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Modi meets Draghi and EU leaders, to call on Pope today



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Italy's Prime Minister Mario Draghi at the Chigi Palace in Rome on Friday. AP/PTI

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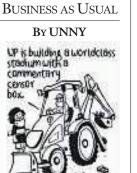
PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi met Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi and top leaders of the Furonean Union in Rome on Friday, ahead of the G20 Summit

India and Italy are likely to come up with a joint document on "energy transitions" which will focus on cooperation in nonrenewable energy, sources told The Indian Express.

Modi and Draghi held extensive talks on diversifying India-

> The Prime Minister will meet CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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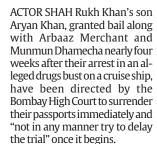


BARRICADES LIFT AT FARM PROTEST SITE

At site of the year-old sit-in at Delhi's Singhu border on Friday, Late in the evening, there were protests at Tikri. Praveen Khanna

Turn passport in, do not try to delay trial: Bombay HC sets bail terms for Aryan Khan

OMKAR GOKHALE & SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29



These are among the 14 con-



Aryan will be released today. File

ditions laid down by Justice Nitin W Sambre while granting them bail. The 5-page order was made available Friday, a day after Justice Sambre granted them bail on pleas following rejection of bail by the special court hearing the case under the NDPS Act. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

In 5 cases since last yr, NCB used same panch witness

MOHAMED THAVER & **SADAF MODAK** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29

OFTHE 10 panch witnesses cited by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in its Cordelia ship raid case, for which Aryan Khan has been arrested. Adil Fazal Usmani has been used by NCB officials in at least five cases since 2020.

Questions have been raised regarding two others - K P Gosavi, a wanted accused at the time who is now under arrest. and Manish Bhanushali, who has links to the BIP. Witness Prabhakar Sail had accused NCB Mumbai Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede of making him sign blank pages

NCB officials said they have

BJP MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Shah sounds start of UP poll campaign, roots for Yogi as CM

'If Modi has to return as PM in 2024, foundation must be laid in UP in 2022'

LALMANIVERMA LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 29

SCOTCHING SPECULATION over the BJP's chief ministerial face in the coming Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said here Friday that if the people wanted Narendra Modi to return as Prime Minister in 2024, they should vote for Yogi Adityanath as CM in 2022.

Launching a mega membership drive across UP called 'Mera Parivar-BJP Parivar', Shah said: "Modi ji ke netratva mein agla joh Lok Sabha ka chunav jeetna hai 24

(2024) mein, uski neenv daalne ka kaam Uttar Pradesh ka 22 (2022) ka Vidhan Sabha karne waala hai. Yeh main UP ki janata ko batane aaya hoon ki Modi ji ko phir se ek baar 24 mein pradhan mantri banana hai, toh 22 mein phir ek baar Yogi ji ko mukhyamantri banana padega. Tab jaakar ye desh ka vikas aage badh sakta hai (The 2024 Lok Sabha elections that we have to win under Modi ji's leadership, its foundation will be laid by the Uttar Pradesh 2022 Assembly polls. I want to tell the people of ÙP that if you want Modi ji to return as Prime Minister in 2022, you have to make **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



Amit Shah, Yogi Adityanath, and MoS Ajay Mishra in CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 Lucknow on Friday. Vishal Srivastav

After stock crashes, govt drops claim on **IRCTC** service fee

SUNNY VERMA & AVISHEK G DASTIDAR NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

IN A curious policy flip-flop, the Ministry of Railways on Friday reversed a decision taken less than 24 hours earlier, in which it had asked Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to share with it half the revenues collected as convenience fee from users.

IRCTC, a government-controlled company that provides ticketing, catering, and tourism services, had informed the stock exchanges after market hours on Thursday that the ministry had written to it, asking to share the revenues from convenience fee in a 50-50 ratio

"Government departments need to be mindful of the interest of minority shareholders, more so since we have a huge privatisation pipeline lined up. the success of which also CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Steering economy during Covid gets Das 3 more yrs at RBI helm

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29

THE UNION Government Friday extended the tenure of Reserve Bank of India Governor three years till December 2024, thus giving him a tenure of six years. He had assumed charge on December 12, 2018, after his predecessor Urjit Patel had cited personal reasons and abruptly

The re-appointment will be effective December 10 or until further orders, whichever is ear-



"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the reappointment of Shaktikanta Das as Reserve Bank of India Governor for a period of three years beyond December 10, 2021, or until further orders, whichever is earlier," a statement from the Department of

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Shaktikanta

over in

Dec 2018



Timely step helps certainty

ANNOUNCING AN prior to the end of the Governor's term has brought certainty in the continuity of monetary policy. Das knows the system, and resolved differences internally by keeping the channels of communication open.

return on EPF deposits for 2020-21

SUNNY VERMA

AHEAD OF Diwali, the Ministry

of Finance has approved an in-

Labour Secretary Sunil Barthwal told The Indian Express that the Ministry of Finance has

Friday, the Ministry of Labour and Employment plans to notify the rate at the earliest.

scriber base of more than 6.7 crore and 6.9 lakh contributing establishments.

In March this year, the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the retirement fund body had recommended that the interest rate for the financial year 2020-

The interest rate was said to

Ahead of Diwali, Finance clears 8.5%

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

terest rate of 8.5 per cent rate on provident funds for 2020-21, enabling the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) to credit interest in the accounts of

ratified the 8.5 per cent rate of Following the approval

The EPFO has an active sub-

21 be retained at 8.5 per cent.

have been decided on an income of Rs 70.300 crore from sale of debt and equity investments and **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

UP govt's fake degrees probe puts two university VCs under scanner

ANCHOR

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

TWO SERVING university vicechancellors, one of whom heads a central university, are among those named in an official investigation in Uttar Pradesh for their alleged role in a fake degrees scam that helped thousands to fraudulently grab posts of primary schoolteachers and other government jobs in the state.

The two serving VCs are among 19 individuals named in the probe by a special investigation team (SIT) into irregularities





Prof Rajneesh Kumar Shukla (left) and Prof Gangadhar Panda have been named in the SIT probe. University web sites

involving Varanasi-based Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya.

Both the VCs - Prof Raineesh Kumar Shukla of the central government-run Mahatma Gandhi

Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya in Wardha, Maharashtra, and Prof Gangadhar Panda of the Jharkhand government's Kolhan University in Chaibasa, Jharkhand — are former officials of Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya.

Prof Shukla was appointed to his current position in April 2019; Prof Panda took over as VC in May 2020.

Prof Shukla is also a member of the recently constituted search-cum-selection committee to pick 18 non-ex officio members of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (IC-SSR). A professor of comparative philosophy and religion, he has earlier served as member secretary of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research and the Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR).

Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya comes under CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



85 years (Completed) for all options except option F Sample Illustration: Age - 50, Annuity payable - Yearly, Mode - Offline

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controllers, deputy registrars,

and assistant registrars at the

university, the SIT report said,

'They did not perform their du-

ties in a proper manner, as a re-

sult the verification department

carried out its work fraudulently

and records of the exam depart-

Home Department wrote to the

university saying that a decision

had been taken to act against

those named in the report.

Penalties under the rules range

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ployment status of the named

individuals for further action,

and asked the university to act

against 10 others. The

University administration did

not respond to requests for a

comment on whether it had

acted in accordance with the ad-

SIT issued notice to Shukla to

"I have challenged the SIT order.

As registrar, I was the first one to

act as the university kept getting

complaints from the then gov-

ernment about the fraud. I sub-

On September 2 this year, the

Shukla told The Indian Express,

vice of the state government.

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record his statement.

The Home Department sought details of the current em-

to dismissal from service.

In March this year, the UP

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Modi in Italy

Pope Francis on Saturday. He is also likely to meet French President Emmanuel Macron and Indonesian President Joko

At the meeting between Modi and EU leaders, the two sides discussed deepening the India-EU friendship, particularly in areas such as trade, commerce, culture, and the environ-

with a "productive interaction" with the president of the European Commission Ursula

The Prime Minister, who ar-

rived in Rome earlier in the day. began his official engagements European Council, Charles Michel, and president of the von der Leyen.

Later, Modi described his

Leyen congratulated India lassifieds

> Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said there had been "extensive discussion" on a number of key

"During the meeting, leaders of India and EU reviewed India-EU cooperation covering political & security relations, trade & investment and economic cooperation as well as the Roadmap2025 agreed at the last

Later, Modi paid floral tributes at a bust of Mahatma Gandhi.

Aryan bail

A jail official said release orders issued by courts are put in a drop-box outside the prison which is opened by the jail staff at stipulated timings. On Friday, the box was last opened at 5.35 pm, an hour before the release order for Aryan was prepared following completion of bail for-

Actor Juhi Chawla appeared efore the special court as surety to complete bail formalities for Arvan. She submitted documents including her Aadhaar

Lawyer Satish Maneshinde, representing Aryan, told the court that Chawla knows the 23year-old since birth, and that she and his father, Shah Rukh Khan, are professionally associated.

for everybody," Chawla told re-

The completion of formalities took over 90 minutes. Bail formalities for Dhamecha and Merchant also could not be

the three accused, Justice

- like amount.
- indulge in any activity similar to the activities on the basis of which the said CR stands registered against them for offences under the NDPS Act.
- Applicants/Accused shall not undertake any action prejudicial to the proceedings before the Special Court.
- Applicants/Accused would not make any attempt to influence witnesses or tamper with
- render their passport.
- leave the country without prior permission from the Special ludge for NDPS.

meeting with the EU leaders as

In a tweet, Michel said: "India has a key role to play in the green transition. We discussed global health and fighting the pandemic, the strong EU-India Strategic Partnership, the situation in Afghanistan and the Indo-Pacific" (where China is flexing its muscles).

for its "excellent progress" on vaccination against Covid-19, and for resuming vaccine ex-

issues.

India-EU Summit," the statement said.

Aryan will be released Saturday from the Arthur Road jail. The process for his release was initiated after the High Court order was made available to the defence team Friday, but it could not be completed in time.

malities at the special court.

card and passport

"I am just happy that it is all over and Aryan will come home very, very soon. It is a big relief

porters outside the court.

completed Friday. In his order granting bail to

Sambre listed 14 conditions: ■Each applicant/accused shall execute P. R. Bond of Rs 1 lakh with one or more sureties in the

- Applicants/Accused shall not
- Applicants/Accused shall not try to establish communication with co-accused or any other person involved directly or indirectly in similar activities or make any call to any person indulging in similar activities as alleged against them.
- the evidence.
- Applicants/Accused shall sur-
- Applicants/Accused shall not make any statement regarding court proceedings in any form of media, including social media. ■ Applicants/Accused shall not
- If the Applicants/Accused have to go out of Greater

Shah sounds start of campaign, bats for Yogi as Chief Minister

Yogi ji CM again in 2022. Only then can the country progress)."

The membership drive will continue till December 31. Union Minister of State for Home Aiav Kumar Mishra. whose constituency falls under the Awadh region for which Shah's meeting was organised Friday, shared the stage with Shah, Yogi and other Union ministers from UP. This was the first official or BJP meeting in UP where Mishra was present on the dais since his son Ashish's convoy ploughed into protesting farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri, leaving four dead. Four others, including BJP workers, had died in the subsequent violence. Ashish is facing murder charges and is under ar-

Shah repeated his call to vote for Adityanath at the end of his speech.

Shah said the Samajwadi Party, BSP and Congress were

parties which can't work for the welfare of the 22 crore people of UP, and the state needed Modi and Adityanath. He said people could see for themselves the change under Adityanath, including the crackdown on criminals, and the development works. He mentioned that over 150 criminals were killed in encounters in the Adityanath government.

"parivarwadi (family-based)"

Adityanath and his team had fulfilled more than 90% of the promises made in the 2017 poll manifesto, while the BJP had kept its vow to abrogate Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. Again, the SP was the focus

of the BJP attack on Friday, including in Shah's speech. Come elections, "those who sat at home for five years have got new clothes stitched" and were dreaming of being voted to power, the Home Minister said. "I want to ask Akhilesh (SP president Akhilesh Yadav),

how many days did you spend abroad in the past five year years? Where were you when UP faced Covid and floods?" Shah accused the SP and

BSP of "destroying" UP, particularly its law and order. He claimed that Opposition rule, women were afraid to step out of home, while musclemen flourished. "Today, no one can force anybody into an exodus in UP. I cannot spot a single bahubali, even through binoculars... At festivals, whether Deepawali or Chhath, a 16-year-old girl wearing jewellery can drive a Scooty on the roads of UP even at midnight."

Shah said the SP would taunt the BJP in previous elections on the lack of a date for a Ram temple at Ayodhya. "Akhilesh babu, the foundation of the temple has been laid," the Home Minister said.

He also recalled the firing on kar sevaks under the SP government in 1990. "Ram lalla is about to be installed under a skyscraper temple."

He added that unlike Opposition parties which ran the state for their families or castes, the Adityanath government worked for every section and class.

The BJP was beginning its work for the 2022 polls with the membership drive, Shah said. "We accept family planning, but when it is about the BJP, we break the rule. The BJP should have maximum mem-Addressing the gathering,

Adityanath said the Awadh region was very important for the BJP as it included Ayodhya, adding that the whole world would see the Diwali celebrated in the town this time. Shah later held a closed-

door meeting with senior BJP leaders, as well as another meeting at the party headquarters, where Adityanath and the two deputy CMs were present.

mitted my statement to the SIT last month. It was based on my

FIR that two functionaries were jailed. The SIT should have the day at Rs 845.65 -- 7.45 per recorded my statement.

Panda said. "The SIT had recorded my statement. I had made it clear that the documents used to come to me as a mere formality. In any case, I have not received any communication from the UP government or the university on the report."

Shukla was the acting registrar between March 23 and December 18, 2011, while Panda held the post between February 11, 2009. and August 6, 2010.

The SIT scrutinised the degrees of 5,797 teachers employed across 69 districts of UP, and found 1,086 degrees issued by Sampurnanand Sanskrit University to be fake. The SIT tagged 207 other degrees as suspected to be fraudulent.

"Those who obtained fake degrees from Sampurnanand Sanskrit University must have bagged jobs in the secondary education, higher secondary education and other government departments also," the SIT said. SIT officer Vijay Kumar Singh

declined to comment on the statement by Shukla. Detailed questionnaires sent to the Ministry of Education did not elicit any response.

RBI Governor Personnel & Training, said. After

Bimal Jalan who left as the RBI Governor after a six-year tenure in September 2003, Das is the only Governor to get a six-year tenure. All others had maximum five years in the last 60 years. "As he had worked in the Finance Ministry, he has maintained a good rapport with government officials unlike previous Governors. He knows how the government functions and is non-confrontational," said a former central bank official. Das, who was the face of de-

monetisation holding almost daily briefings in Delhi, tackled the challenges posed by Covid as RBI Governor and announced a series of packages. The RBI, under him, pumped liquidity into the financial system to bolster growth and address stress in various sectors.

When the pandemic hit the country and the rest of the world, the RBI also announced a debt moratorium for six months and worked out a loan restructuring package for corporates when Covid hit the country in

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Mumbai, they shall inform the Investigating Officer; and shall give their itinerary.

- Applicants/Accused shall attend the NCB Mumbai office each Friday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to mark their presence. Applicants/Accused shall at-
- tend all the Court dates unless reasonable cause. ■ Applicants/Accused shall join
- the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the NCB. Once the trial begins, the Applicants/Accused shall not in
- any manner try to delay the trial. ■ If the Applicants/Accused violate any of these terms, NCB shall be entitled to apply for cancellation of their bail.

NCB panch

to fall back on known panchs as it is "practically difficult" to get persons willing to come on board during drug raids, out of fear and to avoid legal entanglements. But courts have often taken a dim view of habitual panchs, saying they are "under the thumb of police" and hence could not be considered independent witnesses

Apart from the four -Usmani, Gosavi, Bhanushali and Sail -- the NCB listed Aubrey Gomez, V Waigankar, Aparna Rane, Prakash Bahadur, Shoaib Faiz and Muzammil Ibrahim as panch witnesses in the Cordelia case - some of whom are security staff of the luxury liner.

Records accessed by The *Indian Express* show that before the Cordelia raid of October 2 (case no. 94/2021), Usmani, a Jogeshwari resident, was cited by the NCB as a panch witness in five other cases 2020 onwards -36/2020 (seizure of commercial quantity of LSD); 38/2020 (seizure of non-commercial quantity of mephedrone or MD, and commercial quantity of LSD); 27/2021 (seizure of commercial quantity of MD); 35/2021 (seizure of commercial quantity of LSD and ganja); and 38/2021 (seizure of LSD and ganja).

In all the cases, the panchnama has the same address for Usmani. The Indian Express failed to locate Usmani based on the address.

Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik, who has levelled a series of allegations against Wankhede, was the first to point out Gosavi's criminal record and Bhanushali's BJP links. Incidentally, Malik also

shared an anonymous letter pur-

portedly by an NCB official with

allegations against Wankhede, that has a reference to a "drug peddler", Adil Usmani. The letter alleges that the NCB sourced 60 gram MD from him, allegedly to plant it in case 24/2021 (seizure of MD, MDMA/ecstasy tablets and charas).

Sessions Court or police records do not show any past criminal record of the Usmani named in the NCB panchnamas.

NCB Dy DG Gyaneshwar Singh and Wankhede have denied Malik's allegations or that they knew the witnesses.

The Cordelia case isn't the only one where the NCB has turned to "habitual witnesses" -- a term used by defence lawyers to discredit a panch witness. In the past two years, the NCB has used at least four panch witnesses multiple times. One of them, Shehbaz Mansuri, has been a panch witness in four cases.

Fletcher Patel, whose name was also mentioned by Malik, is a panch witness in NCB cases 16/20, 38/20 and 2/21, all registered in the past year. Patel had told the media following Malik's allegations that he was an Army veteran who was only too glad to help government agencies, and that he had met Wankhede at a function a few years back. Besides, Sayyad Zubair

Ahmed and Abdul Rehman Ibrahim have been cited as panch witnesses by the NCB in two cases each this year -- 27/21 and 35/21; and 7/21 and 18/21, respectively. The panchnamas with Ibrahim as witness have the same sign for him though different addresses. The panch witnesses affirm searches and seizures by offi-

cials, so as to rule out planting of evidence, and testify during trial. As per Section 100 of the CrPC, the panchs "shall be independent and respectable inhabitants" of the locality where a panchnama is being drawn. In cases under the NDPS Act,

like Aryan Khan's, where seizures of drugs often form the basis, the role of a panch witness is all the more important. NCB officials said there was

nothing unusual about the agency falling back on known people as panch witnesses as most people are apprehensive about getting involved. Moreover, most NCB raids happen late at night or on weekends when it is difficult to get witnesses, officials said.

An official said, "Honestly tell us if anyone will be willing to accompany us as panch witnesses on a raid against notorious drug lords? We have to be sure that a panch will not get intimidated and will appear for the trial. And we cannot stop the raid to find records of every panch." The official added, "By inde-

pendent witness, what is meant is that the person is not dependent on the agencies monetarily or in any other manner. In addition to panch witnesses, we present other corroborative evidence before the court. Please check with any other force. Why is only the NCB under scrutiny?"

PF deposits interest income, leaving a surplus of around Rs 300 crore with

the EPFO. For FY2021, the EPFO had decided to liquidate investment in equity, and the interest rate recommended was the result of the

combined income from interest

received from debt investment

as well as income realised from equity investment. Officials of the Finance and Labour ministries held discussions recently and the process of ratifying the interest rate was expedited to benefit people ahead

Over the years, the Ministry of Finance has questioned the relatively high rate retained by EPFO, and has been nudging it to reduce the rate to a sub-8 per cent level in line with the overall interest rate scenario.

of the festival season.

The EPFO rate continues to be the highest among other savings instruments. Small savings rates range from 4.0 per cent to 7.6 per cent, and have been kept unchanged despite a fall in overall market rates.

The EPFO retained the interest rate on PF deposits for 2020-21 at the same rate as in 2019-20 despite withdrawals in the wake of Covid impact on people's financial resources.

IRCTC depends upon policy certainty,"

a senior official of the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DI-PAM) under the Ministry of Finance said. "Our department (DIPAM)

has advised and sensitised all departments to do proper due diligence before announcing policy changes in listed companies," the official said. IRCTC shares were ham-

mered on Friday, crashing 29 per cent before recovering to close New Delhi

cent lower than the previous day's close.

The intra-day swing wiped out up to Rs 4,500 crore of retail investor wealth and from the company's market cap.

'(Markets regulator) SEBI should investigate trading patterns in IRCTC, as the convenience fee sharing was announced post market hours vesterday. As the stock cracked in the morning and huge buying was done by some traders, the decision is reversed. This is not a good example," a fund manager said.

The convenience fee that IRCTC charges the users of its Internet platform to book train or air tickets, is a major source of revenue for the company. This fee is not part of the fare that passengers pay for the journey.

On September 1, 2019, IRCTC started collecting convenience fees of Rs 15 plus GST per non-AC ticket, and Rs 30 plus GST for AC class tickets. For payments through BHIM or UPI, IRCTC charges a lower fee of Rs 10 plus GST per ticket for non-AC, and Rs 20 plus GST for AC classes.

In the last fiscal, when train services were hit for most of the year due to Covid, IRCTC still managed to collect Rs 299 crore in convenience fees. Thursday's order was an at-

a revenue-sharing arrangement that had been stopped in 2016. On Friday, senior Railway ministry officials told The Indian Express that the timing of the decision -- later withdrawn -- was not right. The sources said that the government would have got only about Rs 120 crore this fi-

nancial year, and around Rs 250

tempt by the Railways to re-start

core in the next financial year. IRCTC has been arguing that while it was not paying its share of the convenience fee to Railways, it was giving concessions for UPI payments, which account for 30 per cent of ticket transactions, officials said.

UP take degree

the UP government. The SIT looked into alleged irregularities at the university between 2004 and 2014. In its 99-page report dated November 18, 2020, the SIT concluded there were "lapses/dereliction of duty at the end of registrars, exam controllers, system managers of Sampurnanand Sanskrit University between 2004-2014".

Naming Panda and Shukla among nine registrars/exam

CENTRAL VISTA

North, South Blocks will be made **National Museums: Centre to SC**

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

THE GOVERNMENT told the Supreme Court that once the development of the Central Vista project is complete, the North and South Blocks will be converted into National Museums and will be open to the public.

In an affidavit filed in the SC, the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) said the two blocks, "which cover nearly 27 acres and are proposed to be converted into National Museums showcasing 'India in making' prehistoric to present date. The museums will be open to the public at large and serve important public purposes".

The affidavit was filed in response to a plea which challenged the change in use of a piece of land — plot number 1 — in the project area from recreational to residential, contending that it would lead to loss of public recreational area. The CPWD, however, pointed out that though it is listed as recreational, offices have been functioning on it for almost 90 years now.

"It is important to note that defacto, the area of Plot No. 1 is currently



The museums will be open to the public at large and serve important public purposes, said the CPWD in an affidavit filed in court. Archive

being used as Government Office... of the Ministry of Defence for almost 90 years now and no recreational activity (neighbourhood play area) exists as per actual ground conditions in Plot No. 1," the affidavit stated, adding that "the place has not ever been open for the general public to utilise it for any public recreational purposes".

The Department said there is no residing population or residential colony in the vicinity of the plot and only office premises of the Ministry of Defence are functioning in the said area.

The affidavit said considering the

overall public purpose of the Central Vista and overall vision behind it, loss of space has been compensated and, in fact, various public areas have been increased for the purpose of recreation.

Nearly 118 hectares of land — near Akshardham Temple on Yamuna's eastern bank and near IP Thermal Power Station on the western bank is also being developed as AMRUT Biodiversity Park to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence, "fulfilling the recreational purpose aspirations of public at large", it pointed out.

The affidavit stated that the six

"As of today, these structures occupy an area of over 90 acres, including L&M Block near North Block (Plot No. 1), A&B Block near South Block, Plot No.30 on Tyagraj Marg, Plot No.36 & 38, Jamnagar House and Jodhpur

plots on the Central Vista, with which

the present issue relates to, housed

structures that were built as tempo-

rary barracks or stables during the

Second World War according to the

needs and requirements of that time.

House," the affidavit said, adding that

"these precious pieces of land on the Vista are highly under-utilised". The CPWD said the Vice-President's Residence has been proposed to be constructed on Plot No. 1 in Central Vista. "This will in turn help in easing the traffic situation in Central Vista (CV) as the movement of Hon'ble Vice-President will be mainly to the Parliament when in session. This will

ing in close proximity to Parliament". The existing V-P Residence plot shall be made available for 3 Common Central Secretariat buildings which will form the Defence Enclave, it said.

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Gogi gang member shot dead: FB post spoke of encounter, police say procedures followed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

A 25-YEAR-OLD associate of slain gangster Jitender Gogi was shot dead in a shootout with officers of the Begumpur police station early Friday morning. Two personnel also sustained injuries in the gunfight, police said.

Three days earlier, on the evening of October 26, a message had been posted by a member of the 'Gogi Mann group' on Facebook, alleging that the 25year-old had been picked by Begumpur police station personnel and could be killed in an "encounter". Senior officers, however, maintained the post did not have anything to do with Friday's

DCP (Rohini) Pranav Tayal said. "We work with a high degree of professional commitment and maintain highest standards of probity and integrity at work. Crime syndicates are attempting to create anomalies for their ulterior profane design to

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DCP (Rohini) Pranav Tayal identified the deceased as Deepak Sharma alias Tiger, who hailed from Haryana's Jind

promote organised crime and gang war. All institutionalised standard procedures have been

Tayal identified the deceased as Deepak Sharma alias Tiger, who hailed from Haryana's Jind.

"He was a notorious criminal and sharpshooter of the Gogi gang. He was involved in six heinous criminal cases. We received information on October 29 about his movements and formed a team of five police personnel from Begumpur police station. Around 5.15 am, he was seen riding his motorbike in the area," Tayal said.

The DCP said their staff signalled to him to stop, but he did not, and his motorbike slipped while trying to evade the police-

"On being asked to surrender, he fired at the inspector – the bullet hit his bulletproof jacket. He also fired at two constables, who received injuries. In retaliation and in self-defence, our police team fired at him," he

An ambulance was called to the spot and the injured persons were sent to BSA hospital, where accused Deepak was declared dead on arrival.

"We called the FSL and they inspected the spot. A sophisticated pistol was recovered from

the crime scene," he said. Police believe Deepak was involved in the murder of an alleged member of Gogi's rival gang, headed by Tillu Tajpuriya, who was shot dead allegedly by Gogi's associates on October 11. Police believe the man, Radhe. was targeted for holding a party to celebrate Gogi's murder at Rohini court last month.

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Police start clearing barricades at Ghazipur, Tikri sites, farm leaders say stand vindicated

ASHNA BUTANI & MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

AT 8 AM on Friday, the Delhi Police started removing the iron and cement barricades near the farmers' protest site at the Ghazipur border using six JCB machines and hydra cranes. Police officers and labourers were also seen removing the iron nails that were embedded on NH-9. By evening, mud, plastic waste, and rubble lay scattered across the road.

Multiple layers of iron and cement barricades, and at least five layers of concertina wires, were put up by police in the wake of the January 26 violence during the farmers' protest against the three farm laws.

Speaking to The Indian Express, DCP (East district) Priyanka Kashyap said they were removing barricades from Ghazipur and traffic movement would resume in the coming days. She added that all barricades, including the yellow Delhi Police ones, will be removed.

Highly placed sources said instructions came from the Home

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At the Ghazipur site, Friday. Praveen Khanna

Ministry. Several rounds of meetings were held by the MHA in the last 10 days, several of which were attended by Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana.

"Farmers' groups had claimed roads were blocked by police, which affected interstate movement of people and commercial vehicles. MHA recently asked Asthana about the barricades and it was learnt the decision was taken by former police chief S N Shrivastava post the January 26 incident. After several rounds of meetings and discussions with UP and Haryana police officers, it has been decided to remove all barricades and restart traffic move-

ment," said a senior police officer. A similar scene played out at the Tikri border as well where layers of concrete barricades were being broken down and removed using JCB machines. "We are removing barricades from Tikri border," DCP (outer district)

The move comes following the Supreme Court's October 21 observation that protesters cannot block public roads indefinitely. "Ultimately some solution has to be found. We are not against the right to protest even when a legal challenge is pending. (But) roads cannot be blocked like this," Justice S K Kaul, heading a two-judge bench

Sundresh, had said. Farm union leaders said the

also comprising Justice M M

move vindicated their stand that they had never blocked roads at the city border points.

Senior SKM member Dr Darshan Pal said: "So far, there is no call to go to Delhi. Any future course of action will be decided in a meeting of the SKM." BKU president Gurnam Singh Charuni said, "Traffic movement was allowed by protesters in the past too and will be done even now."

The Ghazipur site now resembles what it used to be when the protests first began, but with much fewer protesters. The same number of tents are present, and farmers take turns to visit the site and tend to work and family.

Hundred metres from the barricades, farmers discussed the possibility of entering Delhi but said it would depend on what their leaders say. Vikas Malik (42), a protester from UP's Shamli, said: "The situation has only gotten worse in the last year. Not only are we not $getting \, MSP \, for \, sugarcane, but \, we$ have not been receiving payments on time in the last few months."

Singh (52) from Bulandshahr has written over 100 poems since he joined the protest last November. Singing about the protests, freedom, and farm laws barricades, he said: "If we don't write about the wrongdoings of today, what response will we give our children years later?"

Impasse at Tikri

In an attempt to open the Delhi-Rohtak national highway, officers of Haryana and Delhi held a meeting with farmer leaders at Mini Secretariat, Bahadurgarh, (Jhajjar) Friday. While farmer leaders offered to open a 5-ft passage, Jhajjar DC Shyam Lal Poonia said an agreement could not be reached.

Sources claimed around 10 pm, police removed a layer of concrete block and opened 20 feet of the road, prompting protests from farmer groups. Balkaran Brar, a farmer leader, said, "We had said we will agree to open a 5-feet track so two-wheelers can pass. But, police tried to surreptitiously open the entire road at night. We received information and reached the spot, and started protesting. After mediating with police, the barricades have been put up again. We had told police we will have a meeting on November 6 and inform them of our decision. But they breached our trust..."

(inputs from Raakhi Jagga & Sukhbir Siwach)

Delhi riots: Assembly panel issues notice to **Facebook**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

DELHI ASSEMBLY'S Committee on Peace and Harmony has issued a notice to Facebook India to appear before it on November 2. The Committee is examining the "unprecedented communal disharmony and violence in Delhi in February 2020". "In continuation of previous proceedings, Delhi Legislative Assembly's Committee on Peace and Harmony has decided to call upon representatives of Facebook India to depose its view on important role of social media in curbing the spread of false, provocative and malicious messages which can fan violence and disharmony," the government said in a statement.

"So far, the committee has examined extremely crucial witnesses, including senior journalists, fact checkers, digital rights activists and Facebook employees. Proceedings shall be livestreamed to maintain the utmost transparency in functioning of the committee," it said. Those who have appeared before the committee include Facebook's former employee Mark S Luckie, journalists Paranjoy Guha Thakurta and Prabir Purkayastha and digital

rights activist Nikhil Pahwa. Facebook India Online Services Pvt Ltd was issued a notice on October 27 to depose before the panel at 12.30 pm on November 2. "The Committee... is of the opinion that social media has a very important role in curbing spread of false, provocative, malicious messages, which can fan violence and disharmony," the government said.

The summon is being issued to Facebook in furtherance of judgment dated 8.07.2021 of the Supreme Court in 'Ajit Mohan & Ors. V. Legislative Assembly, NCT of Delhi'...," it added.



At 12.25 pm, a group of protesters gathered raising Jai Shri Ram slogans. Express

No end to Gurgaon namaz row, 25 are detained in Sector 12

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON, OCTOBER 29

AT LEAST 25 protesters, including members of some rightwing outfits and local residents, were detained by police in Gurgaon after they attempted to disrupt Friday namaz at Sector 12 chowk on Friday.

At 12.25 pm, a group of protesters raising Jai Shri Ram slogans and carrying 'administration wake up from slumber' placards gathered near the traffic signal in Sector 12 and tried to march to the spot where namaz is offered. Police had barricaded the adjacent road, and personnel initially dispersed a few people who tried to move to the spot.

As the group gathered across the road raising the slogan "Khule mein namaz band karo (stop namaz in the open)", police intervened and bundled the protesters into a bus. Around 1.10 pm, four-five protesters again started sloganeering, and they were put up in a bus and detained.

Among those detained was advocate Kulbhushan Bhardwaj, a Sector 14 resident who was suspended from the BJP for antiparty activities. Bhardwaj had led protests in Sector 12 last week, claiming that the permission for namaz granted by the administration in 2018 was for a "short period of time" and conditional upon consent of local residents.

The sites in sectors 12 and 47 are in a list of designated sites decided in May 2018 by district administration in consultation with members of both communities.

A senior officer said. "The protesters were detained under preventive measures and taken to Sector 14 police station and later in the evening produced before DCP West."

Ankita Choudhary, sub-divisional magistrate, Gurgaon, said people had been offering namaz at the Sector 12 site for over two years. "Some people tried to disrupt the namaz. So, we tried to convince them and asked them not to create a nuisance. After they did not pay heed to repeated warnings, they were detained as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order. Namaz was offered peacefully," said the SDM.

She added that a few anti-social elements were trying to disturb harmony for their own benefit: "It is a part of an investigation who these protesters are. I do not think residents have an issue. We are trying to coordinate with RWAs and are consulting all parties to try and find a solution."

Heavy police force had been deployed in the area after several outfits, including Sanyukta Hindu Sangharash Samiti, Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad, had issued an ultimatum to the administration, demanding a complete ban on offering of namaz in public places. In a complaint to police last Friday, protesters had stated that they suspected that 'Rohingyas or Bangladeshis' may have infiltrated the group of people who prayed at these sites.

Altaf Ahmad, one of the cofounders of citizens' collective, Gurgaon Nagrik Ekta Manch, said, "Spreading hate, lies, raising slogans and disrupting Friday namaz has become a focal point for right-wing groups in Gurgaon. They have been making false allegations that Muslims offering namaz are outsiders. The fact is they are all locals — working as daily wagers in car repair and workshops in the area — who come here during lunch break to pray. They can't afford to go to far

Get down to some real work: HC to Delhi govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

THE DELHI High Court Friday asked the Delhi government to "get down to some real work" instead of focusing merely on "populism" and pulled it up for poor implementation of The Street Vendors Act. Behave like a responsible government, it told

real work. Enough of politics, populism. Where is the plan? That is the first thing you have to come out with," said the division bench of Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Jasmeet Singh after it was told that the authorities have not prepared a plan for street vending in the city as required by the 2014 law.

The court made the observa-

tions during the hearing of petitions related to street vending activities in Delhi.

the government. "Please get down to some

"Unfortunately, when it

comes to implementation of good legislation, people concerned are not acting honestly in the spirit in which the Act has been framed. People are trying to score points, people are trying to advance their own political interests. It is for this reason you have not been able to make headway. said the court.

It said a Town Vending Committee (TVC), which comprises representatives of street vendors, head of the municipal body and others, has to be formed in accordance with the law and it does not have to perform all functions on its own. This committee is expected to have persons with requisite knowledge, the court added.

Vehicle-free corridor at Chandni Chowk bags award

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DELHI WON the award for the best non-motorised transport system for the 1.4-km long corridor for motor-free traffic in Chandni Chowk.

The award was given by union minister Hardeep Singh Puri at the 14th Urban Mobility India Conference on Friday. It was received by Urban Development Minister Satyendar Jain.

'The Chandni Chowk redevelopment project has been ho-

India. This has come true only because of the vision and leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Congratulations to the entire team working behind this project, "Jain was quoted as saying in the statement. The proposal for the rede-

noured by the government of

velopment of Chandni Chowk's 1.4-km-long and 30-metrewide, non-motorised transport corridor was approved on August 27, 2018, the statement said, adding the work on the main project started in March 2019 by the Public Works Department.

JNU cancels webinar on Kashmir, event sees backlash on social media

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

THE JAWAHARLAL Nehru University administration Friday cancelled an online webinar on Kashmir to feature a talk by professor and writer Ather Zia which spoke of the "Indian occupation in Kashmir". The webinar was to be organised by the Centre for Women's Studies (CWS).

The notice for the webinar to be held at 8.30 pm Friday said: "This talk will draw and build upon ethnography of Resisting Disappearance giving an overview of the historical gendered resistance to Indian occupation in Kashmir. It will discuss the fresh challenges to resistance and dissent in Kashmir post-2019 and how it has affected women and

'Resisting Disappearance' is a book authored by Zia who's a Professor of Anthropology and Gender Studies at UNCO

In a statement, JNU V-C M line webinar titled 'Gendered Resistance and Fresh Challenges in Post-2019 Kashmir' was to be organised at 8.30 pm by Centre for Women Studies, the administration immediately instructed the faculty member organising the event to cancel it. The programme

country. JNU cannot be a plat-

Kashmiris in general."

Mosquito Ops

Greeley, USA.

agadesh Kumar said, "As soon as it came to our notice that an on-

was cancelled forthwith." "The faculty member did not seek permission of the administration before planning such an event... This is a highly objectionable and a provocative subject, which questions the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our

form to this kind of very questionable webinars. The matter is being inquired into," he said.

The event had created an uproar on social media. The ABVP also burned the webinar poster.

Fumigation underway at Shakarpur, Friday. Dengue cases in the capital have crossed the 1,000 mark. Praveen Khanna

The INU Teachers' Forum also tweeted saying it "strongly opposes to such anti-national stand taken by the Centre of Women's Studies. JNU must take action against those involved in organising it". It also tagged PM Narendra Modi. Home Minister Amit Shah, and Delhi Police

In the evening, the Facebook page of CWS put out a one line statement saying, "The talk by Ather Zia scheduled for today has been cancelled. More information will be provided later."

When contacted, Assistant Professor Navaneetha Mokkil, the event organiser, refused to comment.

Prosecution deceiving, I am the victim, Tahir Hussain tells court

ANAND MOHAN J

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

SUSPENDED AAP councillor Tahir Hussain, while arguing for discharge in a case in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots, said the court was being deceived by the prosecution and that he was, in fact, a victim of the riots.

Advocate Rizwan, appearing for Tahir, made submissions before Additional Sessions Judge Virender Bhatt, who recently began hearing the case following the transfer of his predecessor to a CBI court. The prosecutor who appeared on behalf of the state told the court that Tahir was "not resisting but assisting the rioters".

The case was registered on a complaint by Ajay Kumar Jha, who claimed he sustained injuries after a riotous mob, which was

pelting stones, throwing petrol bombs and firing gunshots from the terrace of Hussain's house, fired at him on February 25, 2020.

Rizwan told the court, "Rioters had come to my (Tahir's) home and I was not giving them instructions to hurl petrol bombs... the riots were raging in my area. If you see the videos, I am the one who was trying to douse the fire in the parking lot near my home and not the one setting it on fire."

Rizwan told the court that the videos featuring Tahir that were relied upon by the prosecution were shot by a local who was not made a witness in this case. The prosecutor said the person who shot the video changed his address and couldn't be traced: "This person is speaking about arson in the area and that he (Tahir) was the man behind it. This is the opinion of the neighbourhood."

MORE AREAS TO BE REVAMPED

Chandni Chowk phase II revamp awaits budget nod

ASHNA BUTANI

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

PHASE 2 of Chandni Chowk's redevelopment plan, which includes a revamp of Netaji Shubhash Marg, six roads adjoining Chandni Chowk, Jama Masjid Road, and facade work in Chandni Chowk, is now in the pipeline.

Officials said consultants have started bidding, and a consultant will be appointed once the budget proposal is

approved by the Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation (SRDC). Once the consultant is appointed, it will take around six months for consultancy work and then three months for the tender process, before the work on the project can begin, said officials.

Work on these roads will be along similar lines of Chandni Chowk's main stretch and will be freed of overhead wires. Other facilities will be redesigned, and roads will be made more pedestrian friendly.



The 1.4-km revamped stretch in Chandni Chowk was part of

project background: "The project area is heritage area, and it has been decided by the Government of NCT Delhi to develop this area as heritage corridor under the Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation, GNCTD. The re-development of these roads will include redesigning of other facilities such as IGL pipeline, BSES cables, telephone and internet, stormwater drainage system, CCTV, WiFi,

The document highlights the

taken up under Phase 2: Netaji Shubhash Marg (Delhi Gate to Kashmere Gate); Jama Masjid Road; Chandni Chowk Road (Phase 2) for facade work; and six roads adjoining to main Chandni Chowk stretch. The six roads include Nai Sarak, Bali Maran Road. Gali Qasim Jan Road, Rodgran Road, Farash Khana, and Lal Kuan water supply, traffic manage-Main Road

ment, pedestrian management

solid waste management and

It lists the roads that will be

public conveniences.





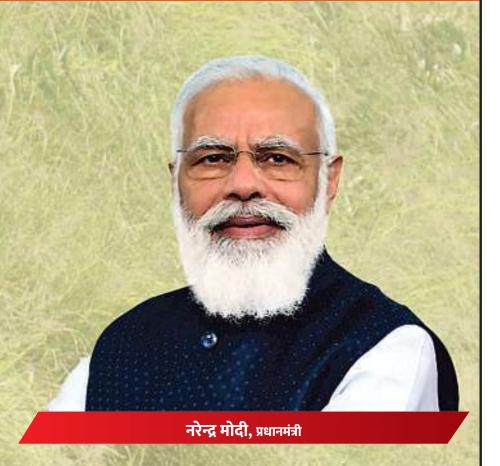
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योजना की विशेषताएं

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6 GOVT & POLITICS





DIGITAL DRIVE

BESIDES ISSUES from his state, former Andhra Pradesh chief minister and TDP leader N Chandrababu Naidu had another point to raise in his meetings during his recent visit to the national capital. Naidu, who was known as a technocrat CM, said he was one of the first chief ministers to emphasise on digitisation, which came as a great help during the pandemic. In 2016, a Naidu-headed panel had made a suggestion to the Centre to provide tax incentives and subsidies to boost digital transaction and make digital payments cheaper than cash. He proudly told those who met him that his advice was well ahead of time and could prepare the government, and the system, during the pandemic

VIGILANCE REPLACEMENT

THE PRINCIPAL executive director, Vigilance, of the Railways Ministry, who is also the chief vigilance officer of Railways, was replaced earlier this week. The Railways put a joint secretary-level officer in the Vigilance department to look after the post for now. The development came on the second day of the Vigilance Awareness Week. Some officials say that by effecting the change during Vigilance Awareness Week, the top brass sent out a strong message. Incidentally, Principal Economic Adviser, Sanjeev Sanyal, had also called for a total overhaul of Vigilance organisation in the Railways.

PROCESSING DELAY

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, Jammu, awaits a full-time vice-chancellor more than three months after the Centre announced that IIIT-Jabalpur director Sanjeev Jain will be appointed to the post. Jain was among the 12 central university vice-chancellors who were appointed together by the Ministry of Education in July. It is learnt that a delay in processing the files pertaining to his release from the current post is holding up the process. Both IIIT-Jabalpur and Central University-Jammu come under the Union Ministry of Education.



Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra with the family member of a deceased farmer in Lalitpur, UP, Friday. Express

Farmers dying, Shah sharing stage with father of accused: Priyanka

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 29

CONGRESS GENERAL secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday said at a time when farmers were dying waiting in queue for fertilisers, Union Home Minister Amit Shah was sharing dais with his junior minister Ajay Kumar Mishra, whose son is an accused

Earlier in the day, she reached Lalitpur district by train and met the families of four farmers, who allegedly killed themselves or died waiting in line for fertilisers.

in the Lakhimpur Kheri deaths

case, at a BIP event in Lucknow.

"While farmers are dying standing in queue for fertilisers in the Bundelkhand region, a father, whose son mowed down farmers by his jeep in Lakhimpur, is sharing dais with the Union Home Minister. The farmer is watching your arrogance," she said.

Citing the Lakhimpur Kheri incident in which eight people, including four farmers, were killed on October 3, Priyanka alleged that the "torture by the government is at its peak' During her meeting with the

Lalitpur families, Priyanka promised to take care of their loan and demanded an inquiry into "connivance between officers and politicians" that led to the death of the four Lalitpur farmers.

"You see it for yourself. From Lakhimpurto Bundelkhand, what is the situation of farmers? We have come here to meet them. It moves our heart but they are living this life daily," Priyanka said, adding that farmers without electricity were being charged for power.

She said of the four farmers, two killed themselves while two others died waiting in queue for fertilizer for two-four days.

Jhansi Commissioner Ajay Shankar Pandey, however, said an inquiry had found that none of the four deaths was related to shortage of fertiliser.

MP CM says NSA will be invoked against black-marketing of fertiliser

Chhatarpur, Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday said the stringent National Security Act will be invoked against those sell-

age of urea and other fertilisers, opposition Congress is targeting the BJP government on the issue. "I have reviewed the situation regarding fertilizers again. MP needs six lakh metric tonnes of fertilizer (urea)," Chouhan told reporters at Chhatarpur. "Adequate stocks would be kept

"NSA would be invoked against people who are indulging in black-marketing of fertilisers, he added.

Mamata in Goa: TMC stands for Temple, Mosque, Church

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with tennis ace

Leander Paes in Panaji on Friday. PTI

am also from a Brahmin family

but I did not say all this... I will die

but I will never divide the country.

coming the next prime minister

would start with Goa, Banerjee

said, "It is not about PM or not PM,

we launched TMC for the better-

ment, peace and prosperity of

Goa. It will start from Goa to

India... Like how we fought the

battle in Bengal, we will fight all

over the country because there

are other political parties who are

Asked if her journey to be-

We unite people..." she said.

MAYURA JANWALKAR

PANAJI, OCTOBER 29

PARRYING QUESTIONS about a possible run for the prime ministership, West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee on Friday said her party stood for "Temple, Mosque, Church".

On her first visit to Goa after the TMC announced it would contest the upcoming Assembly polls, Banerjee also visited a fish market and three temples, and inducted former tennis star Leander Paes, actor Nafisa Ali and several others into the party.

Addressing party workers, Banerjee said, "I am just like your sister. I have not come to capture your power..

Asked if the TMC's arrival in Goa will dent the opposition votes and benefit the BJP, Banerjee said, "Only when TMC comes we divide the votes? What about the other parties?... There can be no feudal landlord-giri or dadagiri that only Delhi people will contest elections and others will not."

At her interactions with TMC workers and civil society members, she said the BIP has often accused her of being 'anti-Hindu'. "I am Hindu. Who are you to

vor of elections in last two parlia-

mentary elections, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi is now just a pass-

ing reference in bypoll to Mandi

Lok Sabha seat with BJP banking

majorly on Chief Minister Jai Ram

Thakur to seek votes for its nomi-

nee and Kargil war hero Brigadier

Khushal Thakur (retd), Political

experts say there is no Modi wave

this time and the biggest issue in the constituency is rising prices.

In Mandi, it is a direct contest be-

tween BJP and Congress's leader

and former two time MP Pratibha

Singh who is also wife of former

six-term CM Virbhadra Singh.

Bypolls will also be held for three

HARYANA: The bypoll to the

Ellenabad constituency in Sirsa

district was necessitated follow-

ing resignation of Abhay Chautala,

then the lone MLA of INLD. in

January over the farm laws issue.

He is now eying a fourth win from

the seat that has till now wit-

nessed 14 elections and in which

the candidates of the party led by

late Devi Lal or its associates have

won in 12. The INLD leader is pit-

ted in a triangular contest with

BJP's Gobind Kanda and

Congress's Pawan Beniwal, who

had unsuccessfully contested the

RAJASTHAN: By-elections in

Vallabhnagar and Dhariawad are

being viewed as a significant test

for the performance of the Ashok

Gehlot-led Congress government.

Though the number of con-

stituencies going to bypolls is not

crucial from the viewpoint of the

government's stability, but the re-

sults will send a message across

the state about the performance

of the government, which had

faced a major threat last year due

to rebellion of the then deputy

chief minister Sachin Pilot and 18

DEFAMATION CASE

Rahul appears

before court to

record statement

Surat: Congress MPRahul Gandhi

of his loyalist MLAs.

previous poll against Abhay.

Vidhan Sabha seats.

not taking initiative... Earlier, visiting a fish market in Betim, Banerjee made four promises to the fishing community — a

subsidy to Rs 75,000, a minimum selling price that fish will be procured at, an allowance of Rs 4,000 per month for those engaged in fishing activities, and the formation of a Fishermen's Welfare Board and first right over Goan fishing and an end to bull-trawling and LED fishing.

She also visited three iconic temples in South Goa - the Mangueshi temple, the Shri Mhalsa Narayani Temple and the Tapobhoomi temple. Earlier, in Dona Paula, she inducted former tennis star Leander Paes into the party, saying, "He is my very sweet and cute younger brother."

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com



MAMATA BANERJEE'S visit to Goa and her meetings with several established Goan politicians suggests that the TMC has become a serious contender for the Assembly polls. The new entrants to the party, and the beeline to meet Banerjee, shows the interest the party has invoked, even though it is a late entrant into the state's politics.

RAHUL GANDHI TO

Panaji: Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will arrive in Goa on Saturday. During his visit, he will meet fisherfolk and people affected by the mining ban. He will then attend a Congress workers' convention at the SP Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Taleigaon. ENS

seats - Dinhata, Santipur,

Khardaha and Gosaba – will go for

polls on Saturday. For Dinhata and

Santipur seats, the by-election

was necessitated as two sitting BJP

MPs, Nisith Pramanik and

Jagannath Sarkar, did not take oath as MLAs after winning the

state Assembly polls earlier this

year. Bypolls to Khardaha and

Gosaba are being held following

the death of TMC's winning candi-

dates. The poll panel has deployed

27 companies of central armed

forces in Dinhata, 22 companies

in Santipur, 20 companies in

Khardaha and 23 companies in

ASSAM: As five assembly con-

stituencies in Assam go to vote on

Saturday, at stake is the fate of three turncoats - two from

Congress and one from All India

United Democratic Front (AIUDF)

who joined the BIP just weeks

after winning the Assembly elec-

tions. While bypolls in Gossaigaon

and Tamulpur were necessitated

due to death of the sitting MLAs,

the legislators of Bhabanipur,

Mariani and Thowra resigned

MEGHALAYA: Three seats in

Meghalaya (Mawryngkneng and

Mawphlang in East Khasi Hills

and Rajabala in West Garo Hills)

from their seats to join the BJP.

ARRIVE IN GOA TODAY

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi. Prem Nath Pandey

After Gandhi, Modi only leader with deep understanding of Indian society: Rajnath

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

PRAISING PRIME Minister Narendra Modi as "24-carat gold", Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday that "after Mahatma Gandhi, Modi is the only leader" with a deep understanding of "Indian society and its psychology".

He was addressing the valedictory session of a national conference on "Delivering democracy: Reviewing two decades of Narendra Modi as head of government", organised by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini, a think-tank.

"Bharat ke raajnaitik itihas mein Bharat ke samajj aur iske manovigyan ki jitni samajj Modiji mein hein, woh atulaneey hain. Mahatma Gandhiji ke baad, Modiji hi ek aise neta hain jinhe Bharatiya samaaj, aur iske manovigyan par gaharee pakad hain, jo thos aur vyapak nijee anubhav par aadhaarit hain," he said.

("In the political history of India, Modiji's understanding of India and its psychology is matchless. After Mahatma Gandhi, Modiji is the only leader who has a deep grasp of Indian society and its psychology, and that is based on solid and comprehensive personal experience."

"I believe that Modiji should be viewed more as an idea, philosophy, than as an individual. Because, in every century, certain people are born with that natural strength to transform society with

He said Modi's political journey over the last two decades as head of government should be a case study in management schools on "effective leadership and efficient governance".

"A true leader is identified by his intent and integrity, and, in both cases, Modiji is 24-carat gold. There is not a single stain of corruption on him, even after being the head of a government for 20 years," he said.

Singh said Modi has overcome the "crisis of credibility" in Indian politics. He said the gap between the words and actions of politicians had made people lose trust in them. "Modiji accepted this crisis of credibility as a challenge and delivered. There is not a single thing that he promised and didn't deliver," he said.

"It was believed that if you stand with business and industry, then your social commitment is weak. Modiji challenged this misconception. He recognised and respected (the role of) industry and entrepreneurs in nation building, and supported and promoted them," he said.

Addressing the same conference earlier this week, Home Minister Amit Shah had said Modi was India's "most successful administrator...since Independence".

"Even though Narendra Modi considers himself as the 'pradhan sewak', I can say with conviction that he is the most successful administrator the country has ever had since Independence, Because he covered all these points and took India to a different level." Shah had said.

their strong determination and firm ideas," said Singh. Himanta: Need to clear forest of encroachers but

TORA AGARWALA

GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 29

ASSAM CHIEF Minister Himata Biswa Sarma said Friday there was a need to "clean" the Lumding Reserve Forest in Hojai district of "encroachers", but in an "amicable manner".

Sarma's statement comes a month after an eviction drive in Darrang district's Dholpur turned violent, with police and protesters clashing. A video shot during the eviction drive had emerged on social media, in which a protester armed with a lathi was shot dead by a policeman, following which a civilian jumped on and stomped on the body.

On Friday, Sarma said, "After Gorukhuti (under which Dholpur falls), we need to clean Lumding Reserve Forest and we are talking amicably about it." "I have told them to explain to

the people that if police go in and even if there is a small incident,



Biswa Sarma

ularly my Left friends, will exaggerate it," Sarma said. Sarma said his government had not minuted the discussions leading up to the eviction drive in

then people in the world, partic-

Darrang but would do so in the case of Lumding. "We have learnt that a number of ginger farmers have cultivated and settled in an area inside

the forest, and are backed by 3-4 big traders...about 150 families have left on their own already," he claimed, noting that Gauhati High Court passed an order for eviction. Lumding Reserve Forest,

which is part of Dhansiri-Lumding Elephant Reserve, is considered an important wildlife habitat and stretches through Lanka and Lumding ranges of Nagaon South Forest division.

'Prospective parents' complain of delay in adoption process, ministry says looking into it

appeared before a Surat court on NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

> A GROUP of over 300 "prospective parents" has complained to the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) about "the increasing de-

lay in the adoption process". Responding to their concerns, the ministry said on Friday that their "suggestions... have been noted and actionable points are being addressed."

The group, which includes NRIs, had written to Minister

Smriti Irani on October 7. On October 21, some met officials of CARA -- nodal agency that facilitates adoptions in India -- seeking a faster adoption process.

The group had raised issues of delay and uncertainty of referrals (each prospective parent receives three referrals or profiles of children they match); lack of information from CARA; lack of clarity on new processes post-pandemic; rising number of children in institutional care; increased threat of illegal adoptions; and pressure to adopt under the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act rather than the Juvenile Justice Act.

prospective parents who are waiting for referrals while the number of children legally free for adoption is very less. The children are immediately sent on referrals once they are declared legally free for adoption, provided their medical examination has been carried

out..." the ministry said. "The pandemic has adversely impacted every walk of life... CARA has taken several proactive measures... to alleviate and facilitate... the process of adoption," it said.

"We expected delays because of the pandemic. But adoption processes have been slow. Earlier,

CARA would send three referrals a week -- now they send one... Most people want children in the 0-2 years age group. But if the waiting period is three-four years, the children grow up by then," said a prospective parent, Parul Agarwal. According to government data

for the period from 2015 to 2021, 18,415 children in the 0-2 years group; 1,782 in the 2-4 years group; 1,398 in the 4-6 years group; and 797 in the 6-8 years group were added to the legal adoption list. There are 486 adoption agencies in India.

"The CARA system is very good - the laws and processes laid

need to iron out the process for the adoptive parent... There are not enough children coming into the system, and yet abandonment is very high," Smriti Gupta, of nonprofit Where Are India's Children. A prospective parent living in

down are child friendly. But they

Saudi Arabia said the process is worse for NRIs. "We have been waiting for over three years. I registered for a baby between 0-2 vears. But the rule is that the cumulative age of both parents... if that age crosses 90, then you cannot get a child under 2 years. This is unfair..." said the NRI, who did not want to be named.

New Delhi

ing fertilisers in the black market. available. I will monitor the situation daily," he said. With farmers facing a short-

Friday afternoon to record his statements in a criminal defamation case filed against him over his "Modi surname remark". Rahul was asked to appear before the court after two new witnesses added to the case made

their deposition before the court. In his 45-minute appearance.

Rahul responded to around 18 questions, the last one being whether he had anything specific to say. Rahul said that a "false case was made out against him" and that he had clarified it earlier, sources said.

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ing in all three seats — hoping to benefit from division of votes. The MDA alliance comprises Chief Minister Conrad Sangma's NPP, United Democratic Party, BJP and regional parties like the Hill State People's Democratic Party, among others.

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GUJARAT

6 of Dalit family 'attacked for entering temple'

Ahmedabad: Six members of a Dalit family in Kutch said they were assaulted by a group of 20 people for entering a Ram temple in a village during a ceremony organised by another community. The assault allegedly took place three days ago. The police had detained five accused people by Friday evening. Police said that the six persons have been admitted to Civil Hospital in Bhuj of Kutch following the attack in which they received injuries on their heads and other parts by sharp weapons. Police said the group of 20 first allegedly damaged the farmland of the Dalit family by letting cattle graze through it before entering their house to assault them.

TAMIL NADU

Surgery carried out on Rajini; 'recovering well'

Chennai: Rajinikanth, admitted to a private hospital in Chennai on Thursday night, underwent a surgical procedure on Friday to remove blocks from the major blood vessels in the neck that supply blood to the brain and face. A medical bulletin issued by Kauvery Hospital in Chennai said he is recovering well and will be discharged in a few days. The bulletin said his hospitalisation was following "giddiness" and that the expert team of doctors suggested that he undergo carotid artery revascularisation. ENS

UTTAR PRADESH

College teacher shot, father blames husband

Meerut: A 32-year-old college teacher was shot dead at point-blank range by two bike-borne assailants in Biinor on been made. Police said Priyadutt Sharma was on her way home to Saket Colony when two men shot her in the head. She was rushed to a hospital where she was declared dead. Her father Ganesh Sharma has got an FIR lodged, alleging that her estranged husband was behind the killing. ENS

SECURITY TIGHTENED, CM BOMMAI CALLS FOR MAINTAINING PEACE

Actor Puneeth Rajkumar dies

DARSHAN DEVAIAH BP BENGALURU, OCTOBER 29

KANNADA ACTOR Puneeth Rajkumar died in Bengaluru on Friday after suffering a heart attack. He was 46.

The immensely popular actor was admitted to the Vikram Hospital after he complained of chest pain earlier in the day.

"The panel of medical experts extended all efforts to save him. He was declared dead at 2.30 pm on 29.10.2021," read the statement by Dr Ranganath Nayak, a cardiologist at Vikram Hospital, according to a PTI report.

Puneeth is survived by his wife and two daughters.

The youngest son of Kannada superstar Dr Rajkumar and Parvathamma, Puneeth starred in his father's hit movies as a child artist and also won the National Award for Best Child Artist for his performance in Bettada Hoovu.

Later, he made his debut as the lead in *Appu* and starred in several hit movies. His last film was Yuvarathnaa which released on April 1 this year.

A government order said his last rites will be performed at the Kanteerava Studio where his parents were cremated. According to government sources, the last rites will be performed on Sunday, as the family awaits the arrival of Puneeth's

HC asks Twitter to remove 'objectionable content'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

THE Delhi High Court Friday asked Twitter to remove allegedly objectionable content related to a Hindu goddess and observed that the micro-blogging site should respect the feelings of the people.

The division bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh told the counsel representing Twitter that it should give importance to the sentiments of the people and remove the content. The court, however, did not pass any formal order for the removal of the content. "You the petitioner will even press this matter," said the court.

Senior Advocate Siddharth Luhtra, representing the microblogging site, submitted that the court may mention it in the order and the content will be removed. He also told the court they are cooperating with the police in the matter and have disabled one account.

The court, however, said it would not tell Twitter what to do.



(Right) Puneeth Rajkumar suffered a heart attack on Friday; (Above) Fans gather to pay their last respects at the Kanteerava Stadium, in Bengaluru. PTI

daughter, who is staying abroad. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai tweeted, "Shocked and deeply saddened as Karnataka's most loved superstar #PuneetRajkumar is no longer with us. A huge personal loss and one that's difficult to come to terms with. Praying the almighty gives the Rajkumar family and fans the strength to bear this loss. #OmShanti."

He also requested the people of the state to maintain peace. The government has alerted Bengaluru district commissioners, DCPs and SPs to tighten security in their jurisdiction and also asked district administration across the state to be on alert.

Parts of Bengaluru were shut down, and theatre owners decided to cancel evening shows on Friday. Fans outside the hospital were seen crying Tributes poured in for the ac-

tor from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former Karnataka CMs Siddaramaiah,

H D Kumaraswamy, former



Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda. Karnataka Congress president DK Shivakumar as well as several people from the film industry.

Fellow actors such as Chiranjeevi, Mahesh Babu, Prakash Raj, Abhishek Bachchan and Sonu Sood posted their condolences on Twitter and other social platforms.

-- WITH PTI INPUTS

Dhanbad judge death: HC says CBI chargesheet like a 'novel'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA RANCHI, OCTOBER 29

THE JHARKHAND High Court on Friday said the chargesheet filed by the CBI in the death of Dhanbad district judge is like a "novel" and the agency had failed to substantiate the murder charge against the two

The chargesheet was filed last week under IPC Section 302

A division bench of Chief Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan and Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad observed that the investigation done by the central agency was inconclusive and no new facts had been brought up in its probe.

The HC was hearing a PIL that sought to monitor the probe into the death of 49-year-old additional district judge Uttam Anand, who was allegedly killed after being hit by an autorickshaw in Dhanbad on July 28. The probe agency had previously said it appeared the judge was "deliberately" run over.

So far, Dhanbad police have seized the auto-rickshaw and, arrested the auto-rickshaw driver Lakhan Verma and his assistant Rahul Verma.

On Friday, the bench observed that the CBI has filed the chargesheet in a routine manner while keeping the high court in the dark. The investigation is not foolproof and seems to be like a novel, the court said. This is the second time in two

weeks that the high court reprimanded the CBI in the case. On October 22, it said the agency seems to have worked like "babus" (clerks) while completing the probe and filing a "stereotype" chargesheet.

The case will be heard next on November 12.

overlap between schemes." The report has recommended

health insurance, while the second model is about "developing a modified, standardized health insurance product" like 'Arogya Sanjeevani', a standardised health insurance product launched by the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India

of the standardised Aarogya

NITI Aayog suggests extending PMJAY coverage to 'missing middle'

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

HIGHLIGHTING THAT at least 30 per cent of the population, or 40 crore individuals - called the 'missing middle' – are devoid of any financial protection for health, NITI Aayog has suggested that the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) scheme be extended to cover a section of people without health insurance.

In a report titled 'Health Insurance for India's Missing Middle' released Friday, the NITI Aayog said, "The Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) launched in September 2018, and State Government extension schemes, provide comprehensive hospitalization cover to the bottom 50% of the population around 70 crore individuals. Around 20% of the population-25 crore individuals – are covered through social health insurance, and private voluntary health insurance. The remaining 30% of the population is devoid of health insurance; the actual uncovered population is higher due to existing coverage gaps in PMJAY and

three models for increasing the health insurance coverage in the country. The first model focuses on increasing consumer awareness of (IRDAI) in April 2020.

A "slightly modified version"

to benefit THE NITI Aayog's recommendations on the 'missing middle' are very crucial for the middle and lower middle class.

Middle class

While the people at top of the income pyramid buy health insurance themselves, those at the bottom are covered under schemes launched by the Centre and states. However, a large number of people in the middle income groups do not have any financial protection in case of a medical emergency, which makes them vulnerable to catastrophic spending.

Sanjeevani insurance product will help increase the update amongst the 'missing middle', the report said. Explaining the third model,

the report said, "The third model expands government subsidized health insurance through the PM-JAY scheme to a wider set of beneficiaries. This model can be utilized for segments of the missing middle which remain uncovered, due to limited ability to pay for the voluntary contributory models outlined above. This is the only model out of three proposed which has fiscal implications... Though this model assures coverage of the poorer segments on the missing middle population, premature expansion of PMJAY can overburden the scheme.'

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Justice Ashok Bhushan is new NCLAT chairperson

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

OVER 19 months after the post was left vacant by the retirement of the then chairperson, Justice S J Mukhopadhaya, in March 2020, the Centre on Friday appointed retired Supreme Court udge, Justice Ashok Bhushan, as the full-time chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).

Justice Bhushan, who retired from the Supreme Court in July this year, has been appointed for a period of four years, or "till he attains the age of 70 years, or until further orders", according to The government also ap-

pointed retired Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court, Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar, as the chairperson of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), for a period of five years, or till he attains the age of 67 years, or until further orders. His appointment as the full-time chairperson of NCLT comes nearly 21 months after its first chairperson, Justice M



Justice Ashok Bhushan

M Kumar, retired in January 2020. On September 12, after it was pulled up by the Supreme Court, the government had appointed 11 judicial and 10 technical members to the NCLT. In its observations, the court had said the tribunals, such as the NCLT, by not appointing members.

The court noted a "critical situation has arisen" due to the vacancies at the NCLT and NCLAT. with respect to completion of corporate bankruptcy proceedings.

Days later, the court again pulled up the Centre for removing acting NCLAT Chairperson. Justice ATS Cheema, from his post 10 days before he was due to reernment told the Supreme Court that Justice Cheema would be allowed to complete his tenure. Over the last 19 months, the

NCLAT saw three acting chairpersons - Justice Bansi Lal Bhat and Justice Cheema got several extensions. Similarly, there were seven acting NCLT chairpersons. While the NCLAT now has

two benches, one each at New

Delhi and Chennai, the NCLT has 14 benches – at Ahmedabad, Allahabad, Amravati, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Cuttack, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Jaipur, Kochi and Indore. Justice Bhushan was part of

several key verdicts, including the and the SC's suo motu intervention in the migrant crisis last year. In the Ayodhya verdict,

Justice Bhushan had penned a separate "addendum" in which he expressed the view that Ayodhya was indeed Ram's birthplace. While the addendum was left unsigned at the time of the verdict, he acknowledged on his retirement that he had authored it

No relief for 1984 riots victims, minorities' panel notice to 9 states and action against the accused. diture on pension was to be borne

ESHAROY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

THE NATIONAL Commission for nine states for not completing the compensation process for the victims of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots. November 1 marks 37 years of the riots.

The notice has been sent to Delhi, Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, and Himachal Pradesh to file reports with the Commission detailing the victims, compensation paid so far, arrests,

In August, the Ministry of Minority Affairs had informed

Parliament that the Centre had made a provision of Rs 4.5 crore in the Union Budget for enhanced compensation for 1984 anti-Sikh riots victims. The Centre's scheme for relief

to the victims initially contained an ex-gratia payment of Rs 3.5 lakh for each death case and Rs 1.25 lakh for each injury case. There was also a provision for the state governments to grant a lifetime pension to widows and aged parents of victims at the uniform rate of Rs 2,500 per month. The expen-

by the state government. However, in 2014, the Modi government enhanced the compensation for each death case to Rs 5 lakh.

ber of petitions on compensation not having been received even after 37 years of the riots. Earlier this month, I visited Tilak Nagar and found that many of the victims live in pathetic conditions. They have not been provided homes, they did not get government jobs... This needs to be addressed and justice delivered." said Commission chairperson Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura.

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J&K to rename govt schools after security personnel killed in area

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 29

THE JAMMU and Kashmir (J&K) administration on Friday issued orders to rename several government schools after security personnel who were killed in the area and eminent personalities hailing from the region.

About 76 educational institutions will be named after security personnel who were killed in J&K, including SPOs and constables of the J&K Police, and eminent per-

Listing the names, the J&K administration, in its order, said: "Sanction is hereby accorded to naming of infrastructure assets after the following martyrs/eminent personalities...

The Divisional Commissioner's office has also written to all deputy commissioners across J&K, asking them to identify government schools in villages and municipal wards which can be renamed.

The decision was taken as a mark of tribute, as part of the celebrations to mark 75 years of Independence.

The list includes a government auditorium being named after singer Raj Begum, a Padma Shri awardee; three government colThe list includes a govt auditorium to be named after singer Raj Begum, colleges being named after novelist Akhtar Mohiuddin, playwright Moti Lal Kemmu, poet Moti Lal Saqi

leges in Srinagar being named after Kashmiri novelist Akhtar Mohiuddin, playwright Moti Lal Kemmu and poet Moti Lal Saqi.

The Institute of Music and Fine Arts at the University of Kashmir will be named after Sahitya Akademi Award winner Pran Kishore Kaul; the Government Women's College in Jammu will be named after Dogri poet Padma Sachdev.

"It is a wonderful initiative by the government which will serve as a morale booster for the security forces fighting terrorism here. Schoolchildren will learn about the supreme sacrifices of martyrs and the work and life of eminent personalities. It will also immortalise the bravehearts who sacrificed their lives while protecting the sovereignty and integrity of the nation," said J&K DGP Dilbag Singh.







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FIRECRACKER BAN

Comply strictly with wagers made up largest share: NCRB data order, SC tells states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

THE SUPREME Court on Friday asked states and Union Territories to "strictly comply" with its order regarding bursting of firecrackers even as it clarified that the ban was on firecrackers other than green ones and those with reduced emission (improved crackers).

all the direct States/Union Territories to see that the directions issued earlier...and today by this Court are strictly complied with in its true spirit and in toto....if it is found that any banned firecrackers are manufactured, sold and used in any particular area, the Chief Secretary of the concerned State(s), the Secretary (Home) of the concerned State(s) and the Commissioner of Police of the concerned area, District Superintendent of Police of the concerned area and the SHO/Police Officer in-charge of the concerned police station shall be held personally liable...Any wilful and deliberate disobedience shall have to be viewed very seriously." a bench of Justices MR Shah and AS Bopanna directed.

The court made it clear that "only those firecrackers are banned, as directed hereinabove, which are found to be injurious to health and affecting the health of the citizens, more particularly the senior citizens and the children".

The court's reference was to its October 2018 order in which it has banned the production and sale of all crackers except green ones and those with reduced emissions (improved crackers).

Subsequently, an application was filed in the court seeking contempt of court proceedings against some of the manufacturers alleging that they had used banned Barium salts.

The court, which ordered a CBI inquiry, said from the agency's rethere is a blatant violation of the directions issued by this Court... The allegations, if found to be

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HARIKISHAN SHARMA

NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 29

SUICIDES IN India rose 10 per cent from 2019 to an all-time high of 1,53,052 in the pandemic year of 2020, with student suicides seeing the highest percentage increase at 21.20 per cent, according to the latest data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

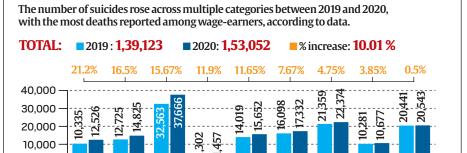
In terms of absolute numbers, daily wage earners made up the largest share of total suicides at 37,666 in 2020, according to the 'Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India, 2020' report.

The increase in suicides recorded in 2020 was the highest since 1982, when it increased by 11.15 per cent to 44,732 from 1981.

suicides per lakh population) has also gone up from 10.4 per cent in 2019 to 11.3 per cent in 2020. The share of students in the

The suicide rate (number of

total suicides has been rising



Suicides rose to all-time high in 2020, daily

steadily over the years and has now reached the highest level since 1995, the earliest year for which this data is available in

Source: NCRB

INCREASE ACROSS CATEGORIES

public domain. Student suicides rose from 10,335 in 2019 to 14,825 in 2020. Their share in total suicides also went up from 7.4 per cent to 8.2 per cent during this period, shows NCRB report.

The NCRB report divides sui-

cides into nine categories apart from daily wagers, housewives and people working in the farm sector, the deaths are listed under 'professionals/salaried persons', 'students', 'self-emsons', and 'others'.

NCRB started categorizing daily wagers in its 'Accidental Deaths & Suicides' data only in 2014. The share of daily wage earners among those who died by suicide has doubled between 2014 and 2020.

The data for 2020 show that Tamil Nadu had the greatest number of suicides by daily wage earners (6,495), followed by Madhya Pradesh (4,945), Maharashtra (4,176), Telangana (3,831) and Gujarat (2,754).

The report also gives data on the deaths caused by accidents. The data shows that the number of accidental deaths came down to 3,74, 397 in 2020 from 4,21,014 in 2019 - a decline of 12.47%-, which is the lowest since 2010 when the figure was recorded 3,84,649. The rate of accidental death (accidental death per lakh) has also come down to 27.7% in 2020 from 31.4% in 2019.

HC sets aside **CAT** order on Alapan plea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, OCTOBER 29

THE CALCUTTA High Court on Friday ruled in favour of former West Bengal chief secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay as it set aside an order by the principal bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) on October 22, transferring his plea challenging the proceedings against him by the Centre from the Kolkata bench to itself in New Delhi.

The division bench of justices Sabyasachi Bhattacharya and Rabindranath Samanta observed, "The entire modus operandi adopted by the Union of India reeks of mala fides. It is unfortunate that the principal bench of the CAT nurtured such efforts by passing the impugned transfer order, thereby paying obeisance to the diktat of (the) Union of India."

…leaves a bad taste in the mouth due to the mode of operation of the quasi-judicial (if not judicial) authority and also poses a threat to the federal structure as envisioned by the makers of the Constitution of India," the bench further observed.

Bandyopadhyay was showcaused for allegedly abstaining from a review meeting in the aftermath of cyclone 'Yaas'. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee also skipped the meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Kalaikunda. On May 31, the last day of his tenure, Bandyopadhyay

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE SUPREME Court on Friday

issued notice on the Kerala government's appeal against the

High Court order quashing the

state's scheme to provide minor-

ity scholarships to Muslims and

A bench of Justices L

Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai

also issued notice on an applica-

tion seeking stay of the HC order

When a counsel appear

for a private party sought a stay,

the bench cautioned that it will

80:20 scheme, saying that the

but did not stay it on Friday.

Christians in 80:20 ratio.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

SC notice on Kerala

appeal against HC order

on minority scholarship



Bengal ex-chief secy Alapan Bandyopadhyay

was directed to go to Delhi and take up a central deputation. While the state government the state government offered to extend his tenure by three months, Bandyopadhyay decided to take retirement from service.

Disciplinary proceedings against him were initiated on May 26 after he failed to appear for the review meeting. Bandyopadhyay moved the Kolkata bench of CAT, challenging the proceedings initiated by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), which comes ınder the central government.

On October 22, the principal bench of CAT granted a plea by the Union government seeking the transfer of his case from the Kolkata bench. However, Bandyopadhyay moved an appeal before the Calcutta High Court, challenging the order.

While the former top state bureaucrat declined to comment on the high court's judgment, his lawyer Debanjan Mandal "expressed hope that the judicial and quasi-judicial processes in the country will render justice.'

Following the HC order, Bandyopadhyay filed a caveat in the Supreme Court in anticipation of central government moving the apex court in the matter.

state has to treat both minority

communities equally. The HC

had directed that the scholarship

must be distributed among the

notified minorities in accor-

dance with their population pro-

portion as per the latest census.

challenged this in HC, terming

the court's decision "irrational"

and "erroneous".

ported by any law."

The ruling Left government

In its order, the HC had said,

"Here is a case where without

taking into account the entitle-

ment of the Christian minority

community within the state

available from the population ra-

tio, (the) State is indulging in pro-

viding scholarship to the Muslim

minority community at 80 per

Attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh conspiracy by jihadi groups: RSS to Congress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU OCTOBER 29

THE RSS on Friday claimed that the attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh was a "conspiracy by jihadi groups" to further the 'Islamisation of Bangladesh", and urged the government to communicate "global Hindu concerns" to Dhaka.

The RSS, in its All India Executive Committee meet in Dharwad, passed a resolution condemning the Bangladesh attacks, stating, "The objective of the attack was to create religious clashes through fake news. The Centre should open all its diplomatic channels with Bangladesh to communicate the global Hindu concern and ask the government there to stop attacks on Hindus and Buddhists.'

The RSS has also accused the UN and human rights organisations of displaying "double standards" by remaining silent about the attacks. "We call upon the international community to come forward in condemning the violence and raise their voice for the safety and security of the Bangladesh Hindu, Buddhist and other minorities," the RSS resoThe RSS urged the govt to communicate "global Hindu concerns" to Dhaka

lution stated. The violence is part of a "larger conspiracy" by jihadi groups for "further Islamisation of Bangladesh", it claimed.

Speaking about the resolution, RSS joint general secretary Arun Kumar said the Sangh has demanded tough action by the Bangladesh government against elements who orchestrated the attacks.

"The recent slew of communal violence that erupted during the sacred festival of Durga Puja left many innocent Hindus killed, hundreds others injured and rendered thousands of families homeless. Several girls and women belonging to the Hindu community were assaulted, temples and Durga Puja pandals were vandalised in a span of two weeks," an RSS statement said.

It claimed that the "rise of radical Islamist forces whether in Bangladesh or in any other part of the world will be a grave threat to democracy.

After 20 yrs in CPM, veteran leader returns

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 29

TWO DECADES after he left Congress to join CPI(M), senior leader Cherian Philip on Friday returned to the Congress, contending that there is no freedom of expression in the Left party.

Cherian had quit Congress before 2001 Assembly elections after the party denied him a ticket. He was seen as sulking in the Left camp recently since CPI(M) did accommodate him in Parliamentary politics. Cherian announced his deci-

sion to return to Congress after meeting his one-time mentor and senior party leader AK Antony. Cherian, 67, told the media:

While in Congress, I had the freedom to criticise senior leaders K Karunakaran and Antony. That freedom is not there in CPI(M)." Stating that the party has

changed now, he said, "I left Congress in protest against power monopoly - I was against the practice of a section of leaders dominating Parliamentary politics. Now, by bringing changes in party leadership, Congress has implemented what I had stated 20 years ago."

Executive Engineer (M&G)

By Order

Sh. Kapil Kumar

Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate

General Public is hereby informed that

a woman namely Rani Devi W/o

Nagina, R/o H.No. F-903, Near BJP

Office, Delhi has been missing with her

two minor child namely Rishab, Age-4,

year and Varsha Age-3 years since 18.10.2021 from the area of P.S.

Kamla Market, Delhi. In this regard a

Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

UJVN LIMITED

Tender Notice

Office of the EE (M&G), Dhakrani Power Station invites sealed tenders

NIT No.19/EE(M&G)/DKN/2021-22: - Overhauling of 12.5 MVA, 11/132

For further & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender

documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

person namely Ravi S/o Munnalal R/o H. No. 26, Gali No. 02.

Shiv Mandir, Wazirabad, Delhi has committed (or is

suspected to have committed) the offence in case F.I.R. No.

275/2019, U/s 308/323/341/506/34 IPC Date 01.10.2019

registered at P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi and it has been returned

to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said Ravi could not

be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that

the accused Ravi has absconded (or is concealing himself to

avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby

made that the said accused Ravi is required to appear before

SEARCH FOR MISSING

the court to answer the said complaint on **06.01.2022**

from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

kV Generator Transformer of Unit C at Dhakrani Power Station

Date of availability of bid document on website: -30/10/2021

Last date of submission of tender:-20/11/2021 up to 15:00 Hrs

Estimated cost: Rs 2000000.00(GST extra)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE **NEW CASES: 13,831**

ACTIVE CASES: 1,62,381 VACCINATIONS: 1,04,82,00,966 DAILY DEATHS | TOTAL DEATHS | WEEKLY CFR 553 | 4,57,744 | 3.41% OVERALL CFR

TESTS TODAY: 14,52,261 | TOTAL TESTS: 60,73,38,030

STATES REPORTING MOST CASES

WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 1.13% OVERALL POSITIVITY: 5.64%

STATE	NEW Cases	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY POSITIVITY	TOTAL Vaccinatio
■ Kerala	7,722	79,331	10.48%	3,86,28,40
■ Maharashtra	1 338	18 465	116%	9 72 09 94

■Tamil Nadu 1,039 11,850 0.89% 5,73,08,581 ■West Bengal 2.24% 8,223 7,54,03,180 9.03% 12,20,939 ■ Mizoram 592

STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

OIRIE	DEATHS	DEATHS	CFR	CFR
■ Kerala	471	31,156	5.28%	0.64%
■ Maharashtra	37	1,43,789	1.40%	2.18%
■ Tamil Nadu	11	36,083	1.06%	1.34%
■ West Bengal	8	19,113	1.72%	1.21%
■ Karnataka	7	38,061	2.45%	1.28%

Kerala added nearly 400 previously uncounted deaths as part of a data cleaning exercise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

PEOPLE WHO have received two vaccine doses against Covid-19 have a lower but still appreciable risk of becoming infected with the Delta variant of the infection, compared to unvaccinated people. Vaccinated people clear the infection more quickly, but the peak viral load among vaccinated people is similar to that seen in unvaccinated people, which may explain why they can still readily pass on the virus in household settings, according to a UK study published on Thursday in the Lancet Infectious community.

Imperial College London, UK, who co-led the study, said: "...Our findings show that vaccination alone is not enough to prevent people from being infected with the Delta variant and spreading it in household set-

Fully vaccinated people can still pass on Delta variant in household settings: Lancet

PUNE, OCTOBER 29

Diseases iournal.

and deaths from Covid-19, but some studies suggest they may be less effective against the Delta variant - currently the dominant strain worldwide – though the reason for this has not been established. Most Covid-19 transmission is known to occur in households, yet there is limited data on the risk of transmission of the Delta variant from vaccinated people with asymptomatic or mild infections in the Professor Ajit Lalvani of

Vaccines remain highly effective at preventing severe disease **RAIL WHEEL FACTORY** Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064 Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.ir TENDER NOTICE No.RWF/S/P1/014/2021-22 dt 28.10.2021



NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tender Through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System) Re-gidering of Br. No. 32 ES S/L (05x18.30m) in KRJ-HPU sec over MB Division & replacement of corroded/ perforated cross girder and bracing members and other ancillary work for strengthening of Br no RUB 245 near DSA station (on North and South Line) on DLI-GZB section vith its location under AXEN/Br/Spl/TKJ & Fabrication, Supplying, providing & fixing of steel stool for Br. No. 60-A & 100 over Ambala DD No. 147-A dated 19.10.2021 has Rs. 58,56,461.78 Approx. cost of 04 (Four) Months Completion period of the work Up-to 15:00 hrs on 22.11.2021. Opening of tender after 15:00 hrs on same day Date & time for of tender Website particulars Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. where complete www.ireps.gov.in details of Tender downloaded Tender Notice No. : 32-W-BR-32-245-60-100 Dated : 29.10.2021 2475/21

dismiss the stay application if he cent, which, according to us, is an The HC had set aside the unconstitutional act and unsup-

SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASE

Court tells suspended police officer to appear in person

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAI, OCTOBER 29

TWO DAYS after Madras High Court dismissed a plea of suspended special DGP Rajesh Das, questioning the jurisdiction of the Villupuram chief judicial magistrate in hearing a sexual harassment case registered against him, the Villupuram court on Friday directed him to appear before it on November 1.

A woman IPS officer had filed the case against Das. Warning the suspended officer, the court said it will issue an arrest warrant if he fails to appear before it. Das was supposed to be pres-

ent in court on Friday. When his counsel filed a petition seeking exemption from personal appearance, the magistrate turned

cer from lodging a complaint against the DGP, was present in court on Friday. Earlier, Das had moved a petition in Madras HC, stating that the Villupuram court does not have jurisdiction to proceed further, as the power of the court to inquire into the final report filed

by CB-CID is not within the local

Another accused in the case,

superintendent of police D

Kannan, who was also sus-

pended for allegedly attempting

to prevent the woman IPS offi-

iurisdiction of the court under Section 14 of CrPC. As CB-CID, which probed the case, has already filed a 400-page chargesheet in the magistrate court on July 29, Das's petition before Madras HC was to get a stay and transfer the case by con-

testing Villupuram court's territorial jurisdiction over the case.

Shilphata in Thane district of

Maharashtra, a spokesperson of

the NHSRCL said. It will be a sin-

gle-tube, twin-track tunnel with

Iapanese or Indian companies.

The tender is open to

As per the shareholding pat-

a diameter of 13.1 m.

Bullet train project: tender floated for 21-km tunnel

New Delhi: India's bullet train project has floated the tender for the construction of 21-km underground, including a 7-km undersea, tunnel.

National High Speed Railway Corporation Ltd on Friday invited bids for the works for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor which is pegged at Rs 1.08 lakh crore.

tern, the Centre is to pay Rs 10,000 crore to NHSRCL, while Gujarat and Maharashtra are to pay Rs 5,000 crore each. The rest is to be paid by Japan through a loan at 0.1 per cent interest. **ENS**

port, "It prima facie appears that true... cannot be tolerated.' Directing that its earlier orders be complied with, the court said, "No authority can be permitted the violation of the directions issued by this Court and permit banned firecrackers under the guise of celebration...nobody can be permitted to infringe the right to health of the others..."

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE SRDEN/I/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders

against following tenders closing date 15.11.2021 16:00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 'Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts FDR etc. are not allowed

Date- 28.10.2021

108-DRM-MB-21-22 110-DRM-MB-21-22 109-DRM-MB-21-22

Date- 28.10.2021

Redevelopment Supply, installation, Conducting

of Tube well no. testing and water Audit of

Date- 28.10.2021

Tender No.: 74-W/2/3/WA/Publication Dated : 29.10.2021. 2474/2					
Period of Completion	2 Months	36 Months	2 Months		
Validity of Offer (Days)	20 Days	20 Days	20 Days		
Bidding Start Date	01.11.2021	01.11.2021	01.11.2021		
Advertised Value (Rs.)	888873.30	2959808.10	179304.20		
Tender Closing Date Time	15.11.2021 16:00	15.11.2021 16:00	15.11.2021 16:00		
		Division.			
	HW.	on MB-CH section over Moradabad			
		MB-SRE & br. No. 5			
		1248 & 1249 on	MB Division.		
	section of	no. 1125, 1137,	DDN Station of		
Name of Work		system on Bridge			
		level Monitoring			
		Automated water			
	6. 7. 8 & 9 at	commissioning of	railway Water		

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

E-tender Notice No.Com/Lease/SLR/LHB/DNR/21/3 Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), East Central Railway, Danapur Division, for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender, for leasing space of 3.9/4 tonnes of SLRs/LHBs on per trip basis on payment of lumpsum freight for loading of parcels in following trains for a period of five (05) years. It can be seen on the website

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

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SI. No.	Train No.	From- To	Compa -rtment	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	SI. No.	Train No.	From- To	Compa -rtment	Reserve Price (In Rs.)
1.	02024/ 12024	PNBE- HWH	F-1(3.9)	3116	12.	06360/ 16360	PNBE- ERS	F-1, F-2 & R-1 (4.0)	37290
2.	02355/ 12355	PNBE- JAT	F-1(3.9)	15296	13.	07609/ 17609	PNBE- PAU	F-1, F-2 & R-1 (4.0)	17665
3.	02360/ 12360	PNBE- KOAA	F-1, F-2& R-1 (4.0)	3196	14.	09064/ 19064	DNR- UDN	F-1 (3.9)	7884
4.	02395/ 12395	RJBP- Aii	F-1(3.9)	13689	15.	09314/ 19314	PNBE- INDB	F-1, F-2 & R-1 (4.0)	21680
5.	02742/ 12742	PNBE- VSG	F-1, F-2& R-1 (4.0)	21743	16.	09322/ 19322	PNBE- INDB	F-1, F-2 & R-1 (4.0)	22325
6.	03237/ 13237	PNBE- KOTA	F-1(3.9)	13430	17.	09422/ 19422	PNBE- ADI	F-1 (3.9)	8128
7.	03239/ 13239	PNBE- KOTA	F-1(3.9)	12965	18.	03255/ 22355	PPTA- CDG	F-1 (3.9)	6117
8.	03242/ 13242	RJPB- BAKA	F-1, F-2& R-1 (4.0)	2063	19.	02644/ 22644	PNBE- ERS	F-1, F-2 & R-1 (4.0)	11786
9.	03246/ 13246	RJPB- NJP	F-1(3.9)	6064	20.	08623/ 18623	IPR- HTE	F-1(3.9)	2903
10.	03248/ 13248	RJPB- KYQ	F-1(3.9)	16055	21.	03330/ 13330	PNBE- DHN	F-1,F-2 & R-1 (4.0)	2161
11.	03282/ 13282	RJPB- DBRG	F-1(3.9)	15296					
Date	Date & time of submission of Tender: up to 06.12.2021 at 12:00 hrs. through online								

www.ireps.gov.in only. Date & Time of opening of Tender : After 06.12.2021 at 12:00 **Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial)** East Central Railway, Danapur

PR/001066/DNR/Coml/T/21-22/88

been lodged at PS, Kamla Market, Delhi. The description of missing Woman is as under: Age: 25 years, Height: 4'6", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Unknown Clothes. If anyone having any clue/information, about the missing lady with children kindly inform the undersigned at following:-Website : http://cbi.nic.in

DP/1626/N/2021

e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 DP/1054/CD/2021

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Ph: 011-23230623, 23233743

SHO P.S., Kamla Market, Delhi 8750870424

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

New Delhi

at Bandra-Kurla Complex and

The tunnel is to be built between the underground station

Phone checks, raids: Drug drive nets 50 in 3 days

HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 29

OVER THE last three days, the police in Telangana's Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Rachakonda Commissionerates have arrested more than 50 alleged drug peddlers, transporters and dealers as part of a drive against the marijuana trade.

In Hyderabad, police are checking the phones of suspected peddlers and users to look for contacts in an alleged marijuana smuggling ring. They began doing this after arresting an alleged inter-state marijuana smuggler, Vanapalli Naga Sai, and finding a Whatsapp group in his phone comprising agents, peddlers and suppliers, both local and from different states. The police had seized 40 kg of marijuana from him and found bulk orders for 100 kg or more in that Whatsapp group.

Police are also conducting raids at bus stations and suspected dens of peddlers. While Hyderabad City Police have formed teams tasked with going



Rachakonda Police officials display the drug haul. Express

after peddlers, Cyberabad Police have formed a Narcotics, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act enforcement cell. On October 27-28, Cyberabad Police arrested 17 alleged smugglers and sellers and seized 11 kg of ganja. "The state government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance towards offenders," said Director General of Police M Mahender Reddy.

Officials said the smugglers contact ganja cultivators at the Andhra-Odisha border in Visakhapatnam's Araku Valley region, and purchase marijuana for Rs 1,500 per kg. It is then transported by road to Hyderabad where it is sold to traders for Rs 5,000-10,000 per kg.

Police Commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat said that on Friday, a special operations team seized 110 kg of marijuana from two suppliers from Rajasthan.

Police launched the drive after Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao expressed concern over the issue. He had said on October 20: "Eradicate the ganja mafia and don't spare the criminals whoever they may be."

UP school official holds student upside down from balcony, arrested

plaint against Vishwakarma. "We

arrested him on Thursday

evening, and he has been sent to

jail after being presented before

a magistrate," said Ahraura

IPC Sections 352 (Punishment

viral. It is my fault. I hung him,

but picked him up immedi-

ately... I am sad about it. It

should be probed who made it

The case was lodged under

Station Officer Sanjay Singh.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 29

A PRIVATE school's manager was arrested and sent to jail in Uttar Pradesh's Mirzapur district on Friday after a photograph of him holding a Nursery class student upside down from a balcony of the institution went viral on social media. The incident occurred on Thursday at the Sadhbhavna Shiksha Sansthan in the Ahraura police station limits in Mirzapur.

Speaking about the action against Manoj Vishwakarma (45), Mirzapur Basic Shiksha Adhikari (BSA) Gautam Prasad said. "The student was held upside down from the balcony of the first floor because he had apparently left the premises without permission. We are in the process of cancelling the school's recognition."

"A case has been lodged against the school principal Manoj and police action is also underway," he added. The boy's father had lodged a police com-

against NCB witness Gosavi **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

PUNE, OCTOBER 29

4 new complaints

PUNE CITY Police have received four more complaints of cheating against Kiran Gosavi, the self-styled detective cited as an "independent witness" by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in the drugs-on-cruise case which led to the arrest of actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan.

for assault or criminal force otherwise than on grave provoca-Pune Police Commissioner tion), relevant Sections of the Amitabh Gupta said four more Juvenile Justice Act, among othpersons have filed complaints ers. "The school's recognition is of cheating against Gosavi and being cancelled because of viobased on them, two first inforlation of the Right to Education mation reports are being Act." BSA said. In an online video, lodged at the Lashkar and Vishwakarma is purportedly Wanwadi police stations. heard saying, "Someone made it

Gosavi was arrested in Pune on Thursday in connection with a 2018 cheating case lodged in the city. A court remanded him to police custody till November 5 for further investigation

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Citibank N.A. having office at 3rd Floor, 27. Central Market, Western Avenue Road, Puniabi Bagh New Delhi - 1100026, under the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financia Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 15.05.2021 calling upon Mr. Rohit Dalal, Mrs. Jeet Kaur, Mr. Sunil Dalal (hereinafter referred to as "Borrowers") to repay the amount mentioned in the notice Rs. 1,39,08,734/-(Rupees One Crore Thirty Nine Lakhs Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Four only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice

The borrower having failed to repay the above mentioned amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taker symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 26th Day of October of the year 2021.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to dea with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Citibank N.A. for an amount of Rs. 1,39,08,734/- and interest thereon

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

Description of The Immovable Property: All Plot of a residential house No. 192 Block no. S Measuring 260.13 Sq. Mtrs. (311 Sq. Yards) having covered area of 4500 Sq. Ft. situated in the residential colony known as UPPAL's SOUTHEND. Sector 48 and 49 in and around Village Fazilbur, Jharsa & Ghasola The, & Distt, Gurgaon Haryana, bounded as under": East: Plot No. S-191, West: Plot No. S 193, North: Plot No. S-189, South: 14 Mtrs. Wide Road.

Date: 26-10-2021 **Authorized Officer** Citibank N.A.

India, Israel discuss defence ties

New Delhi: India and Israel have agreed to form a task force that will work to identify new areas of defence cooperation, New Delhi said on Friday, after officials of both the countries held the 15th round of Joint Working Group meeting on military ties. The

meeting, attended by Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar and Director General of the Israel's Ministry of Defence, Maj Gen (Retd) Amir Eshel was held in Tel Aviv on October 27. JWG is an apex body of Indian and Israeli defence officials.

Admission to PG Diploma/Certificate Programmes for the Academic Session 2021-22

1) Certificate Programme in Punjabi Translation

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 Certificate Programme in French
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 PG Diploma in Geoinformatics

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Last date to apply: 14.11.2021 University Website : www.cup.edu.in

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PUNE (An autonomous Institution of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune - 411 008 I website: www.iiserpune.a **Tender Notice**

IISER Pune invites bids for Empanelment of Agency for Online and Face to Face Training of Early Career Researchers strand of the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation and STEM Education pro gramme (iRISE)

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/11/21-22 Dated 29/10/2021

POSSESSION NOTICE

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The borrowers having failed to repay the above mentioned amount, notice is hereb given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taker symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 26th Day of October of th

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

Description of The Immovable Property: All theat piece and parcel of the property onsisting of and bearing House No. 1251, Sector-17, Gurgoan-122001

Date: 26-10-2021 Place: Gurgaon

Authorized Officer Citibank N.A

In 40 years, women may stand where I am, says Army chief at NDA

SUSHANT KULKARNI PUNE, OCTOBER 29

CHIEF OF Army Staff General Manoj Mukund Naravane on Friday said he expected women cadets to be welcomed with a sense of fair play and professionalism upon their admission into the National Defence Academy (NDA), and added that 40 years down the line, women could be standing where he was standing

General Naravane, an alumnus of the 56th course of the triservices academy, was the Reviewing Officer for the Passing Out Parade of the 141st course of

the NDA, held on Friday

MADHYA PRADESH

VHP pushes for OTT 'guidelines', meets Governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BHOPAL, OCTOBER 29

MEMBERS OF Vishwa Hindu Parishad met Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai C Patel on Friday to press their demand for a set of laws or guidelines to be implemented in the state for regulation of OTT platforms and scrutiny of their content.

On Monday, a day after Bajrang Dal members vandalised the set of Prakash Jha's Aashram-3 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra had said the government will "issue guidelines" and make it mandatory for filmmakers to get the district administration's approval before shooting scenes that could offend religious sentiments. Addressing a press conference on Friday, VHP's regional head, Rajesh Tiwari, said despite the state government's assurance, the guidelines had not been drafted yet. "We expect the Governor to give his consent... a law or guidelines should be implemented as soon as possible," he said.

He said, "Our religion, culture, civilisation and tradition will not be left open for interpretation, to each person's choice and individual freedom. It should not be about what the audience wants to see, but what we want to show them... which should match with our Indian culture and customs."

On Sunday evening, around 50 men from the Bajrang Dal had stormed the set of the web series Aashram-3, smeared ink on the face of director Prakash Jha, and smashed windshields of at least three buses at the site of the shooting in Bhopal.

Bajrang Dal's regional head Sushil Sudele had alleged that the web series defamed ashrams by portraying them as places where women were exploited by religious leaders. Four men have been arrested so far, and Sudele is among those named in FIR.

LAKHIMPUR: SIT RECOVERS STICK 'USED TO LYNCH 2 BJP LEADERS, DRIVER'

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh SIT on Friday claimed to have recovered a stick allegedly used to lynch two local BJP leaders and driver of a Mahindra Thar, owned by Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra, in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence at Tikonia on October 3. **ENS**

In September, the Supreme Court had allowed women candidates to take the NDA entrance exam in November this year. "Going on, as we open the portals of the NDA to women cadets, I expect you all to welcome them with the same sense of fair play and professionalism that the Indian Armed Forces are known for the world over," Naravane

said at the ceremony. The Army Chief also said: "... we shall be inducting women cadets into the NDA. And I am sure that they will perform equally well as male cadets. This is just the first step towards gender equality and the Army has been at the forefront of all such initiatives in the country.'

time available, to redeem the secured asset

Recruitment Notice For Project Management Unit

For Assam Skill University Project, Managaldoi, Dist. Darrang Under Assam Skill Development Mission, Gorchuk, Guwahati

Dated.29.10.2021 No.ASDM-2828/2021/ASUP/ADVT./101

The Assam Skill University Project (ASUP) is an Asian Development Bank (ADB) supported project for establishment of Assam Skill University to fill gaps in the provision of multidisciplinary skill education and training integrated with higher education, conduct applied R&D, and raise skill levels in various industries of Assam and the North Eastern region. Assam. Assam Skill Development Mission (ASDM) Government of Assam is the implementing Agency for ASUP ASDM intends to recruit personnel in various posts for the Project Management Unit (PMU) purely on contractual basis for ASUP. The details of the posts along with education qualifications, experience, remuneration etc. will be available in the official website of ASDM https://asdm.assam.gov.in in the Recruitment & Career Tab from 1st November, 2021 till 15th November, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Officer on Special Duty Janasanyog No. DF/1308/21 ASDM, Guwahati

ALLAHABAD



Zonal Office, Budh Marg, Patna-800001

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice u/s 13(2) on the date noted against the Account as nentioned hereinafter, calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 day from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public is general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of owers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules. We draw attention to the provisions of section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the rule under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities. As per the said provision the right of redemption available to the borrower/Mortgagor is restricted to the date of issuance of sale notice.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) for a amount and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of

SI. Name of the Account & Name of the Description of the charged/ Borrower/ mortgaged property (all the outstanding Date of consisting of) date of of the demand Notice notice property) M/s Gulshan Udvog equitable Mortgage: All that part Smt. Anju 19.07.202 (Prop.: Shri Vidhan and parcel of property situated 23,61,596.00 25.10.2021 Chandra Prasad), Mauza-Sandalpur, Shri Vidhan Chandra Sultanganj, Sub Registry Officethree lakhs Prasad & Smt. Aniu Devi Patna City & District Registry sixty one W/o Shri Vidhan Chandra Office-Patna having Survey Plot thousand B/o: Sheikhpura, Bailey No.-Tauzi No.303, Thana No.-11 five hundred Khata No.-238, Kheshra No.-162 Road, Patna ninety six Ward No.-15/21. Circle No.-54

Sheet No.-113, Municipal Survey Plot No.-2239 (Part), Distt.-Patna, Bihar, area admeasuring 10 dhu vide Registered Sale Deed No.-2846 dated 19.08.2000 in the name of Smt. Anju Devi. Boundary (As pe Deed): North-Dukhan Mahato, South-Govt. Road, East-Ramanand Mahato, West: Smt. Shobha Rani

M/s Avijeet Enterprises Smt. Anju I. Equitable Mortgage: All that part 15.07.2021 and parcel of property situated at 25.10.2021 **59**, **44**,9**45.00** (Prop.: Smt. Anju Devi), Smt. Aniu Devi W/O Shr Branch Road of Bhoot Nath Road. (Rs. Fifty nine lakhs forty Vidhan Chandra Prasad Behind Gupta Market at Mauza Vidhan Bahadurpur, Pargana-Azimabad rasad S/O Late Mishri La nine hundred Patna City & Sadar Registry Shri Nitvanand Kuma forty five only Prop.- Sai Industries). Office-Patna and consist of G+IV B/o: Sheikhpura, Bailey Storied RCC Residential Building Road, Patna naving Survey Plot No.-267(P)

Khata No.-122, Tauzi No.-472, Thana No.-10, Ward No.-46, Holding No.-376/1A, Halka No.-4, Circ No.-19, Mauza-Bahadurpur, P.S-Agamkuan, Distt.-Patna, Area-10 dhur (680.05 Sqft) vide Sale Deer No.3138 dated 31.03.2004 in the name of Smt. Anju Devi. Boundary (As per Deed): North-Shashi Kumar Plot No.267, South-8 feet wide Road in Plot No.-267, East-Plot No.-267, Lekhyakaari, West-Survey Plo

II. Equitable Mortgage: All that part and parcel of property situated at Mohalla-Jai Mahaveer Colony Road No.-01, Sandalpur, P.S-Sultanganj, Distt.-Patna and Consists of G+IV Storied RCC Commercia cum Residential Building Survey Plot No.-285(P), Khata No.-11, Tauzi No.-40, Thana No.-11, Mauza Sandalpur, Ward No.-21, P.S-Sultanganj, Distt.-Patna, Bihar, Area admeasuring 01 Katha vide Registere Sale Deed No.831 dated 01.02.2001 in the name of Smt. Anju Devi. Boundary (As per Deed): North Rasta (Nala) & Survey Kheshra No.-290, South-Ajit Kumar Mauwar Hal Kharidar Digar, East-Road (Nala

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	B/o: Khagaul, Patna.		Phulwari, Hal Thana-Shahpur,	only)

Thana No.-30, Tauzi No.-5458, Khata No.259, kheshra Survey Plot No.-1581 (Part), area admeasuring 09 Decimals registered with Sub Registry Office, Danapur, Distt.-Patna. Bounded as under (as per deed) North-Plot No.-1581 aaj kharidar Anuj Prasad, South-Plot No.-1581 aaj kharidar Anuj Prasad, East Survey Plot No.-1582 & Baban Thakur, West-Nahar.

Authorised Officer Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) Date: 29.10.2021 Place: Patna

NOTICE FOR WALK-IN- INTERVIEW FOR SELECTION OF SPL. MOs AND **GDMOs ON CONTRACT BASIS**

Applications are invited from the willing and eligible Specialist Medical Officers and GDMOs (Male & Female) below 70 years as on date of Walk-in-interview for the following posts in various Composite Hospitals/Bnson contractual basis:

SI.	Date and time Interview Centre of Interview		Vacancies available at CHs/ Bns	1		
No.	of Interview			Spl. MOs.	GDMC	
01.	22/11/21 at	GC, CRPF, Srinagar(J&K)	3rd Bn, Srinagar	-	01	
	0900 hrs		24 Bn, Kulgam	-	01	
			46 Bn, Anantanag	-	01	
			61 Bn, Srinagar	-	01	
			82 Bn, Srinagar	-	01	
			110 Bn, Pulwama	-	01	
			144 Bn, Srinagar	-	01	
02.	22/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF, Guwahati	119 Bn, Jorhat	-	01	
	0900 hrs &	&	138 Bn, Itanagar	-	01	
	24/11/21 at	Group Centre, CRPF, Agartala (For	CH Guwahati(Surgeon)	01	-	
	0900 hrs	124 BnAgartal only)	124 Bn, Agartala	-	01	
03.	22/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF,	12 Bn, Sambalpur	-	01	
	0900 hrs	Muzaffarpur	159 Bn, Gaya	-	01	
			CH Muzaffarpur(EyeSpl)	01	-	
			CH Muzaffarpur(Medicine)	01	-	
04.	22/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF, Ranchi	CH Ranchi (Radiology)	01	-	
	0900 hrs		CH Ranchi (Surgeon)	01	-	
05.	22/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF, Imphal	CH Imphal(EyeSpl.)	01	-	
	0900 hrs		CH Imphal(Gynecology)	01	-	
06.	22/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF,	10thBn NDRF, Guntur	-	03	
	0900 hrs	Hyderabad	CH Hyderabad (Pediatrics)	01	-	
07.	22/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF,	6th NDRF Bn, Gandhinagar	-	05	
	0900 hrs	Gandhinagar	CH Gandhinagar(Gynecology)	01	-	
08.	22/11/21 at 0900 hrs	Composite Hospital, CRPF, Neemuch	0 () 037	01	-	
09.	29/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF, Silchar	CH Silcher (Anesthesia)	01	-	
	0900 hrs		CH Silcher(Radiology)	01	-	
10.	29/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF, Bilaspur	CH Bilaspur(Anesthesia)	01	-	
	0900 hrs		CH Bilaspur(Gynecology)	01	-	
			CH Bilaspur(Medicine)	01	-	
			CH Bilaspur(Surgeon)	01	-	
11.	29/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF,	CH Jagdalpur(EyeSpl)	01	-	
	0900 hrs	Jagdalpur	CH Jagdalpur(Gynecology)	01	-	
12.	29/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF,	CH Pallipuram(EyeSpl.)	01	-	
	0900 hrs	Pallipuram	CH Pallipuram(Mcdicine)	01	-	
13.	29/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF,	63 Bn, Faizabad	-	01	
	0900 hrs	Allahabad	224 Bn (VS) Allahabad	-	01	
			CH Allahabad (Anesthesia)	01	-	
			CH Allahabad (Gynecology)	01	-	
			CH Allahabad (Surgeon)	01	-	
14.	29/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF, Pune	CSJWT, Belgaum	-	01	
	0900 hrs		5th Bn NDRF, Pune	-	08	
			CH Pune (Anesthesia)	01	-	
			CH Pune (Gynecology)	01	-	
15.	29/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF, Jammu	CH Jammu(Medicinc)	01	-	
	0900 hrs		CH Jammu(Psychiatry)	01	-	
			CH Jammu(Radiology)	01	-	
16.	29/11/21 at	Composite Hospital, CRPF,	CH Bengaluru (EycSpl)	01	-	
	0900 hrs	Bengaluru Total		29	31	
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Educational qualification (A) Specialist MOs:-Post Graduate Degree/Diploma in concerned specialty. One and Half years experience after obtaining PG Degree. Two and half years experience after obtaining PG Diploma. (B) GDMOs.-MBBS, Internship.

(i) Candidates may refer to our website www.crpf.gov. in for terms and conditions/full details as applicable for contractual appointment of Specialist MOs and GDMOs.

(ii) While appearing for Walk-in-interview, the candidates should bring documents in Original & photocopies of all relevant documents (Degree, Age Proof & Experience certificate etc) application in plain paper superscripting the name

of post applied for & three passport size recent photographs. (iii) Interview will be followed by Medical Examination.

(iv) TA will not be provided to candidates

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL THE GLASGOW TEST

On COP-26 hinges credibility of UNFCCC process. It must break impasse between developed and developing world

N THE NEXT fortnight, a world desperate for solutions to the climate crisis will be hoping for a much improved outcome from the UNFCCC's 26th Conference of Parties at Glasgow compared to what the meet achieved two years ago. The spectacular failure of COP-25 in Madrid — the conference wasn't held last year because of the Covid pandemic — to complete the process of framing rules of the Paris Pact despite going over-

time by almost two days had shown a light on the disconnect between global climate diplomacy and the imperative to bring down GHG emissions. Exorcising the ghosts of the longest meet in UNFCCC's history will require breaking the impasse between India, China and Brazil and the industrialised countries over the future of carbon markets. The latter have stonewalled attempts to allow the transition of carbon credits earned in the pre-Paris pact era into the landmark deal's rulebook, claiming that many of these credits do not accurately represent emissions reductions. The Madrid wrangling represented a new low, even for a process that has often been found wanting, largely because of the developed world's failure to honour its commitments — financial, technological and emissions-related.

Much has, however, happened since December 2019 to demand that negotiators at Glasgow do more than completing the unfinished tasks of Madrid. Weather has become more unpredictable, the pandemic has necessitated joining dots between health and environment and the world is roiled by an energy crisis. In August, an IPCC report warned that the planet could be hotter by more than 1.5 degrees Celsius in the next two decades, even if nations began to cut emissions drastically immediately. These dire warnings have sharpened focus on the Paris Pact's voluntary mechanism to cut emissions — the Nationally Determined Contributions. The NDCs have always been criticised for being cumulatively inadequate to prevent a more than 2 degrees temperature rise compared to the pre-Industrial era — the more conservative determinant of the Paris Pact's determinants. Now, with cataclysmic temperature rise feared much earlier, developed nations — led by the US that has re-entered the Paris Pact under President Biden — have begun to amplify their earlier calls for more global climate ambition. Most discussions in the run-up to COP-26 have focused on the need of all countries to commit to a net-zero carbon emissions target by around 2050. Carbon neutrality remains a contentious subject, dividing developed and developing countries, even though about 130 countries have made varying commitments to that end. The credibility of the UN climate process hinges on how it balances the rightful claims of development by countries such as India with the critical need to cut global GHG emissions.

Historically, India has been a strong proponent of climate justice. The aggravating crisis is bound to precipitate demands to attenuate its claims. The country's negotiators must be steadfast in not ceding its development space. India, after all, is well on course to meeting its Paris goals.

MARKET WISDOM

A host of factors are behind the heady rise in the stock markets, and caution is called for

N FRIDAY, THE BSE Sensex was down 678 points at the close of markets. Since hitting an intra-day high of 62,245.43 on October 19, the Sensex has fallen by around five per cent. Notwithstanding this recent weakness, India's stock markets have in recent times been among the best performing across the world. In fact, the country's premium against emerging markets is at a record high. Since the beginning of this year, the Sensex has risen by almost 24 per cent. It currently trades at well above its long-term average making it one of the most expensive markets in the world. Even the primary markets in India are witnessing frenzied activity. As per a report by CARE Ratings, 87 companies have tapped the primary markets so far this year, raising around Rs 72,000 crore, as compared to Rs 18,500 crore raised in the first 10 months last year.

A combination of factors has propelled this spectacular rise. Favourable liquidity conditions, both globally and domestically, the absence of alternate avenues for financial savings with interest rates at record lows, and the continuing robust growth of corporate earnings are some of the factors driving this surge. The growing formalisation of the economy only adds to the growth prospects of these listed companies. There is also growing optimism over the threat of a third wave receding, and the dramatic surge in the domestic vaccination coverage which is imparting a positive impulse to the economy. There is also a rise in the risk appetite, and a fear of missing out — participation by retail and high net worth individuals has increased both directly and indirectly through investment products. Recent data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India shows that flows into mutual funds through systematic investment plans were at an all time high in September, with inflows crossing the Rs 10,000 crore mark. With analysts already beginning to raise their earnings estimates with the economy faring better than most expected, there has been an expansion in both earnings and the earnings multiple.

However, it will be prudent to temper optimism. Large parts of the economy, the informal sector in particular, have still not recovered to pre-Covid levels. Household consumption remains subdued, and thus, capacity utilisation remains depressed, casting doubts over fresh private sector investments. Moreover, input costs are also rising, squeezing margins. Morgan Stanley has already raised questions over valuations, downgrading them from "overweight" to "equalweight". A sharp correction could induce a change in investor behaviour.

META FAIL

Facebook's rebranding exercise draws attention to what it wants to distract from

TOXIC COMPANY by any other name, the consensus on social media seems to indicate, still smells just as foul. And as branding exercises go, Meta looks like it's a mini flop. Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's founder and CEO of the parent company which owns Instagram, WhatsApp and a host of other social media and VR products, announced the much-anticipated name change to Facebook Inc's holding company on Thursday. Meta, rather obviously, will focus on the Metaverse. The new logo is a blue infinity symbol — the shape of many a naïve tattoo envisioned post an intro to philosophy lecture — and the name change is clearly meant to indicate the company's pivot to virtual reality.

The problem with the rebranding is that it sells the same old schtick: Helping "connect people"; with virtual reality, people will feel "right there" no matter how far apart they are. An unsaid though obvious corollary is that the company formerly known as Facebook will look to control this new VR-headset, algorithm-driven Utopia. Unfortunately, no matter how Meta it becomes, in the real world, the company has yet to address how its apps and algorithms have led to social strife, political polarisation and the devaluation of facts. On Twitter, people pointed out that "Meta" sounds like a designer drug - apt, given how addictive and harmful whistleblower Frances Haugen's revelations have shown the company's products to be.

Facebook (now Meta) is responsible in large part for the jaded response to its attempts at an image makeover. VR and the internet were supposed to be ways to transcend the limitations (vis a vis knowledge) and pettiness (through open communication) of the human condition. Yet, companies like Facebook have turned the dreams of a better future into portends of a dystopian nightmare. A cliché logo and a vague, earnest new name won't change that.

Climate of hope



COP-26 must try to ensure that world has a fighting chance of limiting global warming

Lavanya Rajamani

THE UNITED NATIONS will soon convene its 26th Climate Change Conference, COP-26, amid a global pandemic, a two-year hiatus, and the most alarming Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report yet. It is also the first since the US re-entered the Paris Agreement. Expectations, always high, are now stratospheric. Lest they topple the entire conference, these great expectations should be tempered by an understanding of its dual nature. These annual climate conferences contain a complex UN negotiating process, with lengthy agendas, difficult texts, and 197 governments pulling in different directions. But they also provide a focal point for the world's hopes and ambitions for combating climate change. For the latter, COP-26 presents nothing less than a global reckoning on climate action, as its political signals must re-energise the process of making the systems transitions needed to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

As a negotiating process, governments at COP-26 are tasked with completing the set of rules needed to operationalise the Paris Agreement. While most of the rules were completed in 2018, the technical rules for emissions trading markets remain particularly contentious. Most negotiators have not met in person for two years, and only a fraction of the usual preparatory work has been done. But negotiators must nonetheless get these rules right, so as to ensure robust accounting measures and real emissions reductions.

As a moment for global reckoning, COP-26 faces a much higher hurdle — it must deliver signs of hope to a worried, pandemic-weary world. The IPCC's latest report released in August found "unequivocal" evidence that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean, and land, that temperature has already risen by 1.07 degrees Celsius since pre-industrial levels, and that widespread, pervasive, and unprecedented impacts are in evidence across the world. For sea-level rise, the findings are particularly sobering, with seas rising faster since 1900 than any preceding century in the last 3000 years, and a continued rise expected during the 21st century, possibly for millennia. This has profound existential imThe IPCC's latest report released in August found 'unequivocal' evidence that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean, and land, that temperature has already risen by 1.07 degrees Celsius since pre-industrial levels, and that widespread, pervasive, and unprecedented impacts are in evidence across the world. For sea-level rise, the findings are particularly sobering, with seas rising faster since 1900 than any preceding century in the last 3000 years, and a continued rise expected during the 21st century, possibly for millennia.

plications for small island states and low-lying regions and the UN climate regime is not on track to avert such a catastrophe. India, with both a high disaster risk level (with exposure to flooding, landslides, cyclones) and high socio-economic deprivation, will be on the front line for such climate change impacts.

Under the Paris Agreement, governments agreed that in 2020 they would update or resubmit their "nationally determined contributions", known as NDCs, which spell out their national climate change plans. But the pandemic slowed the number of submissions to a trickle, and the plans submitted until a few weeks ago cover only 61 per cent of the global emissions. Some countries like Indonesia are yet to submit. Brazil's newly submitted plan now faces a court challenge for being insufficiently ambitious. India, on track to surpass its current contribution, will reportedly announce an updated plan during COP-26. The UN's latest synthesis report concludes that if all these contributions are implemented, the total global GHG emission level in 2030 will be 15.9 per cent above the 2010 level. But scientists with the IPCC predict that carbon dioxide emissions need to be 45 per cent below 2010 by 2030 and "net zero" by 2050 if we hope to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Another recent study, the 2021 UNEP Gap Report, estimates that current contributions will lead to a temperature increase of 2.7 degrees Celsius, a far cry from the Paris goal.

The much-needed course correction cannot happen without system-wide transitions across the world, which in turn require ambitious levels of finance and support for developing countries. The 2010 commitment by developed nations to mobilise US\$100 billion per year by 2020 — a fraction of what is necessary — has yet to be realised. The UK, host of COP-26, released a "climate finance delivery plan" earlier this week, charting a course for delivery in 2023, three years behind schedule.

States have been far more ambitious in announcing their long-term "net zero" GHG and carbon dioxide emission reduction targets. Over 130 targets have been adopted so far, which if faithfully implemented, could limit

global temperature rise to approximately 2.2 degrees Celsius. There are, however, serious issues of credibility, accountability, and fairness at play. Short term contributions are seldom aligned with long-term net zero targets, and many presume extensive reliance on carbon removal technologies. They also shift the burden of mitigation and removal to future generations, leading youth claimants to challenge governments in court over intergenerational unfairness. Earlier this year, the German Federal Constitutional Court directed the German government to strengthen its short-term climate actions so as not to place freedom- and rights-limiting burdens on future generations. Intra-generational unfairness is also at stake, as long-term targets are demanded of all nations, regardless of their national circumstances, even though the Paris Agreement recognises that emissions will peak later in developing countries. If COP-26 wants to provide inspiration, it must encourage countries to respect the Paris Agreement provisions on differentiated responsibility. Some countries will need to lower their emissions sooner than 2050 to create room for oth-

UN Climate Conferences are always a highstakes affair. But in the wake of a devastating global pandemic and ever more harrowing headlines of disastrous floods, fires and droughts, and the mounting human toll, the approaching conference feels like a moment of truth. Perhaps more than ever, COP-26 should not only strive to tick items off its "to do" list and complete the Paris Rulebook, but also generate a clear sense of momentum and political will to put the world on track to deliver on the goals identified in Paris. It should seek to trigger significantly enhanced national action and financial commitments, and instill credibility, accountability, and fairness for net zero targets. In short, it must ensure the world still has a fighting chance of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

ers, like India, to get there later.

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FOR A TRULY DIGITAL PUBLIC

It's time to take technology to the people, not the other way round

Varad Pande and Sarayu Natarajan

DFFPAK. A PLUMBER. lives on the outskirts of Lucknow and doesn't have a smartphone. A friend offered to help him register for a Covid-19 vaccine on the CoWin portal. He refused, saying, "I am waiting for the panchayat to organise this; our leader wants us to take it from there. If I take it from elsewhere, who will believe me?" When told not to worry as the CoWin portal will provide a digital certificate, he said: "You think anyone believes that? People will think I am faking it!' Deepak's is a story of many Indians. As our society gets increasingly digitalised, it is bringing both exciting avenues for greater inclusion and innovation, but also exacerbating risks of exclusion.

Recognising the power of technology to drive inclusion at a massive scale, the state is doubling down on technology to reach more citizens and serve them better. From receiving vaccines and rations to paying for cooking gas and applying for fertiliser subsidies. "GovTech" is permeating the life of the ordinary Indian in unprecedented ways.

However, often the paradigm of technology for such services is built around the "elite" citizen, who is comfortable with technology. Often, this imagined citizen is male, urban, upper class. The term used in law, un-ironically is "reasonable man". But we see that this conception is limited: Large segments of Indians still can't access or haven't learned to trust digital artefacts. Examples abound: The term "shopping cart" is unfamiliar to a vast number of users inhibiting access, and the "gender digital divide" mediates women's access to

We need more work to 'make digital spaces truly public' where all citizens and users can engage, claim and negotiate with technology, equitably and securely. We believe that at least three key elements need to come together to make the 'digital public' a reality.

trepreneurs struggling to reap the benefits of platform tech. Research by Aapti Institute in collaboration with eGovernments Foundation and Omidyar Network India has shown that many among marginalised groups struggle to access digital civic platforms, and instead rely on trusted human intermediaries. All these examples demonstrate that we need more work to "make digital spaces truly public" where all citizens and users can engage, claim and negotiate with technology, equitably and securely. We believe that at least three key elements need to come together to make the "digital public" a reality.

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First, design with the citizen. This means understanding socio-cultural contexts and lived realities before designing tech solutions and doing so in a participatory manner. This is a shift from the default "build first and then disseminate" approach. For example, formative research and human-centric design was informative in the creation of the first UPI payments app, BHIM, whose simple interface and onboarding, use of relatable iconography and multi-language capabilities played an important role in early adoption of UPI among non "digital natives". Similarly, as the "Human Account" project demonstrated, it is possible to start with users in designing pro-poor fintech products, like the "Postman Savings" product which India Post Payments Bank designed for the rural poor. Encouraging humancentric design, and mandating user-assessments prior to roll out of GovTech platforms should be a key priority.

Second, harness the trusted human interface to serve those who are not comfortable with technology. Local intermediaries, such as formal and informal community leaders and civil society organisations, can play a key role in bridging the digital divide. They provide the "trust layer" for the most marginalised, handholding them through everything from filling online application forms to accessing grievance redress system. Working with existing networks (for example ASHAs) or carefully setting them up (such as the Andhra Pradesh Ward Secretariat programme), where pre-existing trust, community knowledge, and embeddedness can play a significant role, should be prioritised.

Third, institutionalise an anchor entity that brings together innovators, policy makers and researchers to push the frontier on citizen-centricity in GovTech. Such a platform – like the Citizen Lab in Denmark – can play a role in generating formative re $search, embedding \,this \,research \,in \,practice$ by partnering with the government as well as market innovators, and working with civil society organisations to enhance access to GovTech.

As India makes rapid strides in its digitalisation journey, it is timely to invoke Gandhiji's talisman and ensure that GovTech can serve its highest and greatest purpose, that is, serving those who are last in line.

Pande is a partner at Omidyar Network India and Natarajan is the Founder of the Aapti Institute



OCTOBER 30, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

VIP TRAIN ROBBERY

EIGHT ARMED TRAIN robbers looted valuables worth Rs 5 lakh from passengers of an air-conditioned two-tier coach of the Delhibound Lucknow Mail, popularly known as the VIP Train, near Sandila in Hardoi district, about 70 km from Lucknow. Three of the robbers were nabbed after an exchange of fire on the Baghauli crossing on the Lucknow Hardoi road. Most of the looted property was recovered including 16 watches, three cameras, gold necklaces and bangles. Kalpanath Sonkar and Mahavir Singh, two MPs travelling in the train, got back their watches. Later one of the dacoits succumbed to his injuries.

REDDY FOR AUTONOMY

URGING GREATER AUTONOMY for states, President N Sanjeeva Reddy said that it had become almost "impossible" for the Centre to deal with the multifarious problems of the states promptly and efficiently. Delivering the Sardar Patel lecture on the integration of India, he said that the states had felt without exception that the responsibility cast on them by the Constitution for social services and industrial development was not matched by the corresponding allocation of finances. Reddy warned against neglecting the demand of autonomy on the plea that it was a threat to the country's integration. He

also expressed regrets over communal, caste and linguistic differences and regional and boundary issues.

SINO-INDIAN AMITY

SINO-INDIAN DIFFERENCES ON the border question "though serious can and should be resolved through negotiations" a highlyplaced Chinese official said. The official said that efforts should be made to improve relations by promoting exchanges in fields like information, culture and trade. He said that Sino-Indian relations have deteriorated in the past 19 years but one should not forget the 2,000 years of close ties.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"It can be simultaneously true that Russia is not to blame for European energy vulnerability and that the Kremlin exploits the weakness to make mischief for political and commercial gain." -THE GUARDIAN

Driving a new world order

Electric vehicles herald a new revolution on the road, which is likely to mark the end of OPEC. India must plan for its place in this order



BY MENAKA GURUSWAMY

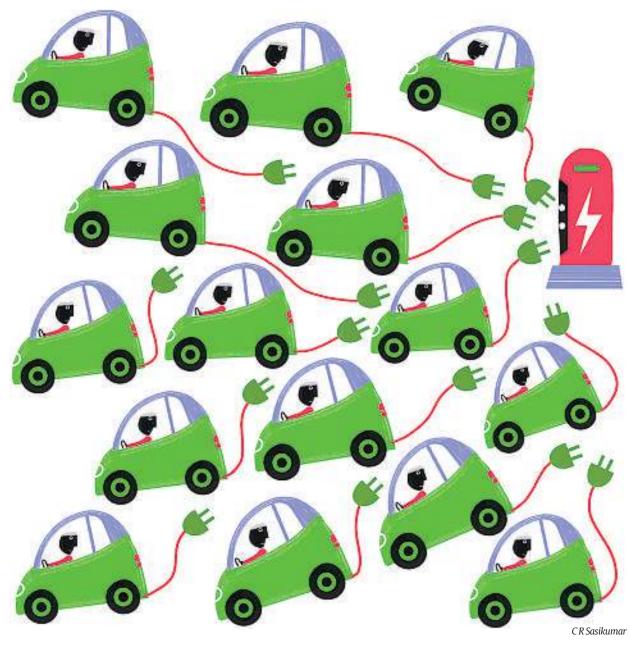
ON JANUARY 29, 1886, Carl Benz, a German engineer applied for and was granted patent number 37435 for his "vehicle powered by a gas engine". In a few months, the commercial production of the Benz motor car started. This is by most accounts the beginning of commercially-produced vehicles using gas engines.

Interestingly, in 1880, a few years prior to Benz's patent, William Morrison, a chemist from Iowa, United States, helped bring to life, a six-seater electric vehicle. By 1900, electric cars accounted for over one-third of the vehicles sold in the US. The forward march of electric cars was stopped by the mass production of the very reasonably priced Ford automobile, owned by John Ford. A reasonably priced car along with the cheap prices of gasoline in the early 1900s meant that the world as we now live in came to be, with fossil fuel-dependent vehicles – cars and bikes - thronging our streets. The petrol and diesel fumes of our cities and in our blood can trace their origins to these key moments in the

Industrialisation has closely followed our ability to move quickly between vast distances. With the dependence of humanity on fossil fuels, a new international power order also emerged – countries that exported oil. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) comprises Algeria, Angola, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, the Republic of the Congo, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela. The dominant power or de facto leader of OPEC is Saudi Arabia, ruled by the House of Saud. In each of these countries, ruling oligarchies were enriched by the oil wealth that flowed in, while their people may not have quite benefitted.

As the human species settled into fossilfuel-based transportation, a late awareness emerged of how this nature of combustion engine contributes to polluting our planet. India has the dubious distinction of having nine of the 10 most polluted cities in the world. These nine cities, all in north India, include Greater Noida, Noida, Lucknow, and Delhi. While many factors contribute to the polluted air, skies and human lungs of northern India, vehicular pollution bears substantial responsibility. So, it is unsurprising that the Indian State is slowly but steadily encouraging electric vehicles. And with this, we may be coming a full circle in terms of our ability to commute. While in the 1900s, the electric vehicle (EV) lost out to fuel-based ones, that may not be the case anymore.

What is an EV? An EV operates on an electric motor instead of an internal combustion engine and has a battery instead of a fuel tank. In general, EVs have low running costs as they have fewer moving parts and are also environmentally friendly. In India, the fuel cost for an EV is approximately 80 paisa per kilometre. Contrast this with the cost of petrol which is today Rs 107 per litre in Delhi, or Rs 7-8 per kilometre to operate a petrol-based vehicle. Perhaps the consistent increase in fuel prices



in the real state plan to encourage all of us Indians to switch to electric vehicles!

In India, we have had sputtering starts to our investment in EVs. In 2013, the Government of India formulated the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan that committed to ensuring that by 2030, at least 30 per cent of vehicles on our streets would be electric. This deadline is unlikely to be met. The more recent Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme in 2019, commits to providing incentives in terms of subsidies and supporting technology to encourage the manufacturing and purchase of electric vehicles. With a budget of around \$1.5 billion, FAME provides a mixture of road and registration tax subsidies for EV purchasers.

The private sector has appreciated the inevitability of the dominance of the EV. Companies like Amazon, Swiggy, Zomato and Ikea are deploying EVs for deliveries. Car manufacturers like Mahindra are partnering with consumers like Ola, while Tata Motors is partnering with Blu Smart Mobility in moves that will ensure more EV delivery and ride-hailing services. The EV market in India is projected to reach \$700 million in 2025, a dramatic jump from \$71 million in 2017 - a 10-fold increase in under a decade.

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To survive in the new world of EVs, grand old American car companies like General Motors and Ford are busy establishing factories that will make EV batteries. The largest suppliers of lithium-based EV batteries are reported to be the Chinese company -Contemporary Amperex Technology and the South Korean company LG. If this is so, then a new global order is emerging to replace OPEC. One in which those who make and charge EVs will dominate the transportation world. India must plan for its place in this order – with better charging infrastructure, battery-making factories and smart incentives for car companies and consumers to go electric. Most importantly, we must have an uninterrupted electricity supply. For, the next revolution in transportation is electric and it's already underway.

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Why Sardar Patel supported Partition

He held that separation would enable India to have a strong central government and remove Muslim League's capacity to obstruct



Rajmohan Gandhi

WORLD WAR II ended in the summer of 1945, which was also when India's leaders, imprisoned from 1942 for their Quit India call, were released. Less than two years thereafter, on February 21, 1947, Premier Attlee announced in London that power would be transferred from British to Indian hands. He added that Mountbatten would replace Wavell as viceroy in India and work out the details of Britain's departure.

On June 2, 1947, Congress leaders Nehru, Sardar Patel and president Kripalani, Muslim League leaders Jinnah (president), Liaqat and Nishtar, and Akali representative Baldev Singh gave their assent to Mountbatten's plan for independence and partition. On June 3, this plan was publicly announced. On June 14, the AICC ratified what had been signed by Kripalani and agreed to by Nehru and Patel. On July 18, King George VI signed the Indian Independence Act, which embodied the plan's far-reaching features.

Following this Act, power descended to two Constituent Assemblies already activated by this time, one for an area comprising today's Pakistan and Bangladesh, the other for post-Partition India. Princely states were given the option to join either area.

All this is well-known, but some currently popular notions about what was agreed upon in 1947, and about who accepted or opposed Partition, need demolition. The claim that the two-nation theory was accepted in 1947 is entirely incorrect. It is true that the Hindu Mahasabha from 1937, and the Muslim League from 1940, had held that Hindus and Muslims were two different nations, but the rest of India didn't go along with that theory, and the 1947 agreement scrupulously refrained from endorsing it.

The division agreed upon in 1947 was of areas, not of communities. The Independence Act did not say that two nations, one Hindu and the other Muslim, were being created. Neither the June 3 Plan nor the Independence Act even mentioned "Hindus" or "Muslims". The separating Pakistan area no doubt had an overwhelming Muslim majority, the area that remained India had an overwhelming Hindu majority, and from 1940 to 1947 the Muslim League had indeed campaigned for Pakistan as "a Muslim homeland".

Nonetheless, the free India that Nehru greeted at that mid-August midnight with his Tryst with Destiny speech was an India for all, not a Hindu India. Even the Pakistan that Jinnah hailed in his speech of August 11, 1947, was not an Islamic Pakistan. And although Pakistan quickly began its "religious" journey, the Indian Constitution, finalised by 1949, underlined the equality of all Indians of every religion or none. In free India's first general elections, held in early 1952, political outfits asking for a Hindu state were resoundingly defeated. In short, in 1947, an overwhelmingly Hindu India had successfully launched a secular and pluralist state.

False, too, is the current chatter that Gandhi and Nehru agreed to Partition in the teeth of Patel's opposition, because, so goes the chatter, the former was "pro-Muslim" and the latter vulnerable to "the charms of Lord and Lady Mountbatten".

The story of Patel's shift from opposing Partition to enthusiastic acceptance has been told in more than one account, including in my large 1990 biography of the Sardar. There is solid evidence that by December of 1946 – nine months before the 1947 Partition – Patel had swung round in favour of separating Pakistan. In his view, separation would enable the vast India that remained to have a strong central government; it would also remove the League's capacity to obstruct.

On March 8, 1947, following violence against Sikhs and Hindus in western Punjab, the Congress Working Committee passed a resolution (with Kripalani in the chair) urging the division of Punjab into two halves, a West Punjab where Muslims predominated, and an East Punjab where Hindus and Sikhs outnumbered Muslims. This was the first public signal that the Congress was willing to accept Pakistan if Muslim-minority areas demanded for Pakistan by the Muslim League, namely East Punjab, West Bengal and Assam, remained in India. This signal was offered before the Mountbattens arrived in India.

Opposed to Partition, Gandhi, who was in Bihar at this time, asked both Patel and Nehru for an explanation. Patel replied (March 24): "It is difficult to explain to you the resolution about the Punjab. It was adopted after the deepest deliberation... Nothing has been done in a hurry or without full thought." Nehru wrote back (March 25): "Indeed this is the only answer to partition as demanded by Jinnah. I found people in the Punjab agreeable to this proposal except Muslims as a rule."

To preserve a united India, Gandhi then responded by proposing a Jinnah premiership backed by the Congress majority in the central legislature. Except for Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, no Congress leader supported the idea, and Gandhi didn't pursue it.

An Indian today has every right to say that Gandhi, Patel, Nehru and everyone else who accepted Partition or acquiesced in it, including, it would appear, a great majority of Indians at the time, were mistaken. However, no one has the right to whisper, WhatsApp or tweet that Gandhi and/or Nehru overrode a Patel opposed to Partition. That suggestion is an out-and-out falsehood.

Rewriting history might (or might not) influence today's politics. It cannot change what happened yesterday. And a question survives: Do we today want all of Pakistan and all of Bangladesh, the areas and their populations, to be rejoined to India?

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In need of a fix

Stringent terms, ambiguity of interpretation make bail under NDPS Act complicated

country.

Tahini Bhushan and Jeevika Shiv

AFTER ALMOST 26 days, Aryan Khan finally got bail in a case where no drugs were recovered from him, and where he was not even charged with consumption. The whole argument was that the intent to deal and consume through "conscious possession" of drugs could be attributed to him because the people around him had banned substances in their possession, and that this was to be treated as cumulative intent and not individual mens rea (intent to commit crime).

Khan had been intercepted by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) when he was about to board the Cordelia cruise ship where he was invited as a guest. As per the arrest memo, no banned substances were found on him and no medical tests were conducted to ascertain whether he had consumed any. Despite this, he was detained in custody for charges including consumption of drugs, attempt to commit an offence under the NDPS Act, and criminal

Through this case, a spotlight has been shone on the interpretation of statutes regarding bail under the NDPS Act. Moreover, the innocent-until-proven-guilty principle is reversed when it comes to the accused under this Act, which is why the law is draconian, to say the least. The scope for abuse is codified and, hence, time and again, we see zealous interpretation of the clauses, which

leads to many suffering behind bars for years.

The granting of bail for offences under the NDPS Act is not only subject to the limitations contained under Section 439 of the CrPC on the special powers of a high court or court of session regarding bail, but is also subject to the limitation placed by Section 37 of the Act which commences with the notwithstanding clause. The starting tenor of the section itself is in the negative form, prescribing enlargement of bail to any person accused of an offence under the Act, only if two conditions are satisfied. Firstly, that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accused is not guilty of such an offence; and secondly that he is not likely to commit any offence while on bail.

Stroud's Judicial Dictionary states that it would be unreasonable to expect an exact definition of the word "reasonable". The word "reasonable" in any context of law would mean reasonable in regard to those circumstances in which the person, called on to act reasonably, knows or ought to know. Reason varies in its conclusions according to the line of thought of the individual, and the times and circumstances.

The expression used in Section 37(1)(b) (ii) does not define the "reasonable grounds" and this is the ground for judicial interpretation. The expression can be construed as pointing to substantial probable causes for

believing that the accused is not guilty of the offence charged. In the present case, Khan had none of the banned substances in his possession and his friend Arbaaz Merchant had a few grams, found in his shoe, which he confessed (not admissible) to having kept for personal consumption. Due to the small quantity in possession, the whole case has been built on the basis of intent to commit a crime in the future (dealing in banned substances) and the interpretation of conscious possession, which is where the admissibility of evidence, and how the courts are interpreting the clauses for the same, is being

With the lack of a proper data protection bill, using WhatsApp chats and notes on mobile phones to establish criminal intent is a minefield for lawyers and judges alike. Although the conditions for bail under NDPS have different parameters and are more stringent, the ambiguity in interpretation as well as the aspect of solely relying on electronic communication, makes it more difficult. The case of Khan is further twisted as the prosecution has completely done away with medical tests since they were aware that he had not consumed anything; the learned ASG has put the same on record while opposing bail. With no consumption and no possession, the intent is being established through out-of-context

communication, and a bad precedent is being added to the pool of difficult-to-figure bail conditions as per the NDPS act in the

There are no set rules or guidelines, and with the burden of proof being on the accused, the whole process is complicated for the court. It has been laid down through various case laws that while considering the application for bail with reference to Section 37 of the Act, the court is not called upon to adjudicate the guilt. It is for a limited purpose, essentially confined to the question of releasing the accused on bail, but with the kind of evidence being put forth and the way this is being done in cases involving celebrities, the situation is worsening.

The current Chief Justice of India, while speaking at the Independence Day celebrations this year, had rued "the sorry state of affairs" in lawmaking and the ambiguity in laws. He had stated, "We don't know for what purpose they are made. They are causing a lot of litigation and inconvenience to the people, courts..." That somebody like Aryan Khan had to remain under detention while having nothing on him, offers greater weight to this view, which must be addressed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHEERING A RIVAL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Ovation & sedition' (IE, October 29). The police should distinguish between appreciating and celebrating the achievement of a rival sporting team from an enemy nation by the domestic viewers, as in the ongoing T20 World Cup. Appreciation (like clapping), while the match is going on or later, is a part of the watching experience but loud cheering or celebrating after the game creates an emotional response from others when the rival team is Pakistan. Even in such cases, invoking UAPA or sedition charges by the police is rather vindictive. What was needed was calling them, counselling them and letting of with a friendly warning.

Y G Chouksey, Pune

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Ovation & sedition' (IE, October 29). The classic example of the 1999 Test match in Chepauk Stadium, Chennai, where thousands gave standing ovation to the Pakistan team for its win over India, laid bare the shenanigans of overzealous police action against a section of Indians belonging to a certain faith who are now being booked under UAPA and for sedition for their "offence" of cheering Pakistan team who defeated India in the group stage T20 world cup match. However, putting the entire blame on the police, which is a mere tool of the political masters of the state, misses the larger point. Slapping common IPC acts even if appropriate won't draw media attention. It won't boost the image of a hard state, which suits the "nationalist"

www.indianexpress.com narrative. Paradoxically, the protagonist

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CHINA AT COP-26:

AVINASH GODBOLE

of this approach wins over its constituency even if the cases don't pass judicial scrutiny. If the states have become used to reprimands from courts, the solution lies with the citizens, because political parties are vulnerable only to the vote in a democracy.

LR Murmu, Delhi

LATE APOLOGY

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Vinod Rai says sorry to Nirupam on Manmohan, 2G claims' (IE, October 29). Former CAG Vinod Rai's reported unconditional apology may ease his own conscience. But the question is: How will it compensate for the damage done to the Congress's political fortunes and Singh's fair name by his blatant accusation? It will also be interesting to see how the BJP reacts to Rai's apology. What is more, will the NDA government remove him from the public office he is now holding?

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

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MEANWHILE

RAPPER ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES IN NYC

The rapper Fetty Wap was charged on Friday with participating in a conspiracy to smuggle large amounts of heroin, fentanyl and other drugs into New York. The rapper, whose real name is Willie Maxwell, was arrested at Citi Field, where the Rolling Loud hip-hop music festival is taking place. He rose to fame with his 2014 single 'Trap Queen', which gained widespread acclaim.

TOPOFTHE _ WORLD



Ghebreyesus

UNITED NATIONS WHO: Tedros sole nominee as agency's chief

TEDROS ADHANOM Ghebreyesus, who has steered the global response to the Covid-19 pandemic, is on course to serve a second five-year term as head of the World Health Organisation (WHO) after being the only candidate nominated by 28 countries. Tedros, a former health and foreign minister of Ethiopia, was the first African elected director-general of the UN agency in May 2017. Tedros drew support from France and Germany, among other European Union members, and three African countries -Botswana, Kenya and Rwanda — the official nomination list showed. Britain, China, Russia and the United States were not among them. **REUTERS**

MYANMAR

Senior aide to Suu Kyisentenced to 20 years in prison

WIN HTEIN, a senior aide to Myanmar's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, was sentenced to 20 years in prison on Friday on charges of high treason, media and one of his family members said. Win Htein, 79, is a stalwart supporter of Suu Kyi and a long time political prisoner during decades campaigning to end army rule. He was arrested in the aftermath of a February 1 coup that has plunged Myanmar into chaos and that ended a decade of tentative demo-**REUTERS**

EU: Iran, others seeking date for nuclear deal talks

IRAN AND world powers

seeking to revive a 2015 nuclear deal are trying to agree a date for the resumption of talks in Vienna as soon as possible, a European Union spokesperson said on Friday. Iran's top negotiator said after talks in Brussels this week that negotiations in Vienna will resume by the end of November. EU spokesperson Peter Stano said the Oct. 27 meeting in Brussels was "useful" and "helped to define a way forward to resume negotiations in Vienna". In April, Tehran and six powers started to discuss ways to

salvage the 2015 nuclear

REUTERS

AS G20 LEADERS GATHER IN ROME AHEAD OF COP26

Pope, Pacific Islands urge action as rich nations sound climate alarm

JAN STRUPCZEWSKI, **COSTAS PITAS & COLIN PACKHAM** ROME, OCTOBER 29

LEADERS OF the 20 richest countries will acknowledge the existential threat of climate change, a draft communique seen by Reuters shows, as Pope Francis said on Friday the COP26 summit must deliver "concrete hope" by matching words with deeds.

The Group of 20, whose leaders gather on Saturday and Sunday in Rome before heading to Glasgow, Scotland, for the United Nations gathering, will pledge to take urgent steps to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

While the 2015 Paris Agreement committed signatories to keeping global warming to 'well below" 2 degrees above preindustrial levels, and preferably to 1.5 degrees, carbon levels in the atmosphere have since grown.

"We commit to tackle the existential challenge of climate change," the G20 draft promised, as people around the world prepared to demonstrate their desire for urgent political action.

'We recognise that the impacts of climate change at 1.5 degrees are much lower than at 2 degrees and that immediate action must be taken to keep 1.5 degrees within reach," the G20 communique, which might still be changed, added.

Meanwhile, Pope Francis oined a growing chorus calling for action at COP26, which runs from Oct 31 to Nov 12, saying the world's political leaders must

Dr Rahul Gupta

Senate confirms

Dr Rahul Gupta

as Director of

National Drug

Control Policy

Washington: Dr Rahul Gupta, a

veteran Indian-American pri-

mary care physician, has been

confirmed by the US Senate as the

Director of National Drug Control

Policy, making him the first med-

ical doctor to ever lead the White

House Office of National Drug

worked as a professor at the

Georgetown University School

of Medicine, was confirmed for

former health official who has

served in rural communities, I

have seen firsthand the heart-

breaking toll of addiction and

overdose in our communities, but

I have also seen how we can save

lives if we understand the individ-

uals behind the statistics and meet

them where they are," said Dr

Gupta in a statement issued by the

vance high-quality, strategies to

make communities healthier. PTI

He said he would work to ad-

White House on Friday.

the position on Thursday.

Dr Gupta, who recently

"As a practicing physician and

Control Policy (ONDCP).

give future generations "concrete hope" that they are taking the radical steps needed.

The 84-year-old pope, who will not attend COP26 following surgery earlier this year, called for a "renewed sense of shared responsibility for our world" to spur action, saying that while talks would be tough, they offered an opportunity.

"These crises present us with the need to take decisions, radical decisions that are not always easy," he said. But the countries on the cli-

mate frontline as they struggle against rising sea levels want im-

"We need concrete action now. We cannot wait until 2050, it is a matter of our survival," Anote Tong, a former president

BIDEN MEETS POPE AMID CONTROVERSY OVER ABORTIONS: US President Joe Biden with

Pope Francis at the Vatican on Friday. Biden and Francis, the world's two most prominent

him at odds with many US bishops, some of whom have suggested he should be denied

Communion. Biden said Francis told him he should continue to receive Communion. AP

Roman Catholics, ran overtime in discussions on climate change, poverty and the pandemic

that also touched on the loss of Biden's adult son. Biden's support for abortion rights has put

Tong has predicted his country of 33 atolls and islands that stand just metres above sea level was likely to become uninhabitable in 30 to 60 years' time. Pacific Island leaders said

they would demand immediate action in Glasgow, with an initial focus on G20 leaders, on sweep-

"A strong commitment and outcome from the G20 Rome Summit will pave the way for an ambitious and successful COP26." Henry Puna, former Cook Islands tary of the Pacific Islands Forum, said in a statement. **REUTERS**

Major win for H-1B employers as

analyst as speciality occupation

tries like India and China.

USCIS recognises market research

employees each year from coun-

The settlement approved by

the federal district court in the

Northern District of California

would now let companies request

that the USCIS reopen and re-adju-

dicate their denied H-1B petitions.

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Department of Labour's Bureau

of Labour Statistics publication

profiling hundreds of occupa-

tions in the US job market, the

US Citizenship and Immigration

Services (USCIS) determined

that market research analysts

did not qualify as a "specialty oc-

Leslie K Dellon, senior attor-

Outlook

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Based on its prior interpreta-

Handbook.



ACCORDING TO Reuters, a draft G20 statement says achieving global carbon neutrality by the year 2050 will be key to stave off the worst effects of climate change. However, activists and experts have called on countries to act sooner. Even the 2050 target will be a challenging one given the fact that China, the world's largest carbon emitter, has said it will only reach carbon neutrality by 2060.

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the American Immigration

Council, said that this settle-

ment is an important victory

that will benefit hundreds of

American businesses and the

market research analysts they

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have their H-1B market re-

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guidance worked out by the

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proved will represent another

opportunity for US employers

and the workers they spon-

sored to advance their business

"The settlement gives US

sought to employ.

Taliban push to unlock Afghan billions abroad

JOHN O'DONNELL FRANKFURT, OCTOBER 29

AFGHANISTAN'S TALIBAN government is pressing for the release of billions of dollars of central bank reserves as the drought-stricken nation faces a cash crunch, mass starvation and a new migration crisis.

Afghanistan parked billions of dollars in assets overseas with the US Federal Reserve and other central banks in Europe, but that money has been frozen since the Islamist Taliban ousted the Western-backed government in August.

A spokesman for the finance ministry said the government would respect human rights, including the education of women, as he sought fresh funds on top of humanitarian aid that he said offered only "small relief".

Under Taliban rule from 1996-2001, women were largely shut out of paid employment and education and normally had to cover their faces and be accompanied by a male relative when they left home.

"The money belongs to the Afghan nation. Just give us our own money," ministry spokesman Ahmad Wali Haqmal told Reuters. "Freezing this money is unethical and is against all international laws and values."



Taliban members patrol in Kabul on Thursday. Reuters

U.S. ANNOUNCES \$144-MN AID FOR AFGHAN PEOPLE

Washington: The US will provide \$144 million in assistance to the people of Afghanistan who have been facing a grave humanitarian crisis under the Taliban, Secretary of State Tony Blinken announced. The assistance will be provided directly to independent international and non-

One top central bank official called on European countries including Germany to release their share of the reserves to avoid an economic collapse that could trigger mass migration

towards Europe. "The situation is desperate and the amount of cash is dwindling," Shah Mehrabi, a board member of the Afghan Central Bank, told Reuters. "There is

enough right now... to keep Afghanistan going until the end of the year.

governmental humanitarian or-

ganisations, including the UN

High Commissioner for

Refugees, UN Children's Fund,

International Organisation for

Migration, and the World Health

Organisation, following exten-

sive vetting and monitoring,

Blinken said on Thursday. PTI

"Europe is going to be affected most severely, if Afghanistan does not get access to this money," said Mehrabi. "You will have a double whammy of not being able to find bread and not being able to afford it. People will be desperate. They are going to go to Europe," he said.

Woman now thought to be last Jew of Afghanistan flees country

ILAN BEN ZION & LLAZAR SEMINI

JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 29

FOR YEARS, Zebulon Simentov branded himself as the "last Jew of Afghanistan," the sole remnant of a centuries-old community. He charged reporters for interviews and held court in Kabul's only remaining synagogue. He left the country last month for Istanbul after the Taliban seized power.

Now it appears he was not the last one.

Simentov's distant cousin, Tova Moradi, was born and raised in Kabul and lived there until last week, more than a month after Simentov departed in September. Fearing for their safety, Moradi, her children and nearly two dozen grandchildren fled the country in recent weeks in an escape orchestrated by an Israeli aid group, activists and prominent Jewish philanthropists.

"I loved my country, loved it very much, but had to leave because my children were in danger." Moradi told The Associated Press from her modest quarters in the Albanian town of Golem, whose beachside resorts have been con-



verted to makeshift homes for some 2,000 Afghan refugees.

Moradi, 83, was one of 10 children born to a Jewish family in Kabul. At age 16, she ran away from home and married a Muslim man. She never converted to Islam, maintained some lewish traditions, and it was no secret in her neighbourhood that she was Jewish.

"She never denied Judaism, she just got married in order to save her life as you cannot be safe as a young girl in Afghanistan," Moradi's daughter, Khorshid, told the AP from her home in Canada, where she and three of her siblings moved after the Taliban first seized power in Afghanistan in the 1990s.

Despite friction over her decision to marry outside the faith, Moradi said she stayed in touch lings and their descendants live in Israel. But until this week, she had not spoken to some of her sisters in over half a century. 'Yesterday, I saw my sisters, nieces and nephews after around 60 years through a video call. We spoke for hours," Moradi said. "I

with some of her family over the

years. Her parents and siblings fled

Afghanistan in the 1960s and

1980s. Her parents are buried at

Jerusalem's Har Menuhot ceme-

tery, and many of her surviving sib-

was really happy, I saw their children and they met mine.' During the first period of Taliban rule, from 1996 to 2001, Moradi tried to maintain a low

profile. But she risked her life by hiding Rabbi Isaak Levi, one of the few remaining Afghan Jews, from the Taliban. Levi and Simentov lived to-

gether for years in the decrepit synagogue in Kabul but famously despised one another and fought often. The Taliban usually left them alone, but intervened during one such dispute, arresting them, beating them and confiscating the synagogue's ancient Torah scroll, which went missing after the Taliban were driven from power.

Pak Islamic court: Minimum age for girls' marriage not against Islam

objectives," she said.

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

LALITKJHA

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 29

IN A major victory for employers,

a US court has approved a settle-

ment under which an American

immigration agency has agreed

alyst as a speciality occupation

for the purposes of determining

the applications of H-1B visas,

which are most sought-after by

grant visa that allows US compa-

nies to employ foreign workers in

speciality occupations that require

theoretical or technical expertise.

Technology companies depend

on it to hire tens of thousands of

The H-1B visa is a non-immi-

Indian IT professionals.

ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 29

PAKISTAN'S TOP Islamic court has ruled that setting the minimum age limit for girls' marriage was not against the teachings of Islam as it dismissed a petition which challenged some sections of the Child Marriage Restraint Act.

The verdict may settle a controversy over child marriage fuelled by the insistence of radical elements that Islam has not allowed to fix age for marriage.

A three-judge bench of the Federal Shariat Court (FSC), headed by Chief Justice Mohammad Noor Meskanzai, on Thursday heard the petition challenging some sections of the Child Marriage Restraint Act (CMRA) 1929.

Dawn newspaper reported that the FSC dismissed the petition and categorically declared that setting any minimum age limit for girls' marriage by an Islamic state was not against Islam.

tion, we are of the considerate view that the petition is misconceived, hence, it is dismissed in limine," said the judgment authored by Justice Dr Syed Mohammad Anwer.

In the 10-page verdict, the FSC held that the sections in which the minimum age limit was prescribed by the act for both girls and boys for marriage was not un-Islamic.

Section 4 of the CMRA prescribes punishment for marrying a child to a simple imprisonment which may extend to six months and a fine of 50,000 Pakistani Rupees. Whereas sections 5 and 6 explain the punishment for solemnising the marriage of a child and permitting or promoting child marriage.

The judgment explains that the importance of education is self-explanatory and the need for education is equally important for everybody, irrespective of gender.

"That is why Islam has made

mandatory for every Muslim as mentioned in a Hadith stating 'Acquisition of knowledge is mandatory upon every

Muslim'," the judgment says. Education is fundamental for women empowerment, it says.

There are many Islamic countries wherein minimum age for marriage for male and female is fixed, like in Jordan, Malaysia, Egypt and Tunisia, etc, the verdict points out, according to the report.

in the black sites and had no con-

tact with anyone other than

guards and interrogators from his

capture until his 6th year at the de-

tention centre on the base in Cuba.

ing a courier for al-Qaida and tak-

ing part in the planning of several

plots that were never carried out.

He pleaded guilty in February 2012

Khan, 41, has admitted to be-



Former New York governor Andrew Cuomo

Andrew Cuomo charged in sexual misconduct complaint

FORMER NEW York Governor Andrew Cuomo was charged on Thursday with groping a female aide inside the Executive Mansion "for the purposes of degrading and gratifying his sexual desires," according to a criminal complaint filed in Albany City Court.

The misdemeanor complaint was based on the account of one of the dozen or so women whose accusations of sexual harassment against Cuomo formed the basis of a state attorney general's report that eventually led to his resignation in August.

For Cuomo, the complaint was a serious and potentially devastating development, as he continues to fight the allegations and attempts to discredit the report. It also served as a stunning chapter in the political demise of a man who dominated state politics for a decade, seemed on a glide path to a fourth term and, less than a year ago, was hailed as a national hero

MAJID KHAN SAYS WAS LEFT TERRIFIED, HALLUCINATING FROM TECHNIQUES THE CIA LONG SOUGHT TO KEEP SECRET

Prisoner gives Guantanamo court first account of CIA abuse

BEN FOX

FORT MEADE, OCTOBER 29

A GUANTANAMO Bay prisoner who went through the brutal US government interrogation programme after the 9/11 attacks described it openly for the first time Thursday, saving he was left terrified and hallucinating from techniques that the CIA long sought to keep secret.

Majid Khan, a former resident of the Baltimore suburbs who became an al-Oaida courier, told jurors considering his sentence for war crimes how he was subjected to days of painful abuse in the clandestine CIA facilities known as "black sites," as interrogators pressed him for information.

It was the first time any of the so-called high value detainees held at the US base in Cuba have been able to testify about what the US has euphemistically called "enhanced interrogation" but has been widely condemned as torture.

"I thought I was going to die,"

Khan spoke of being suspended naked from a ceiling beam for long periods, doused repeatedly with ice water to keep him awake for days. He described having his head held under water to the point of near drowning, only to have water poured into his



rogators let him up. He was

beaten, given forced enemas, sex-

ually assaulted and starved in

overseas prisons whose locations

and swear to them that I didn't

"I would beg them to stop

were not disclosed.

for long periods, doused repeatedly with ice water to keep him awake for days. AP know anything," he said. "If I had

given it already but I didn't have anything to give.' Khan, reading from a 39page statement, spoke on the first day in what is expected to be a two-day sentencing hearing

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Khan spoke of being selected by a Pentagon legal offisuspended naked from a ceiling beam

cial known as a convening authority can sentence Khan to between 25 and 40 years in prison, but he will serve far less because of his extensive cooperation with US authorities. Under a plea deal, which the

A panel of military officers

at the US base in Cuba.

jurors were not told about, Khan's sentence by the jury will be reduced to no more than 11 years by the convening authority, and he will get credit for his time in custody since his February 2012 guilty plea.

That means he should be released early next year, resettled in a third, as yet unknown, country

because he can't return to Pakistan, where he has citizenship. Some of Khan's treatment is

detailed in a Senate Intelligence Committee report, released in 2014, that accused the CIA of inflicting pain and suffering on al-Qaida prisoners far beyond its legal boundaries and deceiving the nation with narratives of useful interrogations unsubstantiated by its own records.

Khan agreed with that assessment. "The more I cooperated and told them, the more I was tortured." he said.

for cooperating with authorities in other investigations, including the

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He spent about three years in CIA black sites before he was taken to Guantanamo in Sept 2006. He said he never saw the light of day

case against the five men held at Guantanamo who are charged with planning and providing support for the Sept 11 attack. AP

to charges that include conspiracy murder and providing material support to terrorism in a deal that capped his sentence in exchange

of the coronavirus pandemic. NYT

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Karnataka gambling law: ambit, HC challenge

Amendment bans all forms of gambling, including betting on games of skill. Gaming firms move HC; courts had earlier struck down similar laws elsewhere.

JOHNSONTA

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 29

ON SEPTEMBER 21, the Karnataka legislature passed a legislation to amend the Karnataka Police Act, 1963, making all forms of gambling, including online, a cognisable and nonbailable offence. The Karnataka Police (Amendment) Act, 2021 was notified and came into force on October 5

It was passed in Karnataka despite similar laws introduced in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Telangana having faced legal challenges for broadening the scope of gambling beyond what has been defined by law. On August 3, the Madras High Court struck down the Tamil Nadu Gambling and Police Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021 as being ultra vires. And on September 27, the Kerala High Court, relying on the Madras HC order, struck down an amendment to the Kerala Gaming Act, 1960 which imposed a ban on online rummy.

Since the new law came into effect, several online gaming firms have geo-locked their apps and sites in Karnataka to prevent

attracting police action if customers access the sites. An FIR was registered on October 7 under the amended law against the creators of the online fantasy sports platform Dream 11 for running a gaming house as defined in the new law.

What are the legal issues raised by these amended laws?

One of the primary grounds on which the new gaming laws in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu has been challenged is that games of skill have been clubbed along with games of chance in the definition of gaming, if the games of skill are played for prizes or bets.

Gaming companies have argued — successfully in Tamil Nadu and Kerala — that as per the law laid down by the Supreme Court in as 1957 (*Chamarbaugwala* cases) — competitive games of skill are business activities protected under Article 19 (1) (g) of the Constitution. Rummy and horse racing have been classified by the courts as games of skill that do not come under the purview of gaming laws, going by the yardstick of whether skill or chance is predominant in the out-

come. It has been argued that states do not have "legislative competence" to prohibit games of skill and that only games of chance can be regulated for gambling and betting.

Why has Karnataka amended the law?

Among the reasons cited by the government is an order by the Dhanwad Bench of the Karnataka High Court (*Vageppa Gurulinga Jangaligi vs Kagwad police*, December 2019) that police cannot raid gambling dens without a formal written order from a magistrate, since gambling is a non-cognisable and bailable offence. The order by Justice P G M Patil said in non-cognisable offences, the "SHO of the police station has no authority of law unless the jurisdictional magistrate permits the police officer for investigation of the noncognizable offence".

Recent public interest litigations seeking a ban on online gaming and betting, too, have been a trigger for the amendments. According to the statement of objects and reasons, the new law is needed to make gambling a cognisable and non-bailable offence (gambling in public streets remains cognis-

able and bailable). The new law has also been introduced to "include the use of cyberspace including computer resources or any other communication device as defined in the Information Technology Act 2000 in the process of gaming to curb the menace of gaming through internet, mobile app".

What forms of gambling does the new law cover?

The amended law covers all forms of wagering or betting "in connection with any game of chance" with the exception of horse racing and lotteries. It also puts betting on the skills of others in the category of gambling. It provides an exception only to any pure game of skill and not to "wagering by persons taking part in such game of skill". According to the amended law, "all forms of wagering or betting, including in the form of tokens valued in terms of money paid before or after issue of it, or electronic means and virtual currency, electronic transfer of funds in connection with any game of chance", will be considered gambling. The new law views gaming websites in the same light as physi-

cal gambling houses.

The new law enhances maximum punishment for owners of gambling centres from one year to three years of imprisonment and fines from Rs 1,000 to Rs 1 lakh. The minimum punishment proposed is six months instead of the current one month and the fine is Rs 10,000 instead of Rs 500. For aiding or abetting gambling, the punishment has been enhanced to six months and a Rs 10,000 fine. A first offence of managing a gaming house will attract a minimum sentence of 6 months and a fine of Rs 10,000, a second offence 1 year and Rs 15,000, and a third 18 months and Rs 20,000.

Will these amendments stand the test of

As mentioned, a similar law in Tamil Nadu was struck down by the Madras High Court as being ultra vires after it was challenged by online gaming firms. The court ruled on August 3: "It is true that, broadly speaking, games and sporting activities in the physical form cannot be equated with games conducted in virtual mode or in cy-

berspace. However, when it comes to card games or board games such as chess or Scrabble, there is no distinction between the skill involved in the physical form of the activity or in the virtual form."

The HC said both rummy and poker are games of skill. "Poker may not have been recognised in any previous judgment in this country to be a game of skill, but the evidence in such regard is apparent from the American case that even convinced the Law Commission to accept the poker as a game of skill in its 276th Report," it observed.

What is the status of the new law?

The All India Gaming Federation and several online gaming companies have approached the Karnataka HC challenging the amendments and the extension of the law to cover games of skill such as rummy. The HC has not ordered a stay, but the government has told the court that it would not take any precipitating action against gaming firms under the new law during the pendency of cases filed by the Gaming Federation and gaming firms.

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Before Modi, Indian PMs who called on the Pope, and Popes who visited India

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

ON SATURDAY, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi calls on Pope Francis, head of the sovereign of the Vatican City State, for a 30-minute meeting, he will become the fifth Indian Prime Minister to have visited the head of Roman Catholics, the largest religious denomination in the world.

Back home, Modi's visit has been excitedly welcomed by the Catholic Church. Even before the government officially announced the visit, the president of the Kerala Catholic Bishops Conference, Cardinal George Alenchery, issued a statement that it would "add more energy and warmth to the relations between our country and the Vatican and the Catholic Church".

The visit comes at a time when Christians in many parts of the country have been complaining of harassment and attacks on the community and its institutions. A fact-finding team of the NGOs Association for the Protection of Civil Rights, United Against Hate and United Christian Forum recently presented a report after visiting Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, saying there has been a series of attacks against Christians and churches in these states.

Politically, the visit is significant as it comes ahead of Assembly elections in Goa, where the Christian community forms a significant support base. Party leaders said the community's vote is crucial for the BJP in the state, where it has been in power with the support of splinter groups of the Congress and regional parties.

The Roman Catholic Church also wields influence in Kerala. Christians and Muslims form almost half the state's population and the BJP is keen to get the backing of the Christians to emerge as a strong political force, something it has failed to achieve so far in Kerala while making electoral gains in other parts of the country.

Christians are the third largest religious community in India. According to Census 2011, they form 2.3 per cent of the population, be-

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ity to teleport oneself into different spaces

or to experience mixed reality. One of the

key characteristics of the metaverse is that

it is live and continuous, and does not reset.

And Zuckerberg insists it will not be about

spending more time on screens.

How will the metaverse be built?

But the metaverse is more than the abil-







Top: Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute at the Gandhi statue in Rome on Friday. Modi meets Pope Francis on Saturday. Above: (left) Pope John Paul II in India with then PM Rajiv Gandhi and President Giani Zail Singh; (right) with then PM I K Gujral during the latter's visit to Italy. AP& Express Archives

N I K Gujrai during the latter's visit to Italy. AP& Express Archives

hind Hindus (79.8%) and Muslims (14.2%).

Previous PMs at Vatican

Before Modi, Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, I K Gujral, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee had met the then Popes in the Vatican. When Nehru visited Pope Pius XII in July 1955, the Indian government was facing protests from the Portuguese for its attempts to annex Goa to the Union. With the Portuguese claiming that it wanted to protect the Christians in the region, the community from different parts of the world were

sceptical about the Indian government's intentions. Nehru had imposed an economic blockade after the Portuguese had killed 20 people during a protest launched by communist and socialist parties for the freedom of Goa. In his audience with the Pope, Nehru clarified that what was going on in Goa was a "political issue" and "not religious".

A report in *The New York Times* on July 9,

1955, quoted Nehru as telling the media in Rome that the question of Goa was "briefly mentioned" in his talk with the Pope. "Mr Nehru said he had told the Pope that India's controversy with Portugal over Goa, was a political, not a religious problem. 'His Holiness agreed with me,' he added," the report said. Indira Gandhi, who had been part of

Nehru's team during his visit, met Pope John Paul II when she was Prime Minister — in 1981. Prime Ministers I K Gujral in 1997 and Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2000 called on the same Pope during their respective visits to Italy.

World leaders who visit Rome for international conferences or summits make it a point to pay a visit to the Holy See.

Popes in India

The first Pope to visit India was Paul IV, who travelled to Mumbai in 1964 to attend the International Eucharistic Congress. Pope John Paul II visited India in February 1986 and November 1999.

Pope John Paul II's second visit to India became controversial when Sangh Parivar outfits such as the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Bajrang Dal staged protests, seeking an apology from the Pope for alleged conversion by Christian missionaries in the past. VHP leader Acharya Giriraj Kishore's description of the Pope as a "dacoit" drew strong criticism, even from the BJP.

It is not just Prime Ministers who have paid a visit to the Holy See. Communist veteran and former Chief Minister of Kerala E K Nayanar presented a Bhagavad Gita to Pope John Paul II in 1997 and he kept a rosary presented by the Pope throughout his life. Nayanar was accompanied by current Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who was then a minister in his government.

Facebook is now Meta, and here is how its 'metaverse' will be

SHRUTIDHAPOLA

highest for any state.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

"AN IMMERSIVE embodied Internet" is how Mark Zuckerberg, creator of Facebook and now CEO at Meta, has described the metaverse that the company wants to "help" build.

What's Meta?

In Greek, meta is 'after' or 'beyond'. Facebook, the company, will now be called Meta. Facebook, the social networking app, will retain its name, and the other apps owned by the company will retain theirs. But all the apps — Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Messenger — will now be under the renamed company Meta. This is similar to Google, which has all its products

under the umbrella company Alphabet. From the way Zuckerberg pitched his vision in his keynote at the Facebook Connect event on Thursday, it appeared all these apps would have their roles in the metaverse, albeit in very different ways.

"...We will be metaverse-first, not Facebook-first. That means that over time you won't need a Facebook account to use our other services. As our new brand starts showing up in our products, I hope people

around the world come to know the Meta brand and the future we stand for," he wrote in a post.

Meta has a new logo, which resembles

Andhra Pradesh

Meta has a new logo, which resembles the symbol for infinity. In a post, the company said the symbol is "designed to dynamically live in the metaverse — where you can move through it and around it".

What will it mean to live in the 'metaverse'?

Zuckerberg's vision is to have the metaverse go beyond the Internet as we know it — and include interoperability, avatars, natural interfaces, teleporting, Home Space, presence, and digital goods.

So you could be in a digital space almost as though it were real, and share that space with others. Think realistic holograms, virtual avatars that are present everywhere, and a holographic screen you can access by gestures or even a tilt of your head.

Zuckerberg says living in the metaverse will feel more "natural and vivid", and "devices won't be the focal point of your attention anymore." Facebook's presentation suggested it could be possible for two people in different cities to attend a concert together, or go to a party with virtual or holographic avatars. Work from home would



Zuckerberg at a conference where he announced the rebranding.

Meta CEO

Mark

Meta knows it is not the only company that can 'build' the metaverse. The plan is to keep the experience of the metaverse free — and for that, Meta will sell its "devices at cost or subsidised to make them available to more people".

These are VR or AR devices such as the Oculus Quest 2 or 3, that can be used to access parts of the metaverse. There is also a new VR device called Project Cambria, which will be more expensive, with more advanced tracking technology. This is com-

ing next year. Facebook also has its AR glasses project called Aria, which is still in the works.

Meta will also "support side-loading and streaming from PCs so people have choice, rather than forcing them to use the Quest Store to find apps or reach customers," Zuckerberg wrote. "And we'll aim to offer developer and creator services with low fees in as many cases as possible so we can maximise the overall creative economy..."

It is also clear that Zuckerberg sees the all-encompassing metaverse to escape the rules of Apple and Google, which tightly control the iOS and Android platforms respectively.

"... As big of a company as we are, we've also learned what it's like to build on other platforms. Living under their rules has profoundly shaped my views... I've come to believe that the lack of choice for consumers and high fees for developers are stifling innovation and holding back the Internet economy," he said in his keynote.

How soon can this seeming science fiction turn into the promised reality

fiction turn into the promised reality?

Zuckerberg knows it won't be built in the next few years. He hopes that parts of the metaverse will come to be over the next

New Delhi

decade. There are formidable challenges in the way.

All those real-like holographic projections will require the technology to catch up. Facebook is not the only one working on making mixed reality an actual reality. Epic Games is giving a big push to creating elements of the metaverse using its unreal engine. Microsoft's Project Mesh is trying to bring mixed reality to life; it would include the ability to allow 'holoportation' for individuals. Google's Project Starline had a mixed reality experience for video calls, but the technology in all cases is still nascent.

Interoperability will be a big challenge. This would mean that a digital item — say, a virtual T-shirt — you buy in the metaverse should technically work everywhere. This is currently not possible — for instance, items bought in PUBG cannot be used in Fortnite.

What about privacy in the metaverse?

Facebook says it would need to work with policymakers and governments as the metaverse is built. There are major user privacy concerns around Facebook, and it is unclear how privacy would function in the metaverse — especially given its all-encompassing nature

VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

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APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



Central Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N Patel has appreciated the efforts of ONGC for the latter's digitalization initiatives like introduction of Vendor Invoice Management System (VIMS).



MOU - TP-DDL

TP-DDL signed a MoU with NPTI for conducting trainings for Capacity Building for personnel in the power distribution sector and for students pursuing courses on the emerging trends and technologies in the sector.



PROGRAMME - CANARA BANK

Canara Bank, along with other member banks, recently organized a "Credit outreach programme" as per the directive received from Department of Financial Services, a constituent of Finance Ministry in New Delhi Dist.



CEREMONY - IGP

IGP, one of the leading coaching academies for CA, CS and CMA exams, organized a prize distribution ceremony to felicitate the outstanding achievers in CA exams. The ceremony was graced by more than 150 students.



LAUNCH - INDIANOIL

Anant Kumar Singh, CVO, IndianOil, launched a new webbased 'Online Vigilance Complaint Handling System' available on IndianOil website during the inauguration of Vigilance Awareness Week 2021' at Refineries Headquarters.



CLEANLINESS DRIVE - NHB

NHB, New Delhi, recently organized a Cleanliness drive under the aegis of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Jangpura Extension, New Delhi under which a host of cleanliness activities were organised



32ND RAISING DAY - POWERGRID

POWERGRID recently celebrated its 32nd Raising Day across the country. RK Singh, Union Minister of Power, New & Renewable Energy, was the Chief Guest, while Alok Kumar, Secretary (Power) Govt. of India, was the Guest of Honour.

SEPC Election was held recently for the Central Governing Council of SERVICE EXPORT PRO-MOTION COUNCIL. Rakesh Ku-He is well known in the Legal



ciation apart from Member of Bar Council Delhi

India. Rakesh Kumar Sharma has been involved in inter-

national Law. He has been a member of American Bar Asso-



Digital Forensic Laboratory at BECIL has been established under the able leadership of G Kuruvilla, CMD and guidance of Dr (Prof) N Ojha, CSO. It was inaugurated by Lt Gen (Dr) Rajesh Pant PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.).



SANGATHAN 2021 - AMITY

The 22nd Inter Amity Institutions Sports Meet "Sangathan 2021" recently concluded with the felicitation of winners in more than 9 sports events at University Cam-



PROGRAMME - BOB

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APPOINTMENT

PSB Dr. Ramjass Yadav has joined Punjab & Sind Bank as Executive Director with effect from 21st October 2021. Prior to joining Punjab & Sind Bank, Dr. Ramjass Yadav was the Chief General Manager of Bank of Baroda.

PR Society Delhi Speaking at a webinar titled 'Towards effective financial communication" organized by Public Relations Society, Delhi, Senior Journalist KA Badarinath & Market Analyst Arun Kejriwal unravelled the fine balance of being at the intersection of finance & communication.

IndianOil R&D is observing Vigilance Awareness Week from 26.10.21 to 01.11.2021 with the theme "Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity". Dr. SSV Ramakumar, Director (R&D and P&BD) inaugurated the programme.



IRFC Amitabh Banerjee, CMD, IRFC, recently administered the Integrity Pledge to the officers and staff of the organization to mark the beginning of Vigilance Awareness Week 2021



SBI An Integrity Pledge ceremony was organized recently at SBI, Local Head Office, Parliament Street, Delhi, at the onset of Vigilance Awareness Week from 26.10.2021 to 01.11.2021 as per CVC guidelines.



BHEL Dr. Nalin Shinghal, CMD, BHEL, administered the Integrity Pledge to all company employees in the presence of the functional Directors and the Chief Vigilance Officer on the inaugural day of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2021.



THDCIL Vigilance Awareness Week is being celebrated at THDCIL from 26.10.2021 to 01.11.2021. RK Vishnoi, Chairman and Managing Director, THDCIL, administered the vigilance awareness pledge to all the employees of the corporation.



NHPC AK Singh, CMD, NHPC, released 'Chetna', the e-Magazine of the Vigilance Division during the inaugural function of Vigilance Awareness Week 2021 at NHPC.



PNB In line with the directives of the CVC, PNB started the celebration of Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) from 26th October to 1st November 2021 with an Integrity pledge taking ceremony



IREDA Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA, and Chintan Shah, Director (Technical), IREDA, administered Integrity Pledge to all employees of the company to mark the beginning of 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2021'.

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Due date for Submission of Tender
Date for Opening of Techno Commercial Bid: 08.12.2021 at 15.00 hrs.
(Part I). (If sufficient bids are received).

For details visit; website: http://www.ncra.tifr.res.in/ncra/ncra1/public-tenders-1

Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation

Second - Corrigendum City Engineering Department

Tender Notice No. NMMC/ C.E /147/2021-2022 Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation had invited tenders for the

following works as per the above tender notification number. The date for sale, acceptance and opening of tender applications for technical reasons is being extended as follows.

Sr. No	Tender Notice No.	Tender application for sale and Tender acceptance period	Tender opening date
1	Tender Notice No.NMMC/CE/147/ 2021-22	Dated 07/09/2021, from 10.00 am To Dated 16/11/2021, till 3.00 pm	Dated 16/11/2021 at 4.00 pm (if Possible)

Detailed new information about this tender has been published on the website of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation https://nmmc.gov.in and https://nmmc.etenders.in

CITY ENGINEER NMMC PR Adv no./957/2021 Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation

TENDER NOTICE

Tender No. GM/ET/118/Pt./2533-34 Dated. 27.10.2021 The Directorate of Geology & Mining, Assam

invites sealed tenders papers affixing non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight & twenty five paise) only of tenders from the reputed manufacturers, dealers or authorised firms or any other suppliers for supply of the following -

> (1) DGPS Survey instrument. Tender documents can be collected from this

office on any working days w.e.f. 29.10.2021 to 09.11.2021 against submissions of IPO/DD of Rs. 500.00 (Rupees five hundred) only as cost of tender papers in favour of the Directorate of Geology & Mining, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19. The technical bid and financial bid should be submitted separately for each tender in a sealed envelope super scribed as tender article " _ _" in the top right hand cover of the envelope.

The last date of submission of tender papers is 23.11.2021 up to 1.00 PM. The tenders will be opened on the same day after 3.00 PM in the presence of authorized representation of the firms. In case of if last date of submission of tender papers declare as a Govt. Holiday/Bandha the tender will be opened on next day at the same time & venue.

> Sd/-Director

Directorate of Geology & Mining, Janasanyog No. C/7272121 Assam Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Procurement Branch (Import), PGIMER, Chandigarh intends to enter into RATE CONTRACT FOR CHEMICALS/KITS/CONSUMABLES/ REAGENTS/IHC ANTI-BODIES ETC. initially for a period of one year as per the detailed terms & conditions. EOI document alongwith detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from the PGIMER website (www.pgimer.edu.in).

The interested firms may submit their detailed proposals along with requisite documents as per the terms & conditions mentioned at the above link. Last date for sub-mission of Expression of Interest is 10th November, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. Proposal complete in all respect in a Sealed envelope marked to the "Professor Incharge Cquipment Purchase), Procurement Branch (Import), Nehru Hospital, Sector-12, PGIMER, Chandigarh-160012" containing EOI alongwith requisite documents may be submitted mentioning EOI for RATE CONTRACT FOR CHEMICALS/KITS/CONSUMABLES/ REAGENTS/IHC ANTIBODIES ETC. on the

Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) document shall be issued only to the shortlisted firms fulfilling the qualification criteria. **Note:-** The PGIMER, Chandigarh reserves the right to cancel the EOI and/or invite

afresh with or without amendments, without liability or any obligation for such request for EOI and without assigning any reason. Information provided at this stage is indicative and the PGIMER, Chandigarh reserves the right to amend/add further details in the EOI. PROFESSOR IN-CHARGE (EP)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that one female namely Suchitra, W/o Birbal, R/o Unknown, has been found near Gole Daak Khana Church, New Delhi on 15.10.2021 at 01:36 pm from the area of P.S. Mandir Marg New Delhi. In this regard a FIR/DD No. 32-A dated 15.10.2021 has been registered at P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi. The

description of the female is as under:- Age: 41 years, Sex: female, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5', Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Mentally Weak, Wearing: Printed saree and green colour blouse. She admitted for treatment in Institute of Human Behaviour & Allied Sciences (IHBAS) Hospital, Shahdara, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the female's family but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this female's family kindly inform to the following.

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/352/NDD/2021

SHO PS Mandir Marg, New Delhi Ph. No. 011-23366730, 8750870522

MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LTD.
(A PSU of Govt. of India, Ministry of Railways)

(CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS SELECTION)

Reference No. MRVC/W/PWDS STUDY/REOI/CONS/2021 Technical assistance study for Improving Universal Access for PWDs (Persons with

Disability) at identified Suburban Stations of Central and Western Railway Under MUTP-3A project. The Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. India intends to apply for financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment bank (AIIB) towards the cost of the MUTP IIIA Projects an ntends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The scope of the study includes 40 identified suburban stations of Central & Western Railway. The scope of the study is as detailed i ndicative Terms of Reference (Enclosed). The Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd., India nov nvites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services nterested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the require qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The short listing criteria are a) Experience of major similar assignment completed/in progress in past 10 years for frastructure works/projects with preference for experience on Railway Projects. b) Financia status with consultancy turnover of past 5 years. c) Availability of appropriate skills among ke ersonnel, team composition etc. ${f d}$) Response to TOR. ${f e}$) Credentials of the firm. The attention of nterested consultants is drawn to AIIB's Interim Operational Directives on Procureme Instructions for recipient of 2nd June 2016 issued by Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and vailable on their website http://www.aiib.org/ for AIIB policy on conflict of interest. Consultant nay associate with other firms in the form of Joint Venture or a Sub Consultancy to enhance the qualifications. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method. Further nformation can be obtained in a written form at the address below during office hours betwee 10.00 hrs. to 17.00hrs on working days. Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written for to the address below (in person or by email) by 15.00 Hrs on 18.11.2021 (If REOI is being sent by email, hard copy may also be submitted shortly thereafter).

Address for correspondence: Executive Director / Civil Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd., 2nd floor, Churchgate Railway Station Building, Mumbai - 400020. Tele: 022-22091656 022-22010015 Fax: 022-22096972. Email: edcivil@mrvc.gov.in & dycpmcivil@mrvc.gov.ir Website: www.mrvc.indianrailways.gov.in



JNIVERSITY OF RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR Tel. No. : 0141-2706813 Fax : 0141-2709582 email ID: www.registraruor@yahoo.com

No. Degree Bid/Exam. VI-B/2021/1031 **E-BID NOTICE** E-Bids are invited from REPUTED SUPPLIERS/PRINTERS

upto 18-11-2021 till 12.00 noon for SECURITY FEATURE **ENABLED DEGREE SHEETS AND PRINTING OF DATA ON DEGREE SHEETS USING LASER PRINTER.** Details may be seen in the Bidding Document on our website www.uniraj.ac.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in. Bid form may be seen and downloaded from website eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. This Bid shall be processed through e-procurement portal of Govt. of Raiasthan UBN: URA2122GLOB00099

Registrar



MPUAT, Udaipur **PG ADMISSION 2021-22 NOTIFICATION**

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission in full time MTech / PhD programs in various branches of Engineering. Interested candidates can submit their application forms along with all requisite documents online through the given link before 11th November 2021. Students who have already responded to our previous advertisement no No. CTAE/Stu.Sec./Adm./2021 dt 16.08.2021 need to submit a fresh application on plain paper in the name of Dean, CTAE (mail ID: ssctaeform@gmail.com) for consideration of previously submitted application without any fee. .The eligibility conditions, seat matrix and other details related to admission can be seen on university or college websites http://www.mpuat.ac.in or http://www.ctae.ac.in DEAN

H.O.: 'UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006 Telephones: 0135-2763808 & Fax: 0135-2763507

Letter No. 804 **Tender Notice** Office of the Executive Engineer (Maintenance) Tiloth Power

House, Uttarkashi invites sealed tenders from interested parties Brief summary of tender is given below: Tender No.: (1) 11/EE(M)/2021-22 (2) 12/EE(M)/2021-22

Name of Work.: (1) Removal and disposal of wet silt form various places of power house. (2) Operation of surge shaft gate and miscellaneous works at "C" Point of Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi.

Estimated cost: (1) Rs. 3,27,030.00 (Taxes Extra) (2) Rs 7 71 588 00 (Taxes Extra)

Date of availability of bid document on website .: 30.10.2021 Last date of submission of tender: 22.11.2021 at 16:00 hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website '<u>www.ujvnl.com</u>" **Executive Engineer (Maintenance)**

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NORTHERN RAILWAY (MORADABAD DIVISION) Tender Notice (Parking)

	Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad for & on behalf of the President of India, e-quotation for the following work:-						
S	Name of Work & Place	Area (in sq- meter)	Reserve Price for 90 Days (excluding GST)	Earnest Money (2% of reserve price of 90 Days)	Comple- tion period	Address of website from which tender documents can be downloaded	Last Date & time of subm ission
1.	Quotation for Cycle Scooter, Motor-Cycle Stand at Najibabad Railway Station ('B'-Category)	465 Sq-m	Rs. 82,730.95	Rs. 1,700/- to be paid through online payment gateway	90 Days		
2.	Quotation for Cycle Scooter Motor- Cycle Stand at Jwalapur Railway Station ('D'-Category)	90 Sq-m	Rs. 63,015.78	Rs. 1,300/- to be paid through online payment gateway	90 Days	www. ireps.gov.in (E-tendering mode)	Up to 14.00 hrs. on 09.11.21 and will be open on the same
3.	Quotation for Cycle Scooter Stand at II Entry of Shahjahanpur Railway Station ('A'-Category)	328 Sq-m	Rs. 1,30,351.56	Rs. 2,700/- to be paid through online payment gateway	90 Days		day
4.	Quotation for Cycle, Scooter, Motor-Cycle Stand at Roorkee Railway Station ('A'-Category)	1138.35 Sq-m	Rs. 2,51,063.01	Rs. 5,100/- to be paid through online payment gateway	90 Days		

Note: 1. In case of any difficulty helpdesk and learning centre available on the website IREPS may be approached. 2. Tenderer(s) are advised to read tender documer Tender Notice No 21-10/Quotation-Parking/MB/2021/C

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL

COMMISSIONER Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, Dhanbad

Short Tender Notice

Reference No.: DMC/24/2021-22 Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, Dhanbad invites Request for proposal (RFP) for Selection of Master System Integrator for Supply, Installation and commissioning of Command and Control Centre with Portable CAAQMS devices and digital LED display board for Dhanbad Municipal Corporation with hand holding and support for 36 months from

the date of Go-Live. Details can be obtained from our website http://udhd.jharkhand.gov.in/. Offer should be submitted in Two parts i.e (i) Technical Bid (ii) Price Bid. Price bid will be opened for only those parties whose technical bid are accepted. The Municipal Commissioner, DMC, Dhanbad is the final authority to accept or reject any offer without assigning any

SCHEDULE OF BIDDING PROCESS

l	S.No	Particulars	Date & Time
l	1.	Date of publication of	30.10.2021
l		Tender on Website	
l	2.	Last date for receiving	09.11.2021
l		queries	
l	3.	Date of Pre-Bid meeting	09.11.2021 at 11:00 AM
l	4.	Date/ Time for receipts of	22.11.2021 at 3:00 PM
l		bids	
l	5.	Date of Technical Bid opening	22.11.2021 at 4:00 PM
l	6	Date and time of presentation	To be announced later
l	7.	Date of Financial bid opening	To be announced later
l		EMD and Tender Documer	ıt Fee
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	S.No	Particulars	Amount (INR)
	1.	Tender Document Fee (in form of	25,000.00
l		DD) Chief Executive Officer, Dhanbad	
l		Municipal Corporation, Dhanbad	
l		Payable at Dhanbad.	
l	2.	EMD (In form of DD or Bank	17,00,000.00
l		Guarantee) Chief Executive Officer,	
l		Dhanbad Municipal Corporation,	
l		Dhanbad Payable at Dhanbad.	

Further details can be seen on website http:// http:// udhd.jharkhand.gov.in/

Note: Tender document can be collected by hand from the

office of Dhanbad Municipal Corporation submission of the tender document fee in the form of D.D.

> **Executive Engineer Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, Dhanbad**

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No. Degree Bid/Exam. VI-B/2021/1043 **E-BID NOTICE**

E-Bids are invited from REPUTED SUPPLIERS upto 18-11-2021 till 12.00 noon for MANUFACTURING OF GOLD MEDALS FOR EXAMINATION 2020 ON F.O.R. BASIS Details may be seen in the Bidding Document on our website www.uniraj.ac.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in. Bid form may be seen and downloaded from website eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. This Bid shall be processed through e-procurement portal of Govt. of

UBN: URA2122GSOB00098

Registrar



Tender Identification No.04/RWSS/RGD/2021-22. 1. Name of Works:

1. Supplying & Laying of rising main and distribution system pipe line of UPVC/DI/GI, construction of Compound wall RCC OGR/ ESR, SV/NRV Chamber, Air Valve Pillar stand post etc for different PWS projects & Spring Based Water Supply Projects in Rayagada District.

Total Number of Works : 2 Nos. (Detailed list available in the website) : Rs. 52.52 Lakhs to 304.28 Lakhs

Estimated Cost Class of Contractor : B, A & Special Class

Period of Completion : 8 months & 11 months respectively

Procurement Officer.	Bid Identification		tender online for dding
Officer.	NO.	From	То
1	2	3	4
Superintending Engineer, Rural Wate Supply & Sanitation Division Rayagada.	Online Tender/04/RWSS/ RGD/2021-22	06.11.2021 at 12.00 Hours	29.11.2021 upto 17.00 Hours

NB:- Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

RWS&S.Division.Rayagada OIPR- 25007/11/0007/2122

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender Notice No. PAY AND USE-AGC-2021-05 **NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

E-tender on prescribed forms are invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, North Central Railway, Agra on behalf of The President of India for awarding of Normal Pay & Use Toilet at Agra Cantt. Railway Station on operation and maintenance (O&M) basis, North Central Railway for the period of Three years under "Single packet tendering system" The details of particulars are as follows:-

Tender No.	PAY AND-USE-AGC-2021-05 Date:- 26.10.2021
Name of work	Normal Pay & Use Toilet at Agra Cantt Railway Station on Operation and Maintenance (O&M) basis.
Duration of work	3 Years
Approx. cost of the work	Rs. 24,23,549/- (For 03 years)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 75,400/-
Cost of Tender form	Rs. 3,540/-
Validity of offer	60 days from the date of tender opening
E-Tender closing date & time	22/11/2021 up to 15:00 Hours
E-Tender opening date & time	22/11/2021 up to 15:30 Hours
For Full details and sub- Website www.ireps.gov	mission of bid please see the Indian Railway .in.

Tender can be submitted only online on web portal www.ireps.gov.in

 Earnest money and tender document cost shall only be submitted or web portal www.ireps.gov.in by net banking. 1147/21 (SP)

If North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in 💹 @CPRONCR

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

Date: 29/10/2021 National Competitive Bidding (E-Tendering) The Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, PWD, Haridwar on behalf of "Governor of Uttarakhand" invites item rate tender through E-tendering under Two Bid system. All information

-2021 and onwords on website http://www.uktenders.gov.ir Time of Completion (In Days) Validity of tender (In Month) 4 5000.00

120 Days 43.23 12 Month ali Motor Road in km. 20 to 34 18% GST Note:- Submission of following documents in original is essential in office of undersigne upto/before the last date and schedule time of uploading tender by the bidders.

- Cost of tender document Rs. 5000.00+G.S.T. as applicable only in the from of demand draft

in the name of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD, Laksar. Bank Draft for Rs 5000.00 & GST Rs. 900.00 to be submitted separately. - Rs 100.00 Non Judicial stamp affixed with duly signed Rs. 1.00 Revenue stamp for th

validity of the Tender including certificate for validity up to 120 days. Earnest Money to be pledged in the name of Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, PWD

- Attach Copy of Registration.

etter No. 2673/06C-Civil Circle/21

Superintending Engineer Civil Circle, PWD, Haridwa

Notice inviting applications for appointment to the post of Vice-Chancellor, Pt. GovindBallabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pant Nagar Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand-263145

It is proposed to appoint a Vice-Chancellor for the G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pant Nagar, Udhamsingh Nagar, Uttarakhand. A Search Committee has been set-up to draw a panel of names for appointment to the post of Vice-Chancellor of the University.

As the Vice-Chancellor is the Principal executive and academic officer of the University, he/she is required to have sound administrative acumen besides being an eminent professional and a distinguished academician. He/She must be a person of integrity, vision and foresight to lead the University to heights of academic excellence. He should have at least ten years of experience as Professor in a University system or 10 years of experience in an equivalent position in a reputed research or academic organization in the field of Teaching, Research or Extension in Agriculture lor allied areas.

Experience in Senior Management positions in the areas mentioned above will be considered as a desirable qualification. The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of three years from the date on which he enters office subject to the age of his superannuation. The age of the applicant should not be more than 67 years as on the closing date (30th November 2021) for receipt of application. Applications from the interested candidates are invited in the prescribed format available on website www.gbpuat.ac.in. The Last date for receiving the application is set as 30th November 2021 either by speed-post/in person (as per address given below) or online to the following email id: pssecretary76@gmail.com. The applications received after due date will not be considered and representations on it will be summarily rejected.

(Dr. R. Meenakshi Sundaram) Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers welfare Vishwakarma Bhawan, Room No 201, Secretariat, 4-Subhash Road, Dehradun-248001 Email: pssecretary76@gmail.com



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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SDW)-VI WEST SEWAGE TREATMENT PLAN (WSTP), KESHOPUR, **OUTER RING ROAD, NEW DELHI-110018**

Email:- eesdw06@gmail.com Stop Corona: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing and Maintain Hygiene PRESS NIT No. 10 (2021-22)/EE(SDW) VI

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Ī	S/I/T/C of Automatic polymer (PAC)	3215960/-	64400/-	500/-	2021_DJB_210419_1	10.11.2021
	dosing System at 20 MGD STP				Dt. 29.10.2021	at 3.00 P.M.
	Keshopur (Re-invited)					

Further details in this regard can be seen at (https:/govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in)

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 540 (2021-22) (J.C. Garg) ÈE(SDW)VI

BSES BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi Date: 30.10.2021 **TENDER NOTICE** Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) is invited for following job from all bidders Estimated Cost | Cost of EMD NIT NO CMC/BR/ ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 22.11.2021 22.11.2021 21-22/RB/CR/ EHV GRID SUB-STATIONS/ TR.LINE/ 15:30 HRS 15:45 HRS RB/0962 PROTECTION IN BRPL

Cost of each Tender Document : ₹ 1180/- (Including GST)

For any query call on 011-49107235 or e-mail on Brol. Eauction@relianceada.com

For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com Head (Coi

Head (Contracts & Materials) ngd. Off.: BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 | C Telephone No.: +91 11 4920 7235 | E-mail: brpl.eauction@rellanceada.com ion No.: U40109DL2001PLC111527

NORTHERN RAILWAY (Moradabad Division) Cost of Tender Form through E-Payment Formuthough E-Payment Completion period of the work Completion period of the work Submission Website particulars App. Cost of the work (In Rs.) Name of work submission location where location E-Paymer omplete details of the Gateway of tender ender can be seen etc (In Rs.) ateway (In Rs & opening Tender will only be Pay & Use 2.82.780/- P.A Rs.2.360/accepted via eceived up to Rs.28,300/-Excluding GST@18% Including Years 14.00 Hrs of Railway Station GST@18% www.ireps.gov.in 23.11.21 and any tender received manually or through any other mode opened will not be considered

No correspondence will be entertained after opening of tender Tender Notice No.: 9/Pay & Use/MB DIV/21.c Dated : 29.10.2021

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is notified for the information of Rail Passengers that Railways have decided to run the following Express Special Trains with revised compositions as under:-

	REVISED COMPOSITION	N OF SPECIAL TRAINS	
Train No. & Name	Existing Composition	Revised Composition	Date w.e.f. (Originating Station)
02715/02716 Hazur Sahib Nanded - Amritsar Jn	Generator car-2 2nd Seating-2, Sleeper-9, 3 Tier AC-5, 2 Tier AC-1.	Generator car-2 2nd Seating-2, Sleeper-9 3 Tier AC-6 , 2 Tier AC-1,	Ex. Hazur Sahib Nanded upto 10.11.2021
Hazur Sahib Nanded Special Express	1st AC-1, Parcel Van-1 = 21 Coaches	1st AC-1, Parcel Van-1 = 22 Coaches	Ex. Amritsar Jn. 31.10.2021 to 12.11.2021
02963/02964 Udaipur City - Hazrat Nizamuddin -	Generator car-2 2nd Seating-4,	Generator car-1 Second Luggage, Guard & Divyaang-1	Ex. Udaipur City 01.11.2021
Udaipur City Special Express	Sleeper-7 3 Tier AC-6, 2 Tier AC-2, 1st AC-1 = 22 Coaches	2nd Seating-4, Sleeper-7 3 Tier AC-6, 2 Tier AC-2, 1st AC-1 = 22 Coaches	Ex. Hazrat Nizamuddin 02.11.2021

Note :- Whenever permanent Train No. 12963/12964 Udaipur City-Hazrat Nizamuddin-Udaipur City shall be restored, the same composition shall be applicable for that.

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.

All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., may be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

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

Letter No. 2673/06C-Civil Circle/21 Date: 29/10/2021 National Competitive Bidding (E-Tendering) he Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, PWD. Haridwar on behalf of 'Governor c Uttarakhand" invites item rate tender through E-tendering under Two Bid system. All information

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il. Io	Name of Work	Earnest money (in Rs. Lakh)	Cost of Tender (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (In Days)	Validity of tender (In Month)	contractor's category of Registration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Widening & Strengthening work with BM/SDBC of Roorkee - Laksar - Balawali Motor Road in km. 20 to 34 under CRIF.	42.22	5000.00 + 18% GST	120 Days		Category A/A+ for Road work in any State Govt./ Central Govt./any Govt. undertaking.

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

Cost of tender document Rs. 5000.00+G.S.T. as applicable only in the from of demand draft in the name of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD, Laksar. Bank Draft for Rs 5000.00 & GST Rs. 900.00 to be submitted separately. Rs 100.00 Non Judicial stamp affixed with duly signed Rs. 1.00 Revenue stamp for the

validity of the Tender including certificate for validity up to 120 days 3- Earnest Money to be pledged in the name of Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, PWD,

I- Attach Copy of Registration.

Superintending Engineer Civil Circle, PWD, Haridwa

22:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड बड़ौत के अन्तर्गत

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना अनुभवी फर्मीं/ ठेकेदार/ कार्यदायी संस्थाओं से विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल मेरठ के अन्तर्गत निम्न कार्यों / आपूर्ति हेतु मोहर बन्द ई निविदाएं ई-पोर्टल www.etender.up.nic.in पर दो भागों में आमंत्रित की जाती है। कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउनलोड, धरोहर) राशि एवं निविदा प्रपत्न शुल्क जमा करने तथा अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई-निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में www.etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग आन करें। निविदा का विवरण निम्न प्रकार है: ई-निविदा संख्या, कार्य का विवरण, निविदा के प्रथम भाग खुलने की दिनांक, धरोहर राशि एवं निविदा का मुल्य (कर सहित) को क्रम में पढ़ा जाए। 1. टी-63/ 21-22 (**अल्पकालिक**):- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र मेडिकल कालिज, मेरठ पर स्थापित 40 एम.वी.ए. परिवर्तक-प्रथम के तेल का रिसाव रोकने एवं सेन्ट्रीफ्यूजिंग से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 10.11.2021, रु. 1,000.00/- रु. 295.00/- 2. टी-64/ 21-22 (**अल्पकालिक**):- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द मोदीपुरम पर स्थापित 245 के.वी. (न्यूमेटिक टाइप) ब्रेकर बदलने से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 10.11.2021, रु. 1000.00/- रु. 295.00/-, 3. टी-65/ 21-22 (अल्पकालिक):- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड मेरठ के अन्तर्गत निर्माणाधीन 132 के.वी. सरधना-कंकरखेडा-द्वि. लाईन के सुरक्षित कोरिडोर में आने वाले पेड़ों की कटाई/छटाई से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 10.11.2021, रु. 1,500.00/- रु. 590.00/- 4. टी-66/ 21-

132 के.वी. उपकेन्द खेकडा पर स्थापित 01 नग 145 के.वी. , सी.जी.एल. मेक सर्किट ब्रेकर की ओवरहालिंग से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 27.11.2021, रु. 1,200.00/- रु. 590.00/- 5 टी-67/ 21-22:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड द्वितीय मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द चरला पर क्षतिग्रस्त ऑक्सीलिरी कान्टैक्ट बदलने सं सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 27.11.2021, रु 2000.00/- रु. 590.00/- 6. टी-68/ 21-22:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. मवाना-रामराज लाइन के टावर सं. 77.A +0 पर रिविटमेंट से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 27.11.2021, रु. 10,000.00/-रु. 1180.00/- 7. टी-69/ 21-22:- गंगा एक्सप्रेसवे के ROW में आ रही 132 के.वी. मुण्डाली-परतापुर (जागित विहार)-हापुड 765 द्विपथ पारेषण लाइन के लोकेशन सं. 52 एवं 53 के माध्यम टावरों की shifting/relocation से संबंधित कार्य। यह कार्य विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड मेरठ के अन्तर्गत कराया जाएगा। दिनांक 27.11.2021, হ. 33,000.00/-, হ 3540.00/- **8. टी-7**0/ 21-22:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय मेरठ के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 132 के.वी. लाइनों पर जम्पर टाइटनिंग से संबंधित कार्य। दिनांक 27.11.2021, रु. 2,000.00/-, रु. 590.00/- अधीक्षण अभियंता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, 130-डी ''पारेषण भवन'' विक्टोरिया पार्क. मरेठ "राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचाएं" पत्रांक/ No. 3080 वि.पा.मं./ ETC/ मेरठ/ MT Tender दिनांक/Dated 29.10.2021

Notice

for Cancellation of E-Tender Sr. Divisional Electrical Enginee (Traction Distribution) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and on behalf of President of India had invited sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) vide E-Tender no JHS/TD/Tender/2020/14R digsing date 11.11,2021 at 15.00 Hrs. This tender has been cancelled due to administrative reasons. 1104/21 FA

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North Eastern Railway E-Tendering Notice

Divisional Materials Manager, N. Bailway, Varanusi for and on behalf a President of India, invites Teader trough E-Procument system 'Oper Tender" for the supply of the following em. Complete description of the item and other terms and conditions are milable on website www.ireps.gov.in Sr. No. : 01, E-Tender No.: 50215594 Due Date : 01.12.2021, Description Supply based pit light fitting, 12 want inbuilt SMPS supply with input voltage 110 V DC Quantity: 1404 Nos Earnest Money: 56330,00, Note:- The Firms, who desire to participate in e-tender are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have Class-III Digital signature Certificate Authority Licensed by CCA of Iralia Manual offers against e-tenders will not

Sr. Divisional Materials Manager CPRO/S-TI Varanas

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE DRM/Electrical, North Western Railway

Jodhpur for & on behalf of the Presiden of India, invites E-tender for the following work. 1. Complete details of tender can be seen on Website No. http://www.ireps.gov.in; 2. Date & time of closing of e-tender 23.11.2021 up to 15.00 hours. 3. Date & time of opening of e-tender : After 15.00 Hrs. on 23.11.2021; Tender No. 07/2021-22; Name of Work) Comprehensive Annual maintenance contract for 02 Nos. of escalators of Daulatram make for 03 years at second entry of JU Station. Approx. Cost of the work: Rs. 18,06,968/-. Tender No.: 08/ 2021-22; Name of Work: Electrical world in c/w Improvement in power supply arrangement in MTD-BKN section of Jodhpur Division. Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 39,21,201,26/-, Tender No. 09/2021-22; Name of Work: Repairing & Maintenance of different type of qtrs on condition basis in Railway colony over jodhpur division. Approx. Cost of the work: Rs. 91,73,458.00/-. NOTE: Oper 622-AM/21

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, ajitpal singh, Add-b.102, indramarg mandawali-fazalpur, delhi-110092,have changed my Minor Son name Yuvraj singh bhullar to yuvraj singh,for all purposes. 0040589821-3

I,Yogita Kumari,D/o Satish Kumar, R/o B-10, Surya Kunj Colony, Jharoda-Road, Najafgarh, Dichaon Kalan, Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Yogita. 0040589821-5

I,Vijay Kumar Maurya service-No.15450107L Hav(SKT) Unit-325 Fd Hosp c/o-56, APO declare that my brother DOB-26.11.2002 is wrong mentioned in my service record his correct date of birth-15.04.2003.

0040589882-1

I, Veena Joshi, W/o A.R Joshi, R/o-X-26, Hauz Khas, New-Delhi, South-West-Delhi-110016, Have changed my name from Bina Joshi to Veena Joshi.Bina Joshi and Veena Joshi both are the same and one person for all future purposes. 0040589882-2

I, Vandana Kumari W/o Dr Pankaj Parashar R/o A-203 Green Park Apartment, P.O. Devi Nagla, Aligarh has changed my name to Vandana Parashar, after marriage for all future purposes.

0040589859-1

I,Santosh Banerjee,father of,Bhargavi DOB-(17/04/2017) R/O.Flat.no-31,Priya Apartment Sec-14, Rohini, New Delhi-110085,have changed my minor Daughter's name Bhargavi to Bhargavi Banerjee, permanently. 0040589831-1

I.SMITA YADAV.W/O PRABHAKAR YADAW PRESENTLY, RESIDING AT-H.NO-WZ-303 GALI.NO-8,SADH NAGAR, PALAM,NEW DELHI 110045, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SMITA YADAV TO SMITA KUMARI.VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED.29.OCT.2021.

0040589882-3

I,Rajesh Kumar,S/o Ratan Lal.R/o H.No.3H/71.NH-3. NIT-Faridabad,Haryana-121001, have changed my name to Raiesh Grover.for all.future purposes.

0040589821-4 I,RAMESH KUMAR,S/O SHOBHA RAM.residing at.43, RBI-COLONY, PHASE-1, SECTOR-4, RK.PURAM, NEW DELHI-110022, have changed my name to RAMESH KUMAR RANA, for all, future purpose.

0040589831-8

I.Puneet Kumar.S/O Kanhiya Lal,R/O,H.No-137,2nd-Floor Street.No-4, Plot No-77&78, Kh.No-6/11.Uttranchal Enclave Kamalpur,Burari,Delhi-110084, $have\, changed\, my\, name\, to$ Puneet Rohatgi. 0040589821-7

I.Neelam W/o-Alok Singh Dahiya R/o.Plot.No.38, DLF, Golf Course Road Near-Vatika Tower, Sector-54.Wazirabad (75), Gurgaon (Haryana) 122003, have changed my name to Neelam Dahiya.

0040589890-1

I,Muskan,D/O Shashi Shrivastava R/O H.NO.-T-21/A 1st-Floor, Ward No-3, Mehrauli, Delhi-110030.Have Changed my Name to Muskan Shrivastava.

0040589821-6

I,Karamvir Singh Banga S/o Ravjeet Singh Banga R/o D-45, Sector-30, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Karamveer Singh Banga for all purposes.

I,KM ANSHUL,D/O JAGDISH KUMAR residing, C-6/292, C-BLOCK, BRIJPURI, KARAWAL NAGAR, DELHI-110094, have changed my name to ANSHUL, for all, future purpose.

I,Jitender Pathak,Son of, Sh.Narinder Pal Pathak, R/o-21, SFS-Flats.Siddharth Enclave. Ashram, New Delhi-110014, have changed my son name HRIDAY J. PATHAK to HRIDAY JITENDER PATHAK, HRIDAY J. PATHAK and HRIDAY JITENDER PATHAK, one'are the same 0040589831-3 person.

I,Jayanti Madaan S/o Sh.Ruby Madaan R/o-369/9,Amheri road Jind.HARYANA-126102. That in some of my Documents like PASSPORT and AADHAR-CARD, my father name has been mentioned as Rubi Madaan instead of Ruby Madaan inform that"Rubi Madaan AND Ruby Madaan"is one and same person.

IJITENDRA KUMAR YADAV. PRESENTLY, RESIDING AT, H/NO.A522,SOMNATH NAGAR SOCIETY, TARSALI, VADODARA 390009, HAVE CHANGED MY DAUGHTER'S NAME, FROM ARSHITA YADAV TO ARSHITA VIDE-AFFIDAVIT, DATED-29.OCT-

0040589821-8

I,Isha Kapoor,W/o Rohan Arora, R/o D-256, Ashok-Vihar, Phase-1,Delhi-110052,have changed my name to Isha Arora, for all 0040589831-4

I, Suroor Ali S/O Sarwar Ali, R/o 07- Rainbow City, Fareedi Nagar, Cimap, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226015. Declare that Name of Mine and My Father $has\,been\,wrongly\,written\,as$ Suroor Ali Siddiqui and Haji Saayed Siddigui in my Pan Card No-BARPS0844L. The actual name of Mine and My Father are Suroor Ali and Sarwar Ali. which may be amended

accordingly.

0070759329-1

I,Hitherto known as Maitry Sharma,D/o Rajender Sharma Residing at-1986-A, Gali. No. 15, Bhola Nath-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Maitry Upreti.

0040589831-6 I,Dhirendra Singh Rawat S/o Shri Hosyar Singh Rawat,R/o.D-11, Khasra.No. 53/21/2, Tilak-Enclave, Burari, North Delhi, Delhi-110084, have changed my name as Dhirendra Singh, for all,future purposes.

0040589821-9

I,Aaseka D/o Asadulla Mulla R/o S-23 3rd Floor, Front-Side, Block-S, Parampuri, Uttam Nagar West, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Aaseka Mulla for all purposes. 0040589817-1

I. Vivek Kumar S/o Tej Narayan Chaudharv R/o V-44, Sector-12. Noida, Distt. G.B. Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my name to Vivek Kumar Chaudhary, permanently.

0040589787-1

I, Vijay Kumar@Vijay Kataria S/o Ram Chand R/o 3/72, Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060, have changed my name to Viiav Kumar Kataria for all future purposes. 0040589454-1

I, V.K Gupta alias Vinod Kumar Gupta S/o Ramavtar Gupta R/o Moh-292. Patti Haiari Singh-3 Siyana, Bulandshahr, UP-245412, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vinod Kumar Gupta.

0070759320-1

I, Kusum Lata W/O Raj Kumar R/O, B-371, Swaroop Nagar Delhi-110042,have changed my name to Kusum. 0040589831-2

I, TRIPTA RANI SHARMA,W/o Late Tersam Lal Sharma, R/o-E-61, Bali Nagar, New Delhi-110016,have changed my name to TRIPTA SHARMA, for all 0040589890-3 purposes.

I,Shailja Walia,W/O Anik Walia, R/O E-67 sector-50,Noida-Distt Gautam-buddh nagar,U.P.have changed my name to Shailja Arvind, for all Purposes.

0040589831-9

I, Shakaib Hasan, s/o Shariq Zafar, r/o D-55/7, Street no.18, Chauhan Bangar, D-53, declare that I have changed my name from Shakaib to Shakaib Hasan, and Shakaib and Shakaib Hasan both are same 0010130034-1 person.

I, SURVESH KUMAR S/O BRIJ MOHAN MANCHANDA R/O-226, B/3 PRAKASH MOHALLA EAST-OF-KAILASH DELHI-110065. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SURVESH KUMAR 0040589831-5 MANCHANDA.

I. Raieev Kumar S/O Ramiii Dass. R/o E-2/82, Shastri Nagar, North West, Delhi-110052, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rajiv 0070759350-1

I, Parmanandani Rahul Srichand S/o Srichand Shankar Parmanandani, H.No. 404, Block-18, AVL Apartment, Sector-36, Gurgaon(Harvana). 122004, have Change my name to Rahul Srichand, Parmanandani. 0040589821-1

L P Sankar Rai / Sankar Rai S/o Poyyaly Gurusamy, R/o B-019, Ashiana Orchids, Sector-Gama-2, Greater Noida, near DPS School, G.B.Nagar UP 201306, have changed my name to Sankar Raj Poyyaly for all future Purposes. 0070759362-1

I, Naveen Yadav, S/o Sh. Balram Bhisam Yadav, R/o H.No.-RZ511/20, STNo.35, Sadh Nagar-II, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045, have changed my minor son's name from Tanishq Sunaria Yadav to Tanishq Sunaria vide affidavit dated 27.10.21. 0040589851-1

I, Kuldip Kaur , W/O Late S.Darshan Singh R/o B-236. D.D.A Flats, Kalkaji, Ali, South Delhi-110019. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kuldeep Kaur.

0070759324-1 I, Kriti Singh, W/o Naman Singh Kumar R/o. A7/7, DLF Phase-I, Sikanderpur Ghosi(68), Gurgaon(Haryana)-122002, have changed my name to Kriti 0040589890-2 Singh Kumar.

I, Kiran Devi, W/o Surendra Prasad Verma R/o KH-99, H.No 103. Sai Dham. Rai Citv. Ilayachipur, Loni Dehat, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201102, have changed my name to Anita Devi for all purposes.

I, Jitender Sachdeva S/o Shri Hond Rai Sachdeva, R/O 13/378-B, Geeta Colony Delhi 110031, have changed my name

to JEETENDER SACHDEVA for all future purposes. 0010130073-1

I, Jawahar Lal Yadav S/O Tika Ram. R/o 674/31, near harsh vatika, Laxman Vihar, Phase-2, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001. Declare that Name of Mine has been wrongly written as Discharge Certificate (CDC) No- BY 72351 and Pan Card No-AECPL6419C & Driving License No-HR-2620060075740. The actual name of Mine is Jawahar amended accordingly.

0070759332-1

I,JITENDRA KUMAR YADAV, PRESENTLY RESIDING AT,H/NO-A522,SOMNATH NAGAR SOCIETY, TARSALI, VADODARA 390009, HAVE CHANGED MY SON'S NAME, FROM SHAURYA AFFIDAVIT, DATED-29.OCT.2021. 0040589882-4 I, Himani, D/o Mahesh Kumar Sharma, Employ as Personal Assistant at Ministry of External Affairs, Posting Address: Embassy of India in Helsinki, Finland R/o 30. Kulosaarentie, Helsinki, Finland-00570, having Permanent Address: B-180, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my

name and shall hereafter be

known as Himani Sharma.

0070759312-1

I. K V M THAMBI alias K VIJAYA MOHANAN THAMBI alias KARUNA VIJAYA MOHANAN THAMBIS/O VELA KARUNAKARAN NAIR R/o FLAT NO-202, NAVSHAKTI APARTMENTS SEC-46, FARIDABAD-121003, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as OMSREE JAYAVEER.

I, Gaurav Kumar S/O Rajesh Kumar, R/o 206, Near Central Park, Alambagh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226005, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Gaurav Kumar Verma. 0070759318-1

I, Doly Tiwari D/O Awadhesh Tiwari, R/o Arazi No-758, Vanshi Vihar, Near Singh Dwar Kanpur Sanigawan, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 208021. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as 0070759349-1 Sapna Tiwari

I,Jitin Pal Singh,S/o Ajinder Pal Singh Pahwa R/o-32/23.Block-32,East-Patel Nagar Delhi,have changed my name to Jitin Pal Singh Pahwa. 0040589821-2 I, Bheem Singh, S/o Jagat Singh,

R/o House No-125, F/3, Street No-54-I, Badarpur, Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Karan Rawat. 0070759308-1 I, ANIL KUMAR, S/o CHAMAN

LAL MALIK, R/O-K-1/22, 2nd Floor, Model Town-2, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110009 Have Changed my name to ANIL MALIK for all purposes

0070759264-1

I Vinod Kumar S/o Late Sh. Shaman Lal R/o 52, Gupta Enclave, Gali No.A-1,Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Vinod Kumar Arora for all purposes. I Sundari D/o-Late Sh.Krishan Lal R/o-H.No.260, Village-

Pitampura, Shivaji Market, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Priyanka for all 0040589810-1 purposes. Purshottam Mundhra S/O,

Mohan Lal Maheswari R/o 55 Defence Apartment Paschim Vihar New Delhi 110087 have changed my name to Purshottam Maheswari

0040589844-1

I Parmendra Kumar Singh S/O, Dinanath Signh R/o D-5031, Gaur Green City, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Parmendra Singh for all purposes. 0040589421-1

I Kumari Punam Rani W/O, Chandra Shekhera Chauhan R/o House No.369, Sector - 3, R.k Puram, New Delhi - 110022 have changed my name to Poonam Chauhan for all purposes.

Kanha s/o Yogesh Kumar r/o 14/13 Subhash Nagar West Delhi 110027 have changed my name to Kanha Dang Permanently 0040589854-2

Harpreet Singh s/o Navinder Jeet Singh r/o 4/76 First Floor Back Side Subhash Nagar Delhi 110027 have changed my name

| Devinder Pal S/o Late Sh.Kuldeep Singh R/o WZ-187, 3rd Floor, Gali No.11, Shiv Nagar, Janakpuri B-1, West Delhi, Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Devinder Pal Singh for all purposes.

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I AMAN S/o HARENDRA KUMAR R/o G-010, UNINAV HEIGHTS, RAJ NAGAR EXTENSION, GHAZIABAD, UP - 201017 have changed my name to AMAN 0070759351-1

I,SATVIR SINGH PUNIA,S/O RATI RAM R/O.HOUSE.NO.943 WARD.NO.21,MAIN AZADGARH ROAD ROHTAK, HARYANA, changed my name to SATBIR SINGH PUNIA. 0040589831-7

LOST & FOUND

I,Rajeev Suri S/o Harish Suri R/o-D-064, The Icon DLF City Phase-V,Gurugram,Hr.122009,have lost Original Payments-Receipts of Property CGB-286, DLF Capital Greens,Ph-1,Shivaji Marg Moti Nagar, New Delhi-15 i.e. 1.CLG/CRB/00224/0711, Dt.27/07/2011, Amount-2.CLG/CRB/00209/1012.

Dt.25/10/2012, Amount-1437202/-3.CLG/CRB/00023/0313, Dt.07/03/2013, Amount-1100000/-

4.CLG/CRB/00024/0313, Dt.07/03/2013, Amount-5.CLG/CRB/00063/0513. Dt.04/05/2013, Amount 370000/-6.CLG/CRB17/000863.

Dt.30/11/2017, Amount-

3500000/-7.CLG/CRB0320/00019. Dt.31/03/2020, Amount-417751/-. Finder Contact: 9810148305. 004058

I,SURESH KUMAR,S/O OMPRAKASH,48, DIPN APPARTMENT, PITAMPURA **DELHI-34. MY DDA POSSESSION** LETTER.NO-F-16 (27059)2012/ RHN/4233,DATED-16/09/2019 HAS BEEN LOST, IF ANYBODY FOUND CONTACT-9811309046.

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Original Share Certificate Of Flat No.92, GF, the Polytechnic's Staff CGHS Ltd.Plot,No.3, West, Enclave Known as Sharda Apartment Pitampura Delhi 110034 in the name Allottee Raj Singh having Membership No.382.was Lost.Finder Contact Pawan Kumar-9599679542.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that my client Sharwan Kumar Madaan S/o Sh. Pritam Lal R/o 27, Canara Apartments, Sector-13, Robini, Delhi-110085, has severed all his retations with his son Ulsav Madaan have disowned/debar him from his all movable and immovable property. & assets forever due to his Violent Behaviour with the undersigned. Henceforth my client shall not be responsible for any of his acts, deeds and deals. In case anybody deals with him in any matter shall do so at their own

SANDEEP SHARMA (ADVOCATE

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ZIAUL HAQ (ADVOCATE) mber no. 625 A, Western Wing Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Sh. Kapil Kumar Gau 8/o Sh. Ram Avtar Sharma R/o Village Gokalpur, Gali No.13.
Post Office Gokalpuri, Delhi110094, has debarred his son
Mahdav Mohan Gaur and his wife from his all movable immovable operties due to his misconduct isbehaviour, and anti social iments. Any person dealing with s, then they will be sel

Chambers, KKD Court Delhi-110032

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CH. NO. F-125 LAWYERS CHAMBERS KARKARDOOMA COURT DELHI-110032

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I Devraj Singh have lost the agreement /allotment copy bearing No. ES-99225 flat Number 602 Block No-C, on sixth floor 3501 Sq.Ft in County 107 Sector -107 Noida Uttar Prodesh 201301. issued by ACE infracity

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PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby informe that my client(s) is/are intereste to buy Entire Freehold Propert No.23, area measuring 266.75 se mtrs, Paschim Vihar Extn., Nev gage with Kotak Mahindra Bank. It is hereby notified that any persor or entity, firm / company, Bank HUF/ member of HUF, financia nstitution having any claim, any charge (except above mentioned oank), interest or lien or claim on the pasis of documents and/or objection o thereof,he/she/they may lodge notify the same to the undersigne with documentary proof / cour judgment within 15 days from the day of publication of this public day of publication of this public notice, failing which any further future claim/ objection(s) shall be rejected and my client/prospective buyer(s) as a **bona-fide** purchase conclude the title/ Sale Deed (fo complete property sale deed and/o separate floor wise Sale Deed proposed to be executed in favoi of my client(s) or in the name of his/her/ their nominees shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect encumbrance law and impediment Amit Chaudhary-Advocat Ch.No.561,5th Floor,Saket Court

New Delhi # 991014787

PUBLIC NOTICE

Paramjeet Kaur wife of Sh. Kewal Kishan Kochar and Sh. Kewal Kishan Kochar S/o Late Sh. Bansi Lai Kochar Arobar Sh. Jata Pockethar Jishapur, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-199 have debarred and disowned their son namely Mr. Kawaljeet and daughter in-law Mrs. Aarti Shahi w/o Mr. Kawaljeet from all their movabe and immovable properties and have severed their relations from them with mediciate effect from today because nediate effect from today because of their bad behavior and disowned attitude towards my clients and they are not under the control of my clients. If any person dealing with above said persons, shall be doing so solely at his/her own cost and risk and my clients shall not be liable in any manner. Further, it is declared that my clients shall not be held responsible for any of acts and deeds done by their above-named son and daughter in-law in present and future.

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> ender Notice No. 3901/7CB(I)-11/2021 Date 29.10.202 National Competitive Bidding (e-tender) Corrigendum

With reference to the National Competitive Bidding (e-Tender) Notice published in the newspaper vide Tender Notice No. 3753/7CB(I)-11/2021 Dated 12-10-2021. It is hereby notified will now be available on Web-site https://www.uktender gov.in from 11.11.2021 at 1700 hrs.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🚳

CORRIGENDUM Corrigendum Notice No. W.584/E-Tendering/107&108/2021-22 Dhanbad

dated:27.10.2021. 1. It is further to notify that in E-Tender No.107-DHN-2021-22 dated. 18.10.2021 Tender value should be read as ₹2,23,97,083.73 instead of ₹2,22,43,370.75 2. It is further to notify that in E-Tender No.108-DHN-2021-22 dated. 18.10.2021 Tender value should be read as ₹2,40,79,709.95 instead of ₹2,39,51,740.62 All other details, term and condition exists in the e-tender notice No. 107 & 108-DHN-2021-22, dated 18.10.2021 will remain unchanged and unaltered.

Divisional Railway Manager/(Engg.) ECR/Dhanbad PR/01074/DHN/Engg./C/21-22/24

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

E-Tender Notice No. 13 of 21-22. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following vorks: E-Tender No. N-2021-22-13-Sr. DSTE-MLG. Name of work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Digital EPABX Intercom system model coral flexicom-6000 nstalled at HQ Maligaon for a period of 2 (two) years. Tender Value: 713,49,136.96. Date & time of closing of tender; 15.00 hrs. of 12-11-2021 & opened at 15.30 hrs. of 12-11-2021. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. DSTE/Maligaon SERVING CUSTOMER WITH A SHILE

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **APPLICATION NOTICE**

On behalf of president of India, DRM (Commercial), E.C. Railway, Pt. Deen Daya Upadhyaya division invites applications under NINFRIS (New, Innovative Non Fare Revenue Ideas Scheme) policy for stations over division. Details is as under:-

1. Name of work: All new and innovative ideas, concepts, proposals, themes etc from parties' i.e. railway Public Sector outside agencies (such as NGO.s Self-help groups, co-operative societies, etc. Application Fee (Non-Refundable) ₹1000/-, 3. Date & Time for submission o application.: Upto 12.11.2021 at 15.00 hrs 4. Website particular where compete detail available: www.ecr.indianrailways.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager ECR /Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya PR/01082/DDU/Comm./N/21-22/28

🔘 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🔘

E-TENDER NOTICE The Dy.CE/BRL/, E.C.Railway, Hajipur inviting online (E-Tendering) Open Tende for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractor with experience financial capability including those registered/working with Railway/Irrigation CPWD/MES or any other public sector undertaking for the following work:-

Tender Notice No.: BRL-DNR-EOT-21-0

Item No. 1: Name of the Work with its location: Provision of Man refuse and hand railing of side pathway of Bridge No DB (Rajendra Pul), Span (2x3x18.30+4; 30.5+14x121M) at Km 4/2 to 6/2 between station HTZ link cabin -RJO under DY.CE BRL/HJP of Danapur Division. Approx Cost of work: Rs. 1,12,92,301.98 Item No. 2: Name of the Work with its location Construction of office and store building of SSE/BR/DDG at Digha. Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 50,71,312.16 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: 0.00 (Rs. Zero) (Obta bid security declaration in lieu of Bio Security), 4. Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender: The tender will be uploaded online o www.ireps.gov.in. And the date of opening is 23.11.2021 and will be opened on the same day after 12.00 hrs. 5. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen ar address of the office from where the tende from can be purchased etc. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tende documents can be seen from the CRIS website: http://www.ireps.gov.in & full details of notice can be seen on notice ooard. All corrigendum will be uploaded or website if required. **Executive Engineer Bridge Line**

East Central Railway / Danapul PR/01075/DNR/EBRL/T/21-22/52

THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD. SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022, EPABX NO. 0172-5041812-66 www.verka.coop

Notice Inviting e Tender E.M.D. Date & Time Last Date & Time for Sale/ for Submission for opening of e-tender of e-tender Consignee/ Tender Contract Place of Tender Quantity Opening Hiring of two milk powder /erka Head Office plants having minimum Sector 34 A. Technical Bio conversion capacity of yearty Chandigarh 500% 200,000/up to 10:00 AM 2.00 LLPD for conversion 30.10.2021 rate at 02:00 PW 0172 5041816 of liquid milk into SMP/ contract WMP for Verka Dairies

Bidders shall have to pay required Tonder Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/credit card to getting registered for e-lendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card NEFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselve: registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in and get USER ID and Password well in time For downloading tender through e-tendering, process flow, please contact e-Procurement help deak on giver Nos. 0172-2970263, 2970284 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e- tendering please visit website eproc.punjab.gov.in. Tender processing Fee is Non-Refundable.

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एतद द्वारा सचित किया जाता है कि पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, गढवा अन्तर्गत आमंत्रित ई—प्रोक्योरमेन्ट (1" Call) निविद सूचना संख्या–DWSD/GAR/SVS(JJM)-04/2021-22, दिनाक–13.05.2021 (Construction of Rural Pipe Water Supply Scheme through DT/HYDT/GPT (Solar based) under (JJM) जो PR No. 246519 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22-D एवं प्रथम भाुद्धिपत्र **PR No. 248329 (**Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22-D द्वारा 16 मुपों की निविदा प्रकाशित है, जिसमें 04 अदद मूप यथा-मूप सं0-50, 51, 55 एवं 58 को अगले आर्दश तक रोका गया है, जिसकी सूचना बाद में प्रकाशित की जायेगी, अतः वर्तमान में 12 मूप की निविदा में अपरिहार्य कारणों से तिथि, समय एवं प्राक्कितित राशि, अग्रंधन की राशि में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है —

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1	Rampur Group of SVS Scheme under Majhiaon Block (Group No. 48)	22 Nos	2,21,51,854.00	4,43,500.00	10,000.00	2,23,69,838.00	4,47,500.00	वही
2	Jahasarai Group of SVS Scheme under Majhiaon Block (Group No. 49)	21 Nos	1,83,04,056.00	3,66,500.00	10,000.00	1,84,65,643.00	3,69,500.00	वही
3	Dubey Marhatiya Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 52)	17 Nos	1,88,17,999.00	3,76,500.00	10,000.00	1,74,74,145.00	3,49,500.00	वही
4	Achala Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 53)	11 Nos	1,14,12,813.00	2,28,500.00	10,000.00	1,11,24,480.00	2,22,500.00	वही
5	Chiraunjiya Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 54)	17 Nos	1,94,97,203.00	3,90,000.00	10,000.00	1,89,86,584.00	3,80,000.00	वही
6	Birbandha Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 56)	16 Nos	1,61,07,915.00	3,22,500.00	10,000.00	1,58,81,695.00	3,18,000.00	वही
7	Basariya Group of SVS Scheme under Meral Block (Group No. 57)	09 Nos	1,17,72,211.00	2,35,500.00	10,000.00	1,18,39,585.00	2,37,000.00	वही
8	Tedi Haraiya Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 59)	10 Nos	1,05,99,852.00	2,12,000.00	10,000.00	1,00,90,202.00	2,02,000.00	वही
9	Jargarh Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 60)	12 Nos	1,22,98,005.00	2,46,000.00	10,000.00	1,18,77,553.00	2,38,000.00	वही
10	Jata Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 61)	21 Nos	2,35,38,095.00	4,71,000.00	10,000.00	2,25,23,993.00	4,50,500.00	वही
11	Mahulia Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 62)	21 Nos	2,30,15,249.00	4,60,500.00	10,000.00	2,23,88,193.00	4,48,000.00	वही
12	Nawada Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 63)	24 Nos	2,39,43,033.00	4,79,000.00	10,000.00	2,37,97,391.00	4,76,000.00	वही
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1	Date & time of Tender Uploading on Website	26.07.2021/12:30 P.M.	09.11.2021/12:30 P.M.
2	Date & time of Document Download start date	26.07.2021/12:35 P.M.	09.11.2021/12:35 P.M.
3	Date & time of Bid Submission start date	26.07.2021/12:40 P.M.	09.11.2021/12:40 P.M.
4	Last date & time of Bid Submission	06.08.2021/05:00 P.M.	23.11.2021/05:00 P.M.
5	Last date & time of Submission Cost of BOQ and EMD (in Hard copy)	10.08.2021// 10:30 AM to 04:00 P.M. (i) Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Garhwa. (ii) Office of the Superintending Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Circle, Medininagar (iii) Regional Chief Engineer Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept. Ranchi Zone, Ranchi.	24.11.2021/10:30 AM to 05:00 P.M. (i) Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division,Garhwa. (ii) Office of the Superintending Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Circle, Medininagar (iii) Regional Chief Engineer Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept. Ranchi Zone, Ranchi.
6	Date & time of Opening Tender	11.08.2021/04:30 P.M.	25.11.2021/04:30 P.M.
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(ii) यह शुद्धि—पत्र परिमाण विपत्र का भाग होगा। (iii) विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसाइट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर कार्यालय में सम्पर्क कर जानकारी प्राप्त किया जा

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No DSW(ICDS)G/131/2021/35

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CORRIGENDUM

card & hanging mechanism to the children of all ICDS Centres (Anganwadi Centres and Mini Anganwadi Centres) in different ICDS Projects of Assam, the following modifications are hereby notified through this corrigendum. 1. In SECTION I - C : QUALIFICATION CRITERIA (For the Authorized Dealers) - SI.

No. 01 at Page No. 9 of Tender Booklet may be read as: If the bidder is an Authorized Dealer they must have minimum annual average

turnover of Rs.10 crore during the past 3 (three) financial years i.e. 2018-19, 2019-

turnover of Rs.50 crore during the past 3 (three) financial years i.e. 2018-19, 2019-2020 & 2020-21.1

Instead of:

. In SECTION I-C: QUALIFICATION CRITERIA (For the Authorized Dealers) - SI. No. 02 at Page No. 9 of Tender Booklet may be read as: "If the Bidder is an Authorized Dealer, they must have past experience for supply of

minimum amount of Rs. 3 crore in signal Order during the past 3 (three) years (2018-19, 2019-2020 & 2020-21).in any Central / State Govt. Department / Govt. Concern.

minimum amount of Rs. 20 crore in signal Order during the past 3 (three) years (2018-2019-2020 & 2020-21).in any Central / State Govt. Department / Govt. Concern.

NO. 4 at Page No. 20 of Tender Booklet may be read as: PRODUCT PRODUCT DIMENSION **KEY FEATURES &** NO NAME **SPECIFICATION** 4 ID Card Holder Card Holder Size: 110mm * 70 ID Card Holder, Both Side Visible,

> Width 12 mm, Total Length (Fabric should be printed (Colored) in + Hanger) 20.50 Inch appropriate size of Card Holder on Total Weight of ID Card Holder & good quality paper.

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SPECIFICATION NO 4 ID Card Holder Card Holder Size: 110mmx80 mm ID Card Holder, Both side visible Hanging Mechanism Size: Width made of PP CP materials. with printed 12 mm and length 38 mm Weight 25 Card should be printed (Colored) ir hanging appropriate size of Card Holder on good quality paper. mechanism Hanging Mechanism made of best quality Fabric materials and Plastic Lock system, printed on one side.

> Director Social Welfare, Assam Uzanbazar, Guwahati-1

कार्यपालक अभियंता PR 255950 Drinking Water and Sanitation(21-22)#D पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, गढ़वा

UZANBAZAR, GUWAHATI — 1

Reference to e-Tender No DSW(ICDS)G/131/2021/3, dated 04/10/2021 in regard to supply of School Bag, Tiffin Box. Water Bottle (Insulated) and ID Card Holder with printed

"If the bidders is an Authorized Dealer they must have minimum annual average

In Annexure-A - Items, Technical Specification and Quantity — SR.

with printed mm Hanging Mechanism Size: made of PP Random material. Card hanging mechanism

> PRODUCT DIMENSION **KEY FEATURES &**

New Delhi

Instead of: If the Bidder is an Authorized Dealer, they must have past experience for supply of

ECONOMY

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of October 28

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SENSEX: 59,306.93 ▼ 677.77 (-1.13%) NIFTY: 17,671.65 ▼ 185.60 (-1.04%) NIKKEI: 28,892.69 ▲ 72.60 HANG SENG: 25,377.24 ▼ 178.49 FTSE: 7,229.34 ▼ 20.13 DAX: 15,591.28 ▼ 105.05

SECTOR WATCH **Housing**

Parekh: Real estate heading to best of times

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29

HDFC CHAIRMAN Deepak Parekh Friday said the housing and real estate sector is "heading into the best of times" with a lot of "optimism in the air".

"In over 50 years of my worklife. I have not seen housing affordability better than where it is today in India. I have not seen such easy liquidity conditions and interest rates at such record low levels." Parekh said. "Most importantly, I have not seen such a burning desire to be a homeowner than in these current times," Parekh said at a conference organized by Credai Bankon 2021. "Right now, there is a lot of optimism in the air on the potential of the housing and real estate sector. This isn't just feel-good talk, it is real." he said. "The Indian real estate market is on the cusp of a new growth cycle and it is important that we make the best of it," Parekh said.

According to Parekh, housing markets move in cycles and research suggests that for India, the peak and trough of each housing mar-



Deepak Parekh, chairman, HDFC. File

ket cycle typically entails a duration of 6 to 8 years. "The last peak for the housing sector in India was 2012-13, and the triggers for the decline thereafter entailed impacted affordability, tight liquidity, developers finding themselves acutely over leveraged coupled with projects starting to get massively delayed on a large scale," he said.

The reason why I am optimistic about the future is that while home sales have been happening, the real shot in the arm has been the recent pipeline of new launches," he said. This is the greatest mark of confidence for the future,

MINIMUM EFFECTIVE CORPORATE TAX

Goyal: Pushing G20 for tax on MNCs in country of operation

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

INDIA IS pushing G20 nations to ensure that large multi-national corporations (MNCs) pay a minimum corporate tax in the countries in which they operate. A number of countries have raised the issue of large MNCs shifting profits and taxes to low tax jurisdictions, regardless of where revenues are generated.

India loses about \$10.3 billion per year as a result of such moves by MNCs, including Big Tech majors Facebook, Google and Amazon that move profits to lowtax jurisdictions such as Ireland, the British Virgin Islands and Panama, "On tax reforms, India has pushed the G20 nations to address the mismatch between source of generation of profits



Minister. via @PiyushGoyal

and the jurisdiction where profits are taxed. This will ensure large MNCs pay a minimum effective corporate tax in the country of operation," Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said in a press briefing prior to the start of the twoday G20 summit on Saturday.

India had earlier this year amended taxation rules to impose an equalisation levy of 2 per

resident e-commerce operators with a turnover of over Rs 2 crore. The US had in June announced a retaliatory tariff on Indian imports after concluding the taxes targeted US firms but immediately suspended the tariffs for a six month period noting that the US was "committed to reaching a consensus on international tax issues through the OECD and G20

Goyal said India had received wide support in its call for mutual recognition of travel documents. including testing and vaccines certificates. India is seeking easing of travel restrictions to allow Indian professionals to resume work and students in other countries. He added India has raised the issue of a waiver of intellectual property rights on Covid vaccines at G20.

Sitharaman meets UK, Singapore, Canada FMs

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday met UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak, Singapore Finance Minister Lawrence Wong and Canada's Deputy Prime Minister & Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland on the sidelines of the G-20 Joint Finance and Health Ministers' meeting.

The ministers discussed and exchanged views on various issues, including economic recovery from pandemic. PTI

FPI outflows keep Sensex in the red

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29

STOCK MARKET correction continued on Friday, even as dull global cues and mixed corporate earnings hit the sentiment. The Sensex, which had lost 1,159 points on Thursday, crashed by another 678 points, or 1.13 per cent, to 59,306.93 while the Nifty50 lost 186 points, or 1.04 percent, to 17,671.65 as investors, led by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), dumped stocks anticipating further decline. With Friday's fall, the Sensex has fallen 1,837 points in the last two days.

FPIs unloaded stocks worth Rs 5,142 crore during the day. Although domestic institutions bought Rs 4,342 crore worth stocks, they couldn't prevent another slide. "Participants will be closely eyeing the upcoming US Fed meet and auto sales numbers for cues. Indications are pointing towards further slides, so participants should maintain a cautious

SENSEX Intra-day 59,857.33 60,400 59,306.93 60,000 59,600 59,200 58,800



GLOBAL MARKETS turned weak although the ECB decided to keep rates unchanged while slow growth in the US tested investor confidence.

approach," said Ajit Mishra, VP-research, Religare Broking Ltd.

'Most biz leaders feel pressured to offer more flexibility post-Covid'

A significant percentage of business leaders feel pressured to offer greater flexibility post-Covid, as per a LinkedIn study

78% HAVE ALREADY OFFERED OR **ARE PLANNING TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO WORK FROM A** DIFFERENT COUNTRY



80% of business leaders in India feel pressured to offer greater flexibility since Covid, with employees, managers, and the government, the top three contributors of this pressure

Methodology: The LinkedIn study by research firm GFK focuses on the insights of 736 business leaders in India

Source: LinkedIn/PTI

Core output growth falls 4.4% in Sept Estimates at the end of

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THE GROWTH of output in eight core sectors fell to 4.4 per cent in September from 11.5 per cent in August on the back of high rainfall dampening mining and construction activities.

Key sectors that helped growth were natural gas, refinery products, and cement, which saw production rise by 27.5 per respectively.

Experts said the low growth in core industries indicated that growth in total factory production as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) would also likely fall. The core sector has a weight of 40.3 per cent in the IIP

Fiscal deficit at 35% of BE

The Central government's fiscal deficit stood at Rs 5.26 lakh crore or 35 per cent of the Budget

September 2021, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on Friday.

Experts noted that a sharp increase in revenues compared to the year-ago period and relatively small increase in government expenditure meant that the fiscal deficit in FY22 is likely to be lower than the 6.8 per cent of GDP announced in the

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Planning airport in Palghar: Thackeray

Cricket, Bollywood museums in Mumbai planned; Konkan CRZ decision likely by Jan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29

MAHARASHTRA TOURISM Minister Aaditya Thackeray on Friday said the state government would set up an airport in Palghar, considering that the Mumbai airport is being used to its full potential while the Navi Mumbai airport, which will be operational in future, might be insufficient to cater to requirements.

sion on the Konkan Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) is expected to be taken by January, steps are being taken to set up a Bollywood and cricket museum in Mumbai. He made the announcement

at a tourism conclave, organised by Loksatta, the Marathi daily of The Indian Express group, to discuss the development opportunities of the tourism sector in the state. Puneet Chhatwal, Chairman-CII National Committee On Tourism & Hospitality and MD & CEO, Indian Hotels Company Ltd was present as a special guest. Thackeray, who inaugurated

the conclave, also discussed various schemes being implemented by the government for the growth of tourism in the state. "Compared to the facilities available in



Environment, and Puneet Chhatwal, Chairman-CII National Committee On Tourism & Hospitality and MD & CEO, Indian Hotels Company Ltd, with Mukund Sangoram, Deputy Editor. Loksatta. Amit Chakravarty

Mumbai, Palghar has less facilities and more attention is being given there. In future, there will be

a lot of strain on the Mumbai and the Navi Mumbai airports and an-

other airport is needed.

Considering the period of few years required to develop a new airport, planning has already started for the construction of an

the government is considering setting up a cricket museum at the Wankhede stadium and the search is on to find a suitable location for setting

Palghar," he said.

He noted that

airport

up a Bollywood museum. "Even though everything was

stalled due to Covid restrictions, a number of policy decisions

was formulated in consultation with all the stakeholders on how to develop the tourism industry (in the state) in the next few years. It has been decided recently to keep the CRZ area in Mumbai up to 50 meters and a decision is expected to be taken by January regarding Konkan CRZ," Thackeray said. "In many important cities of the world, life goes on 24 hours a day. Therefore, it is important to have 'Mumbai 24

were taken and tourism policy

Chhatwal said the tourism sector, which had zero income during the Covid period, is now booming.

"Other countries have not vet opened their doors to tourism. This is currently benefiting the tourism sector in India. Therefore, at present, there is 100 per cent booking in hotels all over the country. It is said to be a kind of 'revenge' tourism. But, people are coming out for their happiness," he said, while thanking Thackeray for according industry status to hospitality sector and reducing the number of permissions required for it.

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Adani Group to pick up minority stake in Cleartrip

ADANI GROUP on Friday said it would acquire a "significant minority stake" in online travel aggregator and ticket booking portal Cleartrip, which is a part of the Flipkart group.

lihood its first inorganic investment in the digital space, apart from its investment in its own data centres.

"The investment will further enhance the strategic partnership between the Adani Group and the Flipkart Group ... As a part of the investment, Cleartrip will also serve as the Adani Group's OTA (online travel aggregator) partner," the group said.

The stake acquisition in Cleartrip is in line with the group's plans of launching a SuperApp, said Gautam Adani, chairman,

Rajan: Our belief in economic future has diminished

New Delhi: Indians' belief in the country's economic future has diminished in the recent years, with the Covid pandemic taking a further toll on sentiment while pushing many middle-class citizens into poverty, former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan has said.

. Virtually addressing an event organised by the NALSAR versity of Law Raian further said the domestic stock market is booming but that does not reflect the reality that many Indians are in deep distress. "In recent years we have gotten a little less confident. Our belief in economic future has diminished...the pandemic toll has further diminished our selfbelief or 'atma vishwas' even further while pushing many in the middle-class into poverty," he said.

Rajan further said the thrust of the economic programmes should be to create good jobs, while lamenting that states are increasingly reserving employment for locals, undermining the



Governor, RBI. File

idea of India.

"As our economic performance is diminishing, our demodifferences is also taking a hit, not just at the Centre but in many states. You know community sentiment is very easily hurt,"

rules for exposures below ₹5 cr Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of

India on Friday relaxed current account rules for bank exposures less than Rs 5 crore, allowing banks to open current account, cash credit (CC) and overdraft (OD) facilities without any restriction.

ers where exposure of the banking system is Rs 5 crore or more, such borrower can maintain current accounts with any one of the banks with which it has CC or OD facility, provided that the bank has at least 10 per cent of the exposure of the banking system to that borrower, the RBI said in a circular.

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RBI board

of Directors of the RBI on Friday reviewed the current economic situation.

Mumbai: The Central Board

Future-Reliance

New Delhi: The Delhi HC declined Future Group's plea for stay on an arbitration tribunal order refusing to interfere with the Emergency Award.

Karvy MF biz Mumbai: Prudent Corporate

Advisory Services has acquired the mutual fund business of Karvy Stock Broking.

ADB loan

New Delhi: The ADB has approved \$250 million loan to support National Industrial Corridor Development. PTI

Microsoft

Bengaluru: Microsoft has become the world's most valuable public firm. **REUTERS**

JioPhone to cost ₹1,999

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RELIANCE JIO and Google on Friday announced that the muchanticipated JioPhone Next will be available in stores from Diwali with an entry price of only Rs 1,999 and the rest paid via easy equated monthly instalments (EMI) over 18 or 24 months.

"JioMart Digital's network of more than 30,000 retail partners are empowered to provide the JioPhone Next with paperless digital financing option, extending to the remotest corners of the country, making it geographically accessible to every Indian," the companies said. However, they did not disclose final price of the product.

Mukesh D Ambani, chairman & MD, Reliance Industries said, "I am delighted that Google and Jio teams have succeeded in bringing this breakthrough device to Indian consumers in time for the festival season, in spite of the current global supply chain challenges caused by the Covid pandemic."

'Godrej Group may split'

New Delhi: The \$4.1 billion Godrej Group is headed for a split between the brothers, sources aware of the matter said, citing external advice the family has sought for an amicable division of the 124-yearold conglomerate.

At present, the group is led by industrialist Adi Godrej (79), who is its chairman. Their cousin $Jamshyd\,N\,Godrej\,is\,the\,chairman$ of Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Company Ltd.

According to a report, the group is looking for a complete

The group is led by Adi Godrej, who is chairman

large-scale division between two groups - one led by Adi and Nadir, and the other by Jamshyd and his sister Smitha Godrej Crishna.

A joint statement by the family said, "The Godrej family has been working on a long-term strategic plan for the group for the last few years to ensure best value for its shareholders." PTI

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Sindhu sails into French Open semis

Paris: India's double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu continued her impressive run at the French Open badminton tournament by sailing into the women's singles semifinals with a straight-game win over Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan here on Friday, Sindhu, seeded third, scripted a convincing 21-1421-14 win over eighth seeded in 38 minutes to extend her dominating head-to-head record against the Thai to 14-1. The 26-yearold from Hyderabad had beaten Busanan at Denmark Open also, last week. Sindhu, the reigning world champion, defeated Denmark's Line Christophersen, ranked 24th in the world 21-19 21-9 on late Thursday night to enter the quarters. The world number seven will now cross swords with Japan's world number 15 Sayaka Takahashi in the last four on Saturday.

Boxing Worlds: Akash, Sanjeet in last-16

Belgrade: Asian champion Sanjeet (92kg) defeated Russia's Andrei Stotskii in a thoroughly entertaining contest to enter the pre-quarterfinals, while Akash Kumar (54kg) got a walkover into that stage on a good day for Indians at the AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships here on Friday. Akash advanced after his German opponent Omar Salah Ibrahim fell ill and gave him a walkover here on Friday. He will face Puerto Rico's Pagan Caleb Tirado in the last-16 stage. Varinder had to pull out of his 60kg category bout due to high fever but he tested negative for COVID-19. Sanjeet put up quite a show in the 4-1 win over Stotskii, who was not a pushover by any measure. The Indian, however, was the more attacking of the two, at least in the first two rounds.

Adititied 17th, Tvesa tied 20th in Dubai

Dubai: Indian golfers Aditi Ashok and Tvesa Malik shot 71 each to be placed comfortably inside the cutline after two days at the Dubai Moonlight Classic here. Aditi (69-71) and Tvesa (70-71) are T-17 and T-20 respectively, while Diksha Dagar (72-71) is T-27. Both Aditi and Tvesa had four birdies against three bogeys, while Diksha had three birdies and two bogeys. Maria Fassi (63-71) and Jessica Karlsson (66-68) sit tied at the top of the leaderboard on 10-under-par.

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India's hockey pullout linked to C'garh event cancellation: CGF chief

MIHIR VASAVDA

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 29

THE HEAD of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has indicated that India's decision to withdraw its men's and women's hockey teams from next year's edition in Birmingham could likely be linked to the cancellation of the shooting and archery events, which were to be held in Chandigarh at the beginning of 2022.

Louise Martin, the CGF president, said she was "disappointed" after the Indian teams pulled out of the Birmingham Games, and added she had a "brief conversation" with sports minister Anurag Thakur on the issue, which has put further strain on an already prickly relationship.

However, when asked whether she believed it was purely a sporting decision, Martin told The Indian Express: "I have been told it is sporting. It's disappointing. If Covid hadn't happened, and Chandigarh (events) had gone ahead, I think it would have been different. Because of Covid and Chandigarh not happening, I think that's another... I don't know the full answer to that one."

Earlier this month, Hockey India said that both the teams would skip the CWG because of the competition's proximity to the Asian Games, where an Olympic berth is at stake. India's sudden withdrawal was seen as a reaction to England's decision to pull out of the Junior World Cup, which is to be held in Bhubaneswar in November-December, citing the then quarantine rules.

However, there were suggestions within India's Olympic circles that the hockey teams' withdrawal was, in fact, in response to the CGF's decision to cancel the shooting and archery events.

Bone of contention

The exclusion of shooting from the Birmingham CWG has been the main bone of contention between the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the CGF. IOA president Narinder Batra even threatened to boycott the Games but rescinded it following Martin's visit to Delhi in 2019. Back then, it was decided that as a compromise, a Commonwealth shooting and archery championship would be held in Chandigarh so that the athletes get an opportunity to compete. The CGF, however, called off that event in the wake of the pandemic.

Thakur has criticised Hockey India's "unilateral" decision, and Martin said they are in dialogue with Indian officials, hoping that they change their minds. "We just need to talk to one another. To me, 40 days is plenty of time to do the Games even with the time difference," she said. "The Commonwealth hockey competition is really, really strong. To me, India should be us-



India's hockey teams won't take part in the Birmingham CWG next year.

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ing that to make sure they are ready for the Asian Games.'

Free vaccines

Hockey India, in their letter to Batra, had also cited the uncertainty over quarantine rules as one of the reasons for their decision to withdraw. Martin guaranteed that the visa situation will be "very easy" for every country participating in the Games and that the British government has decided to offer free vaccines for the participants.

They are, however, yet to decide if vaccination will be mandatory for athletes. "That will be our next discussion. At this moment, we are offering everyone vaccinations for free," she said.

Athletes who do not get vaccinated might have to undergo a Covid test every day, Martin said, while those who have received both shots "might not need to be tested every single day"

'That's for our medical people to tell us. We will follow their rules. I am convinced of these Games not being nearly as restrictive as it was in Tokyo. They were right in the middle of the pandemic. We have come out of the pandemic but it's still there. That's what everyone has to realise and we have to make it as secure as we can," the 75-yearold administrator said, adding that they are aiming for "full stadiums" for the Games.

Kabaddi at CWG?

The Birmingham Games could also be the last edition with all the traditional sports. Earlier this month, the CGF's general assembly approved a major change in the Games' programme, according to which only athletics and swimming will remain as compulsory sports. The host city will have the freedom to pick and choose other sports, according to popularity in their region.

This could mean a sport like hockey or wrestling could meet the same fate as shooting did for the Birmingham edition. The decision has received mixed responses from Commonwealth nations, but Martin said it was taken to reduce the strain on future host cities. It must be noted that the CGF is still hunting for a country to host the next

"The size of the sports programme – 19 before and now 22 – was too big and a lot of countries are not big enough to take that. Some of them (sports) are not relevant to them," Martin said. "So, what we are trying to do is have two sports as our kingpins since they have been there in all editions. And then we have the next list where we have team and individual sports where they can choose from, sports which used to be compulsory but are now optional."

She added this could lead to a sport like kabaddi being included in the CWG. "It's up to the host to work with the federation to say which one is most relevant to them and showcase to the world. Like if it's India, then kabaddi. For Canada, it could be lacrosse.'

UEFA orders partial closure of Union Berlin stadium over supporters' racist behaviour

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BERLIN, OCTOBER 29

UEFA SANCTIONED German fooball club Union Berlin on Friday with a partial stadium closure for the antisemitic behavior of some of its fans toward supporters of Israeli team Maccabi Haifa.

UEFA said it had concluded its disciplinary proceedings against Union "for the racist behavior of its supporters" during the Europa Conference League game against Haifa at Berlin's Olympiastadion on September 30. It was the first football game involving an Israeli team played at the stadium built for the 1936 Olympics hosted by Nazi Germany. UEFA ordered Union to close sectors 13 and 14 "where the home supporters are seated" for its next game in the competition against Dutch team Feyenoord on Thursday and display a banner with the wording "#NoToRacism" and the UEFA logo in those sectors.

Union had already identified one individual it said took part in the antisemitic abuse of Haifa fans and banned him from the club's grounds and premises indefinitely. The club said it also contacted the German soccer federation to register a nationwide stadium ban against the unnamed man.

There is no tolerance whatsoever for discrimination at Union Berlin," said club president Dirk Zingler, who slammed the "shameful and intolerable" abuse

The Fare Network, which combats discrimination in soccer, said eyewitnesses were shocked by the levels of antisemitism? at the game. Fare on Twitter showed pictures of a Union supporter who, it said, gave Nazi salutes toward the visiting fans and abused those who called him out.? Another man in

one of the pictures can be seen also giving a Nazi salute, which is illegal in Germany and

punishable by prison terms. Members of the youth branch of the local German-Israeli society said Union fans threw beer on them and called them (expletive)

Jews? among other insults. The Department for Research and Information on Antisemitism Berlin, or RIAS, said visiting fans also faced racist and homo-

phobic slurs as well as antisemitic abuse. RIAS and the local German-Israeli society members noted that many Union fans tried to prevent the perpetrators from engaging in the abuse. The society members expressed gratitude for the support they re-

ceived from the majority The stadium is usually used by Union's city rival Hertha Berlin, but it has been taken over by Union for European competition this season as its own stadium in the eastern borough of Kaepernick doesn't have enough seating capacity to meet UEFA demands.

Bayern on slippery ground

Bayern Munich is smarting after its biggest loss in 43 years and Union Berlin will be cautiously hoping to take advantage of the situation when the teams meet in the Bundesliga on Saturday. Bayern was routed 5-0 at Borussia Mönchengladbach in the second round of the German Cup on Wednesday.

It was the team's biggest defeat since a 7loss to Fortuna Düsseldorf in the Bundesliga in December 1978. Bayern coach Julian Nagelsmann says "we've shown that we're people and not machines." Union is again overachieving this season. The team is in fifth place and boasts a 21-game unbeaten run at home in the Bundesliga



The match between Union Berlin and Maccabi Haifa last month was the first football game involving an Israeli team played at the stadium built for the 1936Olympics hosted by Nazi Germany.

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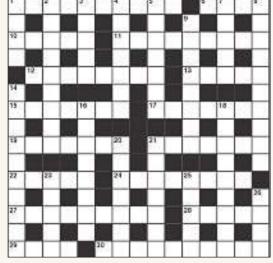
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TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) It's time to forget about behaviour or

actions by friends which have offended your pride. Instead, why don't you astound everybody with your determination to strike out on an entirely new path? It's a fine moment for a spot of shopping therapy, by the way, which is another way of saying, indulge your harmless desires.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) This looks like one

of those days when helping yourself is as important as helping others. The curious feature of today's idealistic planetary patterns is that selfless service to others can do you good. You'll also figure out how to handle a

domestic responsibility. CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Spending plans may require urgent attention, possibly because vou've overcommitted yourself in the past. However, don't feel pressurised into acting against your better judgment. Younger relations

need your support, by the way, so

lend a helping hand. LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23) Given that this isn't

the best day for arranging travel plans, if you are embarking on an unavoidable journey you must be sure to take elementary precautions. Check instructions, directions and other details. Family and friendly developments come together at last.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23) It would be false to



efforts have all been in vain. However, you may be wondering just where it is all leading.

Try to look at the broader picture. A foreign or legal connection may hold the key to your family's future, so keep an eve open for longdistance developments.

New Delhi

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

described as a free

thinker, but such is the nature of the planetary patterns which will soon be affecting your life, that you should spare no effort in your quest for new personal ambitions and lifestyles. The future begins today!

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) You obviously feel that you have been led up the garden path, but this is a

common experience for people born under the influence of your sign. You should try to be more trusting. and not quite so ready to dismiss people on your first impressions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec. 22) Any tension in your partnerships could be a dynamic force for change. This is a time to mix as widely as

possible and soak up influences you'd normally shun. You're also likely to make big advances in your business plans, though take it one careful step at a time.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Even though you still feel that others

are being inconsiderate, their intentions may be perfectly honourable. It's down to you to break the deadlock by making suggestions which other people will feel obliged to accept. Make someone an offer they can't refuse!

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) If you look back, you

will see that the past year has been a time of struggles and conflicts as well as rewards

and achievements. Your most important gain has been an increase in maturity and depth of experience. That is now going to make you almost invincible.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Everyone in sight has been impressed



by your obvious skill and expertise in dealing with family affairs. However, tensions have not

been resolved, and this is no time to give way to complacency. Concentrate on your inner, spiritual development, just for a change.

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JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to Let there be no purpose in ___ save the deepening of the spirit. - Khalil Gibran (10)

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Answer: Let there be no purpose in **friendship** save the deepening of the spirit. - Khalil SOLUTION: CRIME, FINIS, DEEPEN, SHIFTY



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New finisher in town

24 needed off the last 12 balls, Asif Ali smashes four sixes in the penultimate over as Pakistan survive Afghanistan scare



SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY DUBAI, OCTOBER 29

ONCE AGAIN, Pakistan almost stumbled at the end. And once again, Asif Ali was there to

With 24 needed off 12 the last deliveries, Asif hit sixes for fun, smashing four of them in the 19th over by Karim Janat to settle the issue. An overzealous fan ran onto the ground and fell on the batsman's feet before being nabbed by the security personnel. In the stands, Pakistani supporters sang Asif's name. With three wins on the bounce, Babar Azam's team is now all but through to the semifinal. In their 'nayya daur', they have a new finisher.

Asif did it against New Zealand as well, taking Tim Southee to the cleaners. Here, he was under bigger pressure after a fantastic 18th over from Naveen-ul-Haq that had just two runs and Shoaib Malik's wicket.

The first ball of the 19th over from Janat was full, in the slot. Asif got under the ball and sent it over long-off. Then a sequence ensued. A dot ball was followed by another length delivery at a military medium pace. Asif cleared the deep mid-wicket boundary. Another dot ball came before back-to-back sixes took Pakistan to their victory target of 148 with an over to spare. Asif has always been a six-hitting hero in domestic cricket. The T20 World Cup has been witnessing his progress at the international level.

For three matches on the spin, Pakistan chased and their approach was pretty similar. Pakistani statistician Mazher Arshad put out a stat on Twitter: Against India, they required 100 off the last 12 overs. Against New Zealand, the equation was 96 off the last 12. Today, it was 99 off the last 12.

There was a difference though. Afghanistan captain Mohammad Nabi had held his trump card back for the back-end of the innings and Rashid Khan bowled four of those last 12 overs. Once the leg-spinner came into the attack, the game changed. A flighted delivery accounted for Mohammad Hafeez. Malik tried to take the attack to Afghanistan's main bowler and hit him for a six. But Rashid responded with Babar's wicket through a googly. After playing the role of an anchor and scoring 51 off 47 balls, the Pakistan captain fell prey to a poor shot. He actually could have avoided

I targetted the smaller part of the ground. I had discussed it with Shoaib bhai as well, I'd told him we'll chase 25 runs even off the last over. Unfortunately, he got out but I could still get the job done."

ASIF ALI

that greedy heave, which suddenly put his team under the pump.

Little transgressions aside, Pakistan have been playing in this tournament as a welldrilled, professional unit, moving on from individual effort and showmanship. Never before did a Pakistan team look so collective. Hunger for converting the singles into twos has been a welcome addition to their cricket, as also top-class fielding. Their batsmen ran like hare between the wickets. Their fast bowlers yet again went flat out.

Afghanistan on the contrary dropped a couple of catches to release the pressure.

T20 cricket in its boom and bust variety can be very exciting. Afghanistan, running high on passion, batted that way. Pakistan pacers went flat out. A Haris Rauf thunderbolt worked up the Speed Gun - 153kph. Afghanistan's response to serious pace was lusty hitting. They didn't look bothered at the fall of wickets as long as their batsmen were clearing the boundary.

Shaheen Shah Afridi dismissed Mohammad Shahzad. Rahmanullah Gurbaz walloped Imad Wasim over mid-wicket for a six. Asghar Afghan piled more misery on the left-arm spinner with another six and a four. Haris came and beat Afghan for pace. Janat upper-cut the fast bowler over deep third man for a maximum. It felt like cricket was Afghanistan's escape route to freedom. They moved in fourth gear all along, clutches of wickets notwithstanding.

The 71-run seventh-wicket partnership between Gulbadin Naib and Nabi was gorgeous. Hasan Ali, who had earlier bowled a maiden, gave away 21 runs in his fourth over. Haris was accounted for three fours in his final over. Towards the end of the Afghanistan innings, Pakistan seemed to be surrendering the momentum. A Pakistan team of its earlier vintage might have let the downturn affect their batting performance. The new Pakistan have embraced a winning mentality.

In his smart seats, Shahid Afridi looked

BRIEF SCORES: Afghanistan: 147/6 in 20 overs (M Nabi 35, G Naib 35; Imad Wasim 2/25) lost to Pakistan 148/5 in 19 overs (Babar Azam 51; Rashid Khan 2/25) by 5 wickets

Fans try to force entry, report sought

Dubai: Thousands of ticketless fans tried to force entry to the Dubai International Stadium, leaving some genuine ticket The International Cricket Council, the organiser of the T20 World Cup, has sought a report from its security.

According to sources, large chunks of Afghanistan fans tried to force their way into the stadium through Enclosure B. The Dubai Police had to be called to cordon off the area. Outside the ground, some genuine ticket holders complained that they couldn't get in.

The Pakistan-Afghanistan game has a history of rival fans clashing. Extra security arrangements were made from the start. Probably for the first time in this T20 World Cup, the Dubai Mounted Police

Fans started to throng the venue from 2 pm local time, four hours before the start of the match. Afghan fans were outnumbering their Pakistani counterparts. A lot of people were asking for tickets near the stadium entrance. It was a full house at 70 percent capacity. Outside, several hundreds of fans waited.

When contacted, an ICC insider said: "We are waiting for a report from our security."

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Pakistan's Asif Ali hugs teammate Shadab Khan after hitting the winning runs against Afghanistan on Friday. AP

Gutsy on field and guarded off it, Afghan players stare at uncertain future post WC

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

KHALIDA POPAL turns to Maya Angelou to heal her hurt. Her Twitter timeline carries a quote from the great American poet and civil rights activist: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what

you did, but people will never forget how you

made them feel.' Khalida, the former Afghanistan women's football team captain, now lives in Denmark after organising mass evacuation efforts, helping lots of female athletes out of the country in the wake of the Taliban takeover. More recently, Fifa evacuated 57 more players and their families from

Against this backdrop, the Afghanistan men's cricket team is playing at the ongoing T20 World Cup, players trying to be politically correct during media interactions, em-

bracing stoicism. How are they feeling deep inside? Mohammad Nabi's troops were seen in tears when the national anthem was played in Sharjah before their match against Scotland. Taliban government officials took exception to such an emotional outbreak, asking the team to be matter-of-factly instead. Following the takeover, the Taliban has replaced the erstwhile national flag and report-

edly banned the national anthem. Afghanistan rolled over Scotland in their tournament opener before playing against Pakistan, a game which the country's Khaama Press News Agency called "one of the most exciting games in WC"

Even Rashid Khan has changed since his Twitter post-two-and-a-half months ago.

Afghanistan's players have remained politically neutral at the T20 World Cup.

When the former captain was asked about the situation back home on Thursday, he replied: "Things are getting better. Getting normal back home and hopefully, that's something which we only hope to see much

Is Afghanistan cricket in a quagmire of fear? After an initial 'Hi' from a former Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) official, a query about the game's situation back home was met with the sound of silence.

The men are by and large silent. But the women, from Khalida to Tuba Jan Sangar, the 28-year-old who worked to develop women's cricket in Afghanistan, have been speaking. "Cricket is not just a game for Afghan people, Everyone loves cricket, Now there is no hope. Our players, our staff, they are stuck in Kabul. They are just worried

about their own lives." Sangar, now based out of Canada, told Financial Times last

Unconvincing

Despite ACB chairman Azizullah Fazli's claim that the Taliban-led government hasn't "officially" banned women's cricket in the country, the world is far from convinced.

In September, Cricket Australia (CA) said that it wouldn't host Afghanistan for a oneoff Test in Hobart in November if women's cricket wasn't supported. A CA tweet on September 9 stated: "Driving the growth of women's cricket globally is incredibly important to Cricket Australia. Our vision for cricket is that it is a sport for all and we support the game unequivocally for women at

"If recent media reports that women's cricket will not be supported in Afghanistan are substantiated, Cricket Australia would have no alternative but to not host Afghanistan for the proposed Test match due to be played in Hobart. "We thank the Australian and Tasmanian Governments for their support on this important issue."

dates all its Full Members to have a women's team, which is non-negotiable, and the ICC Board is likely to discuss the Afghanistan issue after the ongoing World Cup. In the meantime, the global body has taken a 'wait and see' approach.

'This is a Board issue, not something that can be decided by the (ICC) management. They're obviously keeping a very close eye on things," an ICC insider told The Indian Express. Irrespective of the team's performance at the T20 World Cup, Afghanistan cricket is staring at uncertainty.

Rashid Khan, the googly search engine

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RASHID KHAN vs Babar Azam proved the best match-up of the tournament so far. The wizard Khan held the upper hand throughout, even saw his man being dropped and reprieved by the DRS but got him off the final ball of his spell.

His second ball to Babar was a sharp googly that the batsman was rapped on the pad. The umpire gave it out but DRS saved Babar. The next ball was another googly, the first of the second over, yet again rapped the pads but it was sliding down leg. Babar went for the slog sweep next ball but dragged it off the inner edge.

Both the batsman and the bowler had a chat and a smile. Rashid's next ball to Babar was a beauty; it broke away so sharply from Babar who was stunned and poked it off the outer edge just wide of the slip. The next ball was a lot slower and Babar mistimed the drive. As he walked away at the end of his second over, Khan shut his eyes, hung his head, and grimaced.

After a lengthy discussion, Afghanistan decided to give Khan the 17th over. Shoaib Malik walloped a leg break for a six and charged down the track. Undeterred, Khan kept at it and nearly had Babar on the fourth ball with a crafty leg break but Naveen clanged a relatively simple chance running in from backward point.

Then Babar did something very strange, and uncharacteristic. It was the last ball of the over, the last ball of Rashid's spell, but he went for a big heave-ho. Was it the ego to prove a point? Was it the urge to break Afghanistan's spirits? Whatever it was, it was decidedly unwise. This time, Rashid went for the googly, and a tad slower at it, and Babar was through with his slog-sweep and was bowled. Off ran Rashid on a celebratory run - he had troubled Babar nearly every ball and got his man in the end.

England await first major test

PTI: Title favourites England are expected to be tested for the first time in the ongoing T20 World Cup when they face arch-rivals Australia in a battle for supremacy in the Super 12 Group 1 here on Saturday.

Both teams go into the high pressure game unbeaten. While England started their campaign as favourites for the trophy, Australia have emerged as a strong contender with their performance in the first two games. Australia's batting was not very convincing in the low-scoring match against South Africa but they were clinical in the chase against Sri Lanka Thursday night.

The biggest positive out of the Sri Lanka game was captain Aaron Finch and David Warner getting back amongst the runs at the top of the order. Warner especially was criticised for his form since being sidelined by Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL and he answered all his doubters with a h half-century.

The southpaw is expecting the game against England to be a tough one. "They've obviously got a good all-around side. They bat deep, and they've got a lot of options with the ball. They are high confidence, as well. We know with their batting they're going to come hard, and in the bowling you pretty much know what you're going to get, so as I said, it's applying pressure," said Warner. "If you can apply pressure in the first six, minimize damage, it sort of changes the mindset of what they have to do," he said.

NEAR SELF-DESTRUCTION

West Indies live to fight another day, but only after a chaotic climax

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IN THE end, it was so very West Indies; frantic and chaotic. A dozen runs to defend in the last over, a skilled death-overs operator barraging yorkers, yet the defending champions nearly contrived to lose the game that would have practically ended their tournament. A spilled catch in the deep, a missed run-out, singles that ended up as twos, they made a royal mess of it, but in the end, somehow squeezed in the two survival points, partly abetted by a nervous Bangladesh.

These days, across formats and continents. the West Indies are diligently chaotic. The last over just embodied it. Afif Hossain scooped the ball between short-fine leg and square leg. Both converged to prevent the ball from reaching the fence, and for a split second, both thought the other would pick the ball. As they procrastinated. Afif scampered for the second run. Dwayne Bravo, the de facto captain, waved furiously at the errant fielders, but in the end, realised that the extra run was a blessing in disguise as they could keep the well-set Mahmadullah off strike. They almost had them run-out next ball, but for wicketkeeper Nicholas Pooran's wayward throw.

Afif attempted a wild leg-side heave, missed it, and the ball dolloped to Pooran, who was in a dilemma of his own, to take his gloves off for a more accurate throw. In the end, he went with the gloves and ended up blasting the ball into the turf, like breaking a coconut in a temple. Bravo was livid, and gesticulated him to remove the gloves, which the stand-in captain, Pooran, obeyed.

Next ball, Andre Russell fired in a nucleartipped yorker that Mahmadullah somehow shovelled from blasting the stumps. The ball trickled to the vacant mid-off region. The long-off just ambled in, assuming that Russell would sprint towards the ball and pick it. Maybe, hampered by the fear of his hamstring injury recurring, Russell quit the chase as soon as he set off. Poor Jason Holder had to scud from long-on to the 30-yard circle. Bravo had his arms aloft in angst.

Soon, he had those rubbery fists swishing the air in rage. For Andre Fletcher dropped a routine catch offered by Mahmadullah at deep mid-wicket and nearly leaked a four, before he gathered himself and flung in an erratic throw. At this stage, West Indies seemed to be self-destructing. The fifth ball, with Bangladesh needing six runs to win, was drilled to long-on for what looked like nothing more than a single. But Holder fumbled and Bangladesh sped for the second run, Mahmadullah retaining the strike. This was not a one-off instance, a case of last-over nerves. Throughout the game,



With the win, West Indies have virtually knocked out Bangladesh. AP

the West Indies fielding was often kiddish. But thanks to Russell's needle-eye preci-

sion on the last ball, the Bangladesh captain failed to put the yorker away. Celebrations crackled in the West Indies dugout and among their scattered fans. Perhaps, the celebration of survival. Survival that's hanging by the thinnest of ropes. They are teetering on the brink - one more defeat and the crown

would no longer be theirs.

Crumbs of comfort

There, though, is newfound hope, asserted Pooran in the post-match chat with the broadcasters, before he dwelled on the positives of the game. So did Jason Holder in the post-game presser: "We believe we can. There have been positives."

There were a few bright sparks, nonetheless. Pooran's cameo was refreshing, a vindication of the faith the selectors had invested in him; Akeal Hosein is a wily bowler who could guieten batsmen of a higher calibre than those of Bangladesh; Russell is an incredibly underrated death-overs bowler, his last-over yorker carnage was match-defining; Holder is a valuable cross-format asset, downgrading him to the reserves list was myopic; the stability of Roston Chase furnishes a different dimension.

But they just papered the cracks on a wall that is already crumbling. If West Indies are to mount a serious title defence - it has looked meek thus far - the titans in the lineup have to start delivering. The Gayles and Pollards and Bravos of the world. So far, they have resembled the reunion of a band of ageing rockers for one final act, futilely trying to roll back the rock 'n roll days, but looking hideously out of tune and out of depth, an exercise in self-torment.

Of the three, Gayle has looked wretchedly rusty. His batting is so much about rhythm. A symphony of the muscles and eyes. A harmony of hands and feet. In UAE, the rhythm of his batting has completely deserted him. Where once music and harmony dwelled, there are just notes of synchronised anarchy. Feet dithering one way, hands flailing in another direction, head falling over, body-bal-

New Delhi

ance off kilter (he completely lost balance and fell on the ground when slog-sweeping Keshav Maharaj in the game against South Africa). So much so he seems like an apparition of the indestructible force he once was, and 29 runs in three innings at a strike rate of 82 is an apt reflection of his travails.

To a lesser extent, so do Bravo and Pollard. The latter has struggled for both timing and power, his stays in the middle have been long and arduous (a strike rate of 88.4). The long and intense stay in the UAE seems to have knackered Bravo too, as he is far less dependable than he was for Chennai Super Kings. He made too many un-Bravo errors, like bowling short, bowling leg-stump from around the stumps with little protection behind square on the leg-side.

Only a fool, though, will write them off. All three have the habit of striking when it's least expected of them, when they have been written off, and when it comes to survival. "We still expect great things from them." assistant coach Roddy Estwick had said in the pre-match press conference. Time, though, is running out, lest West Indies want to do it the West Indies way. Frantically and chaotically.

BRIEF SCORES: West Indies 142/7 in 20 overs (Nicholas Pooran 40, Roston Chase 39; Shoriful Islam 2/20) bt Bangladesh 139/5 in 20 overs (Liton Das 44, Mahmudullah 31 not out; Akeal Hosein 1/24) by 3 wickets

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Who said snacking and nutrition cannot go hand-in-hand? Happilo is offering healthy snacks and bites this festive season

NACKING HAS become ubiquitous in every individual's working day. There's an emergence of 'snackification' — a trend wherein individuals prefer snacking throughout the day instead of consuming whole meals. It is, therefore, exceedingly necessary to ensure that the snacks consumed by the young and the old alike should include options that are low calorie and have positive effects on overall health and well-being.

Following this trend, Happilo has taken a conscious decision to provide consumers with healthy snacking options. Particularly during the festive season which brings with itself traditional delicacies, presents other unhealthy eating options and tempts the consumer to over-indulge. However, according to a report by Euromonitor, 69 per cent of Indian consumers are becoming more conscious of their eating choices and are now on the lookout for healthier ingredients and alternatives to unhealthy snacks. Happilo offers an exotic range of nuts, dried fruits, berries, dates, trail mixes, spreads and fusion packs that make for the perfect festive recipe ingredients or snacking options.

Since the onset of the pandemic, online gifting has become a significant gesture to nourish bonds and build connections. Everyone wants to ensure their loved ones are healthy and happy. Hence, Happilo's exotic range of festive options are perfect to make gifting seamless not just during the festive season but for every occasion. Bundled with multiple health benefits, these multi-purpose dried fruits and nuts make for a unique and special statement, combining the two most indispensable attributes of gifting — health and happiness.

Happilo Celebration gift packs start from just Rs 225 and go up to Rs 2,999. With this range, the brand has ensured that it covers the entire gifting spectrum. Every healthconscious individual would be happy to



Vikas D. Nahar, Founder, Happilo International Pvt Ltd

know that Happilo products are rich in nutrients, high on protein and fibre, glutenfree, vegan and contain zero preservatives, colours, trans-fat and oil. For a country where celebrations inevitably come along with the preparation of delicacies, the brand also provides the finest range of products that can be incorporated in every dish, thus propagating healthier alternatives for every occasion without compromising on taste.

Winter is just around the corner and the season is synonymous with increased consumption of hot beverages such as tea and coffee. Effectively, this also leads to an increase in the consumption of snacks. Moreover, with the ongoing T20 World Cup and more game nights coming up, people are looking for snacks to munch on throughout the session. Happilo's snack packs, which are full of nutrition and also help curb unnecessary hunger pangs, can be munched on guilt-free, making them a great choice for binge-eating during a match, a movie or any show. Its range of trail mixes and fusion packs are rich in antioxidants, minerals, vitamins, fibre and other beneficial nutrients that boost immu-



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nity and keep one's energy levels high throughout the day.

The Covid-19 pandemic has made consumers more conscious about their eating choices as they are opting for immunity boosters and plant-based foods. Happilo offers the best options to shift to this healthy lifestyle.

Moreover, keeping in mind the increased need for safety, the brand follows the highest hygiene standards with every safety protocol in place. With the adoption of world-class technological practices, along with its farm-to-fork model, the brand ensures no human intervention across the entire value chain.

The brand offers an array of nuts that boost brain health, enhance well-being and prevent neurodegenerative diseases. Walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts and pumpkin seeds are essentially known to boost brain health and are rich in different components such as omega 3, antioxidants, minerals, vitamins and unsaturated fatty acids that are pivotal to alertness and overall functionality of the body. As mental health is gaining as much importance as physical health, it is necessary for individuals to ensure that they do not feed just the body but also their minds.

A major concern around nutrition in India is the lack of awareness on the need to include balanced food in one's diet. Additionally, interlinked to this issue, is the lack of availability and purchasing power faced by a great percentage of the population. It is, therefore, imperative to make

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nutritious options available to one and all. Understanding the gap in the current market, Happilo is here with its extensive range of affordable healthy snacking options. It will soon be launching snack packs that will range from Rs 10 to Rs 100. The brand firmly believes that health and well-being should be for one and all no matter the socio-economic background of the individual.

Started as a B2B (Business-to-Business) company, the brand has also adopted a D2C (Direct-to-Customer) model to ensure ease of accessibility for every consumer, no matter the geographical presence. The brand has approximately 40 channel partners to 5,000+ modern retail and general trades, alongside its presence on e-commerce giants such as Amazon, Flipkart, Big basket and more.

The introduction of an affordable yet premium range allows Happilo to deliver health and happiness to every doorstep in its truest sense, ensuring long-lasting relations. Happilo has also explored untapped avenues where several individuals are on the lookout for the perfect gift throughout the year. Adopting a unique approach and in-depth R&D has led the brand to introduce a wider range of options to tap into the B2B, B2E (Business-to-Employees), and B2C (Business-to-Consumer) segments respectively. For every occasion, Happilo offers consumers unprecedented service, quality and consistency.

Happilo has expanded its customer base extensively in the recent past which has opened up new avenues of growth. The brand will soon be launching a new range of products to ensure that customers are not restricted in choices. Expanding its product line, the brand will be introducing a whole new range of fox nuts, chickpeas, coated peanuts and much more to cater to the ever-increasing demand.

Staying true to the maxim 'the groundwork of all happiness is health', Happilo - an amalgamation of 'happiness' and 'love' -- has been spreading health and happiness for the past five years and has created a mark in the healthy snacking segment. As the brand completes a successful half decade, it is just starting its journey to become a food major on

The brand aims at establishing its presence nationally and internationally as it aims to become a part of every individual's stories and memories. With several positives opening up, the brand is looking forward to expanding its operations across the entire functional chain and will also be introducing its new line of products. It is looking at a number of collaborations and at expanding its presence in the healthy snacking market with several exciting plans in the pipeline. Alongside this, Happilo is actively working with farmers to enhance operations and has various corporate social responsibility activities in place.

Happilo aims to curate special memories and moments in its consumers' lives and is here to make snacking and nutrition a part of their day-to-day routine. For every occasion, Happilo offers consumers unprecedented service, consistency and unparalleled quality.













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