

21-year-old man from her local-

ity for allegedly impregnating

The CWC chairman said it

was surprising that the girl's

mother didn't know about the

pregnancy and didn't find out

about the delivery either for two

days. "Her 50-year-mother is vi-

sually impaired and her father,

who works as security guard,

On the basis of the girl's state-

along with the mother.

IRAM SIDDIQUE

BHOPAL, OCTOBER 27

A SENIOR secondary school run

by the Syro-Malabar Church in

Madhya Pradesh's Satna district

has sought protection from po-

40 men from the VHP and Bajrang Dal approached the school on Monday while classes were on and handed over a "memorandum", warning that the idol be put up within 15 days.

"Neither was there any idol of Goddess Saraswati nor was idol removed,"

Sagar Gupta, a VHP leader of the Mahakaushal region, threatened protests if the school did not "reinstall" the idol. "Saraswati is the goddess of knowledge but her idol has been removed from the school. In turn, it is filled with idols of Jesus and Mary. We understand that it is their school, but that does not mean you fill it up with idols of your God..."

fully digitised KYC services to mar-17-yr-old Kerala girl delivers baby ket intermediaries and holds information of over 4 crore investors. The vulnerability was fixed on with help from YouTube videos Tuesday — a week after it was reported to CDSL, National Critical was always on night duty. As the

> mother thought she was busy with online classes," he said. Police sources said the arrested youth exploited the situation at the home. "He also advised the girl to turn to YouTube to learn about cutting the umbil-

girl remained shut in the room

with her mobile phone, the

They both wanted to cover it up. In the third month of pregnancy, the girl had reported stomach ache at a private hospital where she was treated for gastritis. As part of the probe, we would go for a DNA test," said the

When contacted, a CDSL spokesperson said in an email on Tuesday: "CDSLwould like to clarify that there has been no security issue or data breach at CDSL. However, CVL has received a vulnerability alert on the website of CVL which has since been mitigated. There has been no data breach at CVL." Emails seeking comment to SEBI, NCIIPC and

CERT-In remained unanswered. Investor KYC for market securities involves extended personal and financial data points - name, addresses, gender, marital status, PAN, email, annual income, net worth. Demat account number. broker details, client ID etc, all of which were accessible at least until October 25 due to the authorisation vulnerability. Access to KYC data can potentially enable malicious actors to launch customised attacks aimed at financial fraud, identity theft, extortion, impersonation etc. At another level, this dataset can also be used to disrupt the stock market through targeted misinformation campaigns.

Flagging the vulnerability on October 19 to NTRO's NCIIPC and MEITY's CERT-In, the national nodal agency for responding to computer security incidents, CyberX9 wrote: "Considering the extreme impact of this if exploited by a malicious attacker, we expect remediation of the issue at the earliest." On October 20, records show, CERT-In requested for "relevant screenshots" and subsequently registered the complaint for "appropriate action."



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		(₹ in Crore exce	ept per share data
Particulars	Quarter ended	Six months ended	Quarter ended
	30.09.2021	30.09.2021	30.09.2020
	Un-audited	Un-audited	Un-audited
Total income from operations	3,647.62	6,746.53	3,128.73
Net profit for the period before tax and exceptional items	485.25	758.18	229.99
Net profit / (loss) for the period before tax and after exceptional items	485.25	758.18	229.99
Net profit / (loss) for the period after tax and exceptional items	368.84	576.62	202.17
Total comprehensive income for the period (after tax) (attributable to owners of the Company)	365.23	572.89	202.40
Equity share capital	480.62	480.62	480.62
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve as shown in the balance sheet of previous year)			9,703.62 (as at 31.03.2021)
Earnings per share (of ₹ 10/- each)			
Basic (₹)	7.64	11.94	4.18
Diluted (₹)	7.64	11.94	4.18

EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS

(₹ in Crore				
Particulars	Quarter ended	Six months ended	Quarter ended	
	30.09.2021	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	
	Un-audited	Un-audited	Un-audited	
Total income from operations	3,447.90	6,446.83	3,011.82	
Net profit for the period before tax and exceptional items	470.94	728.46	222.86	
Net profit / (loss) for the period before tax and after exceptional items	470.94	728.46	222.86	
Net profit / (loss) for the period after tax and exceptional items	356.28	555.29	196.20	
Total comprehensive income for the period (after tax)	354.24	554.14	197.77	

1. The above is an extract of the detailed financial results for the quarter and six months ended September 30, 2021 filed with the 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 the websites of Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and also on the Company's website at www.torrentpower.com.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE

WORDLY WISE

Under observation, we act less free, which means we effectively are less free.

— EDWARD SNOWDEN

The Indian **EXPRESS**

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Pushback on Pegasus



SC move for independent probe is an important step towards fixing accountability

SUPREME CUSTODIAN

SC has done the right thing by refusing to accept the Centre's stonewalling on Pegasus. Its panel must get to work right away

HE SUPREME COURT'S move on Wednesday in the Pegasus case to appoint an expert committee, whose functioning will be overseen by a retired apex court judge, is a welcome and an emphatic reassertion of its role and responsibilities as the custodian of individual rights enshrined in the Constitution. The three-judge bench, headed by CJI N V Ramana, called the "limited affidavit" submitted by the Union government in the Court in response to the petitions that alleged use of a spyware for surveillance on private citizens as an "omnibus and vague denial" and rejected the government's plea to let it constitute an expert panel to investigate the issue.

The SC order broadly addresses three issues that have been flagged in the Pegasus row — the citizen's right to privacy, judicial review when the executive invokes national security, and the implications of surveillance on free speech. The Court, pointing to its own judgment in KS Puttaswamy, has said that "right to privacy is as sacrosanct as human existence and is inalienable to human dignity and autonomy". While agreeing that it is not an absolute right, the Court has said any restrictions "must necessarily pass constitutional scrutiny". Any surveillance or snooping done on an individual by the state or any outside agency is an infringement of that person's right to privacy. Hence, any violation of that right by the state, even in national interest, has to follow procedures established by the law. The Court has also drawn a link between surveillance, especially "the knowledge that one is under the threat of being spied on", and censorship, particularly self-censorship, to reflect on the "potential chilling effect that snooping techniques may have". The chilling effect surveillance can produce "is an assault on the vital public-watchdog role of the press, which may undermine the ability of the press to provide accurate and reliable information". The order is a strong rebuttal of the government's specious and self-serving use of national security as an alibi — a catch-all phrase used these days to criminalise all forms of dissent. The Court has ruled that the state does not get a "free pass every time the spectre of 'national security' is raised". This also means "no omnibus prohibition can be called for against judicial review" if the matter impinges on national security: In effect, the government will have to explain to — and convince — the Court why it wants to avoid disclosure.

The Court has constituted a panel of experts under former SC judge Justice R V Raveendran. It has sharply defined the questions it needs to ask and find answers to: Was any Pegasus suite of spyware acquired by the central or any state government or any central or state agency for use against the citizens of India? If any government agency has used it to snoop on Indian citizens, under what law, rule, guidelines, protocol or lawful procedure was such deployment made? These are vital questions at the heart of a citizen's basic rights. The letter and spirit of the court's order will be tested by how the Justice Raveendran panel addresses them.

PASSING THE BUCK

Sonia Gandhi's diagnosis of what ails the Congress stops where it should have started — with the top leadership

TFIRST GLANCE, Congress President Sonia Gandhi's diagnosis of the many issues that ail her party seems to hit the mark. Addressing a meeting of state Congress presidents, AICC general secretaries and leaders in-charge of states, she said that the ideological and political messages framed by the leaders do not reach grassroots' workers; that there is a "lack of clarity and cohesion" among state-level leaders and perhaps most importantly, personal ambitions must not override party interests, discipline and unity. But the sharpness of her critique is dulled by where it does not go.

Implicit in the party chief's elaboration is that the leadership has had no role in precipitating the party's decline. The deepening crisis facing the Congress since it was trounced in the 2014 general elections is indeed multifaceted. Ideologically, it has lacked clarity on issues like the Ram Temple and the abrogation of Article 370 and, organisationally, its mass party structure has been unable to combat the strong cadre-based model of the Sangh Parivar. Add to that a growing number of defections and limited success in overcoming the various contradictions in India's political mosaic to make concrete the idea of "opposition unity". The fact — whether for good or ill — is that India's Grand Old Party seems unable to look beyond "the family" for the top party post, though in recent months a few leaders have openly expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which the party is run. Last year, a group of 23 senior Congress leaders — including former chief ministers, Union ministers and party general secretaries - called for ideological clarity, an overhaul of the party's organisation and addressing the leadership vacuum. In public, at least, the national leadership seems only to have addressed these issues with references to "party discipline" and "unity". In the recent Congress Working Committee meeting, these issues were not discussed — rather, those pointing them out were accused of undermining the party.

Since it appears that Sonia Gandhi will be at the helm at least for some time, it may be an opportune moment for the Congress to expand the ambit of her critique beyond the state-level leadership. It is unlikely that India's oldest party, and still — diminished though it is — the major national Opposition, can hold a powerful, majority government to account without a renewed ideology and organisation. That feat is unlikely if the national leadership — the Nehru-Gandhi family — rather than assuming responsibility, lets it roll downhill.

NOT A FAIRYTALE

Now that Princess Mako has married and left the royal life, she may finally be left alone

ITH ONLY A small ceremony to mark the momentous occasion, Princess Mako of Japan gave up her royal status to marry a commoner, Kei Komuro, this week. During the four years of their engagement, the couple endured intense tabloid scrutiny, with Mako even being diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder due to the excessive online trolling. Critics felt that Komuro was not good enough for the princess, especially after details about a financial scandal involving his mother were unearthed. In a press conference after the wedding, however, Mako said, "For me, Kei is irreplaceable — marriage was a necessary choice for us."

The media frenzy that has surrounded the relationship since the engagement in 2017 has led the couple to be dubbed "Japan's Harry and Meghan". And while there are certain commonalities in the stories of both relationships, the newly-wed Komuros faced challenges of different order altogether, not least of which was the reverence in which members of the over-2,600-year-old monarchy are held even today. In some ways, Japan's imperial family has kept up with the times — for example, the protocol which dictated that royal women had to walk a few steps behind the male members of the household is now disregarded. But in many, more significant, ways, the family remains bound by the strict rules of the Imperial Household Law, one of which is that princesses (but not princes) who marry commoners will lose their royal status.

Mako is not the first member of the imperial family to marry a non-blue blood. Her aunt, Sayako, married a town planner named Yoshiki Kuroda in 2005. But the first commoner to marry a Japanese royal was the present Empress Emerita Michiko, who, after marrying Emperor Emeritus Aikihito in 1959, became a symbol of Japan's modernisation, with the public affectionately calling her "Mitchy". Having had to leave the royal household, Mako may not get that opportunity for acceptance of her choice, but she might just find more peace.

THE SUPREME COURT of India has appointed a committee presided by Justice (Retd.) R V Raveendran to inquire into the Pegasus revelations. The judgment comes at a time when the principal author of the judgment and the Chief Justice of India NV Ramana, has noted, in the context of institutional independence, that when there is "a lot of discussion about the pressure from the executive, it is also imperative to start a discourse as to how social media trends can affect institutions." Here is a tacit acknowledgement of a general environment in which public trust is lacking in the judiciary. In this backdrop, the order of the court constituting the committee attains significance for three clear reasons.

The first is the court's continuing insistence on transparency and disclosure by the Union government. When the batch of petitions came for active hearing before the Supreme Court of India in August, the Union government first sought time to study them, and thereafter refused to provide any meaningful response. The only filing made in court was a limited affidavit, containing short paragraphs of generalised denials and the sole annexure of a statement by the Minister for Electronics and IT before Parliament. Immediately, the Supreme Court pointed out that these are inadequate and provided further time. However, till date this is the only written statement filed in court by the government.

Such a legal stratagem can obstruct a fair judicial determination, but it is far from novel. As noted by the court in the Anuradha Bhasin judgment on the internet shutdown in Jammu and Kashmir, "the State initially claimed privilege, subsequently dropped the claim and produced certain sample orders, citing difficulty in producing all the orders before this Court. In our opinion, this is not a valid ground to refuse production of orders before the Court..." This trend is unbecoming of the seriousness of constitutional adjudication, and the Supreme Court notes with dismay a similar tactic in oral arguments when, "the learned Solicitor General suggested that many of these reports are motivated and self-serving". As per the court, Such a legal stratagem can obstruct a fair judicial determination, but it is far from novel. It is unbecoming of the seriousness of constitutional adjudication, and the Supreme Court notes with dismay a similar tactic in oral arguments when, 'the learned Solicitor General suggested that many of these reports are motivated and self-serving'. As per the court, 'such an omnibus oral allegation is not sufficient...' It further noted, 'There has only been an omnibus and vague denial in the limited affidavit'. Hence, it is clear from a reading of the judgment, that the court has accurately assessed the need for disclosures by the Union government on Pegasus, beyond bald denials and ad hominem attacks

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The second reason is the Supreme Court's firm approach towards the national security submissions by the Union government. There are two aspects to this argument that are unbundled by the judgement. The first relates to the refusal to provide any information to the court. Here, the court states, "we had made it clear... we would not push... to provide any information that would impact national security". The court correctly applied the settled convention on legal pleadings and affidavits by asking the government to, "necessarily plead and prove the facts which indicate that the information sought must be kept secret as their divulgence would affect national security concerns." However, as noted above, this was not done. The second aspect of the national security argument is how the court balances it with the fundamental right to privacy. Here, drawing from the framework of the K S Puttaswamy judgment on the right to privacy, where the standards of legality, necessity and proportionality are prescribed, the court specifically states that, "national security cannot be the bugbear that the judiciary shies away from, by virtue of its mere mentioning" and, "mere invocation of national security by the State does not render the Court a mute spectator". These are significant observations that, when followed as precedent, will bolster confidence in constitutional adjudications especially when courts demand evidence on arguments of "national security" to avoid generalised state-

The third and final feature of the judgment is rejecting the suggestion by the Solicitor-General to constitute a government committee of experts. Here, the court cor-

ments made to evade accountability.

rectly notes that even though the Pegasus revelations were first made on November 1, 2019 ('WhatsApp confirms: Israeli spyware was used to snoop on Indian journalists, activists', IE), there has been little movement on any official inquiry. It also records the genuine apprehension of the petitioners, many of whom are victims of Pegasus, that since the sale of this malware can only be made to governments, they fear the involvement of state agencies. The court strikes a fine balance by constituting an independent committee, "taking into account the public importance and the alleged scope and nature of the large-scale violation of the fundamental rights of the citizens of the country". The court's terms of reference include queries on, "What steps/actions have been taken by the Union of India after reports were published in the year 2019 about hacking of WhatsApp accounts", and, "Whether any Pegasus suite of spyware was acquired by the Union of India, or any State Government, or any central or state agency for use against the citizens of India". The constitution of this committee marks an important step towards accountability for the victims and the larger

public on the use of Pegasus. At the same time, it is important to be measured in public response. The Supreme Court has, by any objective assessment, observed fidelity to constitutional adjudication. It comes at a time when there exists a perceptible disenchantment with institutional responses to violations of rights and threats to our democracy. Hence, the constitution of this committee provides hope. At the same time, any honest assessment should consider the more challenging tasks ahead. These include the functioning of the committee and the cooperation of government witnesses, the publication of the report so as to ensure public confidence and, ultimately, the directions and remedy provided by the Supreme Court. Just as public confidence is not broken by a single action, repairing it will be a long road.

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SHOT IN THE ARM

Covid vaccination success is a product of PM Modi's healthcare vision

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INDIA'S FEAT OF 100 crore Covid-19 vaccinations could not have been achieved without the efforts of the country's scientists, health warriors, citizens and the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The feat will give a big boost to the global fight against the pandemic. The task required a decisive leadership that could foresee the possible challenges. The direction was set in a meeting chaired by PM Modi as early as May 2020. The Centre extended support at every stage — research, regulatory approvals, streamlining cold storage facilities, building the CoWIN portal and fighting initial vaccine hesitancy.

PM Modi's public health-related initia-

tives, in fact, began soon after he assumed office. On October 2, 2014, he launched the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) with the aim of making India open defecation free in five vears. One of the largest cleanliness drives in the world, SBM has brought remarkable transformation and visible health benefits. Studies have shown that it has improved child health and nutrition, besides providing dignity to women. The Jal Jeevan Mission to provide piped tap water connection to every household will be a game-changer in preventing water-borne diseases. In 2017, the Modi government embarked on a new National Health Policy to address the current and emerging challenges necessitated by the changing socio-economic and epidemiological landscapes since the last policy was framed in 2002. The Ayushman Bharat scheme, launched in 2018, is the world's largest health insurance scheme covering a

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population of 50 crore. It has benefitted more than two crore Indians so far.

The CoWIN portal and the unprecedented expansion of telemedicine during the pandemic represent the government's remarkable successes in leveraging state-of-the-art technology for healthcare. The Ayushman Bharat digital mission will connect the patients with doctors and hospitals across the country.

In 2003, the country had just one AIIMS. Under the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, a policy to add five new AIIMS was framed and in 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi evolved a policy to develop such institutes in every state. Today, work is underway to create more than 150 medical colleges. Over 30,000 MBBS seats and 24,000 postgraduate seats in medicine have been added since the Modi government assumed office.

The PLI scheme will ensure a level playing field for the domestic manufacturers of medical devices. Last year, when the pandemic struck, India wasn't equipped to manufacture PPE kits and relied on imported protective equipment. From an actual shortage to manufacturing 2 lakh PPE kits and 2 lakh N-95 masks every day, India took less than a year to accomplish its *aatmanirbhar* vision in medical equipment manufacturing.

In line with the PM's vision, Karnataka has ramped up its health infrastructure significantly. The state had only 725 ICU beds before the Covid outbreak. Currently, it has 3,877 ICU beds in government medical colleges and government hospitals. There were

4,847 oxygenated beds before Covid. They have increased to 28,447, and regular beds have increased from 41,378 to 50,629. Pre-Covid, government hospitals and medical colleges had an oxygen capacity of 320 MT, which was augmented to 1,207 MT as of August 2021. During the second wave, oxygen logistics were a huge challenge — the number of cylinders before Covid was 2,180, but they have increased to 13,588 cylinders now. The number of oxygen concentrators has gone up from 585 before Covid to 6,511 as of September.

Karnataka leads in the implementation of Health and Wellness Centres (HWC) under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana in the year 2020-21. The state upgraded 3,300 centres till March 31 — 146 per cent more than the set target. Karnataka has also exceeded the Centre's target of upgrading PHCs to HWCs. The state leads the vaccination drive in all of south India, having administered more than 6.17 crore doses and aims to fully vaccinate the entire adult population by December end.

From promoting wellness to enhancing preventive healthcare, from increasing medical seats to incentivising medical equipment manufacturing, from universal health insurance coverage to creating digital health infrastructure, India's approach towards healthcare under PM has been holistic and inclusive. It has laid a strong foundation for a healthier and prosperous New India.

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OCTOBER 28, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

Close to Mirage deal

A HIGH-LEVEL INDIAN delegation to Paris left for home after moving closer to signing a \$ 3.3 billion agreement for the purchase of Mirage 200 jets and other armaments. Indian officials who declined to be identified said that the deal had not been completed but might be formalised by the time Prime Minister Indira Gandhi visits France on November 12. The Indian mission was led by P K Kaul, defence secretary, and included Air Force Chief of Staff, Air Marshal Dilbagh Singh. A French Defence Ministry statement said that the talks had been held to facilitate the continuation of an agreement. When the

deal is finalised, India is expected to terminate the final part of a \$ 1.3 billion deal to buy Jaguar jets with British Aerospace.

UNREST IN POLAND

POLISH TROOPS VIRTUALLY took over the administration of 2,000 villages to restore economic order and streamline food distribution, ahead of a proposed strike by the Solidarity Trade Union. The minister of general administration, Tadeusz Hupalowski, said that the troops deployment ordered by the Polish government to put down "street provocation" would begin on October 26. The soldiers' first duty would be to ensure

that "the food reaches the market".

YOUTH POLITICS

THE OPPOSITION STUDENT bodies, speaking basically the same "Gandhian" language, couched in varying phraseology are a divided lot. And as most of their leaders admit, there is no hope of reconciliation between them. The Yuva Janata (Janata Party), Yuva Lok Dal and the Bharatiya Yuva Morcha (BJP) are pitted against each other.

These are excerpted from the paper on 27/10/1981. There was no edition of the paper on 28/10/1981 on account of Diwali

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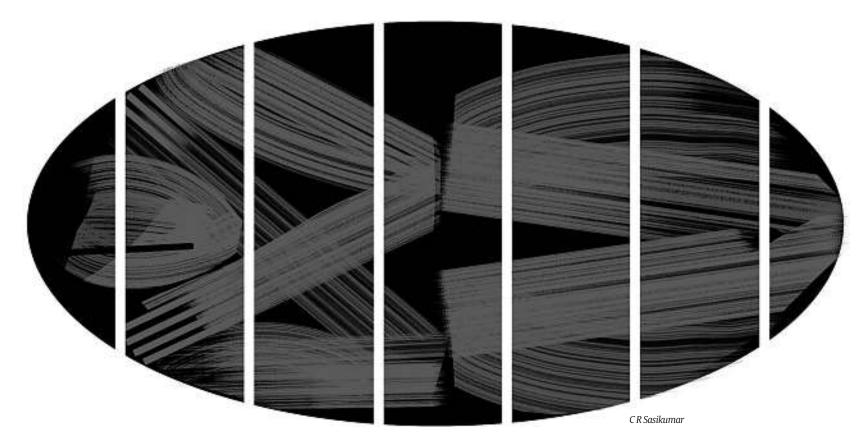
WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"By igniting a 'new UN fire' in the conflicts with China, the US has once again proven that it is playing with words when it claims not to allow the competition -GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA with China to become a confrontation."

The failed pursuit

of Kim Davy

India has effectively given up on getting the man involved in Purulia arms drop extradited from Denmark. It must hold firm on a matter of principle



Breaking the prisoner

The 'anda cell' might not exist in prison manuals, but it is a much-publicised element of Indian jails used to discipline the inmate



JINEE LOKANEETA

FRENCH PHILOSOPHER MICHEL Foucault in his classic, Discipline and Punish, writes about how executions as spectacles are gradually replaced in modern societies by disciplinary power in prisons, where the fo $cus \, is \, on \, confinement \, and \, targeting \, the \, soul \,$ of a person with the help of experts. A trace of torture always remains as a part of punishment, notes Foucault, though modern states tend to deny that.

The torturous practice of solitary confinement, whether for 24 hours or a large part of a day, remains a key feature of modern prisons, sometimes by another name. The continued use of an "anda" (egg-shaped) cell or high security cell in the Indian context appears to be, in effect, the use of solitary confinement – defined by many as cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or torture by another name. The news that eminent journalist and human rights activist and scholar implicated in the Bhima Koregaon case, Gautam Navlakha, has been moved to an "anda" circle in Taloja jail on October 12 is just another reminder that imprisonment itself appears inadequate for the state. Instead, there is a constant need to continually break the body and soul of a person by making the conditions more challenging. Nils Melzer, UN Special Rapporteur on torture, in 2020 noted: 'The severe and often irreparable psychological and physical consequences of solitary confinement and social exclusion are well

pression to cognitive impairment and suicidal tendencies.' One of the most vivid descriptions of the

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"anda" cell in the Indian context was in Arun Ferreira's 2014 prison memoir Colours of the Cage. "The anda barracks are a cluster of windowless cells nestling against a high oval perimeter wall, a maximum-security zone within the high security confines of the Nagpur Central Jail...You can't see anything outside: No greenery, no sky. There is a watchtower in the center of the anda, and from the top, the yard must actually resemble an enormous, air-tight concrete egg. But there's a vital difference. The anda is impossible to break out of. Rather it's designed to make

Navlakha writes, as reported in a press statement circulated by his partner Sahba Husain: "Confinement in the anda circle means denial of fresh air/oxygen as there is not a single tree or plant in the open space of the circle. And we are forbidden to step outside of the anda circle.... In other words, we spend 16 hours out of 24 cooped inside our cell and the eight hours we are let out we are confined to a corridor for our daily walk on cemented floor surrounded by high walls

It is unclear whether the "anda cell" is authorised by prison manuals. At times, the arbitrariness of these actions suggest that these are the discretionary actions of "petty sovereigns", a term that Judith Butler has famously used for post-9/11 actions of US officials at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and rendition sites. The use of a particular state action in India can, of course, depend on the identity of a person - Muslim, Dalit, Adivasi, poor, woman, transgender, though they can impact those beyond the continually criminalised communities to include human rights activists, lawyers, and Bollywood actors, including Sanjay Dutt. Thus, the anda cells remain a much-publicised element of Indian jails, existing through an informally created infrastructure of discretionary authority and thereby avoiding scrutiny.

Navlakha's partner alleges that not only has he been moved to the anda cell, his phone calls to family and lawyers have been stopped using the pretext that in-person mulaqats (meetings) have been renewed. So far, the two weekly calls were the only way that Navlakha was able to communicate with his family. In conditions of 16-hour confinement in a concrete cell block, given his precarious health as a 70-year-old, the lack of possible communication will lead to his situation worsening. The right to speak to a lawyer, who often becomes one of the only contacts to the outside world, is an essential right (reiterated by the Chief Justice Ramana recently) and its denial is an intentional attempt to worsen the person's condition in custody. Mulaqat, a basic lifeline again, becomes a highly discretionary power, as described by Kobad Ghandy in his recent memoir, Fractured Freedom, about his 10 years in prison

African-American literary scholar Dennis R Childs writes about the "architectural violence" in the US prison context. Here, it is the denial of meaningful human contact, the ability to access fresh air and greenery in the confines of the anda cell and being deprived of basic communication to the outside world through calls to family, and lawyers in the absence of mulaqat, which together make these conditions torturous and must be challenged as such. "Life in the anda makes one crave for news of the outside. There was one particular spot in the anda where we could view a few leaves of the trees beyond the wall," wrote Ferreira. In the Sunil Batra case, the Supreme Court wrote: "If the prisoner breaks down because of mental torture, psychic pressure or physical infliction beyond the licit limits of lawful imprisonment, the prison administration shall be liable for the excess." The question, however, is how long can the "anda cell" and lack of basic rights be considered within the limits of lawful imprisonment?

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Vivek Katju

A NOTE on India-Denmark relations on the official website of the Indian embassy in Copenhagen states, "Between July 2010 and 2016, India's relations with Denmark were affected by the extradition case of Kim Davy and there was minimal official contact between the two sides, which adversely affected trade and economic relations and cooperation in multilateral forums...it was decided to review our relations and allow ministerial visits and official contacts between India and Denmark in end-2016... Official statistics do not show a great rise in India-Denmark trade and economic activity after 2016. Two-way trade in goods was \$1 billion in 2009-10, \$1.1 billion in 2015-16 and \$1.3 billion in 2020-21. These statistics question the embassy's assessment of the commercial impact of Indian policy in the 2010-2016 period.

India-Denmark ties have become increasingly vigorous over the past five years. Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen's state visit to India this month is part of this robustness. But, during the same period, India has effectively given up on extraditing Kim Davy. This goes against the assurance held out in 2016 that the self-confessed criminal's extradition will be pursued purposefully.

After Frederiksen's visit, secretary (west) Reenat Sandhu was asked a number of searching questions on Davy's extradition. Her response, "...this matter was raised and we have an understanding that the legal process must go forward and both countries are working on it," says it all. Significantly, it is not mentioned in the India-Denmark joint statement on the visit.

In his address to the joint press meet following his discussions with Frederiksen on October 9, Prime Minister Narendra Modi too did not mention that India wanted Davy to be extradited. Modi referred to the "democratic values" and "a belief in rules-based order" the two countries shared. However, the Kim Davy case clearly shows Denmark's contempt for the institutions of Indian democracy.

Kim Davy has publicly acknowledged his role in the Purulia arms drop in 1996. India asked for his extradition. Denmark dragged its feet, asking for assurances that he would not face the death penalty, would be safe in jail during trial and would be allowed to serve his sentence, if convicted, in Denmark. The Danes did not ask for these guarantees at one go. They asked for a set initially. These were given with the Cabinet's approval. Thereafter, they asked for another set. This was provocative but the Cabinet considered the second set too and approved that they be given to Denmark.

These "sovereign guarantees" mark the highest commitment one country gives to another. The Danish government took

enormous time to pass an extradition order on Davy. They did so only in 2010. Davy appealed to a court against the extradition order. In such matters, while it is for the foreign government to defend its order in court, it is invariably assisted by Indian investigating agencies. The CBI sent a team to Copenhagen but the Danish government lawyers virtually kept them at an arm's length.

The Danish court did not take India's sovereign guarantees seriously. It chose instead to rely on the testimony of NGOs, which claimed that Davy was unlikely to receive justice in Indian courts and would not be safe in Indian custody. Its disregard for India's assurances and its attitude towards the Indian judiciary was deeply insulting. The court upheld Davy's petition and blocked his extradition. The Danish High Court endorsed the first court's decision. At this stage, the Danish authorities informed India that their prosecutors had decided against appealing the High Court decision in the country's Supreme Court. This was laughable. Indian protestations were ignored.

The implication of the Danish system's conduct was clear. It simply did not show any respect for India, its institutions and its word. The Ministry of External Affairs in consultation with other concerned departments and agencies decided that Danish behaviour was completely unacceptable. In its statement of July 8, 2011, MEA noted the judgment would encourage "terrorists and criminals". It also rejected "the grounds cited by the Danish court as the basis of its decision".

It can be argued that countries have to move on to look after their interests. Great powers absorb the loss of lives and accept the humiliation of military defeat, as the US has done in Afghanistan. So, does it really matter that India has virtually decided to give up on the attempt to bring Kim Davy to justice? The answer is, yes, it does. Because if a government seeks India's commitments not once but twice and the Indian state gives guarantees, can it allow its word to be contemptuously treated and the averments of NGOs given credence by a foreign country's courts? This is the point of principle that the government and India's political, legal and even strategic classes must ask themselves.

Denmark cannot be allowed to hide behind its judicial system. A European country tried to do so, but in the face of Indian firmness found a way of dealing with its courts. It only asked that the matter be kept confidential. That prevents this writer from revealing more. All countries know how to handle their courts when foreign relations get involved. Denmark is no exception,

though it would like to project that it is. India can continue with relations with Denmark but should it not make it clear that, despite its invitation, a Danish monarch's visit can only take place if Davy is extradited and faces justice in India? Perhaps, the views expressed and questions raised by this writer on the worth of India's word are archaic in these new times. But should not, at the very least, this issue be publicly debated?

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Before they cross the line

Policy to prevent radicalisation from turning violent is the need of the hour

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THE RECENT arrest of multiple suspects in the ISI terror module case shows that the threat of radicalisation in India is pervasive and increasing exponentially. A month before these arrests, a different ISIS module was busted by the National Investigation Agency. The module was found to have a pan-India presence, stretching across Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Kerala. In both cases, investigations have gone on to reveal that online radicalisation played an important role in the recruitment of members as well as the preparation and/or execution of extremist activities by the members.

In a speech before the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi identified radicalisation as the greatest threat to the security and safety of all member countries. He asked the member countries to heed the challenges and build effective responses. Such responses can broadly be classified under the following heads - deradicalisation, counter-radicalisation, anti-radicalisation and disengagement. In line with this vision, India must lead by example and develop responses systematically with due regard to constitutional values.

The problem of radicalisation in India is well past its primary stages and has entered a second stage with more defined characteristics. We have enough evidence from reports of various investigative agencies across the country that the process is now subtle, systematic, organised, programmed and structured. So far, the Indian state's response has been characteristically security-centric ranging from prevention of violent extremism, unlawful activities and terrorist acts by strengthening intelligence apparatus or through brute force or holding talks and initiating programmes aimed at the cessation of violence. However, it seems that these responses have come too late. It is pertinent to develop strategies before violence becomes the leitmotif of radicalisation.

The Ministry of Home Affairs had set up the Counter-Terrorism and Counter Radicalisation division in November 2017. It can be gathered from the latest document on work allocation dated June 2021, available on the Ministry's website, that the focus of the division is largely on the implementation and administration of counter-terror laws and monitoring of fundamentalist organisations such as the Students Islamic Movement of India, Popular Front of India, Jamaat-e-Islami and Sanatan Sanstha.

The division was originally mandated with the task of developing policies and strategies to counter-radicalisation. This should have been one of the major tasks of the agency. Yet, as per the document, the task of developing an action plan for counter-radicalisation and deradicalisation only forms a single point in a list of nearly 59 other tasks that the division is currently required to perform.

The Indian state should develop and enforce de-radicalisation, counter-radicalisation and anti-radicalisation strategies at a pan-India and pan-ideology level on a war footing. Such attempts must be informed by the fact that the battle against radicalisation begins in the minds and hearts much before it manifests in terms of violence. Any programme aimed at deterring or reversing radicalisation must focus on the ideological commitment that enables the violence, rather than the violence or the justification of violence itself.

Efforts must be made to first stem the flow of propaganda from across the Indian borders. Second, a uniform statutory or policy framework to deal with radicalisation, de-radicalisation and its associated strategies should be developed. Third, arrested and convicted individuals must not only be prosecuted and punished as a measure of deterrence or retribution but their reformation and rehabilitation must also be prioritised. Fourth, counter-radicalisation strategies involving the rehabilitation, re-education and re-integration of those undergoing radicalisation must be developed and implemented. Fifth, anti-radicalisation measures aimed at the prevention of radicalisation must be executed. The last measure should include the promotion of the syncretic nature of religions in India through the development of counter-narratives, promotion of constitu-

tional values and virtues, promotion of sports and other activities in schools and other educational institutions aimed at mainstreaming the youth.

There is also a need to develop a definition of radicalisation that suits the needs of such an action plan and is tailored to our particular context. This will allow the state to develop programmes and strategies to effectively combat such radical ideas, thereby addressing the problem of radically motivated violence. The definition of radicalisation would also help provide clarity as regards the purpose of implementation of the

Action Plan. At the same time, it must be understood that radicalisation by itself is not bad and gains a positive or negative characteristic based upon its context. A mere deviation from conventional thinking must not be penalised. Radicalisation becomes problematic only where it has the propensity to lead to violence. The challenge lies in preventing such radicalisation. Developing a nuanced understanding of the process of radicalisation as well as its characteristics can help guide the Action Plan in effectively meeting

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FAKE PATRIOTISM

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The syllabus patriots don't need' (IE, October 27). Pedagogues, demagogues and rabble-rousers deliberately create a gullible following to avoid being held accountable for their duties. Needless to say, their survival and existence depend on the ignorance and blind faith of the following. Similarly, our leaders try to lead the people up the patriotic path to deflect attention from their own failures in various fields. It is not wrong to say that the love for the country originates from the family and that there is no pre-

scription for patriotism. Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The syllabus patriots don't need' (IE, October 27). The proposal for a deshbhakti curriculum at the behest of an authoritarian government is not surprising. The state has faced allegations of saffronising education and whitewashing history. Its fear of dissenters and free thinkers, particularly university students, is palpable in their continued incarceration and branding as anti-nationals. While it is a true patriot who questions and criticises, in our educational system and the current political climate, it is increasingly difficult and dangerous to do so. The government should remember that patriotism is innate and cannot be forcibly inculcated. Ila Railkar, Mumbai

SECURITY HYPOCRISY

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Not at home in J&K' (IE, October 27). Union Home Minister Amit Shah's first visit after the abrogation of Article 370 — described as "mann ki baat" outreach efforts to instill confidence and a sense of security amongst Kashmiris and pave the path for a new era of progress and prosperity – was needed. There has been a sudden spike in violence and the killing of innocent citizens. However, the visit on Sunday was marred by unfortunate incidents of cheering Pakistan's win against India in the cricket World Cup match by some medical students, who now face charges under the draconian UAPA. However, if such slogans are ipso facto bad enough to benefit Pakistan, then what does one make of Indian Oil and Mukesh Ambani-led RIL vying with each other and also with Saudi and Kuwait to supply thousands of tonnes of petrochemicals to Pakistan for profit?

LR Murmu, Delhi

NOT COINCIDENCE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Crushing the stars' (IE, October 27). Is it a coincidence that Shah Rukh Khan is the only superstar not to praise the PM or central schemes? Or that celebrity "drugs scandals" appear before elections — first Bihar, now UP? This is politics at play, not the law.

Shantanu Ray, via email

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SEARCH FOR HEALTHIER OPTION THAN HUMAN BABY FORMULA

KENYA ELEPHANT SANCTUARY TESTS GOAT MILK

The Reteti Elephant Sanctuary in Kenya is testing goat milk as a food for its small herd as a potentially healthier form of nutrition than human baby formula — a solution that also puts money back into the pockets of the local community. Dr. Steven Chege, the facility's veterinarian adviser, said, "Goats milk is very rich in highly digestible protein, unlike cow's milk".

TOPOFTHE WORLD



monk Galagodaaththe Gnanasara will head the committee. File

SRI LANKA Hardliner heads task force for 'One Country, One Law'

Colombo: Sri Lankan Gotabaya Rajapaksa has appointed a 13-member task force, headed by a hardline Buddhist monk known for his anti-Muslim stance, for the establishment of the 'One Country, One Law' concept in the island nation. The task force, appointed by Rajapaksa through a special gazette for the establishment of the 'One Country, One Law' concept, is headed by Galagodaaththe

Gnanasara, the hardline Buddhist monk who became a symbol of anti-Muslim hatred in the country. Gnanasara's Bodu Bala Sena or the Forces of Buddhist Power, was implicated in anti-Muslim riots in 2013. PTI

UNITED KINGDOM US asks court to permit extradition of Assange

London: The US asked Britain's High Court on Wednesday to overturn a judge's decision that Julian Assange should not be sent to the US to face espionage charges, promising that the WikiLeaks founder could serve any prison sentence he receives in his native Australia. In January, a lower court judge refused an US request to extradite Assange on spying charges. American prosecutors say Assange unlawfully helped US Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning steal classified diplomatic cables and military files that WikiLeaks later published..

Alcohol taxes to be overhauled, says Sunak

London: The taxes on alcoholic drinks in the UK are being radically simplified in the biggest overhaul in more than 140 vears. Britain's Treasury chief Rishi Sunak said in Wednesday in his annual budget. He criticised the current tax system, which raises more than 12 hillion pounds a year, as outdated, adding that the changes would not have been possible if Britain had remained within the European Union. "Our new system will be designed around a common-sense principle: the stronger the drink, the higher the rate," the teetotaler Sunak said. AP

ITALY Senate blocks debate on LGBT+ protection bill

Rome: The Italian Senate voted on Wednesday to block debate over a bill that would make violence against women and LGBT+ people a hate crime, effectively killing off a proposal approved by the lower House. The bill, championed by the centre-left Democratic Party (PD), has triggered fierce discussion in Italy, with the Vatican also getting involved, saying it could restrict the religious freedom of the Catholic Church.

Taliban eager for dialogue with world: China Biden vows to

REUTERS DUBAI, OCTOBER 27

THE TALIBAN are eager to have dialogue with the rest of the world, and the international community should Afghanistan with its development, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Wednesday.

In an address delivered by video link to a conference in Iran, Wang said Beijing was ready to host further talks between Afghanistan and its neighbours on the country's future.

The Taliban are eager to have dialogue with the world ... China will host the third Neighbours of Afghanistan meeting at the appropriate time." Wang said in comments broadcast live by Iranian state TV.

The meeting of Afghanistan and neighbouring countries was attended in person by the foreign ministers of Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, and China and Russia participated by video link.

The talks followed a similar conference involving Afghanistan's neighbouring countries that was hosted by Pakistan in September, and are aimed at establishing durable peace in Afghanistan.

China, which has not fought in Afghanistan, has been holding out an olive branch to the Taliban since they regained power in Afghanistan after the with-



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi

drawal of US forces in August.

The United States and other Western countries are seeking ways to engage with the Taliban and ensure humanitarian aid flows into the country, without granting them the legitimacy they seek

US officials and Taliban representatives discussed humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan this month in Qatar but Washington said the meetingsdid not amount to recognition of the Taliban.

The United States and other Western nations are reluctant to provide the Taliban with funds until the Islamist militant movement provides assurances that it will uphold human rights, and in particular the rights of women.

At Wednesday's conference in Iran, Iranian Foreign Minister Amirabdollahian Hossein backed the formation of an ingovernment in clusive Afghanistan, state television reported. His remarks echoed

China unlikely to be first to recognise ■● Taliban govt

CHINA WILL not take the lead in recognising Afghanistan's Taliban government and will only do so in a concerted move with Pakistan. Russia and Iran. Hu Shisheng, an expert familiar with China's foreign policy considerations, has said.

Hu also said there were international expectations that the Taliban would stop the spread of Islamist militancy and prevent a slide back into chaos, which would have an impact on China and its regional Belt and Road Project development plans.

Shi'ite Muslim Iran has been a foe of the hardline Sunni Muslim Taliban for decades, but for the past few years it has been openly meeting Taliban leaders. In July, Tehran hosted a meeting of then Afghan government representatives and a high-level Taliban political committee. Iran has criticised the Taliban, which took control over Afghanistan in August, for excluding ethnic minorities from the government.

Russia tells Afghan's neighbours to say no to US, NATO presence

REUTERS

MOSCOW, OCTOBER 27

RUSSIA'S TOP diplomat told Afghanistan's neighbours on Wednesday to refuse to host US or NATO forces following their withdrawal from Afghanistan.

The Kremlin is worried by the risk of Islamist militants spilling into Central Asia from Afghanistan and bristles at the idea of the West gaining a foothold in a region that used to be part of the Soviet Union.

"We ... call on Afghanistan's neighbouring countries not to allow a military presence of US and NATO forces which plan to move there after leaving Afghan territory," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said.

The diplomat made the remarks in a speech by video link at a conference held in Tehran on Afghanistan attended by China, Iran, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Lavrov said it was important to curb and control migration flows from Afghanistan and that criminal and terrorist elements were already trying to enter Afghanistan's neighbours dis**30 RECENT CASES OF VIOLENCE ON AFGHAN JOURNALISTS: REPORT**

Islamabad: More than 30 instances of violence and threats of violence against Afghan iournalists were recorded in the last two months, with nearly 90% committed by the Taliban, a media watchdog said Wednesday. More than 40% of the cases recorded by The Afghanistan National Journalists Union were physical beatings and another 40% were verbal threats of violence, said Masorro Lutfi, the group's head. One journalist was killed. Most of the cases in September and October were documented in provinces across Afghanistan outside the capital Kabul, but six of the 30 cases of violence took place in the capital, ANJU said.

guised as refugees.

Russia operates its largest foreign military base in Tajikistan, which has a long bor-

Chinese Premier Li says upholding peace in South China Sea in everyone's interest the people of Myanmar and calls **REUTERS**

Asia in defending

freedom of seas

stand with SE

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, OCTOBER 27

PRESIDENT JOE Biden said on Wednesday the US would stand with Southeast Asian allies in defending freedom of the seas, democracy and human rights and backed efforts to hold the Myanmar junta accountable to its commitments to peace.

Southeast Asia has become a strategic battleground between the US and China, which controls most of the South China Sea and has turned up military and political pressure on fiercely democratic Taiwan, a self-ruled island it considers its own.

Australia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) agreed on Wednesday at a virtual regional summit to establish a "comprehensive strategic partnership", a sign of Canberra's ambition to play a bigger role in the region.

Biden joined Southeast Asian leaders in rebuking Myanmar's junta as the summit opened on Tuesday without a representative from the country following its top general's exclusion for ignoring peace proposals.

"In Myanmar, we must address the tragedy caused by the military coup which is increasingly undermining regional stability," Biden said on Wednesday. "The United States stands for for military regime to end the violence, release all political prisoners and return to the path of democracy."

He also said the United States was deeply concerned by "China's coercive and proactive actions" across the Taiwan Strait, a waterway linking the island and the mainland. Tensions between Taiwan

and China have escalated in recent weeks as Beijing raises military and political pressure. Chinese Premier Li Keqiang

told the summit upholding peace, stability, freedom of navigation and overflight in the South China Sea was in every-"The South China Sea is our

common home," he said.

Biden also announced discussions with partners in the Indo-Pacific region would start to develop a framework "that will position all of our economies for the future". Australia said it would invest

\$154 million in projects in Southeast Asia on health and energy security, counter-terrorism, fighting transnational crime, plus hundreds of scholarships. China has sought a similar

agreement with ASEAN. Li met ASEAN leaders on Tuesday, and the bloc's leaders will meet Chinese President Xi Jinping in November at a virtual summit,

Nepal SC stalemate continues for 4th day legedly seeking favour from Prime **YUBARAJ GHIMIRE**

NEPAL SUPREME Court Chief Justice Cholendra Shumsher Rana on Wednesday appeared determined not to bow down to the collective pressure of his fellow judges to step down over accusations of conduct "unbecoming of a judge".Rana held the bench alone, handling five different cases as 15 other judges and members of the Bar continued with their boycott of judicial proceedings for the fourth day in a row.

No political party - either from the ruling coalition or the opposition – has responded to the demand of the judges, four former CIs and a section of the civil society that Rana be impeached for his "controversial verdicts", and for al-

says State Dept

DENVER, OCTOBER 27

Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba to have his relative inducted in the council of ministers.

Deuba said the Nepali Congress, which he heads, has "no intention" to enter into the dispute within the judiciary, while CPN-UML chairman and former PM K P Oli has demanded that not only Rana, nut the other four judges who had reversed his decision to dissolve Parliament and ordered the appointment of of Deuba as Prime Minister in July, must resign for their "politically motivated" verdict.

Deuba had inducted Rana's relative Gajendra Hamal as a minister on October 8, but Hamal quit three days later as thye move was being seen as a deal between the Chief Justice and the PM



SUDAN PROTESTS MILITARY COUP

Sudanese demonstrators march in Atbara city to protest the military coup in the country. Thousands of people have taken to the streets since Monday's takeover led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and several have been killed in clashes with security forces. The coup $threatens \ to \ halt \ Sudan's \ transition \ to \ democracy, which began \ after \ the \ 2019 \ ouster \ of \ long-sudan \ sudan's \ transition \ to \ democracy, which began \ after \ the \ 2019 \ ouster \ of \ long-sudan \ sudan \ su$ time ruler Omar al-Bashir and his government in a popular uprising. Ebaid Ahmed via Reuters

US issues its first Radicals clash with Pak police passport with 'X' in row over French cartoons gender marker,

ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE UNITED States has issued its first passport with an 'X' gender designation, marking a milestone in the recognition of the rights of people who do not identify as male or female, and expects to be able to offer the option more broadly next year, the Department said Wednesday.

The department did not identify the passport recipient, but an intersex person from Colorado who has been in a legal battle with the government since 2015 to get a passport said one was received. A department official, citing privacy rules, declined to confirm whether the passport went to Dana Zzyym.

The US special diplomatic envoy for LGBTQ rights, Jessica Stern, said the decision brings the government documents in line with the "lived reality" that there is a wider spectrum of human sex characteristics than is reflected in the previous two designations. "When a person obtains identity documents that reflect their true identity, they live with greater dignity and respect," Stern said.

The department now also allows applicants to self-select their gender as male or female, no longer requiring them to provide medical certification if their gender did not match that listed on their other identification doc-

The US joins a handful of countries, including Australia, New Zealand, Nepal and Canada, in allowing its citizens to designate a gender other than male or female on passports.

MZULQERNAIN LAHORE, OCTOBER 27

AT LEAST four policemen were among eight persons killed on Wednesday in fresh clashes between supporters of a radical Islamist party and police in Pakistan's Punjab, prompting the government to deploy Rangers in the province for two months to deal with the protesters.

Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said the Rangers were being called in to maintain law and order in Punjab for 60 days following renewed clashes between police and the banned Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), which started a march towards Islamabad after the government announced that it "cannot meet the TLP's demand for expulsion



TLP supporters celebrate after capturing a police vehicle. AP

of the French ambassador".

TLP's Saad Rizvi has been detained since April last following the party's protest against caricatures of Islam's Prophet published in France and its demand

that the French ambassador be sent back. The TLP had Sunday given a two-day deadline to the government to release Rizvi and expel the French envoy or face a sit-in in the capital.

Saudi Arabia to provide \$4.2 bn aid to Pakistan

Islamabad: Saudi Arabia has agreed to provide \$4.2 billion worth of assistance to cashstrapped Pakistan to support its economy, it emerged on Wednesday after Prime Minister Imran Khan held talks with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman in

Information Minister Fawad kingdom.

ment supports Pakistan with 3 billion US dollars as deposit in Pakistan central bank and also financing refined petroleum products with 1.2 billion US dollars during the year," Chaudhry said in a tweet.

pouring in on the night of May 28

Riyadh this week.

Chaudhry took to Twitter to announce the assistance which came just two days after Khan paid a three-day visit to the Gulf "Saudi Arabia's announce-

last year, soon after then-US President Donald Trump sent a warning on social media that looters in Minneapolis would be shot. Donald Trump

Facebook watched as

Trump ignited hate:

internal documents

It had been three days since Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin kneeled on the neck of George Floyd for more than eight minutes until the 46-year-old Black man lost consciousness. Protests would soon spread throughout cities across America.

AMANDA SEITZ

COLUMBUS, OCTOBER 27

THE REPORTS of hateful and vio-

But it wasn't until after Trump posted about Floyd's death that the reports of violence and hate speech increased on Facebook across the US, an internal company analysis reveals.

"These THUGS are dishonoring the memory of George Floyd and I won't let that happen,' Trump wrote on May 28 from his Twitter and Facebook accounts. "Any difficulty and we will assume control but, when the looting starts the shooting starts!" Leaked Facebook documents

provide a first-hand look at how

Trump's social media posts ignited

more anger in an already deeply

divided country. Hate speech and

Facebook says it's impossible to separate how many of the hate speech reports were driven by Trump's post itself or the controversy over Floyd's death. But Trump continued to use

in the June 5 memo.

5 of last year.

his Facebook account, which more than 32 million follow, to fire up his supporters throughout much of the remainder of his

violence reports had been mostly

limited to the Minneapolis region

after Floyd's death, the documents reveal. "However, after Trump's

post on May 28, situations really

escalated across the country," as

per the memo, published on June

that the entire country was ba-

sically 'on fire'," a Facebook em-

ployee wrote of the increase in

hate speech and violence reports

By June 2, "we can see clearly

Fears of rising baguette prices pose crunch for the French

ASSOCIATED PRESS PARIS, OCTOBER 27

A HIKE in the cost of wheat is alarming French households who fear a possible rise in the price of the prized baguette, seen by many as a barometer of the country's economic health.

Many boulangeries around France are putting up signs, warning customers that the long, crunchy staple could be go $ing\,up\,in\,price\,by\,3\,to\,5\,centimes$ (4 to 6 cents), from its average of about 89 centimes (just over \$1).

"Although that might not seem like a lot, it's a huge increase. The baguette is precious. It has only gone up 23 centimes in the last 20 years," said Dominique Anract, president of the French Confederation of Bakeries and Pastry Shops. The bread industry crunch

has been linked to a 30% worldwide increase since September in the price of wheat — one of the baguette's key ingredients - after bad harvests in Russia, Anract said. Rising energy prices that are making ovens more expensive to operate are also a factor, Anract and other experts say, with businesses and consumers worldwide already feeling the heat of higher prices from supply chain and labor constraints.

France's 67 million people are voracious consumers of the baguette. The country's "Bread Observatory" - a venerable institution that closely follows the fortunes of the famed 65-centimeter loaf — notes that the French munch through 320 baguettes every second. That's an average of



A bakery in Versailles, France, on Tuesday. AP

half a baguette per person per day and 10 billion every year.

"Even three centimes higher is dire when played out nationwide," Anract said. "The baguette is our emblem, our symbol, the thermometer of our economy. It's

perhaps like Britain's pint of milk. It can never go beyond one euro." Marc Cohen, a 35-year-old fa-

ther of two, said outside his local baker in the Le Marais area of central Paris that rising baguette prices "would be a pain in the

neck. Costs are going up everywhere. Even 5 centimes is a lot because we get one every day. That adds up over the year, and next year it will probably be the same."

The baguette seems like the quintessential French product, but is said to have been invented by Vienna-born baker August Zang in 1839. Zang put in place France's steam oven, making it possible to produce bread with a brittle crust et fluffy interior.

The product's zenith did not come until the 1920s, with the advent of a French law preventing bakers from working before 4 am. The baguette's long, thin shape meant it could be made more quickly than its stodgy cousins, so it was the sole bread that bakers could make in time

for breakfast. French Culture Minister Roselyne Bachelot has even nominated the baguette for a place on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List next year.

Baguettes are such serious business that bread observers say bakers around France are willing to sacrifice other bread products to maintain the price of the baguette, by spreading around extra costs.

Bread has often stirred French passions. Marie Antoinette's famously misattributed quote, "Let them eat cake," was one of the supposed triggers of the 1789 French Revolution. Yet Anract was sanguine about the immediate future.

"In the Revolution, there was a penury of bread, there was not enough of it," he said. "It wasn't about the price of bread. We're not at that stage yet!"

THE JUSTICE RAVEENDRAN COMMITTEE

The Supreme Court said it was "an extremely uphill task" to find experts "who are free from

prejudices, are independent and competent". Based on "biodatas and information collected independently", and after leaving out candidates who declined the assignment or had conflicts of interest, the court has chosen "the most renowned experts available to be a part of the Committee".

SIMPLY PUT

Committee and its mandate

Supreme Court has set up a panel to investigate allegations of potential surveillance of mobile phones using the Pegasus spyware

Why was Pegasus panel needed, what it will do now — and how

APURVA VISHWANATH

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday ordered a probe headed by former SC judge R V Raveendran to look into the allegations of unauthorised surveillance using the Israelibuilt Pegasus spyware.

Terms of reference

The court has set seven terms of reference for the committee, which are essentially facts that need to be ascertained to decide the issue.

These range from determining who procured Pegasus and whether the petitioners in the case were indeed targeted by use of the software, to what laws justify the use of such spyware against citizens. (See box right)

The court has also asked the committee to make recommendations on a legal and policy framework on cyber security to ensure the right to privacy of citizens is protected.

The committee is expected to submit its report in eight weeks.

Why a committee?

Decisions in cases seeking enforcement of fundamental rights are based on facts. The task of determining these facts, when they are disputed or unknown, are often assigned to committees, which act as an agent of the court. Such committees or fact-finding teams can summon individuals, prepare ground reports, and inform the court.

The government has rejected the global media investigation into the use of Pegasus, but has not supplied any facts in the matter. The case involves technical questions, and requires extensive fact-finding for the court to determine whether fundamental rights were violated, and to pass suitable orders. The Centre's refusal to file an additional affidavit means the court will require more assistance from the committee

Once the committee answers the factbased questions, the court will examine questions such as: If the government indeed used Pegasus, can it be justified under law? If not, what relief must be granted to the petitioners?

Will government respond?

The government had argued that since matters of national security were involved, it would not file any further affidavit in the case, but it would be willing to disclose all information before a committee of technical experts. However, the government had sought to

TERMS OF REFERENCE

TO ENQUIRE, INVESTIGATE, DETERMINE

■ Whether Pegasus was used on phones or other devices of Indian citizens to access stored data, eavesdrop on conversations, intercept information and/or for any other

2 Details of victims and/or persons affected by such attack.

What steps/actions were taken by Union of India after the 2019 reports on hacking of WhatsApp accounts of Indians, using Pegasus.

Whether Pegasus was acquired by Uol, or any state government, or any central or state agency for use against Indian citizens?

If any government agency has used Pegasus on Indian citizens, and under what law, rule, guideline, protocol, or lawful procedure?

If any domestic entity/person has If any nomestic charges used the spyware on Indian citizens, is such use authorised?

Any other matter or aspect connected, ancillary or incidental to the above, which the Committee may deem fit and proper to investigate.

TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding enactment or amendment of law and procedures on surveillance, and to secure improved right to privacy.

Regarding enhancing and improving cyber security of nation and its assets.

To ensure prevention of invasion of right to privacy, other than lawfully, by State and/or non-State entities using such spyware.

Regarding establishment of a mechanism to flag suspicion of illegal surveillance of devices.

Regarding setting up a ver-equipped independent premier Regarding setting up a wellagency to investigate cyber security vulnerabilities and cyberattacks, and assess cyberattack threats.

Regarding any $ad\ hoc$ Regarding any our not arrangement for protection of citizen's rights until Parliament is able

On any ancillary matter the Committee may deem fit and proper. (From SC order, edited)

appoint the technical committee itself — which the court has not allowed, saying "such a course of action would violate the settled judicial principle against bias, i.e., that 'justice must not only be done, but also be seen to be done'."

Justice Raveendran's committee could now seek the government's response afresh. However, probe committees set up by courts into government excesses - such as extrajudicial killings — are often faced by a lack of cooperation from the government.

Committees, therefore, often engage with other parties and stakeholders; the Justice Raveendran panel has been empowered to "take the assistance of any serving or retired officer(s), legal expert(s) or technical expert(s)".

The West Bengal panel

In July, the West Bengal government set up a Commission of Inquiry comprising former Supreme Court Justice Madan B Lokur and former Calcutta High Court Justice Jyotirmay Bhattacharya to look into the same allegations.

Although the Supreme Court has not stayed this probe, the West Bengal government has told the court that it would voluntarily pause it, and that "nothing will happen" till the SC hears the batch of PILs on Pegasus.

RAVEENDRAN, 75 RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUDGE

JUSTICE RAJU

VARADARAJULU

ment or the party in power at the

Centre. Nor can he/she be removed

on the ground that the Union govern-

ment has lost confidence in him/her".

R M Lodha Committee appointed by

the SC in 2015 to reform the BCCI. In

August 2017, Justice Raveendran

turned down a request from the SC to

oversee the NIA probe into the con-

version of Kerala resident Akhila to

Islam, after which she assumed the

name Hadiya, and her wedding with

Anomalies in Law & Justice: Writings

Related to Law & Justice, was released

by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana

Bengaluru, Justice Raveendran said "it

will be his endeavour to oversee the

functioning of the Technical Comm-

ittee in the manner directed" by the SC.

Speaking to The Indian Express from

Justice Raveendran's book,

a Muslim man, Shefin Jahan.

in June this year.

Justice Raveendran was part of the

Will oversee functioning of 3-member Technical Committee on methodology, procedure, and inquiry and investigation; can take assistance any serving/retired officer or expert.

Justice Raveendran served as judge of the Supreme Court from September 9, 2005 to October 15, 2011. Before that, he was Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court.

During his tenure in the SC, Justice Raveendran delivered important judgments in matters relating to constitutional law, reservation, human rights, and education.

In a well-known matter, a Constitution Bench comprising Justice Raveendran condemned the tendency to change Governors upon a change of regime at the Centre. The Bench ruled that "the Governor cannot be removed on the ground that he/she is out of sync with the policies and ideologies of the Union govern-

ALOK JOSHI

AND NTRO

Committee.

FORMER CHIEF OF R&AW

Will assist Justice Raveendran in

overseeing the work of the Technical

joint director in the Intelligence Bureau.

He was also chairman of the National

Technical Research Organisation (NTRO),

which deals with a range of matters from

hi-tech surveillance to cyber security.

he was special secre-

He declined to comment further.

DR SUNDEEP OBEROI GLOBAL HEAD OF CYBERSECURITY SERVICES, TCS

Will assist Justice Raveendran in overseeing the work of the Technical Committee



In allegations against Wankhede, questions of

A globally recognized cyber security expert, Dr Oberoi is chairman of a joint technical committee of the International Organization for Stand-

ardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission. Ensuring data confidentiality and privacy is one of Dr Oberoi areas of expertise, which dovetails with aspects arising out of Pegasus issue.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

PROF (DR) NAVEEN KUMAR **CHAUDHARY**

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An expert in cyber security, e-governance, digital forensics, network security, and communication engineering, Prof Chaudhary is also a member of a UGC panel

on developing an ecosystem for cyber security in higher education institutions in India. Prof Chaudhary received the Chairman, Chief of Staff Committee Commendation Award for drafting a visionary document on space technology capacity building in 2015.

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Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology in 2018. Among his areas of specialisation are optical networks, broadband com-

munication, and end-to-end networks. Dr Gumaste played a critical role in the development of carrier ethernet switch routers, a product that was commercialised by the Electronics Corporation of India Ltd as part of a major technology transfer agreement by IIT Bombay.

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Dr Prabaharan specialises in cybersecurity, and has published several papers on deep malware detection, intrusion detection, and ransomware detection.

Last December, he was awarded the Defence Research and Development Organisation's Academy Excellence Award 2018.

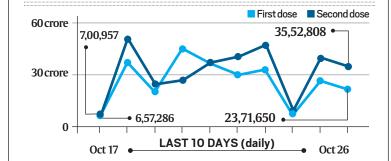
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DOSES ON OCT 26 59,24,458 OCT 25: 66,88,224 (1st dose: 26,98,347; 2nd: 39,89,877)

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administered in Andhra Pradesh on October 25, the highest for any state. 9.35.121 West Bengal

5,53,383

Andhra Pradesh

4,74,485 Maharashtra

3,50,070 Gujarat

Note: The October 26 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on October 27 Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on October 27

religion, conversion, in eligibility for SC quota SHYAMLALYADAV&

NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, OCTOBER 27

ZEESHAN SHAIKH

MAHARASHTRA MINISTER Nawab Malik has alleged that Sameer Wankhede, Mumbai Zonal Director of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), who is in charge of the case against Shah Rukh Khan's son Arvan, benefitted from the reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs) despite being Muslim and ineligible for the quota. If the allegations are proven, Wankhede could lose his job.

The list of officers on the website of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), which allots services to those who clear the Civil Services Examination (CSE), shows Wankhede was ranked 561st in CSE 2007. He was selected as a candidate from the SC category, and became an officer of the 2008 batch of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes).

What is Wankhede accused of?

Malik has alleged that Dnyandev Kachru Wankhede, father of Sameer Wankhede, was an SC who converted to Islam before marrying Sameer's mother, Zaheeda Begum.

Sameer was born in 1979, and Malik has released the birth certificate which records his father's name as Dawood K Wankhede. Malik has claimed that Sameer was

raised as a Muslim, and has released the purported nikahnama — the document on which two Muslim partners entering into a civil union must sign to legalise their marriage dated December 7, 2006, which shows his name as Sameer Dawood Wankhede. Malik has alleged that Sameer, a

Muslim, was selected in the CSE under the

SC quota to which he was not entitled. What are the rules of religion in

eligibility for the SC quota?



Sameer Wankhede at the NCB office in New Delhi on Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

There is a 15 per cent quota for SCs in government jobs. But Hindu SCs who convert to Islam lose their SC status, and are no longer eligible for the quota.

A brochure on the DoPT site lays down the position on SC status and conversions: "A person shall be held to be a member of a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe if he belongs to a caste, or a tribe which has been

declared as such...

ferent from the Hindu or the Sikh religion shall be deemed to be a member of the Scheduled Castes..." (On STs, see later) Further, "A person belonging to a

"No person who professes a religion dif-

Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe will continue to be deemed as such irrespective of his/her marriage to a non-Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe. However, "A convert or re-convert to Hinduism and Sikhism shall be accepted as

received back and accepted as a member of the concerned Scheduled Caste." The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, which lavs down that no person professing a religion different from the Hindu

or Sikh or Buddhist religion can be deemed

a member of Scheduled Caste if he has been

to be a member of an SC, has been amended several times. The original order under which only Hindus were classified as SCs, was amended to include Sikhs in 1956, and Buddhists in 1990.

No such religion-based bar, however, operates for STs and Other Backward Classes (OBCs). The brochure on the DoPT site says, 'The rights of a person belonging to a Scheduled Tribe are independent of his/her religious faith."

Is the exclusion of Muslims and Christians discriminatory?

Petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court seeking the inclusion of Muslims and Christians in the SC category.

In 2004, the Centre for Public Interest Litigation challenged the legality of the provision by which people professing and converting to religions other than Hinduism. Sikhism, and Buddhism were deprived of reservation benefits.

In 2008, the National Commission on Minorities concluded that there was a case for inclusion Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims in the SC category. In January 2020, the SC agreed to exam-

ine a plea by the National Council of Dalit Christians to make the government's affirmative action programmes religion-neutral. The plea is pending before the court.

In inter-caste marriages, can mother's caste be the caste of the couple's child?

The child carries the caste of the father, and caste certificates are issued on this basis. However, courts have taken note of the surroundings in which the child was brought up. In Rameshbhai Dabhai Naika vs State of

Gujarat & Ors (2012), the Supreme Court ruled: "In an inter-caste marriage or a marriage between a tribal and a non-tribal there may be a presumption that the child has the caste of the father. This presumption may be

New Delhi

stronger in the case where in the inter-caste marriage or a marriage between a tribal and a non-tribal the husband belongs to a forward caste. But by no means the presumption is conclusive or irrebuttable and it is open to the child of such marriage to lead evidence to show that he/she was brought up by the mother who belonged to the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe.'

In 2006, then Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Meira Kumar proposed that children born of inter-caste marriages should get SC status if either parent belongs to a Scheduled Caste. A proposal was to be placed before the Cabinet in April 2008, but was withdrawn at the last minute. There was resistance to the suggestion from many quarters, including the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC).

What can happen if a caste certificate is found to be false?

A DoPT circular of May 19, 1993 says: "Wherever it is found that a Government servant, who was not qualified or eligible in terms of the recruitment rules etc... or had furnished false information or produced a false certificate in order to secure appointment, he should not be retained in service...

"If he/she has become a permanent Government Servant... if the charges are proved, the Government servant should be removed or dismissed from service."

Sameer Wankhede may face an inquiry,

and may even be dismissed if his SC certificate is found to be false. However, the matter is currently very politicised, and clarity is reguired on several questions — for example: whether his father was a Muslim when

Sameer was issued his certificate; ■ whether his father converted to Islam to marry and then re-converted — and if so,

■ whether Sameer changed his religion to Hinduism just to receive an SC certificate.

Tender Inquiry No. 567/DB-204

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(Through e-Tender) No.: 2021-08-CTRBBRENCO Date: 26.10.2021 On the behalf of President of India

e-Tenders are invited by the CWM Carriage Workshop, NWR, Jodhpur द्वारा प्रकाशित ई-निविदा सूचना सं0 1. Name of Work with its Location ਟੀ−11 / EGD / MZN / 2021−22 Overhauling/Refurbishment of CTRB निरगाजनी जल विद्युत गृह की 2.50 MW "F" type BRENCO-NEI by OEM of HHF Locomotive in Carriage Workshop रखाइन के 04 नग रनर ब्लैड्स (स्पेयर NWR, Jodhpur. 2. Approximate Cost of . सैट) की मरम्मत का कार्य, को अपरिहाय work: Rs. 4494199.92 (Rs. Forty Four कारणवश पुनः आमंत्रित किया जाता है Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand One वेबसाईट पर निविदा स्वीकार करने तथा Hundred Ninety Nine and Ninety Two डाउनलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि / समर Paisa Only). 3. Earnest Money to be 08.11.2021 / 16:00 बजे तक किया जात deposited: NIL (Bld Security Declaration to be submitted by है। तथा निविदा का प्रथम भाग खुलने की tenderers). 4. Last date and time fo तिथि / समय को ०९.11.2021 / 11:00 Submission of e-tender and Opening बजे किया जाता है। अन्य नियम व शर्ते of e-tender: 17.11.2021 Up to 15:00 Hrs. and 17.11.2021 after 15:00 Hrs 5. Website from e-tender forms सम्बन्धित समास्त सचनाए can be obtained : www.ireps.gov.in

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6. Address of the NIT issuing Office

Office of the CWM, Carriage Workshop

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Computer Center No. DAVV/CC/2021-22/1 Dated: 25.10.2021

Online tenders are invited under two bid system (Technical and financial) for Software Development and AMC for Examination Results Processing for DAVV. The tender documents may be downloaded on payment of Rs. 2000/- at https: www.mptenders.gov.in (main portal) and can be seen at website www.dauniv.ac.in/tenders.php M.P. Madhvam/102432/2021 REGISTRAR

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3) Spectrum and Vector Analyzer 4) Cathodo-Luminescence stage

Tender documents are published on

https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app and http://www.iiserpune.ac.in/links/tender-notices-and-eoi

Advt. No: IISER/S&P/10/21-22 Dated 27/10/2021 Director 75= RAIL WHEEL FACTORY



Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

Dated 25/10/2021

Tender Notice No.RWF/S/003/2021-22 On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Materials Manager invites Electronic Open Tender from experienced OEMs / Manufacturers or authorized

www.ireps.gov.in. The tender documents and the Corrigenda to the Tenders, if any rill be available on the portal only. Item Description Tender No. P2215624 Tool positioning chuck assembly to HMT Drawing No. 02 SETS Y 1292-XXII-0, consisting of mounting plate, chuck housing, feed screw housing

agents for supply of the following item on the Indian Railways e-porta

retaining plates, facing slides, butting button, bearing housing, bevel gear shaft, bevel gear, spur gears, bush, lead screw, feed nut block, feed nut and height pleces. Make: HMT only, Warranty: warranty of 30 months from the date of delivery or 24 months from the date of fitment or use whichever is early has to be provided against quality manufacturing defects and workmanships for the item supplied Tender Opening Date and Time: 25/11/2021 at 14:15 hrs.

Tender details can be viewed on our website www.ireps.gov.in o

www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.ln.

Principal Chief Materials Manage **१९९६** म.प्र. राज्य पर्यटन विकास निगम मर्यादित

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क्रमांक 190/यात्रिकी/पविनि/21

दिनांक 27.10.2021

निविदा सूचना एवं सिस्टम नं. 100/2021_STDC_165859_1 मध्यप्रदेश राज्य पर्यटन विकास निगम भौपाल द्वारा निम्नतिश्वित कार्य है

ऑनलाइन (Online) निविदा निविदा प्रपत्र APPENDIX2.10 पर म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से आमीवित की जाती है। कार्य का नाम :- सीहोर जिले में स्थित नर्मदा नदी के जैत एवं आवली घाट में फ्लोरिंग, बॉच टावर, टॉवलेट ब्लॉक, चेंज रूम तथा अन्य सींदर्यीकरण के सिविल कार्य (आंतरिक विद्युतीकरण सहित)। कार्यपूर्णता 08 माह कार्य की अनुमानित सागत राशि रू. 532.85 साख।

वेबसाइट पर ऑनलाइन भुगतान कर निविदा प्रपत्र (टेण्डर डाक्युमेंट) वेबसाइट के माध्यम से ऋच किये जा सकते हैं। निविदा प्रपत्र ऑनलाइन ऋच करने की ऑतिम तिथ्वि 15.11.2021 समय सार्वं 05:00 बजे तक निर्धारित है। कार्य का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट https://mptenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता

म.प्र. माध्यम/102434/2021

कार्यपासन यंत्री

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE B-508 **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)**

Bid Identification No. C.C.E.J.C (R&B)-10/2021-22 Date, 22,10,2021

: BUILDING WORK

: Rs. 499.16 Lakhs.

: 09 (Nine) Months

: Rs. 10,000/- Each.

(Schedule-K)

: Bid Security Declaration

: "A" & "Special" Class.

to 17.00 hours of 11.11.2021

: 10.00 hours of 12.11.2021

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1. Nature of the work

2. Total No. of Works

No. 4303

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3. Estimated cost

4. Period of completion 5. Cost of Bid Document

6. Bid Security (EMD)

7. Class of Contractor 8. Date & time of availability of : From 10.00 hours of 29.10.2021 bid document in the portal

9. Last date/ Time for receipt of: 17.00 hours of 11.11.2021 bids in the Portal;

10. Opening date of Bid; 11. Name and address of the: Chief Construction Engineer

Officer Inviting Bid Further details can be seen https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/ corrigendum cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore from the e-procurement porta

> **Chief Construction Enginee** Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore

OIPR-34108/11/0011/2122

NOTICE

Invitation for Empanelment of Manufacturers of Agricultural Machinery

No. Agri/Engg/4972/EM/SMAM/2021-22/44 Dtd. 27/10/2021 Applications are invited from Manufacturers of Agricultural Machineries, who are registered in the DBT portal www.agrimachinery.nic.in. for empanelment to facilitate community procurement under different Schemes for the year 2021-22. Application forms along with Terms & Conditions and list of Agricultural Machinery shall be available in the office of the undersigned from 28/10/2021 and this is also made the departmental www.diragri.assam.gov.in. Last date of submission of applications along with required documents, certificates, test reports etc. is 12/11/2021.

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> Chief Engineer, Agriculture Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22

Januaryog No. D/8068/21

RO. No. 794 CORRIGENDUM In reference to NIT No. 03 & 04 /EE (G_MB-I)/2021-22 invited by the office of the Executive Engineer (Generation)date of availability of bid document on website shall be read as 19.10.2021 in place of 19.11.2021 and value of stamp paper for Bic Security Declaration (Annexure-9) shall be read as Rs. 100 in place of Rs. 10. Other terms & condition will remain same. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our

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e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Notice No. and Date EP. No. 01/CGM(E)/K'Pur Circle/WS-Imp-ORR-Extended Areas/Pack-II/ 2021-22, dated: 27.10.2021

Name of Work: Providing water supply infrastructure to the extended areas o ORR Villages by laying inlet, outlet an distribution network with HDPE & DI K7 pipelines of different diameters and Construction of Service Reservoirs of various capacities (GLSRs / ELSRs of varied staging) in Rajendranagar, Shamirpet Medchal, Qutubullapur, Patancheru, R.C. Puram & Bollaram Mandals - Package-II.

Approximate Estimate Contract Value : Rs. 485.70 Crores

1. The bid documents download starts online from Date: 05.11.2021 Name and address of Chief General Manager (Engg), concerned Chief General Manager (Engg), Keshavapuram Circle, HMWSSB Khairatabad, Hyderabad - 500004, Telangana. 3. The contractors/firms are requested to upload the information in the 'ZIP' format preferably. 4. Further details can be seen @ https://tender.telangana.gov.in

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Keshavapuram Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad - 04,T.S.

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CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. A1 M1 B3/WCL-RCR-CTA/OCTOBER 2021 Dated: 28.10.2021

Name of Work: APPOINTMENT OF COAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR TRANSPORTATION OF COAL FROM WCL'S MUNGOLI AND PENGANGA MINES TO VIMLA PRIVATE RAILWAY SIDING & LOADING IN INDIAN RAILWAY WAGONS FOR ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION (RTPS) Tenders are invited from reputed companies/ persons for transportation of coal supplies from Mungoli and Penganga Mines loading point/s of WCL and having adequate knowledge & experience for the Lifting, Movement, Handling & Delivery of approximately 1.50 Lakh MTs of coal by Road cum Rail Route to RTPS including the works of nonths. Last date for receipt of the completed bids: 17.00 Hrs. on 04.11.2021. The

iasioning, Supervision, Monitoring of Quantity and Quality of coal for a period of two tender document can be downloaded from the website: https://www.eproc karnataka.gov.in Further details can be had from The Superintending Enginee (Mines) KPCL No. 82 Shakti Bhayan III Floor Race Course Road Bengaluru-560 001 Telefax: 080-22203894. E-mail: cefuelskpcl@karnataka.gov.in website www.karnatakanower.com

U.P POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD. E-Tendering Notice E-Tender Notice 08/ETD-III(A)/2021-22

1- E-Tender No.: 08/ETD-III(A)/2021-22 online e-Bids are invited for the "Work of removal of dense bushesh, Trimming of grass in 220 KV S/S Bah Under ETD-III Agra" EMD Cost of Rs. 2,000.00, Tender Cost Rs. 590.00, Last date of tender 15-11-2021 at 12:00 Hrs. Total quality of work, tender No. & other terms & Condition is as per tender document available on the efender portal. Undersigned reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the giver website. Bidders are advised to visit the website http://etender.up.nic.in regularly for updated information from time to time. Cost of Tender and Earnest Money Submitted in the Account of Executive Engineer, Electricity Transmission Division-III, (Agra) with A/C No- 628705501013, IFSC Code ICIC0006287 Payble at ICICI Bank Sanjay Place, (Agra) Bank Code-6287 through NEFT/RTGS. Executive Engineer Electricity Transmission Division-III Agra. "राष्ट्र हित में फर्जा बचाये" मन्नांक:1148 विवपावशांकप्राव / निविदा / दिनांक: 27.10.2021

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

SRDEN/I/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against following tenders closing date 18/11/2021 16:00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are no allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available or IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through emand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed

106-DRM-MB-21-22 Date — 27.10.2021
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CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER NOTICE In reference to e-tender invited previously by this office, are hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons as under:-

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				& offline mode	mode
1.	CCP-II/28/ 2021-22	33KV Polymer pin Insulator	15000 Nos.	10.11.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs.	11.11.2021 at 15:30 Hrs.
2.	CCP-II/29/ 2021-22	33KV Outdoor Pole mounted combined CT-PT unit with meter box	Nos.	10.11.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs.	11.11.2021 at 15:45 Hrs.

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04321 Bareilly- Bhuj Special	Jagatpura station	17:18	17:20	From 29.10.2021		
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Mob.: 8010602729, 8750871302

missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned. E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in

Ph.: 011-24368638,24368641 Fax: 011-24368639

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Specification No

Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

or details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloadin f e-tenders, please visit website, www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்."

कुटेशन नोटिस

हार्डवैयर/पैटी/मिसलेनियस आईटम की अगले एक वर्ष के लिए खरीद की

जानी है। इच्छुक सप्लायर दिनांक 26.11.2021 तक अपनी सील बंद

कृटेशन कार्यालय महाप्रबंधक हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, चरखी दादरी के

नाम भेज सकते हैं। जिसके ऊपर स्टोर आईटम कुटेशन लिखा होना

हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, चरखी दादरी में वाहनों की मुरम्मत के लिए

DIPR/3112/Tender/2021

Tender Inviting Authority

CE / Madurai

e-Tender Notice No. and Date	Name of Work	Approximate Estimate Contract Value
EP.No. 27 /	Providing water supply infrastructure to the	
CGM(E)/	extended areas of ORR Villages by laying	
ORR Circle/	inlet, outlet and distribution network with	
WS-Imp-ORR-	HDPE & DI K7 pipelines of different diameters	Rs. 507.57
Extended	and Construction of Service Reservoirs of	Crores
Areas/ Pack-I/	various capacities (GLSRs / ELSRs of varied	
2021-22,	staging) in Saroornagar, Maheswaram,	
dated:	Shamshabad, Hayathnagar, Ibrahimpatnam,	
27.10.2021	Ghatkesar & Keesara Mandals - Package-I	
(1) The hid doc	uments download starts online from 05 11 2021	(2) Name and

Name and address of Chief General Manager (Engg), concerned- Chief General Manager (Engg), ORR Circle, HMWSSB, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, Telangana (3) The contractors/firms are requested to upload the information in the 'ZIP' forma eferably. (4) Further details can be seen @ https://tender.telangana.gov.in

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), ORR Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500 004. T.S.

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), Namely: Nisha D/o: Vinod Singh, R/o: H.No. A-3, Pocket-09, Sector B4, Narela, Delhi Aged: 13 years has been missing since 27.09.2021 from Her House. In this Regard a FIR. No.: 604/21, Dated 27.09.2021, has been lodged at P.S. NIA **Delhi.** Her physical description is as under:

Height: 4'9" feet, Complexion: Fair, Face:

Oval, Built: Thin, Clothing: Blue Colour Suit & White Colour Salwar and Black Shoes

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

P.S. NIA, Delhi DP/1349/ON/2021 Ph.: 011-27787592, 27787593

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION General public is hereby informed that this



person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 45 Years, Sex: Male, Height: 5 feet 3 inch, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: White Colour T-shirt Bearing mark of HP, Dark Grey Colour Lower and barefoot, was found lying unconscious alongside main Kanjhawala Road

Nisha

Delhi on 09.10.2021 and he was admitted to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital Mangol Puri, New Delhi and during treatment doctor declared him dead. In this regard a DD No.99A, dated 09.10.2021 has been lodged at

P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may

kindly inform to the following. P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi DP/1134/RD/2021 Ph.: 011-27581812, 8750870321

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown Age: 45/50 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Face: Long, Hair: Black & White, **ID**: Om tattoo on right hand, **Injury Mark**: Neck Separated from Torso, Wearing: Yellow coloured shirt and Black colured pant, was found dead by train accident on 21.10.2021 at 6:11 PM from KM Pol

No.2/9, Railway Track, Near Nathu Colony, Chowk Flyover, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in G.T.B. Hospital Mortuary for Identification. In this regard a FIR/DD No.41A dated **21.10.2021** has been lodged at P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly

inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi Ph.: 011-23961522

SEARCH FOR MISSING General Public is hereby informed that a



DP/355/RLY/2021

been missing since 23.07.2021 from her home. In this regard a case FIR No. 337/21, u/s 363 IPC dated 24.07.2021 has been registered at P.S. North Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the

> SHO P.S. North Rohini, Delhi Ph.: 011-27048210, 8750870330

New Delhi

DP/1141/RD/2021

E-Tendering Tender Notice Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following works upto 13:30 hrs. on

Criteria fo

P.Way Work

18 Months

Sd/-

1	120	& fittings replacement work over different girder bridges in CAR- CPU Section under Sr. DEN/I/PRYJ.	404.44	12 Months	and laying of channel sleeper in running track	
2	121	Steel Channel Sleepers replacement work with H. Beam Sleepers over Major & Minor Girder Bridges in DDU-NYN Section under Sr. DEN/I/PRYJ.		18 Months	Fabrication and laying of channel sleeper in running track on briges OR Fabrication and laying of channel sleeper with 'H' beem in running track on briges	

392.07

Date of Opening of tender: 01.12.2021

Note:- Railway Board vide letter No. 2020/CE-I/CT/3E/GCC/Policy dt 30.12.2020 has advised the Ministry of Finance vide OM No. F.9/4/2020-PPD, ated 12.11.2020 titled "Bid Security/Earnest Money Deposit' has advised to ake from bidders Bid Security Declaration in lieu of Bid security/Earnest Money Deposit.All the insteuctions of this letter will be complied.Offer will not be considered in case the bid security has not submitted. 2. E-Tender Forms shall e issued free of cost to all tenderers. 3. The complete information along with ender document of above E-tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening 4. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For his purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **5.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head it attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 6. The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document as "Annexure" in standard format without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. 7. The supplier/contractor of goods and/or ervices would be subject to GST Act. and Rules as applicable from time to time. 8. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 9. This ender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailway.gov.in 10 In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 11. Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. of tender opening date. 12 The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in

ff North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in ☑ @ CPRONCR

Amrit Mahotsav 1132/21(D)

website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's Note: Corrigendum and Addendum, if any will be published online at website "www.ujvnl.com".

2438/21

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering) Improvement work of MOZ, THJ, NGL and TPZ stations

with its location of Delhi Division. App. Cost of the work (₹) ₹ 42,04,534/- only Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway the office 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055. Date & Time for upload the Tender uploading / closing date & time -

Regd. Office.: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001

CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in

Superintending Engineer/Billing Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor, 3

Storey Building, The Mall, Patiala invites E-Tender for procuremen

of 2" Bluetooth Printers for In House Meter Reading/Spot Billing. For

detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc

punjab.gov.in from 27.10.2021, 14.00 PM onwards.

tender / closing of tender 17.11.2021 up to 15.00 hrs. ooard location whe

Website particular & notice | See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM Office State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

tender can be seen etc. Fender No. 558-Sig-16-M-Tender-1367 Dated: 26.10.2021 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Public Work Department
Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works (West)

Division Aurangabad Address:- Public Works Premise, Padampura, Aurangabad 431005 E-mail aaddress :- westaurangabad.ee@mahapwd.com Telephone/Fax Number:- 0240 2331288

E-Tender Notice No.(10) of 2021-22

E-Tender for the following work in B-1 Tender Form is invited via online e-tendering system from Eligible Contractor by the Executive Engineer, Public Works (west) Division, Aurangabad on behalf of Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra Tender Document are downloaded from government portal https://Mahatenders.gov.in Right to select or reject is reserved by Executive Engineer, Public works (west)

Division, Aurangabad. Conditional Tender will not be accepted. No. 4 Works) All information of e-tender is available on following portal.

A) https://mahapwd.com B) https://Mahatenders.gov.in If any change made in this e-tender is informed on above portal.

Executive Engineer, **Public Works (west)** dgipr 2021-22/2476 Division, Aurangabad

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

JAWAHARNAGAR:KHANAPARA:GUWAHATI — 781022 PHONE NO.0361-2362372, FAX NO-0361-2362361 Email: aasc1960@yahoo.com, director@aasc.gov.in

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

ASSAM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE

No.AASC(T)49/2021-22/ 55 Dated Guwahati the 27th October, 2021 The Assam Administrative Staff College, under the Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension & Public Grievances Department, Government of Assam, invites sealed Tenders from National level reputed Coaching Institutes having local presence in terms of a Centre in Guwahati, for imparting Class Room Coaching at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati — 22 to the aspirants of Central Civil Service (IAS and Allied Services) for Preliminary and Mains Examination, 2022 conducted by UPSC Coaching will be only on General Studies Paper I and Civil Service

reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the Tenders at

any stage without assigning any reason thereof. The Tender

documents can be downloaded from the website of AASC i.e.

www.aasc.assam.gov.in or it can be directly collected from the

The last date for submission of Tenders is 22nd November, 2021

(upto 12.00 PM) and the same will be opened on the same day at

Duration of the Coaching Programme: 3.5 months Intake Strength of Students: 50-65 The Director of Training, Assam Administrative Staff College

Aptitude Test (CSAT) covering all relevant areas

office of the Director of Training, Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 during office hours on payment of Rs 500.00 in cash which is non-refundable

Director of Training i/c Assam Administrative Staff College, Jawaharnagar: Khanapara: Guwahati-22

01.12.2021. The details of the tender are as under:-

Name of Work

Lifting, ballasting and

attention to track with

Heavy repairs of Yard-

Drainage in Prayagra

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ADEN/MZP

122

Earnest Money: NIL

Janasanyog No./C/7201/21

SN Tender

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

Approx Cost

Completion

Period

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compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC July '2020 mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as incomplete offer and accordingly shall not be

अनिवार्य है। स्टोर आईटम की लिस्ट व अन्य शर्तों के लिए महाप्रबंधक कार्यालय में संपर्क कर सकते हैं। कुटेशन से संबंधित सभी दस्तावेज किसी भी कार्यदिवस को दिनांक 15.11.2021 से पहले आकर 100 रु. जमा करवाने उपरान्त महाप्रबंधक कार्यालय हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन चरखी

दादरी से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of October 26

FINMIN TO OTHER MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS

'Clear Air India dues,

buy tickets in cash'

⊙ ₹63.489

SENSEX: 61,143.33 ▼ 206.93 (-0.34%) NIFTY: 18,210.95 ▼ 57.45 (-0.31%) NIKKEI: 29,098.24 ▼ 7.77 HANG SENG: 25,628.74 ▼ 409.53 FTSE: 7,275.16 ▼ 2.46 DAX: 15,703.81 ▼ 53.25

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EAC-PM: 3 new members inducted

ENSECONOMICBUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE GOVERNMENT has reconstituted the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister for a period of two years after its term came to an end last month. Bibek Debroy continues to be the Chairman of the EAC-PM. Former RBI Deputy Governor Rakesh Mohan, IIM Ahmedabad Professor TT Ram Mohan and Director-General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) Poonam Gupta are the new part-time members inducted into the seven-member body.

Rakesh Mohan, currently a Senior Fellow at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University and Distinguished Fellow at Brookings India, has had a long career in Indian policymaking, with expertise in central banking, monetary policy, multilateral institutions, financial markets, infrastructure and economic research. He is also a senior adviser to the McKinsev Global Institute.

In a recent column 'Why has India's growth slowed,' published

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NATION STATES, which have

so far used dedicated teams to

carry out cyberattacks on the

online and offline infrastruc-

ture of other countries can, in

2022, turn "hackers for hire" by

opting to work for other coun-

tries, global cybersecurity firm

McAfee Enterprise, along with

FireEye, said in a report re-

will also turn to social media to

infiltrate enterprise organisa-

tions. "Nation States will

weaponise social media to tar-

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sionals, looking to infiltrate or-

ganisations for their own

proach is not new, it is relatively

uncommon. After all, it does

demand a level of research to

"hook" the target into interac-

tions and establishing fake pro-

files is more work but target-

ing of individuals has proven

to be a very successful channel,

Such nation states, it noted,

leased on Wednesday.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

'Some nations may

turn hackers for hire'

Ram Mohan wrote that while critics blame it on major policy lapses on the part of the Narendra Modi government such as demonetisation, GST and absence of major economic reforms; the economic slowdown is primarily on account of the banking crisis. In 2017, he wrote that while academics, economists and media commentators were quick to pronounce judgement that demonetisation is a blunder, UP election results showed that the pundits got it wrong. "Demonetisation did not work against the BJP in the recent polls and may have even contributed to its huge victory in UP", he wrote.

Before joining NCAER in April this year, Gupta was lead economist, global macro and market research, International Finance Corporation and Lead Economist for India at the World Bank. She has earlier been the Reserve Bank of India Chair Professor at National Institute of Public Finance and Policy and has also worked with International

Such nation states will

turn to social media to

organisations, McAfee

Enterprise, along with

FireEye, said in a report

and we predict the use of this

vector could grow not only

through espionage groups, but

also other threat actors," the re-

port said. Further, McAfee and

FireEye predict that in in 2022

cybercriminals will have learnt

from their successful tactics of

2021 and will evolve in sophis-

tication "wielding the poten-

tial to wreak more havoc

ASIThits over 100 million users in

India, Snap, the parent company

for Snapchat, sees Augmented

Reality (AR) as the next big driver

for growth and increasing adop-

tion in the market. Snap's co-

founder and chief technology of-

ficer BOBBY MURPHY discussed

the increasing importance of AR in

the Indian market in an exclusive

interview with SHRUTI DHAPOLA.

Our big milestone announce-

ment is that we've reached 100

million Snapchatters in India. This

is largely a testament to the

tremendous work that our team

based in India and outside who are

supporting a lot of the local part-

nerships with organisations and

companies. We've seen that en-

gagement happening not only

within Snapchat but also in other

apps that we're working with

What do you think is the future

of AR adoption in India and the

skilling programmes that Snap

India is one of our best exam-

ples of the success of our ecosys-

tem from all sides. It also shows

how powerful AR can be as an ed-

ucational tool and a way to learn

more about the world around

has undertaken in India?

What is your view on key

trends and growth in the

Edited excerpts:

Indian market?

around AR.

across the globe".

infiltrate enterprise

Kamath is NaBFID chairperson

New Delhi: The Finance tral Government has ap-Ministry on Wednesday announced the appointment of the post of Chairperson,

veteran banker K V Kamath as Chairperson of the newly set up National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development.

With an equity capital of Rs 20,000 crore, NaBFID is expected to catalyse funding of over Rs 3 lakh crore for infra sector in future

"New approach to building #AatmaNirbharBharat! Cen-

by Barry Eichengreen from the Berkeley University and Rishabh Choudhary from the World Bank titled 'Inflation targeting in India: an interim assessment'.

It said inflation targeting has led to reduced volatility of a range of inflation-related outcomes and in the stronger anchoring of inflapointed Shri K. V. Kamath to

National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development, a newly set up DFI in India," Department of Financial Services tweeted.

Parliament had, in March, cleared the Bill to set up NaBFID to support the development of long-term infrastructure financing in India. ENS

to have enhanced the ability of the RBI to respond to the exceptional Covid-19 shock. An April 2018 blog for World Bank titled 'India's remarkably robust and resilient growth story' by Gupta and Florian Blum had stated that to raise the income of at least 50 per

cent growth or higher but also earlier," it said. maintain such growth for the next

Other part-time members who have been retained in the EAC-PM include JP Morgan Chief India Economist Sajjid Chinoy, Credit Suisse India equity strategist Neelkanth Mishra and Kotak Mahindra Asset Management managing director Nilesh Shah.

three decades

The Council has been tasked to analyse any issue, economic or otherwise, referred to it by the PM and advising him thereon besides addressing issues of macroeconomic importance, the Cabinet Secretariat said in a notification on Wednesday, Parttime members of EAC-PM may be paid sitting fee of Rs 10,000 per day of sitting.

"This could be either suomotu or on reference from the PM or anyone else," it said, adding that the Council will attend to any other task as may be desired by the PM from time to time. "The Prime Minister has approved the reconstitution of the Economic

In a recent article, EAC-PM member Mishra argued that setting up of the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd was essential in cleaning the slate of the last business cycle and to prepare the ground for the next investment cycle. Chinoy recently wrote that the BRICS group of countries are now better prepared to deal US Fed taper tantrum-like policy response of 2013, and the group should now focus on reviving growth.

Economist V Anantha Nageswaran and member-secretary Ratan Watal are no longer part of the reconstituted EAC-PM. In a recent white paper, Nageswaran, along with Sumita Kale and Laveesh Bhandari, highlighted a possible four-pronged framework that can take the Direct Benefit Transfer programme to a higher level of efficiency and make a greater impact on welfare.

The EAC-PM is an independent body to advise the government, especially the Prime Minister, on economic and policy-

THE FINANCE Ministry has directed all central ministries and government departments to clear dues to Air India immediately. The Department of Expenditure (DoE) also said that government departments may purchase tickets from Air India in cash only, as the carrier - to be taken over by the Tata group - has stopped extending a credit facility to the government.

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

"All ministries/departments are directed to clear Air India's due immediately. Air tickets from Air India, may be purchased in cash until further instructions," the DoE, under Finance Ministry, said in a memorandum Wednesday.

Under a 2009 memorandum, n any case where the Central government is bearing the cost of air travel for officials including for LTC (leave travel concession), tickets



can only be purchased from Air India. Air India officials have previously cited issues of large government dues on account of VVIP travel, evacuation operations and other official travel as part of the reason for working capital issues.

On Monday, the Centre signed a share purchase agreement with the Tata group for sale of Air India for Rs 18,000 crore. The government had earlier this month accepted an offer for Air India by Talace Pvt Ltd, a Tata Sons subsidiary, to pay Rs 2,700 crore cash and take over Rs 15.300 crore of the airline's debt.

Monetary Fund. Last year, she cent of Indians to levels of the Advisory Council to the PM (EACpresented a paper, co-authored tion expectations, which appears PM) for a period of two years or global middle class, the economy related matters. FOR ₹920 CRORE ONLINE WATCH 'FPIs' stock value soars by Swiss Re to **Cyberattacks** \$112 bn to \$667 billion in H1'

Value of FPIs' equity holdings rose \$112 billion in Apr 1-Sept 30 to \$667 billion, a Bank of America Securities India report said

As of March 2021, value of foreign portfolio investor (FPI) holding was \$555 billion — a full \$105 billion more than between September 2020 and March 2021

To launch EVs after

2025: Bhargava

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HIT BY a rise in input cost, follow-

NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 27

Other markets saw massive outflows last month; South Korea lost \$25.5 billion and Taiwan shed \$16.7 billion

Source: Bank of America Securities/PTI

Maruti net dives 65.7% on chip

crunch, high commodity prices

pick up 23% in Paytm Insuretech

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 27

SWISS RE has proposed to acquire 23 per cent stake in Paytm Insuretech Ltd (PIT), an associate of digital services firm Paytm.

Swiss Re will invest (by way of equity shares and compulsorily convertible preference shares) about Rs 920 crore (Rs 397.3 crore upfront, and the remaining in tranches, subject to fulfilment of certain milestones) in PIT for an aggregate stake of 23 per cent on a fully diluted basis.

Paytm had recently increased its proposed IPO size from Rs 16,600 crore to Rs 18,300 crore.

Swiss Re is investing alongside Vijay Shekhar Sharma, chairman d MD of One97 Commu nications, which owns Paytm. This follows the announcement of the acquisition of Raheja QBE by Paytm Insuretech. "We are excited to partnerwith Swiss Reforour insurance foray as a key strategic investor .. We look forward to gaining from Swiss Re's global insurance capabilities," said Sharma.

can help bottom 50%' (wealth tax) can raise significant

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE BOTTOM 50 per cent of the global population owns just 2 per cent of wealth and 8 per cent of income, while the top 10 per cent of population owns 76 per cent of total household wealth and captured 52 per cent of total income in 2021, show the findings of the latest World Inequality Report 2022. Co-authored by economist Thomas Piketty, the report suggests that a 'very moderate wealth tax' ranging from 1 per cent of wealth owned over \$1 million to 3 per cent for global billionaires can generate 1.6 per cent of global income.

At a pre-briefing meeting of the report to be released in December, Lucas Chancel, co-director, World Inequality Lab, on Wednesday said, "Wealth taxation in unequal societies helps tackle extreme inequality and generate substantial revenues to invest in the future. A very moderate wealth tax would generate 1.6 per cent of global inc age increase in the wealth of billionaires is over 9 per cent per year. So if you tax them at 3.5 per cent, it still means their wealth is going to increase in coming years ... this

amount of money to invest in climate investments for bottom 50 per cent of the population, in education and also in health." On the recent proposal of a

global minimum corporate tax rate of 15 per cent, the report has said the number is a progress but is still 1.5-2x below the statutory rate. As per the report, a 15 per cent minimum corporate tax would lead to revenue gains of €83.3 billion in EU, €57.0 billion in US, €6.1 billion in China and €0.5 billion in India (without carve-out).

In gender terms, the report states that women make just a third of global labour incomes, which has seen very limited change since 1990. The share of female incomes in global labour incomes was 31 per cent in 1990 and near 34 per cent in 2015-2020 and males make the remaining 66 per cent. In terms of global carbon emissions, the bottom 50 per cent of population is responsible for 12 per cent of world emissions, while the 10 per cent highest emitters world individual emissions. The second edition of the World Inequality Report will be released on December 7. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY —

PNB profit rises

New Delhi: Punjab National Bank posted a 78 per cent rise in net profit to Rs 1,105 crore for September quarter.

United Spirits Q2 New Delhi: United Spirits'

consolidated net profit for Q2FY22 rose over two-fold to Rs 286.4 crore.

Adani Ports

New Delhi: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone said it will exit its investment in Myanmar by June.

PB Fintech IPO

New Delhi: PB Fintech, parent firm of Policybazaar, set a price band of Rs 940-980 a share for its Rs 5,710-crore IPO, opening November 1.

AllB, ADB loan

Beijing: Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and Asian Development (ADB) are lining up a \$2 billion loan for India for Covid jabs. PTI

Future, Amazon

New Delhi: Future Retail has asked the Delhi High Court to quash a decision by a Singapore arbitration panel that has kept the \$3.4 billion sale of Future's retail assets in limbo while it hears Amazon's objections. **REUTERS**

pact of the global pandemic, it is crucial that enterprises stay

"With the evolving threat ing the jump in commodity count of ongoing semiconductor shortage, Maruti Suzuki India reaware of the cybersecurity ported a 65.7 per cent dip in contrends so they can be proactive solidated net profit at Rs 486.9 crore for the quarter ended and actionable in protecting September 2021. In the year-ago their information," said Raj Samani, fellow and chief scienquarter, it had reported net profit of Rs 1,419.6 crore. tist of McAfee and FireEye.

INTERVIEW WITH SNAP CO-FOUNDER & CTO

expanding into a wide range of use cases'

Bobby Murphy

them. We are seeing across the in-

dustry that AR is representing a re-

ally fascinating new career oppor-

tunity for technology enthusiasts.

How are Lens creators perfo-

rming on the platform? What

are the business opportunities

gagement around AR really being

rooted in what we would call cre-

ative expression. We've seen suc-

cess stories of Lens creators local

to India ... But now we also have in-

tegrations coming up with

Flipkart, and other e-commerce

brands where people are kind of

recognising that AR is a way to help

consumers shop and visualise

products before they buy them. AR

is quickly expanding into a very

wide range of use cases. We fully

expect that over the next handful

of years, more businesses will re-

alise that AR is a fantastic way to

create highly differentiated cus-

tomer experiences. Full interview

on www.indianexpress.com

We've seen a lion's share of en-

that AR represents?

'Augmented reality

During the quarter, the domes-



EVEN AS semi-conductor problem is easing, production normalisation for auto industry will depend upon dustry by manufacturers going forward.

tic vehicle sales also declined to 3,20,133 units, as against 3,70,619 units in the year-ago period. The firm said it could not produce an estimated 1.16 lakh vehicles due to

Il suppliers in

India part of

Apple's clean

energy plan

NANDAGOPALRAJAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

clean energy programme.

APPLE ON Wednesday an-

nounced that it now has 11 man-

ufacturing sites in India operated

by suppliers who have joined its

becoming carbon neutral across

its supply chain and products by

2030, it said another 175 suppliers

will transition to using renewable

energy. "Every company should be

part of the fight against climate

change, and together with our

suppliers and local communities,

we're demonstrating all of the op-

portunity and equity green inno-

vation can bring," said Apple CEO

Tim Cook in a statement. Full report

on www.indianexpress.com

Taking another step towards

over 2 lakh pending orders. "This quarter was also marked by an unprecedented increase in the prices of commodities within a span of one year...," it said. It will launch electric vehicles

component shortage, adding it has

after 2025 as demand for such vehicles at the moment is less and it will like to sell about 10,000 units a Maruti Suzuki chairman RC Bhargava was quoted by PTI as saying.

L&T net falls 67%

Meanwhile, as per a PTI report, L&T reported a 67 per cent drop in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,819.45 crore for the September quarter.

SUPPLYCO-

KERALA STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD Purchase Section - Ph No: 0484-2207924, 2206786, E-Mail: agmp@supplycomail.com

Web: www.supplycokerala.com TENDER NOTICE

The Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd (Supplyco) intends to purchase Pulses, Spices, Rice, Sugar, Wheat etc through e-auction and e-tender. The e-tender will be accepted up to 2.00 PM on 09-11-2021 For details visit www.tenderwizard.com/KSCSC. Only suppliers possessing digital signatures will be permitted to participate in the e-tender. For e-auction please visit https://market.neml.in Corrigendum if any, will be published in the above said website only.

KRIBHCO

RIBHCO invites application for prequalification/registration of Handling and Transpor ontractors in Karnataka State for CLEARING, HANDLING AND FORWARDING OF

5/45/50 Kg weight fertilizers in HDPE/BOPP Bags received through block rakes a Railheads, Handling at warehouses and subsequent transportation to other places like Cooperative Retail Points/Feeder Godowns etc. at various railheads. nterested/Reputed and financially sound H&T contractors with proven capability may obtain the requisite documents from State Marketing Manager, Karnataka or download from our website mentioned below and submit the same on or before 17.11.2021 upto

In case of any clarification, SMM, KRIBHCO may be contacted on all working days between 9.30 A.M. to 6.00 P.M. KRIBHCO reserves the rights to reject any or all applications or may postpone/extend the time and/or date of receipt of application acceptance and/or opening of application at its sole discretion. KRIBHCO's decision in this egard shall be final and binding.

Existing contractors must also apply for pre-qualification afresh. The advt is also loaded or our website: www.kribhco.net alongwith format of application, undertaking and affidavit. State Manager(Mktg), Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. C/o KSCMF, Main Building, 1st floor, No. 8, Cunningham Road, BENGALURU-560 052
Phone No. 080-22253673, 22252337(o)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (WB)-I DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI ROOM NO. 31, B-BUILDING, JHANDEWALAN, NEW DELHI-110005. Phone: 09558007601, E-mail Id:- djbwaterbody@gmail.com

<u> "STOP CORONA; WEAR FACE MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE</u> PRESS NIT No. 07/WB-I/2021-22 Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/ Amount put to tender (EMD) Name of Work

Cleaning of Periphery of Bhalswa lake & construction of Precast RCC Drain and pump House towards Bhalswa Dairy inside Bhalswa lake ₹ 1500/ ₹ 6,11,28,443/-NIL 26.10.2021 2021_DJB_210202_1 26.11.2021 At 03:00 PM in Delhi under EE(WB)-I Further details in this regard can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.ir ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)

r, 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-5000 CIN:L13100TG1958GOI001674. CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

NMDC Limited

(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

e-Tender Notification

Tender Enquiry No: HO (Contracts)/BT of Road/Kirandul/2021/251 dt : 28-10-2021 MSTC Ref. No.: NMDC / HO / 64 / 2021-22 / ET / 298

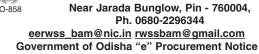
VMDC invite bids in E-tender mode in two bid systems for the work o Strengthening and Black Topping of Road from Kurup Point to Kailash Nagar at BIOM Kirandul Complex, Dantewada(CG) on item rate basis from prospective bidders who fulfill th Pre-Qualification Criteria.

Detailed NIT and tender document including pre-qualification equirements can be viewed/downloaded from NMDC's website https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/CPP_Portal : www eprocure.gov.in on latest active tenders and MSTC Website: https:// www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/ from 28-10-2021

The tenderers are required to visit the above-mentioned websites for orrigendum, if any, at a future date.

or further clarification, GM (Contracts), NMDC Ltd., Hyderabad can be ontacted on Fax no. 040- 2353 4746, email: contracts@nmdc.co.in. General Manager (Contracts)

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING **ENGINEER: RWSS DIVISION: BERHAMPUR**



NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Bid Identification No. EERWSSBAM-21/2021-22 The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Berhampur, Ganjam on behalf o Governor of Odisha invites bids in single Cover & Double cover system according to

the norm of "e" Procurement system in online mode for Supply, drawing, design, construction, testing and commissioning and maintenance of different PWS Schemes and electrification works in Ganjam District from the eligible contractors as per DTCN. Execution of different works of different P.W.S. Scheme in Ganjam District.

ı	2	No. of Work (Tender)	05 Nos.
ı	3	Estimated cost (Approximate)	From Rs 7.65 Lakhs to Rs 482.44 Lakhs
ı	4	Period of completion	From 120 to 360 days
l	5	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the Portal.	From 03.11.2021 at 11.00 hrs to 23.11.2021 to 17.00 hrs
l	6	Last date & time for seeking clarification	20.11.2021 up to 17.00 hrs
ı	7	Dt. of opening of Bid	24.11.2021 at 11.00 hrs
l	8	Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal	23.11.2021 up to 17.00 hrs
	9	Name & address of the Officer inviting tender	Superintending Engineer, RWSS Division, Near Jarada Bunglow, Berhampur- 760004 Dist. Ganjam, Odisha.
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Further details can be seen from the e-procurement Sd/- Superintending Engineer RWS&S Division, Berh

New Delhi

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (WB)-I

Last Date/ Time of receipt of tender E-

https://tendersorissa.gov.in

'Top 10% owns over half

of global income; very moderate wealth tax

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I,Vijay Kumar Maurya service-No.15450107L Hav(SKT) Unit-325 Fd Hosp c/o-56, APO declare that my brother name Vishal Kumar Maurya is wrong mentioned in my service record his correct-name Vishal 0040589473-7

I,Saurabh Mervin S/o Peter Damian Michael R/o-103. **Aashirwad Apartments** Plot.No-74 IP EXTN, Patparganj, East Delhi, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Saurabh Mervin Michael. 0040589433-4

I,Sandeep S/o-Late Karam Veer R/o-169 MCD Colony. Sameypur, Badali Delhi-110042, inform that father name wrongly,written Bhan Singh in MCD record but correct name Karam Veer. 0040589444-10

I,SHUBH SINGHAL,S/O DEEPAK KUMAR SINGHAL.R/O J-59. RAJOURI GARDEN, NEW DELHI 110027, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME.FROM SHUBH SINGAL to SHUBH SINGHAL, IN FUTURE, FOR ALL PURPOSE.

0040589444-1

I.Rahul Malik R/o-H. No.19.Shri Ram Colony, Sector-4, Gurugram, Haryana, have changed my daughter's name from Snaaya Malik to Krisha Malik, for all, future purpose.

0040589434-4

I.RAMBALI S/O RAJKUMAR SHARMA R/O KHASRANO.159, GALINO.16, SAMTA VIHAR, PART II.MUKANDPUR.DELHI-110042.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAMBALI SHARMA. 0040589434-1

I.Pulipati Venkata Satyanarayana, father of JC-285953F,Sub (AIG) Pulipati Vankata Naresh presently residing at Vill-Paul Nagar,P/O-Contonment, Tehsil/District -Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh,pin - 535003. I have changed my name from Venkata Satyanarayana to Pulipati Venkata Satyanarayana due to mismatch in sheet roll and my (D o B is 01-01-1957).It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities

0020428660-1

I,Swarn Swnhey W/o No.249165K Cx-JWO K S Sawhney R/o Flat.No-13, G/F, Vidya Apartment, Inder Enclave, Paschim Vihar Delhi-87, have changed my name to Swaran Kaur Sahni. 0040588802-11

within seven days

I,Teena Mehta W/o Amit Kumar Pasricha, R/o-Flat.No.114, 3rd-Floor,Lok Vihar CGHS Ltd, Vikas-puri, New Delhi-110018, $have \, changed \, my \, name \, from \,$ Teena Mehta to Teena Pasricha, for all future 0040589430-1 purposes.

I,Pulipati Rajaratnam,mother of JC- 285953F.Sub (AIG) Pulipati Vankata Naresh presently residing at Vill-Paul Nagar,P/O-Contonment, Tehsil/District -Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh,pin - 535003. I have changed my name from Rajaratnam to Pulipati Rajaratnam due to mismatch in sheet roll and my (D o B is 13-07-1965).It needs correction. Objections be filed to $concerned\ authorities\ within$ seven days 0020428662-1

I,PERVINDER KAUR W/O MANVINDER SINGH R/O WZ-283/80A.WEST-BLOCK. STREETNO.2, VISHNU GARDEN, DELHI-110018.CHANGED MY NAME TO PARVINDER KAUR.

0040589434-2

I,No- 12954108L, Ex- NK- (TS) Anaytullah Khan, Village Paraypora Kalaroos, postkalaroose, Tehsil/District-Kupwara. In my service records the name and DoB of my son has been wrongly mentioned as Wasim Khan(D o B-05April-2002) instead of Wasim Ahmad Khan (D o B- 04 April-2001). It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days.

0020428663-1

I,Nirav Chandrakant Mehta R/o.C-234. Second-Floor. Sushant-Lok-3, Sector-57, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122001, have changed my Son's name, from Tirth to Tirth Nirav 0040589434-7

I,Nirav Chandrakant Mehta R/o.C-234. Second-Floor. Sushant Lok-3, Sector-57, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122001, have changed my Daughter's name, from Twesha Mehta to Twesha Nirav Mehta.

0040589434-6

Bajaj R/o.A-14/3 Rana Pratap-Bagh Delhi-110007, Have Changed my Name to Neelam Bajaj, For All future purposes. 0040589444-9

I,Neelam Arora W/o-Anil Kumar

I,Mustkim Ahmed,S/o Abdul Aziz R/0.C_23/70khla Vihar Jamia-Nagar, New Delhi-110025.have changed my name to Mustageem Ahmed, for all 0040589444-4 purposes.

I,Kunal Singhal,S/o Ram Avtar Dhagga R/o.C-72,Sanjay-Enclave, Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my minor Son name Raghav to Raghav Singhal.

0040589473-3

I. Shazia Tai, D/o Abad Ahmad Fazli R/o-K-36, Second-Floor, Batla House, Okhla, Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Shazia Farooq Fazli.

0040589473-4

I,Kunal/Kunal Aggarwal,S/o Ram Avtar Dhagga,R/o C-72, Sanjay-Enclave, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Kunal Singhal.

I,Kuldeep S/o Om Prakash,R/o C-1303 Star Rameshwaram, Rajnagar Extension Ghaziabad -201017(U.P.)Have Changed My Name To Kuldeep Singh

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I,Khushboo D/o Parveen Gupta R/o-83, Gali.No.18, Baldev-Nagar, Near-Ganga Giri Mandir Gurgaon(Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Khushboo Gupta,for all

I,KM. NILAM DEVI,W/o RAKESH TIWARI, R/o RZF-2/92, FIRST-FLOOR, STREET, NO 04. MAHAVIR ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI-110045, changed my name to NEELAM TIWARI.

0040589444-5

I,Jasvinder Singh Bhamara,S/o Satvinder Singh Bhamara R/o.Plot.No-41,Kh.No-41/21, Shikshak-Vihar, Nilothi-Extn, Nangloi, Delhi-110041, have changed my name JASVINDER 0040589461-10

I,JYOTI KUMARI W/O NISHANT SINGH R/O C-80, FIRST-FLOOR, SUDFRSHAN-PARK MOTI-NAGAR, DELHI-110015. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JYOTI SINGH. 0040589434-3

I.Ganga Mahesh.W/O Mahesh A,residing at,Harisree, Kudassanad P.O,Alappuzha district.Kerala-689512.have changed my name, from Ganga Mahesh to Ganga P S, videaffidavit dated-27.Oct.21.

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I,Dipti/Deepti Aggarwal,W/o Kunal Singhal, R/o C-72, Sanjay-Enclave. Uttam-Nagar Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Deepti Singhal. 0040589473-1

LDFFPAK KUMAR SINGHAL S/O

BHIKU RAM R/O.J-59,RAJOURI GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110027, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM DEEPAK KUMAR to DEEPAK KUMAR SINGHAL,IN FUTURE, FOR ALL PURPOSE.

I,Balwinder Kaur W/o-Sh Pradeep Sharma R/o.A1-001, Prabhkar CHSL Sector-4, Shanti-Nagar, Mira-Road, East Maharashtra-401107,have changed my name to Preeti

0040589434-9

I,Annu D/o Balwant Singh,W/o Mr.Vikas Kumar, H.No.224, KH.No.107, Rajpur Extension, Rajpur-Khurd, South Delhi-110068,have changed my name to Annu Boken. 0040589434-8

Pradeep Sharma.

I,ASHEESH KUMAR SINGH S/O GAJRAM SINGH R/O 1C/34, THIRD-FLOOR.NEW ROHTAK-ROAD, KAROL BAGH, DELHI-110005.CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHEESH KUMAR.

0040589444-7

I,ANIRUDHA DAS,S/O-LATE SH.VASKAR DAS R/O H.NO.119, SECTOR 37.NOIDA, G.B.NAGAR, U.P.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM ANIRUDHA DAS TO ANIRUDH DAS,FOR ALL,FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040589444-3

I, Vini Dhamija W/o Sumit Dhamija R/o 301, Raision, Ahinsa Khand-II,Indirapuram, Ghaziahad havechanged my minor daughter's name (born 9.11.2006) from Kkayesha Dhamiia to Kavisha Dhamiiaa for all purposes. 0040589417-1

I, Sunita kumar w/o Mukesh kumar Bhotey Residents of A-60 Sector 23 Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P) Have changed my name to SUNITA KUMAR BHOTEY for all future purposes. 0040589427-1

I, Sindhu N W/o No.15369756W NK, Lt.Suresh Kumar.K.R, R/o, Ouater No.-B-5, Type-4, Tower-4,Kidwai Nagar,Delhi-23,have changed my name to Sindhu Suresh. 0040589433-3

I, Shikha W/o Mahesh Gupta R/o Flat No:-378, Sec-28, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201301 have changed my name to Shikha Jindal Gupta for all future purposes. 0070758951-1

I, Sangeeta Rani W/o- Jasbir Singh R/o.- D-805, AIG Park Avenue, Gaur City-1, Greater Noida West Gautam Budh Nagar U.P. 201301 have changed my name Sangita Singh to Sangeeta Rani for all future purpose. Sangita Singh and Sangeeta Rani both are same person. 0070758954-1

I, Sakshi Bansal, D/o Mr. Rakesh Kumar, R/o Q-33, Budh Vihar, Phase-1, New Delhi- 110086, do hereby solemnly affirm & amp; declare that I have changed my name from Sakshi (incorrect Name) to Sakshi Bansal (correct Name) for all future purposes videAffidavit dated 27.10.2021. 0040589415-1

I, RAJNEESH S/O Gian Chand Vashist R/O E 302, Anusandhan Appts, Plot No. 22, Sector 6, Dwarka New Delhi 110075, have changed my name to RAJNEESH VASHISHT

0050185824-1

I, Premkumar Thompson Leela S/O-Shri Markose Thompson, R/O-C-332, Divya Jyoti Apartments, Sector-19, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed the name of my minor son from P J Benjamin to Benjamin Prem 0040589449-1

I. KAJAL PARSHAR.W/O-MOHIT VIKRAM SINGH, R/o.C5/904, SUPERTECH-ECOVILLAGE-2, SECTOR-16B, GREATER-NOIDA WEST, GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR, U.P-201306, changed my name to KAJAL PARASHAR.

0040589433-10

I, Pranshuman S/O Jian Prasad Roy, R/O Flat no. 401, DPS Apartment, Plot no. 16, Sector 4. Dwarka, New Delhi-110075. have changed my name from Pranshuman to Pranshuman Roy vide affidavit dated 12th October 2021. 0050185837-1

I. Nadeem Khan S/o Abdul Muqeem Khan R/o Houe No-596, E/22, Zakir Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi110025, have changed my minor son's name from Anzal Khan aged 9 years to Ameer Hamza Khan forever 0070758935-1

I. Manish Kumar S/o Radheshyam R/o B-299, Himalaya Enclave Indirapuram Khora Ghaziabad UP-201309. changed my name to Mann.

0040589473-9

I, Jaspal Kaur W/o Daljeet Singh Bedi R/o-A-97, Upper-Ground Floor Asha Park Tilak Nagar New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Jaspal 0040589473-8 Kaur Bedi.

I, Indra Pal Singh S/o Bhanwar Singh R/o M-3, 9/24, Sector-3, Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201005, have changed my minor son's name from Samarth aged 17 years to Samarth Singh forever

0070758931-1

I, Enesha Chopra D/o Rajan Chopra R/o- A 39, Ashok Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110052, I hereby declare that both the names Enesha Chopra (holder of Adhar No. 658824150851) and Eneesha Chopra (with passport no. M0258766) pertains to one and the same person i.e myself.

0040589385-1

I, Chetna Chopra, resident of B613-PanchvatiSociety, Vikaspuri, Delhi, wife of TapanPravinchandra Vyas, declare that the full name of $my\,daughter\,born\,on$ 29/06/2021 is ARNICA VYAS vide affidavit notarized on 20/10/2021 at Delhi

0050185904-1

L CHANDRAKALA BAIRAGI, W/O SITARAM SHARMA, R/o SHEOPUR, WARD.NO.7, M.P-476337, changed my name to CHANDRAKALA SHARMA. 0040589433-8

I, Anshika D/o Anoj Kumar Singh No.8431525W NK/ PO R/o WZ-1313,Nangal Raya ,Delhi -46

have changed my name toAnshika Kumari. 0040589433-1 I, Anju Devi W/o Kamal Kishore

No.706208L SGT R/o H/no.1530, Block-B. Jain-Nagar Village. Karala, Delhi-110081 have changed my name to Anju 0040589433-2

I. Akansha Choudhary D/O Ashok Choudhary R/O T-3, Ekta Homes, Shalimar Garden Ext-2, Ghaziabad -201005 have changed my name to Akansha Chaudhary for all future 0040589431-1

I, ANKIT MAHESHWARI S/O ANIL MAHESHWARI, R/o D-169/32, Block-D. Sector-50.Noida, UP-201301, have changed my minor son name from AYAAN to AYAN MAHESHWARI. 0040589433-6

L ADITYA KUMAR S/O-MOHAN MURARI AGRAWAL, R/o-1318. Block-H3 HIG-2, Mahagun Moderne, Sector-78, Noida, UP, have changed my name to ADITYA KUMAR AGRAWAL.

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I. SITA RAM BAIRAGI.S/O RAMCHAND, R/o SHEOPUR, WARD NO 7, MADHYA PRADESH 476337, changed my name to SITARAM SHARMA.

0040589433-9 I, AARTI Uniyal W/o Manish Unival, R/o C-8/74, Daval Pur Near Adharshila School, Dellhi 110094. Have changed my name to Arti Uniyal for all

future purposes. 0040589457-1 Shamim Abdul Vali Ansari W/o Abdul Vali R/o Bibipur, Bibipur, Mau, Uttar Pradesh-276306, have changed my name to Samim Aara 0070758932-1

I Riva Jaiswal D/o Ranveer Singh and W/o Amit Jaiswal R/o House No-161, top Floor, Amharhi Extension Sector-19 Dwarka, Amberhai, Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Riya Nagar 0070758934-1

I Riya D/O Rajesh Kumar,R/O GH-14/954, Paschim Vihar Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Riya Roddey.

0040589444-6

I Neelam Malhotra w/o Padam Malik R/O D-6. Greater Kailash Enclave-1, New Delhi-110048, have changed my name Neelam Malik. 0070758952-1

Kavneet Singh D/o Amandeep Singh R/o 111 Parmarth Apartments, Vikas Puri, New Delhi - 110018 have changed $my\ name\ to\ Kavneet\ Singh$ 0070758917-1

I Devanshi Kapoor D/O, Neelu Kapoor R/o 7-8 Raj Block, Naveen Shahdara, Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Divanshi Kapoor for all purposes. 0040589419-1

Deepak S/o Prakash Chand R/o RZ-324, Power House, Roshan Garden, Najafgarh Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Deepak Kumar.

I Akarsh Dhiman S/O, Rakesh Dhiman R/o Flat Number - 1201 H Block Wembley Estate Sector 49 Gurgaon have changed my name to Aakarsh Dhiman

0040589489-1

0040589433-7

I Alam Abdul Vali Ansari Shah S/o Abdul Vali R/o Imilia, Belthara Road, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh-221715, have changed

 $my\,name\,to\,Shah\,Alam$ 0070758933-1

I AMIT S/o NARESH KUMAR, R/o H NO -1968 A, MALKA GANJ, BHIM GALI, Malka Gani, Delhi 110007, have changed my name to AMIT KUMAR. 0070758949-1 I DEV Prakash S/o Ramgopal R/o H.No-242, A Asola Village, Fateh Pur Beri, South Delhi-110074 declare that name of mine and my minor son has been wrongly written as Devender Sarswat and Mintu Sarswat in my minor son Mintu aged 16 years in his 10th Class Educational Documents. The $actual\,name\,of\,mine\,and\,my$ minor son are Dev Prakash and

LOST & FOUND

Deepak Kamboi S/o Sh. Om Prakash Kamboj R/o 5, Street No.6, East Guru Angad Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have lost my property documents i.e. Will executed on 11.12.1991 by Sh. B.M.Sharma in favour of Smt. Sunita Anand of Property No.14-B, Kundan Nagar, Delhi-110092. Finders may contact at above address. 0040589406-4

I, Chitra Mahajan D/o Shri Gajraj Singh Mahajan R/o 111-D, Pocket-4, Mayur Vihar Phase-1 Delhi-110091 had lost 10th class Original Certificate roll no.46816 result out year 1983 from Delhi, CBSE and Graduation degree B.Sc Home Science roll no. 1347 result out year 1988 from Delhi University. Finder may Contact: 9810388436 0040589465-1

I, Arjun Kumar, S/O Shri Ram Rattan and Smt. Shivalika Sharma, W/O-Shri Arjun Kumar both, R/O-39, Goodwill Apartment, Plot No.48, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, has lost my original Allotment letter of above said property(purchased by me from its original allottee Mr. Amrik Singh Chopra) Finder please Contact. 9910892391.

0040589449-3

I.Alexander K. I. inform that I, have lost original-allotment letter, A-504/1/977 of my flat. B-62 kendriy vihar Sec-51, Noida on-25.10.2021 in Noida, sector-51 Market.Finder Contact:-

Lost my original property sale deed of House.No.759/28, Gali.No.13,New Jyoti Park, Gurugram, Haryana, vide Vasika.No.5751,Dt.10.12.1987, Vasika.No.11835,Dt.05.03.1991, Vasika.No.7978,Dt.07.08.1995, Vasika.No.17145.Dt.03.03.1997. Vasika.No.64,Dt.02.04.2003.Find er pls contact: Chanchal Chugh W/o-Sh.Krishan Kumar R/o-House.No.759/28,Gali.No.13, New Juoti Park, Gurugram, 0040589434-10 Haryana.

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Ghaziabad, Ultar Pradesh, the genera public is informed that his wife Mrs. Virm Agarwal expired on 26.09.2009, leaving behavior of the public of the public has Agarwal (daughier), aged 25 years, and Mr Divyarish Agarwal (son), aged 21 years Mrs Virmin Agarwal & my above client are the joint owners of Entire Ground Floor withou or of rights, of Property No. 163, area measuring 250.93 sq.mtrs., Sector-4 valshall, Chazlabad, U.P., if anyone claims to be legal heir/s of Late Mrs. Virmin Agarwal he/she/they contact me/undersigned at m s from the publication of notice. Sd/- RAMESH KUMAR (ADVOCATE) Enrolment No. D/2421/99 Mob. No. 9810029482

My client Sh. Satish Chandra Khanna 6/o Late Sh. Hukum Chand Khanna R/ CC-2/002, Cape Town, Sector-74 loida-201301 have debarred and ilisowned his daughter in laws Sml leha Khanna W/o Dr. Sameer Khanna

PUBLIC NOTICE It is for general information that I TAPAN MAJUMDAR S/C MAHANAND MAJUMDAR R/O 6/203 DAKSHIN PURI EXTN., SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110062 declare tha of my wife and my mind er RANJANA MAJUMDAI Jaughter RANJANA MAJUMDAR aged 14 years has been wrongly written as REETA MAJUMDER and RANJANA MAJUMDER in my minor daughter's School Records and the name of my wife has been wrongly written as REETA in my minor daughter's Birth Certificate. The actual name of my wife and my minor daughter are RITA MAJUMDAR and RANJANA MAJUMDAR respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

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PR 255712 (Road) 21-22 (D)

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बोकारो के पदनाम से देय हो देना होगा। विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है। नोट :-- कार्यालय में निविदा जमा करते समय Covid-19 के प्रभाव को घ्यान में रखते हुए Social distancing के नियम का पालन एवं मास्क लगाना अतिआवश्यक है। कार्यपालक अभियंता

> कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, डालटनगंज (E-mail: eercdmedini-jhr@nic.in)

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Biggest medal haul,

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

OCTOBER 27

THE UNPRECEDENTED medal haul by Indian sportspersons at this year's Olympics and Paralympics has resulted in a highest-ever number of recommendations for the Khel Ratna and Arjuna Awards.

Tokyo Olympics javelin throw champion Neeraj Chopra, silver medallist wrestler Ravi Dahiya, bronze-winning boxer Lovlina Borgohain and hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh are among 11 names selected for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna, the country's highest sporting honour.

India had its biggest medal haul at the Tokyo Olympics with one gold, two silver and four bronze medals. The other three medallists – wrestler Bajrang Punia, shuttler PV Sindhu and weightlifter Mirabai Chanu – have already been conferred with the Khel Ratna.

The 23-year-old Chopra became only the second Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medallist after Abhinav Bindra in the 10m air rifle shooting event at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. India had sent its biggest-ever Olympic contingent to Tokyo this year.

All five gold medallists from the Tokyo Paralympics were also shortlisted for the Khel Ratna on Wednesday. They are Avani Lekhara (shooting), Manish Narwal (shooting), Sumit Antil (athletics), Pramod Bhagat (badminton) and Krishna Nagar (badminton).

India returned with 19 medals - including five gold, eight silver and six bronze - from the Paralympics. In addition, the selection committee also named footballer Sunil Chhetri and women's Test cricket captain Mithali Raj in the list, which will now be sent to the union sports ministry for approval.

The announcement of the national sports awards was delayed so that performances at the Paralympics could also be considered.

The panel also named as many as 35 athletes for the Arjuna Award, including cricketer Shikhar Dhawan, para table tennis player Bhavina Patel, para shuttler Suhas Yathiraj and high jumper Nishad Kumar.

Others selected by the panel for the Arjuna Award include all of Sreejesh's bronze-winning teammates, women's hockey players Vandana Katariya and Monika, fencer Bhavani Devi, boxer Simranjit Kaur, wrestler Deepak Punia, pistol shooter Abhishek Verma, boxer Simranjit Kaur, kabaddi player Sandeep Narwal and women's tennis player Ankita Raina.

Mallakhamb player Himani Uttam Parab and Arpinder Singh (triple jump, athletics) are also among those getting the nod for the honour. Five athletes were selected for the Khel Ratna last year while four received it after the 2016 Rio Games. The number of names shortlisted for the Arjuna Award last year was 27.

Former sports minister Kiren Rijiju had sought to explain the large number of

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■ KHEL RATNA: Neeraj Chopra (athletics), Ravi Dahiya (wrestling), **PRSreejesh** (hockey), Lovlina Borgohain (boxing),

Sunil Chettri (football), Mithali Raj (cricket), Pramod Bhagat (badminton), Sumit Antil (athletics), Avani Lekhara, Manish Narwal (shooting), Krishna

Nagar (badminton) ■ **ARJUNA**: Hockey men's Olympic bronze medal winning team barring Manpreet Singh and PR Sreejesh, who have been past recipient of Arjuna, Shikhar Dhawan (cricket), Arpinder Singh (athletics), Simranjit Kaur (boxing), Bhavani Devi (fencing), Monika (hockey), /andana Katariya (hockey), Abhishek Verma (shooting), Sandeep Narwal (kabaddi), Ankita Raina (tennis) Deepak Punia

(wrestling), Bhavina Patel (table

tennis), Yogesh Kathuniya (discus),

Nishad Kumar (high jump), Praveen

Kumar (high jump) Sharad Kumar

(high jump), Suhas LY (badminton),

Singhraj Adhana (shooting),

Harvinder Singh (archery)

awardees arguing that India's performance at international competitions had improved considerably in recent times. Not too long ago, there used to be not more than one Khel Ratna awardee in a year, and sometimes no one was conferred the honour if the committee didn't deem anyone worthy of it.

Meanwhile, para athlete Sumit Antil, who won a gold medal in javelin throw in Tokyo, said he will apply for the Arjuna Award in future despite being selected for the higher honour. "Though I had applied for the Arjuna Award, I am happy that the committee found me suitable for this award (Khel Ratna). I am honoured to receive this award. But in future I shall apply for the Arjuna Award too, as since childhood I had dreamt to be an Arjuna Awardee. And if people think that it is for money, I announce that I will give the award money of the Arjuna Award, if I win, to charity," Antil said in a statement.

Also, athletics coaches Radhakrishna Nair and TP Ouseph as well as hockey coach Sandeep Sangwan are among those selected for the Dronacharya award. The Khel Ratna awardees receive Rs 25 lakh and a citation, while the Arjuna award carries a prize purse of Rs 15 lakh each and a citation.

INTERVIEW: PANKAJ ADVANI

longest list of awardees 'You'd be surprised how many from remote parts love cue sports'

NATASHASINGH

NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 27

ACE CUEIST Pankaj Advani who won the World and Asian snooker crown multiple times. stamped his supremacy at the GSC World Snooker Qualifiers by winning all 12 matches (6 each in the Y-Camp and Z-Camp). He will now represent India in the World Snooker Championship in Doha.

After winning the recent 24th world title at the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup held in Doha, Advani spoke about the misconceptions related to the sport and the difficulty of switching to Billiards from Snooker. Excerpts:

Did the forced lockdown adversely affect your career?

This is a very different kind of momentum because we have played tournaments with gaps of six months due to the pandemic situation. International tournaments happened after two years.

I don't have the table at home, was out of practice and had one month to prepare. I was perhaps the most under-prepared ever for the event. It is difficult because there is no other life that we really know as athletes.

The first lockdown was of course a welcome break. But then there were a lot more serious things to think about, especially with what the world is going through - the economy, health, losing loved ones. Everyone has lost somebody to Covid that they were close to. So our priorities changed for a while and in a way brought perspective. It made me more hungry and made me realise that this is something I love doing and to never take it for

What is the importance of physical fitness and flexibility in a sport that doesn't demand a lot of strenuous movement?

Fitness actually plays a big role in our sport, contrary to what the general perception of it is. People think you don't need to be strong or need too much fitness and that it's just a cue you're striking balls with. I have had back pain since 2018, a problem which seems to be coming back in phases and then it disappears and I work on it. Invariably, 99% of the snooker/billiards players have back issues if they have been playing for over ten years. Because you're using the same muscles in and out, you're bending, you're fixed in one position. So the stability needs to be right up there as well as flexibility because you're leaning over the table. Strengthening of your upper body, lower body because you're standing on your legs for so many hours and playing.



Pankaj Advani won his 24th world title in Doha last month. Express file

You have been playing the sport for 26 vears now? What changes have you observed in the sport?

Back in the day, there were a lot of events within India. Now, a lot more have cropped up internationally.

There is a lot more awareness now with social media but sadly the authorities and federations haven't capitalised on it or looked into promoting our game, whether through social media or establishing a strong online presence. We used to have way more televised matches back in the day in the 90s and early 2000s. That is something that needs to be revived.

What do you recall of the 6Reds Snooker World Cup in Doha defeating Pakistan's Babar Masih 7-5 in the final?

As a professional athlete, I am very clear about how I feel and approach a match. If it is a final, it doesn't matter if it is against Pakistan or Sweden or Germany or Iran or any other country for that matter. I approach it in the same way. But for fans and even my relatives, snooker got really exciting as it also went down

But off the table, we are very good friends. We exchange notes, discuss the game.

Do you change your approach when you move to Billiards from Snooker or

When I won my first World snooker title in

2003, it was Diwali that day. When I came home, I told my coach that I now want to specialise in Billiards. He started laughing.

Players know how difficult it is. 99.99% are only good in one sport and end up excelling at that. But I must tell you, it is really difficult to switch from Billiards to Snooker. The technique, the scoring pattern, the approach, everything is contrasting, although it is played on

I worked on my technique specific to each sport. My techniques are quite unorthodox.

Is it a rich man's sport?

Big misconception. We have all come from middle-class familes. The only investment you need to make is on the cue and that isn't very expensive. It depends on the range and quality. In fact, sports like badminton, tennis are much more expensive. I understand that the access to facilities is limited, it is more of an urban sport but you would be surprised to know that so many youngsters love the sport even from remote corners of the country. Again, it's the responsibility of the federation to spread it even further, engage the youngsters and increase the facilities in all areas.

What do you do in your free time?

Ilike watching films, TV shows on the OTT platforms. I was watching the Morning Show recently, it's all about journalism actually - the politics that revolves around the media.

BRIEFLY -

Boxing worlds: Govind, Nishant advance

Belgrade: Nishant Dev (71kg) sailed into the second round while Govind Sahani (48kg) made the pre-quarters with a come-from-behind effort in his opening bout as Indian boxers continued to impress in the AIBA Men's Championships on Wednesday. While Dev notched up a 5-0 triumph over Hungary's Laszlo Kozak, Sahani rallied from one round down to beat Ecuador's Billy Arias Ortiz 3-2 in an edge of seat showdown. Dev will next fight Mauritian Merven Clair, who got a bye in the first round. Sahani (48kg) will be up against Georgian Sakhil Alakhverdovi in the round of 16. Alakhverdovi got an opening round bye.

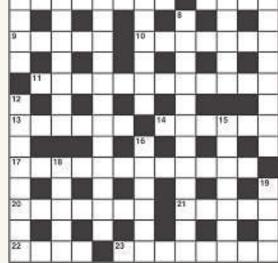
Railways boxers sweep nationals

Guwahati: The Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) snared five gold medals to claim their second successive National Women's Boxing Championship title on Wednesday. Telangana's former Asian bronzemedallist Nikhat Zareen (52kg) emerged as the best boxer of the event. Zareen clinched the title in the 52kg category by defeating Haryana's Minakshi 4-1 in the final. Team RSPB ended the event with 12 medals, including five gold, six silver, and one bronze. Railways boxers who won gold include Anamika (50kg), Shiksha (54kg), Nandini (+81kg), 2016 World Championships silver medallist Sonia Lather (57kg) and Meena Rani (60kg). Haryana's Pooja Rani, a two-time Asian champion, beat RSPB's Nupur 5-0 in the 81kg category. Her state-mate Neetu upset World Championships silver medallist Manju Rani of RSPB in the 48kg category.

French Open: Sindhu wins, Saina retires

Paris: PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen sailed into the second round but it was curtains for Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth on a mixed day for Indian shuttlers at the French Open Super 750 badminton tournament on Wednesday. Sindhu beat Denmark's Julie Dawall Jakobsen 21-15, 21-18, while Saina, who had suffered a groin injury at Uber Cup final, retired after lagging 11-21, 2-9 against Sayaka Takahashi of Japan. Lakshya defeated Ireland's Nhat Nguyen 21-1021-16 while Sourabh Verma beat Brazil's Ygor Coelho 22-20, 21-19. Srikanth lost to top seed Kento Momota 18-21, 22-20, 21-19 in 79 minutes. **PTI**

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ACROSS

- Not utilised like a neglected barometer
- So backward about turning up for work (4)
- I am no different from an Arab
- 10 Perform in the theatre?
- 11 Transport of delight? (8.4)
- 13 Architectural highlight 14 Develop part of a revolver
- 17 E.g. for example? (12) 20 I sing about one Italian drink
- 21 Work-time entertainment
- 22 For the benefit of Japanese
- drinkers?(4) 23 All those required for a full
- board meeting

- A superior preposition
- It may advertise an unfinished literary composition
- Soldier intends to acquire personal wealth
- Book a flight
- Philosopher who gets on with
- soldiers (5) Insignia for royalty in other
- respects (8) Qualifications needed to ensure seats in the theatre?
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- incapable of making
- 15 Freeborn heroine (7) Angle brackets in the end (6) 18 A stretcher for example
- shouldn't be dropped (5)
- 19 In a farce, a stage direction (4)

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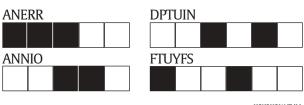




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JUMBLED WORDS

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Family relationships are under the

spotlight and

are in a state of some uncertainty. You're under definite pressure to improve your living standards, perhaps by making a firm and final break with the people and places of the past.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) The financial picture

is confusing. It's very much up to how you play your cards as to whether you make massive gains or incur a large loss, so be very careful and stick to tried and tested methods. You're in a strong position, by the way, so you should have the confidence

to pursue your personal goals. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Allow yourself the odd theatrical outburst. The

general trend today is for people to say what they want, when they want, with a minimum of thought. I can see no reason why you shouldn't take the lead. You can also, if you wish, seize the moral high ground.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Today's lunar aspects will bring stressful conditions, mainly because you've got

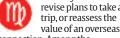
to make up your mind and choose between sharply different options. Yet, unlike some of your close friends, you may feel your energy lifted by a surge of emotional power. You may actually be in an optimistic mood.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) If you don't take

resolve a financial question, you will be literally pushed into taking emergency action by today's dramatic lunar movements. The costs could be high, but the emotional toll could be higher. That's why you've got to be easy on yourself.

steps voluntarily to

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23) You may have to revise plans to take a



New Delhi

connection. Among the important considerations will be the guestion of whether a certain personal desire fits in with your higher principles. This is a roundabout way of saying that you might have

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) It seems inevitable that the coming days will be dominated

private and a professional nature, and you may feel caught on the horns of a dilemma, unsure where to turn. I suspect that the best strategy is to wait while events take their course and partners work out what

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) In spite of the fact

they want.

that you're generally known as a cautious person, you have a surprising tendency to waste your money. There seems little doubt that your mood over the coming few days will be extravagant and selfindulgent, and your secret plans could cost more than you expected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) If you're looking



CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) What a moment this is. Hard work

helps you overcome all restrictions. You may be feeling out of sorts, but only if you over-estimate the obstacles in your path. Actually, this is a good time to reassess your current responsibilities, perhaps with

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Domestic questions are highlighted by

the aim of dropping some

of them.



PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20) Extra money could



profitable ventures. Your romantic life will be in a state of flux and you'll be driven by your deepest and most secret fantasies.

QUICK SINGLES

Akhtar walks out of television show

Karachi: Former Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar was embroiled in a controversy

when he walked out of a TV programme and resigned from his job as cricket analyst after being told to leave the set by the host of the show at state-owned PTV.



Akhtar, 46, said he had been treated badly and insulted on air by the host in the post match show following Pakistan's five wicket win over New Zealand in ongoing T20 the World Cup on Tuesday. Akhtar got up, took off his microphone and left. Host Nauman Niaz didn't attempt to call him back and showed no reaction at all and carried on with the show as normal. Clips of the argument between Akhtar and the host which led to the resignation part were also shared widely on social media. Akhtar himself took to twitter on Wednesday to clarify his position. "I tried to save everyone from embarrassment by saying I was pulling Nauman leg with this mutual understanding that Nauman will also apologise and we will move on with the show, which he refused to do. I had no other choice." PTI

Smith ready to bat down the order

Dubai: The slow UAE wickets not supporting the power-hitters in the T20 World Cup, Australia batter Steve Smith is willing to change his batting order to suit the requirement of his side. Almost all teams have struggled to go past 150run mark so far in the ongoing World Cup as the pitches are not conducive for stroke-making. Smith, who usually bats at number three, said he is aware of the different requirement. "(My role is) a little bit different to what I've played previously. My job is just to fix it if our top order don't come off and build a partnership with whoever I'm in with at that stage," Smith was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au. "If our top order do go well, the likelihood is that I'll slide down the order and let our big strong boys attack it. That's essentially my role. I think I've done it reasonably well in the first couple of trial games and our first game against South Africa." In a small chase of 119 against South Africa, Smith was Australia's top-scorer with his 35-run knock coming off 46 balls while batting at number four. PTI

Injury cloud over Guptill ahead of India game

Sharjah: New Zealand may be forced to face India in their crunch clash on 'Black Caps' batsman injured his toe in their opening loss to Pakistan. Opener Guptill, New Zealand's most experienced short format international, took a blow to the big toe from a Haris Rauf delivery just before he was dismissed for 17 during the five-wicket loss to Pakistan in Sharjah on Tuesday."We'll see how he scrubs up overnight," coach Gary Stead told reporters from the United Arab Emirates after the match. He looked in a little bit of discomfort at the end of the game and it might take 24 to 48 hours to see how he goes."The injury comes as a second blow to New Zealand after paceman Lockie Ferguson was ruled out with a calf muscle tear. New Zealand named Adam Milne as replacement of Ferguson, who has been ruled out of the tournament, in the squad. PTI

Tape-ball trickery to mastery

Speedster Haris Rauf has had an unconventional rise to big league, but is quickly making a name for himself



SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY DUBAI, OCTOBER 27

ONE AFTERNOON almost five years ago, Haris Rauf's life became meaningful. Tapeball cricket had given him mohalla fame in Rawalpindi, but that was just about it. Haris' talent deserved a bigger platform for it not to be laid to waste. That's when Lahore

Qalandars and Aaqib Javed came calling. Salman Butt captures Haris' journey in a one-liner: "Yeh ek aise emerging star hai joh GT Road se nahi aaye hain (he's one emerging star whose entry to the Pakistan team hasn't been linear).

It's a pretty tongue-in-cheek show that the former Pakistan captain hosts on YouTube. In one of its episodes, Haris speaks

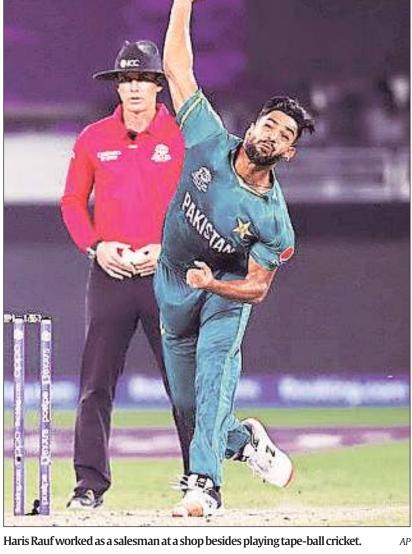
He broke through for being a mile faster than his nearest rival. "Lahore Qalandars ka trial tha aur Tarif bhai (a coach) speed gun leke khade huye the (it was a Lahore Qalandars trial and Tarif bhai was standing with a speed gun). Ek banda 87 mari, toh mein socha mere ko is se zyada tez dalna hai (someone bowled at 87 mph, so I thought I had to bowl quicker than him). Toh jab ball dala, speed gun 88 dikhaya (so when I bowled, the speed gun showed 88 mph). Tabhi mere ko next round jane ka mauka mila (only then did I get the pass to qualify for the next round)," Haris recounts.

But he wasn't too eager to turn up. "Ek dost tha, woh bola jake dekhte hai, toh chala gaya (A friend told me, 'let's go and see what happens at the trial' and hence I went).

His dismissal of New Zealand's Martin Guptill at the T20 World Cup game in Sharjah on Tuesday had a bit of tape-ball trickery, the way the fast bowler cut down the angle and cramped the batsman. Here's the lowdown from Aaqib, Haris' mentor, on how it works.

"A tape-ball bowler develops the understanding of angles quickly. The lighter ball moves in the air a lot more compared to a cricket ball. And if a bowler can control the lighter ball, when he graduates to proper cricket and bowls with a cricket ball, control comes to him naturally.'

It's not easy to capture the nuances of Urdu/Hindi via English translation; rags to riches would be closest to gumnami se shohrat. A young Haris worked as a salesman at a Rawalpindi shop besides playing tapeball cricket. In 2016, when the last World T20 took place, he 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 has been on a steady rise since.

"My father didn't like cricket. He said without recommendation, you weren't going to make a career. Then I got picked for Lahore Qalandars, where talent rather than recommendation has been the only yardstick," Haris had said back in 2017, after being picked by the Pakistan Super League franchise. On Tuesday, after winning the Man of the Match award against New Zealand, he went back to his roots: "I just want to thank Lahore Qalandars."

A Twitter post followed, tagging a selfie taken by teammate Shaheen Shah Afridi at the ground... "Team Green effectively lived up to the expectations of the resilient nation & secured a thrashing victory against the black caps in the most adrenaline-inducing game of cricket. Very happy to be awarded with MOD Match in a crucial WC game."

Nursery of fast bowlers

Pakistan owes its never-ending pace bowling supply to tape-ball cricket and there's a reason why, unlike tennis-ball cricket, this variety of the game produces quicker bowlers. "If one has to compare playing with a regular tennis ball as opposed to a tape-ball, you would notice that due to the fuzzy exterior of the tennis ball, which inhibits speed while in motion, it moves relatively slower. "However, while playing with

a tape-ball, such external barriers are re-

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moved and the ball glides at a faster pace when in motion. Practising with tape-balls from a young age encourages bowlers to develop motor movements that aid in achieving prime speed," Aaqib explains.

The former Pakistan pacer and Lahore Qalandars director of cricket opens up on Haris' development. "The kid worked his socks off. For two years, he didn't even go back to his place. Technical coaching aside, it was a challenge to get him into the groove, a boy who hardly understood the system at this level. His hard work has paid off."

Jo wada kiya woh nibhana padega (fulfil the promise) – somewhere Mohammad Rafi creates a connection in the Haris-Aaqib relationship. The coach asked his ward to change his diet, increase weight and become stronger. It's a sort of give and take; if you promise you will follow the routine, I promise that I will take care of your progress. Both took a vow and walked the talk.

Last year, Haris claimed his second hattrick in the BBL playing for Melbourne Stars, the only bowler apart from Rashid Khan to achieve the feat in the tournament. Matthew Gilkes, Callum Ferguson and Daniel Sams of Sydney Thunder were at the receiving end of Haris' thunderbolts. His celebration was a runabout, not the slit-throat gesture of an earlier vintage. The brashness of youth was uncalled for and disrespectful. A proper dressing-down from Aaqib duly followed.

Haris changed for the better, maybe taking the course correction a little too far. At the 2020 PSL, he apologised to Multan Sultans' Shahid Afridi after bowling him out. "He is going through a learning curve. He is grooming well, respecting his seniors. It's imperative to grow not only as a cricketer but as a human being as well. I feel good when I see his development," Aaqib says.

A month ago, after New Zealand abruptly cancelled their Pakistan tour acting on a security alert, Haris, like all his colleagues, took offence. Words like "meddling vested interests" and "wrong precedents" appeared on his timeline. Quietly but assuredly, Pakistan are playing to prove a point at the ongoing T20 World Cun

"We will rise & shine again," Haris had written. The fast bowler is contributing to his

CSA await de Kock's explanation

REUTERS

CAPE TOWN, OCTOBER 27

CRICKET SOUTH Africa are waiting for Quinton de Kock to explain his motives for pulling out of the Twenty20 World Cup win over West Indies on Tuesday as his fu-

ture with the team hangs in the balance. De Kock pulled out of the eight wicket win over West Indies after CSA issued a directive hours before the **QUINTON DE** game that said players must KOCK

'take a knee' ahead of the match. He has previously refused to do so, cit-

ing his freedom of choice. CSA confirmed through a spokesperson on Wednesday that De Kock, regarded as one of the leading batsmen in the world, was fi-

nalising a statement that will be released "as soon as possible", but added he remains "very much part of the team". Support for the BLM movement has been a contentious issue within South African cricket since it first emerged, with players differing in their views on how and whether

said last November the players had reached a consensus among themselves on the way forward, and that they were able to abstain, but the CSA board has now rejected this, ordering the team to show a united front. This was only revealed to the players on

to show public support. Coach Mark Boucher

their way to the ground for Tuesday's match, which led to De Kock's late withdrawal.

It has divided opinion in South Africa between those who believe De Kock has a moral obligation to support BLM, and others who value his right to not publicly show his support. Board chairman Lawson Naidoo defended the timing of the directive in the midst of a World Cup campaign.

"Unfortunately, we can't choose the time when we have to deal with these things. The situation is what it is," Naidoo was quoted as saying by South Africa's Sport24 website..

Will take knee: Warner

Australia's opening batsman David Warner has said, "we will take a knee" when asked to respond to South Africa's Quinton de Kock's decision to withdraw from a match as he declined to take a knee.

"I can't go into obviously the South African administration making their team take a knee. So, yeah, from there, it's obviously their decision, each individual's deci-Warner also said he was not too both-

ered by his poor scores in the recent matches and is hoping to hit top form soon. Australia play Sri Lanka in their second match of the ICCT20 World Cup in Dubai on Thursday. AP

Hardik goes through fitness drills, bowls during practice

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

DUBAI, OCTOBER 27

Hardik Pandya went through fitness drills, focusing on strength and conditioning, and bowled at the India nets on Wednesday. In India's World T20 opener against

Pakistan, he played solely as a batsman. India had an optional practice session at the ICC Academy ground on Wednesday. At the start. Pandva underwent several fitness drills under the watchful eye of team physio Nitin Patel and assistant trainer Soham Desai. From

minutes, as his team mates had a net session. Pandya then went to a net and bowled, with Bhuvneshwar Kumar followed by Shardul Thakur batting. Captain Virat Kohli, head coach Ravi Shastri and team mentor MS Dhoni kept a close eye on him.

stretching to sprinting, it lasted for about 20

Pandya bowled a couple of overs in a T20I during India's tour of Sri Lanka in July. During IPL, Hardik didn't bowl. "In terms of his (Hardik) bowling, the physios, trainers are working. He hasn't bowled a single ball yet. We wanted to take one match at a time and see where he stands," his Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma had said after the team's last match in the IPL.

A question mark over Pandya's bowling fitness prompted the national selectors to include Shardul Thakur in the main squad for the ICC event at the expense of Axar Patel.

Ahead of the Pakistan game, Kohli spoke about Pandya's value as a power-hitter at No. 6. During the match, he was hit on the right shoulder and underwent a scan, which revealed nothing serious.

India have been suffering from a lack of sixth bowling option, which was exposed during their 10-wicket loss to Pakistan.



Hardik Pandya not being able to bowl has affected the balance of the team.

Pandya also had a batting stint at the nets today, taking throwdowns and then doing some merry hitting. Even if he doesn't bowl in matches, the allrounder has the team management's backing to play solely as a

On-form, Pandya is a finisher to be trusted with and his 22-ball 42 not out in a T20I in Sydney last year, which helped India see off a tense 195 run-chase, was a case in point. Recently though, his batting form has headed south, as a tally of 127 runs in 12 matches at the IPL would attest. Before that in Sri Lanka also, the 28-year-old had scored 19 runs in three ODIs followed by 10 in the only T20I he played.

Against Pakistan, Pandya struggled to force the pace, clearly looking to be out of rhythm and there's a school of thought that if India have to play a specialist batsman, the team management should go with form and pick Ishan Kishan, someone who is carrying the confidence of three consecutive half-centuries in T20 cricket.

Kishan being a left-hander will also allow the team to maintain a right-left combination throughout. But there's a catch, almost all his impact knocks have come batting up the order, while the team management puts faith in Pandya's batting at the death.

India will play a virtual quarterfinal against New Zealand on October 31 and the team combination has to be spot on. Usually, India do well when their top-order fires. Against Pakistan, both Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul fell cheaply, restricting Kohli, for he had to take the game deep. India missed Shreyas Iyer in the middle-order, while in bowling, the absence of a sixth bowler was felt. Mohammed Shami leaked runs, Bhuvneshwar Kumar looked pedestrian. And although Kohli bowled a couple of overs in the warm-up game against Australia, he wasn't confident enough to bowl in a big match.

Until Pandya is bowling in matches, the team management will have to take a call if playing Shardul Thakur will provide a better

England cruise past Bangladesh, make it two in two

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ENGLAND DISHED out a thoroughly clinical display with both the bat and the ball to steamroll Bangladesh by eight wickets in a Super 12 match of the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday. Explosive opener Jason Roy anchored the paltry 125-run chase, with a 38-ball 61 (5x4, 3x6) to make his 50th T20I appearance memorable as England cantered home in just 14.1 overs to give their net run rate a huge boost.

Dawid Malan remained unbeaten on 28, while Jonny Bairstow (8 not out) finished off the chase, pulling Shoriful Islam for a boundary. With two wins in a row, England now lead Group 1 table with four points. Defending a below-par total, Bangladesh never showed any aggressive intent and their bowlers lacked discipline. On a two-paced pitch, their pacers, led by Mustafizur Rahman, were guilty of bowling short as the England opening duo of Roy and Jos Buttler



England opener Jason Roy made 61 off 38 as England won by 8 wickets. AP

(18) never had any trouble, cruising to 37 for no loss in four overs. Left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed gave the much needed breakthrough by dismissing Buttler but Roy kept up the rampage as England cruised to 90/1 at the halfway mark -- needing just 35 off 60 balls.

Roy was in full control of the innings and reached to his fifty -- his second in T20 World Cup -- off just 33 balls, hammering Nasum Ahmed over the rope. Shoriful dismissed Roy in the 13th over but by that time the explosive opener had made the equation completely in favour of his side as England needed 11 runs from 43 balls. Earlier, England bowlers capitalised on a fine start given by off-spinner Moeen Ali to restrict Bangladesh to a paltry 124 for 9. Opting to bat, Bangladesh were sloppy and failed to apply themselves as they lost wickets at regular intervals. Moeen took two wickets in two balls inside the powerplay en route to another fine outing (2/18 from 3 overs) with the ball.

Pacer Chris Woakes was also on the job inside the powerplay as he dismissed star allrounder Shakib Al Hasan, reducing Bangladesh to 27/3 in first six overs. On a day leg-spinner Adil Rashid -- fresh from his match winning figures of 4/2 against the West Indies -- returned wicketless and was their most expensive bowler, utility spinner Liam Livingstone did the job in the middle middle overs by taking 2/15.

Pacer Tymal Mills later wreaked havoc at the death with figures of 3/27 as Bangladesh could never recover. Living stone, who is capable of bowling both leg and off-spin, grabbed the crucial wickets of Bangladesh top-scorer Mushfiqur Rahim (29) and skipper Mahmudullah (19).

Livingstone trapped Rahim with a successful use of DRS. It particularly hurt Bangladesh in the middle overs as Mushfiqur and Mahmudullah were looking to rebuild their innings with a 37-run partnership from 32 balls. But Livingstone had Rahim plumb in front of wicket with his leg spin to break the partnership. Afif Hossain departed after a comical run out for the addition of 10 runs to leave Bangladesh tottering at 83/6 with five overs to go.

BRIEF SCORES: Bangladesh: 124 for 9 in 20 overs (Mushfiqur Rahim 29; Tymal Mills 3/27) lost to **England:** 126 for 2 in 14.1 overs (Jason Roy 61; Shoriful Islam 1/26).

Namibia edge out Scotland Abu Dhabi: Debutants Namibia got them-

In battle of minnows,

selves out of a difficult situation in a lowscoring game to record a memorable fourwicket win over Scotland in their opening Super 12 match in the ICC T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

Namibia, who had beaten Ireland and Netherlands to qualify for the Super 12 stage, restricted Scotland to 109 for eight after leftarm pacer Ruben Trumpelmann struck thrice in a sensational first over.

The Scottish spin trio of Chris Greaves, Mark Watt and Michael Lesk were able to maintain the pressure on Namibia batters but the seasoned David Wiese (16 off 15) and JJ Smith (32 not out off 23) found a way to break the shackles. Wiese was dismissed when Namibia was close to the finishing line but Smit ensured his team crossed the finishing line in the 20th over with a six over point. Openers Craig Williams (23) and Michael van Lingen (18) made a sedate start to the run chase and though runs were hard

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to come by, the required run rate was never an issue. Scotland bowled their heart out but their batters inability to put enough runs on the board led to their downfall.

Earlier, 23-year-old Trumpelmann got the ball to shape back into the right-hander from the word go and the one that went away with the angle also troubled the Scotland top-order. George Munsey played on the first ball of the match before Trumpelmann had Calum Macleod caught behind off an angled delivery as the batter anticipated a lethal inswinger. Scotland were reeling at 18 for four after all-rounder David Wiese trapped Craig Wallace in front of the stumps with a ball that skidded on to the batter's pads.

With their opponents in dire straits, Namibia could have attacked more after the first six overs.

Brief Scores: Scotland: 109 for 8 in 20 overs (Michael Leask 44; Ruben Trumpelmann 3/17) lost to **Namibia:** 115 for 6 in 19.1 overs JJ Smit 32 not out; Michael Leask 2/12).

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