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Balancing act in Rajasthan: 5 Pilot loyalists set to join **Gehlot Cabinet**

Emphasis on SC, ST; no Independents, BSP MLA who joined Cong finds place

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JAIPUR, NEW DELHI, NOV 20

FOR THE first time since it took charge in 2018 and about 16 months after a rebellion led by then Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot pushed it to the brink, the Ashok Gehlot-led Rajasthan state government will see a Cabinet reshuffle.

The imperative is more political than governance. The new Cabinet, finalised by the Congress high command, will have five ministers who are seen as supporters of Pilot.

While Pilot loyalists Ramesh Meena and Vishwendra Singh will return to the Ministry, Brijendra Singh Ola, Hemaram Choudhary and Murarilal Meena will make an entry. Murarilal Meena will be inducted as a minister of state while the other four will be Cabinet ministers.

Pilot, who had the support of CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

For fifth year,

Indore ranked

CM Ashok Gehlot, Governor Kalraj Mishra at Jaipur Raj Bhavan on Saturday. ANI



Cong high command asserts

AFTER PUNJAB, the expansion of the Gehlot cabinet signals an assertive Congress high command. By forcing Gehlot to induct five lovalists of rival Sachin Pilot, it has tried to paper over the cracks

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OFFICIALS START DRAFTING NOTE FOR CABINET

Work begins to repeal farm laws, unions press other demands

SKM says MSP guarantee issue still pending, asks farmers to continue protests

HARIKISHAN SHARMA & AMIL BHATNAGAR NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

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A DAY after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the three new agriculture laws will be repealed, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha, the body spearheading the farmer protest, said it will continue the agitation to get "all demands" fulfilled.

The SKM called a meeting even as officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution began the process of drafting the repeal Bills which are expected to get Cabinet nod early next week.

The SKM appealed to farmers to gather in large numbers at protest sites on November 26, exactly a year after they first showed up at Delhi's border in Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur to lodge their protest.

It said a kisan mahapanchayat, scheduled for November 22 in Lucknow, will go ahead as planned.

"The Kisan Andolan led by Samyukt Kisan Morcha continues the struggle to get all demands of protesting farmers fulfilled. While the PM announced repeal of the three farm laws, he chose to remain silent on other demands. Demand for statutory guarantee for a fair MSP is an CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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Women protesters in Duggan, Sangrur, head for a meeting at the village gurdwara on Saturday. Gurmeet Singh



Tikait at Ghazipur border Saturday. Gajendra Yadav

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Govt stand positive but big question on MSP: Tikait

SANDEEP SINGH NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE PRIME Minister's announcement that the three farm laws would be repealed came as a "surprise" and it's a "positive" sign that the Government is

said Rakesh Tikait, farmer leader and national spokesperson of Bhartiva Kisan Union.

However, he made it clear, speaking to The Sunday Express, that farmers would not leave the protest site until the laws are CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

BOMBAY HIGH COURT ORDER

In Aryan bail, HC rebuts NCB: hardly any evidence to show conspiracy

Nothing objectionable in WhatsApp chats, says single-judge bench

SADAF MODAK

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

IN ITS detailed order granting bail to Aryan Khan, son of Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan; Arbaaz Merchant: and model Munmun Dhamecha, the Bombay High Court has said that there was "hardly any positive evidence" to show conspiracy between the accused as alleged by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

The court also said that "nothing objectionable" was noticed in the WhatsApp chats allegedly recovered from Aryan's phone to suggest that there was a conspiracy.

The single bench of Justice Nitin Sambre had granted bail to the three on October 28. They were arrested on October 2 after a raid on a cruise by the NCB. The 14-page order was made available Saturday.

ent of Applicant/Accused no. 3

"There is hardly any positive evidence on record to convince this Court that all the accused persons with common intention agreed to commit unlawful act. Rather the investigation carried out till this date suggests that Applicant/Accused nos. 1 & 2 (Aryan and Merchant respectively) were travelling independ-

WHAT COURT SAID NARCOTICS CONTROL

BOARD: Conspiracy so all drug recoveries in the case, including commercial quantity, linked to all accused **BOMBAY HIGH COURT:**

Hardly any evidence that accused had common intention to commit unlawful act.

NCB: Aryan Khan, Arbaaz Merchant and Munmun Dhamecha were to travel on the cruise together, hence

were linked **HC:** Travelling together by itself not conspiracy

NCB: Accused admitted to consumption of drugs HC: Not admissible; no medical exam done

NCB: WhatsApp chats show Aryan's links with trafficking **HC:** Nothing objectionable in chats

(Dhamecha) and there was no meeting of minds on the afore-

said issue," the court said. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

cleanest city; Chhattisgarh cleanest state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

INDORE HAS been ranked India's cleanest city for the fifth year in a row by Swachh Survekshan 2021, the central government's annual cleanliness survey to promote sanitation in urban centres under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Surat and Vijaywada were ranked second and third cleanest respectively in the category of cities with over 10 lakh popu-

Among the smaller cities with population between 1-10 lakh. New Delhi ranked first, followed by Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh and Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh.

Varanasi was ranked the cleanest in the "Ganga town" category, followed by Munger and Patna.

Among the states with over 100 urban local bodies, Chattisgarh was ranked on top for the third consecutive year, followed by Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh; Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan were ranked last.

Among the states with less than 100 urban local bodies. Jharkhand, Haryana and Goa were ranked on top while Meghalaya, Kerala and Tripura were ranked last. Ahmedabad Cantonment

was adjudged "cleanest cantonment", followed by Meerut and Delhi Cantonment

Presenting the awards on Saturday, President Ram Nath CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

At Kartarpur border, Sidhu calls Imran 'bada bhai', draws BJP fire

MANAMAN SINGH CHHINA KARTARPUR SAHIB

(PAKISTAN), NOVEMBER 20

PUNIAB CONGRESS president Navjot Singh Sidhu was at the centre of a new row Saturday after he called Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan his "bada bhai" (elder brother) who had showered him "a lot of love".

Sidhu made this remark Saturday morning while being greeted by a Pakistani official at the Kartarpur Corridor border



Navjot Singh Sidhu at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, Kartarpur. PTI

crossing. He visited the Gurdwara at Kartarpur Sahib, accompanied by Punjab Sports

minister Pargat Singh, Revenue Minister Aruna Chaudhary,

Hockey diplomacy after 7 yrs: Pak junior team arrives for World Cup

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MIHIR VASAVDA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

INDIA AND Pakistan have stepped up people-to-people engagement — from reopening the Kartarpur corridor earlier this week to restarting hockey diplomacy after seven years.

For the first time since 2014. the Pakistan men's junior hockey team reached Delhi on Saturday to participate in the Junior Hockey World Cup. The World Cup is being held in Bhubaneswar from November 24 to December 5.



The team at the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi on Saturday. Photo courtesy: Pakistan High Commission

The last time a Pakistan hockey team was in India was for the Champions Trophy in

Bhubaneswar in 2014. That was the year when Prime Minister CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Bengaluru hacker broke into state's e-procurement site and 'stole' funds

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BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 20

ONE OF six hard disks recovered from laptops belonging to hacker Srikrishna Ramesh alias Sriki, 26, who is at the centre of an alleged Bitcoin-for-bribes controversy that has hit Karnataka politics in recent weeks, has revealed data of a hack carried out at the e-procurement cell of the state government where Rs 11.5 crore was stolen by a hacker gang in 2019. The analysis of these hard

disks from laptops seized from the hacker and an associate Robin Khandelwal, following their arrest in Bengaluru in November 2020, was carried out by private cyber forensics firm Group Cyber ID Technology Pvt Ltd earlier this year at the instance of the Bengaluru city cy-



Srikrishna Ramesh alias Sriki

bercrime police in a case of hacking of two poker gaming sites. The details of the analysis are chargesheet filed in the cyber case. According to the cyber forensics report, one hard disk "marked 01" recovered from a Macbook belonging to Srikrishna contains "hacking data" for the alleged hacking of the eproc.karnataka.gov site of the e-governance cell of the Karnataka government and other sites.

The report has cited a text file, created in 2018, that confirms the hacking of the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2











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Gehlot Cabinet

18 MLAs when he rebelled, is said to be satisfied with the represen-In total, 15 ministers will take

oath Sunday: 12 new and three Ministers of State who are being elevated to Cabinet rank. Besides accommodating

some Pilot loyalists as part of the peace formula, the reshuffle clearly is with an eye on Assembly elections just two years away. There is an attempt to send a message to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities as

All three Ministers of State who are being elevated belong to Scheduled Caste communities: T Bhajanlal Jathav, Mamta Bhupesh and Tikaram Jully.

There will be three ministers from the Scheduled Tribe community – former MP Govind Ram Meghwal and Ramesh Meena as Cabinet ministers and Murarilal

Despite the Gehlot government enjoying the support of 19 Independents, the Congress leadership has decided not to include any. One BSP MLA who had joined the Congress, Rajendrasingh Gudha, will find a place in the Council as a minister of state.

Sources said the party's central leadership factored in the changed numerical situation as also the factional equations. By wresting a seat from the BJP and retaining the one it had in the recent by-elections, the Congress has crossed the majority mark on its own in the 200-member Assembly. The party now has 102

"We are no longer dependent on Independents. That is why we not included any Independents," a senior leader

Earlier, at a meeting of the Council of Ministers called at the Chief Minister's residence, all ministers tendered their resignation to party chief Sonia Gandhi. In the meeting, also attended by AICC in charge of Rajasthan Ajay Maken, Congress state president Govind Singh Dotasra tabled a proposal for the reshuffle.

The ministers have been called to the Pradesh Congress Committee office at 2 pm Sunday, from where they will go to Raj Bhawan for the oath-taking cere-

Sources said that, additionally, seven MLAs may be inducted as Advisors to the CM and 15 others will be made Parliamentary Secretaries. "The MLAs left after these assignments will be adiusted in Boards Corporations," sources said.

Gehlot met Governor Kalraj Mishra late Saturday and handed him the resignations of three ministers who hold positions in the party: Health Minister Raghu Sharma who is party in charge for Gujarat; Revenue Minister Harish Chaudhary who is party in charge for Punjab and Education Minister Dotasra who is party state president.

Including Chief Minister Gehlot, there can be 30 ministers in Rajasthan. There were nine vacancies earlier and following the resignation of the three, 12 ministerial slots were to be filled.

In January this year, the AICC had done a balancing act in its appointments to the Congress state executive, where Pilot's loyalists figured in appropriate numbers. However, Gehlot seems to have grown stronger since then.

Following the rebellion, the party removed Pilot as deputy CM and as the Panchayati Raj minister; his loyalist Vishvendra Singh was removed as Tourism Minister

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integral part of the current agitation. We are also seeking the withdrawal of the Electricity Amendment Bill completely and to keep farmers out of penal clauses related to statutes on air quality regulation in Delhi," the SKM said in a statement.

From November 29 onward, the SKM said it will send 500 protesters each day towards Parliament in tractors to protest during the winter session. It demanded that a memorial be built in memory of protesters who died during the past year.

"So far, more than 670 protesters have sacrificed their lives in this movement. The Modi government has refused to acknowledge the high human cost.

The martyrs also deserve homage to be paid to them in the Parliament session, and a memorial erected in their name," it stated. At the Singhu border protest site, Saturday was far more muted than the day earlier. A prayer ceremony was held at the main stage, attended by nearly 100 people. Protesters in $sisted\,more\,people\,are\,expected$ to arrive in the coming week.

Work begins to repeal farm laws

Lakha Sidhana, whose alleged role in the January 26 Red Fort violence is being probed, also visited the protest site to interact with farmers.

On Friday, the Prime Minister said the process to repeal the three laws -- the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce

Chief Executive Officer of the

Project Management Unit of

(Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020; Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act. 2020: and Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 – will be completed this winter session of Parliament.

While the first two laws come under the administrative control of the Agriculture Ministry, the third is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Sources said officials in the two ministries started working on drafting the repeal Bills soon after the Prime Minister announced his decision in his address to the nation. The officials, sources said, worked late into the night Friday and resumed work Saturday.

The teams are working in Krishi Bhawan, which houses the two ministries, sources said, adding that the draft Cabinet $notes\,to\,repeal\,the\,farm\,laws\,are$ likely to be ready Monday.

Once the Law Ministry does the legal vetting, the draft Bills, sources said, will be sent to the Cabinet which is expected to discuss them and grant its approval early next week. "As soon as possible, it will come to the Cabinet," a source said. While a repeal Bill usually has only three sections, it is the Cabinet note which needs to be exhaustive. Besides several formalities and approvals are required to complete the leg-

islative process. on the Kartarpur corridor, which was reopened earlier this week.

But, the relationship remains complex, as Islamabad is yet to allow the Indian government to send wheat to Afghanistan through the land route crossing Pakistan. This, despite Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan assuring the Taliban delegation last week that his government will "favourably consider" the proposal under exceptional circumstances for humanitarian reasons.

Swachh ranking

Kovind said: "This year's Swachh Survekshan Awards have special significance because we are celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'... Safai mitras and sanitation workers have continuously rendered their services. even during the Covid pandemic."

He said environment conseration has been an integral part of India's traditional lifestyle. "Today, the whole world is emphasising on environment protection... focus is on to reduce, reuse and recycle resources," he said.

"Today, the mission has taken the shape of a people's movement, a true jan andolan. This is also reflected in the massive growth of the Swachh Survekshan which began as a pilot in 2016 among 73 cities, and is the world's largest urban cleanliness survey today," said Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. He said the next few years will be dedicated to focusing on "holistic cleanliness - clean air, clean land,

and clean water". The survey's findings were based on assessments by field officers and citizens' feedback on garbage disposal, open defecation free ratings, functionality and maintenance of community toilets and safe management of fae-

cal sludge from the toilets. Under the "Prerak Daaur Samman", a new performance category introduced under Swachh Survekshan 2021, five cities - Indore, Surat, Navi Mumbai, New Delhi Municipal Council and Tirupati -- were cat-

egorised as 'divya' (platinum). Maharashtra bagged a total of 92 awards, the highest by any state, followed by Chhattisgarh

with 67 awards. "Over the years, Swachh Survekshan (SS) has emerged as an effective tool for transforming the urban landscape. Despite the on-ground challenges posed by Covid-19, a team of over 2,000 assessors visited over 65,000 wards in a record time of 28 days," the ministry said.

Bengaluru hacker e-procurement site.

Karnataka government filed complaints with the cybercrime unit of the Criminal Investigation Department of the state police saving unknown persons had

money deposits from the e-procurement cell and that officials were able to stop the theft of Rs 7.37 crore. Srikrishna and his associates

are accused in the e-procurement cell hacking case and several other incidents of hacking Bitcoin exchanges and poker gaming sites.

Since his arrest in November 2020, initially in a case of buying drugs with Bitcoins, Srikrishna has claimed that he and his associates were trying to steal Rs 46 crore from the e-procurement cell - in three tranches - but managed to get only Rs 11.5 crore before officials got wind of the crime.

Police said the hacker and his associates set up an elaborate system of routing the stolen money back through hawala channels -after it was initially moved from the e-procurement cell to an NGO's account in Nagpur in Maharashtra and the account of a private firm in Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh. In a voluntary statement to

the police after his arrest last year, Srikrishna admitted his involvement in the hack: "In May/June 2019. I hacked into the e-procurement site of the Govt of Karnataka where I exploited a remote code execution vulnerability and got access to the bidder information and downloaded all the files relating to the bids happening at that moment."

The analysis of the hard disk from Srikrishna's laptop has also revealed hacking data for poker sites PokerSaint, pppoker, Poker Baazi, for a Bitcoin exchange called Koinex and several other sites including food supply service provider Zomato.

The cyber forensic experts could access the hard disk of only two of six laptops seized from Srikrishna and his associate Robin Khandelwal. Three laptops could not be analysed due to encryption codes that could not be bypassed while one was damaged, says the forensics report.

Incidentally, the same cyber forensics firm conducted an analysis of data held in a cloud server by the hacker and found that Srikrishna had as many as 76.13 lakh public addresses/private keys for Bitcoins and as many as 26 e-wallets. Sources said these could have been acquired by hacking or through data trading on the dark web as part of efforts by hacker groups to steal cryp-

One of the wallets in the cloud with 31 Bitcoins was initially shown by the hacker to the police as his own by providing only the public address and not the private key that is needed to access the

Bitcoins in the wallet. The ruling BJP in Karnataka has been questioned in recent weeks by the opposition Congress over the alleged disappearance of over 5000 Bitcoins reported to have been in the possession of Srikrishna (as claimed by the hacker himself) before his arrest in November 2020. The Congress has suggested corruption involving a few BJP leaders and their kin. The BJP has alleged that the hacker was associated with the kin of many Congress leaders too.

Aryan bail

It added that there has to be positive evidence about an agreement to do an unlawful act or to do lawful act by unlawful means and such agreement must precede with meeting of minds.

While no drugs were recovered from Aryan, and allegedly small quantities of drugs (charas) were recovered from Merchant and Dhamecha, the NCB had said that all the accused, including others from whom commercial quantity of drugs were found, were "linked in conspiracy" to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and hence drug recovery in the case should

material to infer that the three hatched a conspiracy to commit offence or that there was any meeting of minds with other ac-

cused arrested in the case. It has also said that it is difficult to infer at this stage that applicants are involved in an offence of commercial quantity. "This Court is of the opinion that the claim put forth by the Respondent that Applicants should be considered to have intention to commit an offence under the NDPS Act, having found in possession of commercial quantity, in the backdrop of case of hatching conspiracy is liable to be rejected," the court said.

Last month, in its remand applications submitted before courts to seek custody of Aryan and others, the NCB had referred to the total quantity of recoveries made in the case claiming that the charge of conspiracy linked each accused, including those who were not on the cruise or those arrested subsequently with commercial quantities.

The NCB had argued that high degree of evidence is not required at the bail stage to establish the case of conspiracy. The HC said that it is required to be sensitive to the fact that there has to be presence of basic material in the form of evidence so as to substantiate the case of conspiracy.

"Merely because of Applicants were travelling on the cruise, that by itself cannot be termed as satisfying foundation for invoking provisions of Section 29 (conspiracy) against the Applicants," the court said.

On the NCB's claim of WhatsApp chats allegedly recovered from Aryan's phone, the court said that "nothing objectionable" was found to prove con-

"After having gone through the WhatsApp chats extracted from Applicant/Accused no. 1's phone, nothing objectionable could be noticed to suggest that Applicant nos. 1 & 2 or all three applicants along with other Accused persons in agreement have meeting of minds and have hatched conspiracy committing the offence in question," the court

On the NCB's claim that the accused had admitted to consumption of drugs, the court said that the contention that the three accepted their involvement cannot be considered as it amounted to confessional statements which are not admissible as evidence.

The court said that even if the allegation is considered, the maximum punishment for consumption is not more than one year.

"Applicants have already suffered incarceration for almost 25 days. The Applicants were not even subjected to medical examination so as to determine whether at the relevant time, they had consumed drugs" the court said. While the NCB had also relied on confessional statements given by the accused, the court said that it can also be considered only for purpose of investigation. '...it is worth to clarify here

that such confessional statements can be considered by the investigating agency only for the investigation purpose and cannot be used as a tool for drawing an inference that Applicants have committed an offence under the NDPS Act as has been alleged against them," it said relying on the Supreme Court judgment in Tofan Singh vs State of Tamil The NCB has arrested 20 ac-

cused in all so far. A special court had rejected Aryan's bail plea last month on October 20 relying on WhatsApp chats and agreeing with the NCB's contention that since his friend Merchant, who was traveling with him, was found with contraband and he had its knowledge, it amounted to "conscious possession."

Following the order of the HC granting bail to the three, so far 12 others have also been released on bail by the special court.

and Ramesh Meena was removed as Food and Civil Supplies

Earlier in the day, at a 'Kisan Vijay Diwas' rally in Jaipur, Gehlot had claimed even he wasn't aware of how the reshuffle would turn out: "Don't know what decisions will be taken. Only the high command knows or he (Ajay Maken) knows. We are impatiently waiting for the lottery to

Since Rajasthan's electorate has been taking turns to elect the BJP and then the Congress for over two decades, some within the Pilot faction want him to be made the CM at least two years before the polls - which is now - in a hope to break the cycle and help re-elect the Congress in 2023.

Tikait

repealed in the upcoming winter session of Parliament. He suggested that a legally

binding Minimum Support Price would be the next issue for the farmers to press.

"We are not going back before we see the farm laws getting repealed in Parliament and then we will start our discussions on MSP. The big question mark now is on the MSP," Tikait said.

Asked if he had a sense of the rollback, Tikait said: "Since Ianuary 22, we have had no discussion with the Government. Even during the Lakhimpur issue, we had discussions only with the officials on that particular issue...Prime Minister's announcement Friday morning came as a surprise, we had no prior knowl-

He expressed relief that the deadlock had been broken and that things have started "moving

in the right direction." "The government has started moving on a line and that is a positive sign for us," he said, adding that more clarity of their line of action would emerge after the meeting of farm leaders later in

On Friday, in an address to the nation, the Prime Minister announced that the three contentious farm laws would be repealed and the process would be completed in the upcoming win-

ter session of Parliament. The farmers have been protesting against and demanding the repeal of the three laws over the last one year. The Union Cabinet approved the three farm laws: The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020; The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020; and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020. Farmers have also been demanding legislation that makes MSP legally binding.

several Congress MLAs and an MP. When Mohammad Latif,

Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, Kartarpur, said he was welcoming Sidhu on behalf of Prime Minister Imran Khan and the Pakistani nation, Sidhu said: "I am honoured. Mera bada bhai hai, Usne bada pyar diya hai (He is my elder brother. He has given a lot of

The BJP slammed Sidhu for his remark on Imran Khan. BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh said "Sidhu is Congress's agent for Pakistan". In a statement, Chugh said it is most unfortunate for Punjab and the country that Sidhu, while in Pakistan, has no words of praise for his motherland, and is instead singing praise of the Pakistan Prime Minister who has been "sending drones

and tiffin bombs" to Punjab. "Sidhu is more in love with Pakistan than India and is behaving like a Pakistan agent in Punjab here. AICC president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi should explain their party's stand on Pakistan," Chugh said. He said it is "grossly condemnable and reprehensible" that on the one hand, Pakistan has been "killing our jawans" on the border, and on the other hand, Congress leaders have been singing praise of the

Pakistan Prime Minister. (In New Delhi, BIP spokesperson Sambit Patra also targeted the Congress, alleging that it sees terror groups like ISIS and Boko Haram in Hindutva while it finds

a "bhai jaan" in Khan.) Sidhu and the Congress delegation were showered with rose petals, garlanded and escorted to the Pakistan immigration check post where Sidhu was flooded with requests for photographs and selfies by Pakistan Rangers personnel and immigration staff. He obliged each and every one before proceeding to the Gurdwara a few kilometres down the road.

In August 2018, Sidhu was criticised by Captain Amarinder Singh, then Chief Minister of Punjab, and the BJP leadership for hugging Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa in Islamabad, Sidhu was a special guest of Imran Khan at the ceremony for his swearing-in as Prime Minister. Their friendship dates back to their cricketing days. Before he crossed over to

Pakistan Saturday, Sidhu, responding to a query from The Sunday Express about aspersions cast on his role in the development of the Kartarpur Sahib corridor, said these remarks do not bother him. At the Gurdwara in Kartarpur

Sahib, Sidhu was mobbed by Pakistanis, including Hindus visiting in large numbers from Sukkur in Sindh. Speaking to them, Sidhu thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan for having taken the initiative to establish the Kartarpur Corridor.

"But why should not the two Punjabs have closerties? We have the same language, culture and

mannerisms, so why should we have to indulge in trade in a roundabout manner? There is 37 billion dollar worth of trade which can be done by the two countries along with Central Asian republics. I want this to happen for the prosperity of the two countries and for three crore Punjabis," he said. Speaking in Punjabi, the

Pakistani official said that reopening of the corridor was a credit to the governments of the two countries. "Tuhadey layi saaddey darvee khulle ne, gharvee khulle ne te dil vee khulle ne (For you, our doors are open, homes are open and hearts are open too)," he said.

On his return to India, Sidhu dismissed the uproar over his remarks on Imran Khan, saying some people were concentrating on petty issues while there were bigger things to consider.

Hockey

Narendra Modi had reached out to all SAARC leaders, including then Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif,

for his swearing-in ceremony. Officials said the Pakistan players were not issued visas for the Junior Hockey World Cup in 2016 – the year of the Pathankot (January 2016) and Uri (September 2016) attacks, which was followed by the surgical

strikes (September 2016). In 2019, Pakistan's shooting team missed the Delhi World Cup for the same reason – they were not issued visas - which almost led to India's sporting isolation. This happened in the shadow of the Pulwama terror attack, in which at least 40 security person-

nel were killed. But, following a stern warning by the International Olympic Committee, the government gave a written assurance that sportspersons from Pakistan would not be stopped from coming to India.

This time, Pakistan was invited to compete as the Asian qualifiers could not be held due to the pandemic and its players and officials were granted visas, officials said. A senior diplomat of the

Pakistan High Commission received the members of Pakistan Men's Junior Hockey Team at the IGI Airport in Delhi. Aftab Hasan Khan, Charge d' Affaires, Pakistan High Commission, also hosted a lunch in their honour on Saturday. "They are fully prepared and

Pakistani diplomat. Since February this year, back channels between the two countries have been working overtime to keep the Line of Control peaceful. But in the last few months, targeted killings in Kashmir queered

in high spirits, ready to give their

best during the matches," said a

While India invited Pakistan's NSA for the regional dialogue of NSAs on Afghanistan, Islamabad declined the invitation, Both sides, however, agreed to move forward

the pitch.

In August 2019, officials at the e-procurement cell of the

stolen Rs 11.5 crore of earnest

be considered cumulatively. The court said that there is no

Farm fires down, Delhi air still 'very poor'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

DELHI'S AIR quality remained in the 'very poor' category on Saturday, when the contribution of stubble burning to PM 2.5 levels in Delhi was "negligible," according to the SAFAR forecasting system.

The AQI, as a 24-hour average, was 374, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) bulletin. This is only marginally better than the 380 recorded on Friday. Local wind speed remains low resulting in poor dispersion of pollutants.

From Sunday to Tuesday, strong local winds are likely to help with the dispersion of pollutants, the SAFAR forecast indicates. Winds coming from the north or northwest during this period are also likely to help with flushing out local pollutants.

The farm fire count Saturday, according to the SA-FAR system, was 752. The fire count peaked at a figure of around 5.450 on November 8. After a count of 5,317 on November 10, the count fell to 3,125 on November 15; 2,643 on November 17; and to 773 on November 18.

The contribution of stubble burning to PM 2.5 levels has also been declining. It stood at 48% on November 7, fell to about 27% on November 9. and climbed up again to about 35% on November 12. The share fell to around 12% on November 14, 10% on November 15, and 2% on



A tanker sprays water at ITO. Praveen Khanna

November 18. On Saturday, the figure stood at 5%.

Meanwhile, the spraying of the PUSA decomposer, which was meant to prevent stubble burning within Delhi and help decompose crop residue, has not been completed yet. Of around 4,300 acres, for which applications were received, around 3,800 acres have been covered so far, said A P Saini, Joint Director, Agriculture. The remaining area is likely to be covered over the next two days, he said.

An agriculture (extension) officer in North Delhi said that around 30 to 40 acres that were remaining would be covered in the next two days. Fields in some parts of North Delhi, like Nangal Thakran, are still waterlogged after the rains, he said.

"Farmers in this area usually sow wheat by around November 15. This has been delayed this year due to rainfall. They are considering not sowing wheat this year and growing something else, like

DDMA nod to 30 standing passengers per coach in Metro

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE DELHI Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Saturday allowed the Delhi Metro and buses to have standing passengers -30persons per coach for the Delhi Metro, and 50% of the seating capacity in buses. Both buses and

Metro have been allowed to function at 100% capacity.

The DDMA order comes after the Delhi government sent a proposal to them to allow standing passengers in buses and the Metro. The proposal was sent by Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot on November 16.

In an order, Saturday, Chief Secretary Vijay Dev said, "In view of the prevailing air pollution situation in NCT of Delhi, it has been felt to augment the carrying capacity of the public transport system (buses/Delhi Metro) so as to minimise the use of private vehicles to improve the ambient air

He partially modified the order dated November 15 "with regard to prohibited/restricted ac-

quality of the city."

from intervening night of November 15 and November 16 till intervening night of November 30 and December 1 or till further orders...'

"Transportation by the Delhi Metro shall be allowed with 100% seating capacity of the coach along with up to 30 standing passengers in a coach in the Delhi

"Intra-state (within NCT of Delhi) movement of buses (DTC as well as cluster) shall be permitted with 100% seating capacity of the buses along with standing passengers up to 50% of the seating capacity of a bus. In the case of buses, boarding shall be allowed only from the rear door while de-boarding shall be al-

lowed only from the front door," he added.

Dev said, Department, DTC as well as DMRC shall be responsible for strict compliance of Covid-appropriate behaviour (viz social distancing, wearing of mask, use of hand sanitiser etc) as well as relevant SOPs of the respective departments/authorities in this regard".







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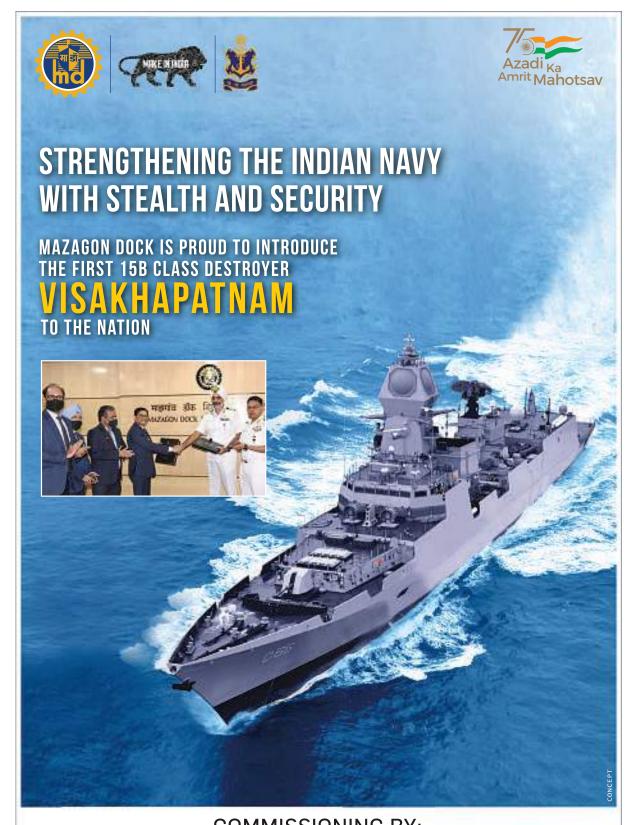
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BRIEFLY —

DJB V-C files defamation suit: Delhi **BJP** chief summoned

New Delhi: A Delhi court summoned four BJP leaders, including Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta, in a criminal defamation complaint filed by Delhi Jal Board vice-chairman Raghav Chadha for levelling allegations of a Rs 26,000 scam in the Jal Board on social media. Additional Metropolitan Magistrate Dharmender Singh, in his order passed Thursday, summoned Gupta, MLAs Ramvir Singh Bidhuri and Vijender Gupta, and BJP's Delhi unit spokesperson Harish Khurana in the defamation suit moved through advocate Prashant Manchanda. The court held that there were sufficient grounds for proceedings against the respondents and summoned them under IPC sections 500 (punishment for defamation) and 33 (common intention).

Regional WorldSkills event: Delhi wins 21 medals

New Delhi: Participants from Delhi won 21 medals in the regional competition of World-Skills in Chandigarh in skills like cyber security, fashion technology, beauty therapy. It was the first time that Delhi had participated in the regional competition at this level. Delhi's delegation of 53 participants in 28 skills were trained at Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University. "As University, we will focus on training for our skill champions and support them in their holistic development to increase their chances to secure an excellent performance at IndiaSkills and make Delhi and India proud," Chancellor Neharika Vohra. The 21 winning participants will now be trained by DSEU to participate in the IndiaSkills competition scheduled to be held in Bengaluru

2 arrested for illegally serving liquor, hookah

from December 23 to 27.

Gurgaon:Two people in Gurgaon's Sector 72 were arrested for illegally serving alcohol and flavoured hookah to customers in their restaurant on Friday. The arrests were made after the CM flying squad and officials of the excise department conducted a raid at the restaurant. ENS

SECOND DRAW OF LOTS PENDING

In several small pvt schools, seats for EWS students are still vacant

SUKRITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

WITH A second draw of lots yet to be held for EWS admissions to Delhi's private schools, several small private schools say only half of their EWS seats have been allotted so far.

According to provisions of the Right to Education Act, 25% of all seats at entry-level classes in the city's private schools are reserved for students from economically weaker section (EWS), disadvantaged groups (DG) and children with special needs (CWSN) categories. However, so far this year, allotment has not taken place against all these seats. While the new academic year had begun in April, the first round of com-

CELEBRATING HERITAGE



Out of around 45,000 such seats across schools, around 32,000 were allotted through the first round. Abhinav Saha

Visitors at Safdarjung Tomb, Saturday. World Heritage Week is being celebrated from November 19-25. Praveen Khanna

92 AUD teachers slam letter to six

dated November 15, 92 of the to-

tal 130 faculty members said, "We

the members of Ambedkar

University Delhi Faculty Associa-

tion unequivocally condemn the

letter of explanation issued to some of our colleagues asking

them to provide valid reasons for

not being present at the inaugu-

ration of an auditorium and mul-

tipurpose block by the Deputy CM

of Delhi on the Karampura cam-

pus of AUD on November 2, 2021."

the first week of a much-delayed

semester. The construction and

inauguration of a multipurpose

hall and auditorium are welcome;

however, we must remember

these infrastructures are meant to

provide enabling support for ef-

fective delivery of teaching-learn-

ing activities. The issuance of a let-

ter of explanation to the faculty for

not attending such an inaugural

event and for concentrating on

their academic duties, including

"The inauguration was held in

colleagues 'absent' from Sisodia event

teaching, preparation, supervision

and research, is self-defeating and

They said such letters were

"antithetical to the very fact that

such an event is supposed to pro-

vide enabling institutional sup-

port to effective delivery of teach-

ing-learning function at AUD".

the logic of infrastructure sup-

port which comes at the cost of

academic commitment of fac-

ulty. This situation is a stark re-

minder of misplaced priorities

of the university that teachers

are being asked to show the rea-

son for carrying out academic

duties instead of mandatorily at-

tending an auditorium inaugu-

ration. It needs to be underlined

that AUD is an autonomous in-

stitution established by an act of

the Delhi Legislature, and its ac-

ademic integrity must not be

"AUDFA General Body urges

sacrificed," they said.

"Such a punitive act defies

demoralising," the letter states.

puterised centralised draw of lots had taken place on June 16.

Out of around 45,000 such seats across schools, around 32,000 were allotted through the first round of draw of lots, an education official said.

As a result of this, several schools that are a part of the Private Land Public School Trust said they have been allotted students for about half of their reserved seats. In response to a grievance placed by one such responded that it had taken the decision to make 100% allotment to schools running on government attached land and around 50% allotment on schools running on private land.

For instance, at Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Public School, there are 128 reserved seats at entrylevel classes. Of these, students were allotted to 59 seats, and 54 took admission. The school now has 74 vacant reserved seats. At Vivek Modern School, there are 40 reserved seats, of which allotments were done against 20, and 17 students took admission, leaving 23 vacant seats.

"We are so many months into this academic year but there are so many seats vacant while students are waiting to get their admissions. A second

the management to desist from

the unwarranted disciplinary act

.. We stand in solidarity with all

our colleagues who have been

carrying out their academic du-

ties in extremely challenging

conditions for the last 20 months.

AUDFA strongly demands that

this letter of explanation should

be withdrawn with immediate

defended its decision to The

Indian Express, saying the event

was a "University-level pro-

gramme" and that "as per the

records, some members of

Karampura faculty were on duty

but were not seen on campus".

It had said the letters had been

sent to "know where they were

The teachers concerned,

however, had said the invitation

sent to them only said their

"presence was requested" and

not that it was "mandatory".

North MCD

thorised colonies. We are reach-

ing out with information and

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cessing capacity is also a little

low. But a new waste-to-energy

plant is coming up near Okhla,

and we are also working on de-

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We are trying to improve our ca-

SDMC

during working hours".

Earlier, AUD's PR office had

effect," they said.

round should be held to fill these seats, it's not right that no students be allotted to them," said Chandrakant Singh, whose school, Ideal Radiant Public School, has 17 out of its 30 reserved seats vacant.

In the meantime, the cycle of admissions to the 2022-2023 academic session is set to start soon, with the process normally beginning in December in most

"We would ideally like to hold a second round of draw of lots. We are collecting data on how many seats have been filled so far and are trying to take a decision on holding it," said an education department official, adding that the limited allotment had been done based on the experience of how many students could be admitted last year.

Man hires two hitmen to kill wife; 3 arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

TWO DAYS after a 33-year-old woman was stabbed to death in South Delhi's Malviya Nagar, her husband and two contract killers hired by him were arrested Saturday. Police said investigation revealed that the man, a cable operator, was having an affair and allegedly decided to kill his wife when she found out.

DCP (South) Benita Mary Jaiker said, "The couple constantly fought over this. So, the husband decided to hire two contract killers, Rahul and Sonu." She said the woman was stabbed at least 17 times.

According to police, they found CCTV footage which showed two men entering the victim's house on Thursday but three persons leaving after some time. "We traced them to Pamposh Enclave in Kalkaji, The husband became a suspect after multiple calls to one number, a woman he was in a relationship with. Call records also revealed he got a WhatsApp call from Rahul, to whom he promised to pay Rs 5 lakh after the murder," Jaiker said.

"When the husband was questioned, he initially misled police saying he had gone to see a homoeopathy doctor in Defence Colony with his son, and his wife was alone at home on Thursday afternoon. He then left his son at a barbershop and went

to his office." the DCP said. Police said after some time, he called one of his employees to drop his son home after the haircut. "At 4.45 pm, he got a call from his employee saying his wife was lying in a pool of blood. He quickly rushed home and took his wife to a nearby hospital where she was declared dead," Jaiker said.

"During questioning, he confessed to having hired Rahul. He also sent the location of his house to the contract killer," she said.

Apprehensions over Haryana's law to reserve jobs for locals

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON, NOVEMBER 19

IN GURGAON

THE HARYANA government notifying a law to reserve 75% jobs in the private sector for those from the state could severely impact firms in BPO, IT, manufacturing, and services, deter investment, and even force companies to relocate from Gurgaon in the long run, industry bodies and

employers say. "The move will lead to a shortage of skilled manpower in the state and affect competitiveness and productivity. A majority of manpower in manufacturing, services and allied sectors working in Gurgaon fall within the ambit of the quota... All these sectors would be severely impacted. The companies in IT and ITES sectors have to hire the best talent to remain competitive. Our position is that there should be no imposition and people should be allowed to work in any state," said Pranav Gupta, chairman, Haryana PHD Chamber of Commerce.

He said they are in consultation with the government to further lower the Rs 30,000 ceiling.

The law - a poll promise of the Jannayak Janta Party – comes into force from January 15. It stipulates that firms with 10 or more employees must reserve 75% of all jobs which offer a salary of less than Rs 30,000 a month to those having a domicile (resident certificate) of Haryana. The state government has made certain exemptions — lowering the upper limit of gross monthly salary from Rs 50,000 to 30,000. IT units and startups set up after January 15, 2022, will be exempted for two years from hiring local candidates under the law.

Manas Fuloria, co-founder of digital engineering and technology solutions firm Nagarro, said, "For an IT firm like ours, a few local jobs (security, housekeeping) and entry-level positions for trainees and freshers will be affected. It will not be feasible to hire them all in Haryana and in many cases, one will see such people being absorbed in operations in are being protectionist at a local level, while Gurgaon has emerged as an IT and BPO giant on a global stage, attracting talent from everywhere. We are nervous that the reservations can be expanded later and for manufacturing companies which have to make a large commitment in terms of setting up a business, such policy decisions will create a doubt."

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Hiring managers said the government must invest in a programme to upskill the labour force before bringing in such a law. A former hiring manager of a BPO, said, "Talent cannot be snubbed in favour of a domicile law. There is already a shortage of skilled manpower in the state. For BPO jobs, voice and accent training, technical proficiency and soft skills are important and they can't be imparted overnight. The law infringes on the constitutional right of freedom to migrate for work and could cause friction at the workplace among employees."

"A focused skill development plan for providing the right kind of trained manpower to BPOs and KPOs should have been brought in. For unskilled manpower jobs, that is security guards, office boys, runner staff, the law will not have much of an impact," said Shweta Joshi, HR senior specialist at a Gurgaonbased consultancy.

Praveen Yadav, president of Gurgaon Udyog Association, said the law will act as an impediment to the growth of industries in the city. "Though certain exemptions have been given, the decision is not business friendly. New units, especially large manufacturing ones, will think twice before setting up business. There would be a lot of red tape in terms of implementation. The law is regressive and goes against the business-friendly image of Haryana. At a time (after Covid) when investments are needed, such restrictions should not be imposed," he said.

Another official from a citybased industries association, on condition of anonymity, said the association was exploring legal options to challenge the imple-

Nigerian national held for hacking WhatsApp accounts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

A 40-YEAR-OLD Nigerian national was arrested from Bengaluru for allegedly hacking people's WhatsApp accounts and swindling money

DCP (New Delhi) Deepak Yadav said the accused, Okwudiri Paschal, was arrested while he was withdrawing Rs 20,000 from an ATM in Bengaluru on November 16. He said the accused is part of an international cyber fraud racket and has allegedly duped hundreds across India.

'The incident came to light when one of the victims registered a complaint at Tilak Marg police station on November 2.

The complainant alleged he received a message on WhatsApp that the facilities on the platform were being upgraded for which the system was generating a sixdigit code. He said as soon as he typed his mobile number followed by the 6-digit code provided by an unknown mobile number, his screen froze and the

account was hacked," Yadav said.

Yadav said the hacker then sent messages to the victim's relatives via the latter's WhatsApp number and demanded money Account numbers of several banks were provided by the accused to the victim's kin for transferring money. "During investigation, it was revealed he was prompting people to transfer money," the DCP added.

New Delhi Municipal Council First In Category OF Cities With 1-10 Lakh Population

Swachh Survekshan 2021: North, East MCDs in bottom 10 among 48 cities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE NORTH and East MCDs have once again finished in the bottom 10 among cities with a population over 10 lakh, results of Swachh Survekshan 2021 show. The New Delhi Municipal Council, meanwhile, topped the survey in the category of cities with 1 lakh to 10 lakh population.

The North MCD ranked 45 out of 48 cities surveyed in the urban local body category with a population over 10 lakh, two places lower than last year's rank of 43 (of 47 local bodies). The East MCD, which ranked 40 this year, has seen a marginal improvement from last year's rank of 46. Like 2020, the South MCD

ARANYA SHANKAR

NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 20

OVER 90 teachers across the

three campuses of Ambedkar

University Delhi have issued a

statement, under the general

body of the AUD Faculty

Association (AUDFA), "unequiv-

ocally condemning" a letter is-

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plain their "absenteeism" from

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Sisodia. They have demanded

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pus, asking them to provide "valid

reasons" for their absenteeism

In a statement by the AUDFA

from the November 2 event.

The Indian Express had re-

that the letters be withdrawn.

ranked 31 this year. Indore topped the category of cities with a population above 10 lakh, followed by Surat, Vijayawada, Navi Mumbai and

The Delhi Cantonment Board ranked third in the Cantonment Boards category.

Swachh Survekshan ranks cities and urban local bodies on various parameters like waste segregation and garbage disposal, among others, as part of the Centre's Swachh Bharat Mission.

A senior New Delhi Municipal Council official said the result was due to the council's efforts to continuously pursue excellence in rendering services and civic amenities.



The MCDs are using trommel machines to clear waste at landfills, which have exceeded their capacity. Archive

The results have led to questions over the strategy of MCDs in ensuring waste segregation, waste dumping at landfills which have exceeded their capacity, and cleanliness of toilets. The MCDs have, in the past, claimed that a fresh push is being given in these directions.

A senior official of the South MCD said, "The main problem area is segregation of waste at

HOW MCDs RANK 2020 - out of 47 local **2021**- out of 48 local bodies (cities with bodies (cities with population over 10 lakh)

population over 10 lakh) **EDMC** North MCD **SDMC**

pacity for waste disposal." mittee chairperson Jogi Ram focused on the "achievement' which is that the MCD has perfeedback, "Segregation is also

Bhalswa landfill, trommel ma-

North MCD standing comformed well in terms of citizen gradually beginning to be done. In some colonies, there are problems with segregation. At the

New Delhi

chines are being used," he said. A senior North MCD official added, "Source segregation will have to be improved and we will also have to work towards 100% processing of waste.'

At the East MCD, a spokesperson said, "We are trying to focus on problems like waste segregation and handling garbage burning. But spreading awareness on this takes time. We have tried to reach out through meetings with RWAs and awareness campaigns. At the Ghazipur landfill as well, trommel machines are running."

According to a senior EDMC official, an integrated waste processing plant is coming up to improve waste processing facilities.

lakh and recording its best performance in the past 6 years. As per officials of the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram, its performance in the survey has steadily improved over the years. Meanwhile, Noida bagged the

Gurgaon ranks 24 among

Gurgaon jumped several spots

in the survey, ranking 24 among

425 cities in the category of cities

with a population of 1 lakh to 10

425 cities, Noida bags

cleanest city award

Cleanest City Award in the medium category which consists of places with a population of 3 lakh and less than 10 lakh. Noida has been ranked fourth in the overall survey in the population of cities less than 10 lakh category.

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- Bhupesh Baghel Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh





GOVT & POLITICS

TRINAMOOL'S MOVE 'NOT IN GOOD TASTE', SAYS REGIONAL PARTY'S CHIEF

Alliance talks stalled, TMC lures away senior GFP leader

MAYURA JANWALKAR PANAJI, NOVEMBER 20

IN A "shock" to Goa Forward Party (GFP), its working president Kiran Kandolkar, second only to party chief Vijai Sardesai, joined Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Saturday, hours after he tendered his resignation from the GFP.

The TMC, latest entrant in the contest for Goa Assembly elections, inducted Kandolkar, his wife Kavita Kandolkar and 40 others, including sarpanches of five villages from Assembly constituencies of Tivim and Aldona in North Goa.

Sardesai said Kandolkar's move was "shocking and unexpected", and "hasty", and called TMC's action "not in good taste".

The move comes days after discussions between TMC and GFP over a possible pre-poll alliance hit a dead end. The GFP, which has three MLAs in the 40member Assembly, is once again



Kiran Kandolkar (centre, holding flag), with TMC leaders on Saturday. @AITCofficial

in talks with the Congress over a pre-election alliance.

While this was TMC's first grab from GFP, the development is seen as a setback to the regional party, as Kandolkar is a prominent Scheduled Caste leader and was seen as among its

"winnable" candidates.

Sardesai had met West Bengal chief minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee on her visit to Goa on October 30. "Regional parties are strong parties and we want to see a strong federal structure. We don't want

outsiders' dadagiri (bullying) — we want insiders to work," Banerjee had said after their meeting

Talks between the two parties subsequently fell through.

Kandolkar, a former MLA from Tivim, resigned from primary membership of GFP on Saturday morning and joined TMC hours later. He had not discussed the move with Sardesai until his resignation from the party, sources said.

TMC national vice-president Luizinho Faleiro and Lok Sabha MP Mahua Moitra, who recently took over as the party's in-charge for Goa, were among those present at the induction ceremony held at the International Centre in Dona Paula.

Kandolkar said, "No party apart from TMC is serious about defeating BJP in Goa. I quit GFP in protest against a possible alliance with Congress because the Congress has not shown any seriousness (in defeating BJP).

Congress is the B-team of BJP. Leaders like Rahul Gandhi fail to stand up to (Prime Minister) Narendra Modi. (AAP chief Arvind) Kejriwal only comes and promises to give this for free and that for free. Mamata-didi alone stands up to Modi and Amit Shah and is serious about pack-

ing the BJP off from Goa.' He claimed that many of his supporters, including MLAs and ex-MLAs, are set to join TMC in the days ahead.

Kandolkar had joined GFP in November 2020 and was soon made the party's working president. On Saturday, Faleiro called the Kandolkars "agents of change".

Sardesai told The Sunday Express, "No doubt this is a hit for us, but I am not someone who runs away from a fight."

Maintaining that Kandolkar was "highly respected in our party", the GFP chief said, "He had apprehension about being denied a ticket to contest if we

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CONGRESS GENERAL secretary

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on

Saturday wrote to Prime

Minister Narendra Modi urging

him not to share the dais with

Union Minister of State for

Home, Ajay Mishra 'Teni' -

whose son has been arrested in

connection with the violence in

Lakhimpur Kheri – at a confer-

ence of Director Generals of

Police (DGPs) and Inspector

Generals of Police (IGPs) being

Minister of State for Home.

Dismiss him," she said in the

Responding to her com-

ments, Uttar Pradesh minister

Siddharth Nath Singh asked her

since when the "corporate

Congress" has started caring for

farmers, according to a PTI report.

"If your intentions are clean, don't share dais with the Union

held in Lucknow.

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

Don't share stage with

Priyanka in letter to PM

MoS at conference:

form an alliance with Congress But we have not forged any alliance so far and his decision was based only on conjectures. Kiran's decision is hasty and we will get to know eventually why he took it. But now that he has joined another party, I wish him all the best "

Kandolkar was expected to be GFP's candidate from Aldona constituency, and the party had already announced candidature of Kavita, a Zilla Panchayat member from Colvale, from Tivim constituency.

Kandolkar, however, said the Aldona seat may not remain with GFP if it forms an alliance with Congress, and pointed out that senior Congress leader P Chidambaram "was campaigning in Aldona yesterday".

Sardesai said, "If we were to form an alliance, we would have fought for him and ensured that winnable candidates are not denied a ticket. But there is no al-

Gujarat BJP chief says no coercive action on non-veg carts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAJKOT, NOVEMBER 20

GUJARAT BJP chief CR Paatil Saturday said he has instructed Mayors not to take coercive actions against those selling nonvegetarian food on roadside carts in the name of hurting religious feelings. The statement came after BIP-ruled civic bodies issued directives to remove all carts and stalls selling non-vegetarian food from the main roads.

"Everyone in this country has the liberty to decide what to eat. It is not appropriate to remove a person selling non-vegetarian food on a cart if people are buying from him. There is no such provision in the law either. People are free to sell anything that is not prohibited. So, there is no question of removing carts (from roads)," Paatil said Saturday in Rajkot.

However, when pointed out that the Rajkot Mayor and officebearers of the Bhavnagar Municipal Corporation have ordered the removal of non-vegetarian food carts from the roadsides citing hurt to religious sentiments, the BJP president said: "They all have been instructed not to do any such thing."

Incidentally, the Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC) had launched a drive earlier this month to remove non-vegetarian food carts saying they were encroaching on the city roads and the public display of such



CR Paatil

gious sentiments of the vegetarians. Soon, other civic bodies in the state followed the suit and took similar action.

However, Paatil as well Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel asserted last week that people were free to eat whatever they liked. At the same time, the CM had also said the removal of encroachments in cities was a decision of the respective civic bodies.

Meanwhile, addressing a gathering of industrialists in Rajkot Saturday, the BJP chief assured the government would facilitate the growth of industries by removing bottlenecks and providing facilities. However, he also asked industrialists to see to it that factories do not cause pollution. "There would be other problems, too, including pollution. But you are not raising them because we tend to think that causing pollution is our right," Paatil said, adding the general perception about the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) among industrialists is that of a 'police' who punishes polluters. "But its actual work is to educate people, to guide industries the type of plants and machinery to install to reduce pollution and within how much time. Only then can we solve the problem."



"You must be understanding your responsibility towards the farmers of the country. Ensuring justice to every citizen is not only the duty but also the food items was hurting the relimoral responsibility of the prime minister," Priyanka said in the letter. "... getting justice delivered to the families of those killed in Lakhimpur Kheri should be your top priority. But, Union Minister of State for



Maoism in focus

Country understands everything, PM attends DGP Calling the PM "bhashanmeet; cyber crime,

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

LEFT-WING extremism, counterterrorism, prison reforms, industrial security, cyber crime and optimal utilisation of training were some of the topics discussed at the 56th DGPs/IGPs Conference currently on in

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The second day of the Conference was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who, sources said, sat through all the presentations, making specific

comments and giving suggestions. Sources said UP police, being the host state, made a presentation on its history and what it has done in the past few years to improve policing in the state.

The three-day conference, hosted by the Intelligence Bureau,

practices among state police and central agencies over key law and order and security issues. This year's conference was in-

is held every year to share best

augurated by Home Minister Amit Shah who stressed on better coordination between the state police and other Central agencies in his address. The event is being held in hybrid mode for the first time. DGPs of all States/UTs and DGs of CAPFs are attending from police headquarters at Lucknow. In addition, about 350 other officers are attending the same through virtual platform from IB offices in various states and UTs.

This year, for the first time, over 200 officers from various states/UTs were also asked to submit papers on contemporary security issues being discussed in the conference, the Ministry of Home

The policy will focus on key

health interventions and as-

pects such as investing in the

first 1.000 days of children: ad-

dressing determinants of foeti-

cide, child mortality and mor-

FARM LAW REPEAL: A DAY LATER

KCR: Withdraw cases against farmers, give Rs 25 lakh to kin of deceased

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 20

TELANGANA CHIEF Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Saturday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi immediately take steps to withdraw all cases against farmers who have been protesting over the three contentious agriculture laws, and announce ex-gratia compensation of Rs 25 lakh each for the families of those who died during the agitation. Rao also

said

Telangana

government

ex-gratia of Rs

3 lakh to the

families of

each of the

farmers" who

"700-750

Telangana CM Rao

lost their lives. His statement comes a day afcentral government will repeal the three legislations that sparked one of the largest farm agitations in the country last year.

There will be no meaning in continuing the cases when a policy decision has been taken to repeal the farm laws, the CM said. He also demanded that the case against environmental activist Disha Ravi be withdrawn, Ravi was accused of sedition and promotingenmity in connection with online dissemination of a "toolkit" related to the famers' protest.

Rao echoed the farm union stand on bringing a new law to guarantee Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops.

JUBILATION: At Singhu border on Saturday. Amit Mehra

Varun writes to PM: Decision earlier could have saved lives

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

Narendra Modi's announcement on repeal of the contentious farm laws, BJP MP Varun Gandhi, who has been critical of these laws, on Saturday said that many "innocent lives" of farmers could have been saved had the decision been taken earlier.

Varun wrote to the Prime Minister seeking Rs 1 crore compensation for the families of these deceased farmers, to withdraw "politically motivated false FIRs" against the protesters, and to make minimum support price (MSP) legally binding.

In his letter the Lok Sabha MP from Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh, also asked Modi to take "strict action"



Varun

against Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Kumar Mishra, whose son Ashish Mishra was arrested for the October 3 incident in Lakhimpur Kheri that led to the deaths of four farmers.

Varun is the first BJP leader to publicly seek action against the Union MoS. "The heartbreaking incident is a blemish on our democracy," he wrote.

Varun said many top leaders had given "provocative statements", and an "adversarial atmosphere" was "created".

Beginning the letter by thanking Modi for his "large-

heartedness" in announcing repeal of the three farm laws and a statutory guarantee of MSP for crops, he wrote, "More than 700 ters have been martyred in this movement, as they peacefully protested in extremely difficult and hostile conditions. I believe if this decision had been taken earlier, all these innocent lives would not have been lost." He urged the Prime Minister to express condolences to families of these farmers and announce Rs 1 crore compensation for them. "Furthermore, all politically

motivated false FIRS that have been registered as weapons of harassment against farmers during this movement must be immediately quashed," he wrote. Varun also said MSP for crops should be legally binding.

'suit-boot' govt doesn't: Congress the "benefits" of the legislations.

New Delhi: Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress on Saturday said he could not explain the benefits of steps such as farm laws, demonetisation and CAA, but the country understands everything.

The party's attack on the PM came a day after Modi announced the government's decision to repeal the three farm laws that led to major protests, and also apologised to the people over his government not being able to "convince" a section of farmers about

Farmer unity forced PM's decision: RLD

jeevi", Congress's chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said Modi could not explain the benefits of the Land Acquisition Ordinance and those of demonetisation to economists and countrymen.

Home Ajay Mishra 'Teni' still re-

mains a member of your coun-

cil of ministers. If you share the

stage with the father of the ac-

cused at the DGP conference

then a clear message will go to

the aggrieved families that you

are standing with those who are

giving protection to the mur-

derers," she wrote.

In a series of tweets, Surjewala said the PM also could not explain the benefits of GST to traders and the benefits of CAA to minorities.

"The country understands everything, the suit-boot government doesn't," he said. PTI

Nothing black in laws except ink: Singh

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA BASTI (UP), NOVEMBER 20

WHAT IS black in the farm laws other than the ink used to write them, Union minister V K Singh asked Saturday. He claimed there was a fight for supremacy among farmer organisations. which are not thinking about benefits to small farmers.

The Minister of State for



Union Minister V K Singh

Road Transport & Highways and Civil Aviation put the poser a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced his decision to repeal the three central farm laws in the upcoming parlia"I asked a farmer leader to

tell me what is black (in the farm laws). You people say this is a black law. I asked them what is black barring the ink (used),? the former Army chief told re-

"In farmers' organisations, there is a fight for supremacy among themselves. These people cannot think about the benefits to small farmers," he said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MEERUT, NOVEMBER 20

IT IS the unprecedented unity among farmers that forced Prime Minister Narendra Modi to decide to repeal the three farm laws, said Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief Jayant Chaudhary.

Addressing a gathering at a college

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 20



(RLD) chief **Jayant** Chaudhary

Muzzafarnagar's Baghra town Saturday, Chaudhary said farmers will have to remain alert till these laws are repealed in the Parliament as the PM may not have an academic degree but he

holds one on how to lie. "Everyone will have to become an andolanjeevi to claim their right," he said.

ported the decision taken by farmers agitating at the Dehli border. "You have won a prolonged battle with the government you voted to power. With our unity, we can force any government to kneel down if it does any wrong," said the RLD chief.

Legacy of social

KNOWN FOR pioneering the mid-day meal scheme —

which was later picked up by other states in the past four

decades - Tamil Nadu also has the lowest rates of infant

mary school enrolment rate is also among the highest in

state's track record of investing in social welfare systems.

and neonatal mortalities and prevalence of stunting. Its pri-

India. The latest policy drafted for children is in line with the

welfare investment

He also said his party sup-

Health to education, TN brings out child rights policy

defecation, etc," said the docu-

The policy document was released by Chief Minister M K Stalin at a function held at the Secretariat, said a statement. The policy for children is intended to set benchmarks on all indicators on a par with international standards.

The document formulates guiding principles based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), 1989, National Policy for Children, 2013, the National Plan of Action 2016 and the UN document 'Transforming our world, The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'.

bidity; taking measures to help people take informed decisions on birth; strengthening the public health system; and ensuring nutrition, safe institutional deliveries, and childcare The policy also contains mul-

tiple measures on providing learning access and removing barriers to education such as gender and social exclusion, child marriage, child labour, gender and social exclusion.

UP-Uttarakhand agreement: Rawat says Dhami 'surrendered' interests of state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE DEHRADUN, NOVEMBER 20

SENIOR CONGRESS leader and former Uttarakhand CM Harish Rawat on Saturday alleged that Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has "surrendered" to his Uttar Pradesh counterpart over an agreement between the two states on the division of assets and liabilities.

Uttarakhand was carved out of UP in 2000.

Rawat told reporters in Dehradun that the Congress will oppose this in the state Assembly.



Former CM Harish Rawat

The former CM said the party would also explore legal ways to oppose the agreement.

"It is our allegation that in the meeting of Thursday between two chief ministers, not only have the present rights of Uttarakhand been sold out to Uttar Pradesh, but even the future rights related to water have been handed over. A state CM is

a state CM and is the advocate of the rights of their state. It appears that Uttarakhand CM has completely surrendered to the national stature of UP CM. I feel sad that Uttarakhand CM appeared very small in front of UP CM in advocating the welfare of Uttarakhand," he said.

Rawat was referring to Dhami's meeting with UP CM Yogi Adityanath on division of the two states' liabilities and assets.

BIP spokesperson Shadab Shams said that Rawat is guestioning the agreement only because he failed to do it during his tenure as CM.

THE TAMIL Nadu government Saturday released a policy specifically aimed at ensuring the well-being of children across a range of indices such as health, nutrition, and access to schooling.

The government said The Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children aims "to create a bright future for its children, and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals" for them. "Even though Tamil Nadu

average, the following are some issues that are preventable and needs the attention of the fares better on many of the in-Government of Tamil Nadu: dices compared to the national malnutrition, anaemia, infant

mortality rate, under 5 mortality rate, child sex ratio, full immunization, body mass index, gross enrolment ratio at high

and higher secondary level, open



स्वच्छता को हमने 'आदत' बनाया मध्यप्रदेश का परचम फिर लहराया







प्रदेश के सभी सफाई-मित्रों और जागरूक नागरिकों के प्रति आभार





स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण 2021 अवॉर्ड में मध्यप्रदेश ने हर बार की तरह एक बार फिर शानदार प्रदर्शन करते हुए कई पुरस्कार और सम्मान किये अपने नाम।

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- इंदौर शहर ने 5 स्टार के साथ सफाई मित्र सुरक्षा चैलेंज के लिये भी पुरस्कार जीता।
- भोपाल को मिला स्व-संवहनीय राजधानी का खिताब और सफाई मित्र सुरक्षा चैलेंज में देश भर में तीसरा स्थान।
- मध्यप्रदेश राज्य को तीसरे सबसे स्वच्छ राज्य का पुरस्कार।
- मध्यप्रदेश के 27 शहरों को मिली स्टार रेटिंग।
- विभिन्न श्रेणियों में प्रदेश के 07 शहरों को राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार इंदौर, भोपाल, उज्जैन, देवास, होशंगाबाद, बड़वाह और पचमढ़ी केंट को उत्कृष्ट अवॉर्ड श्रेणी के लिए सम्मान।
 - 1 से 3 लाख जनसंख्या के शहरों में होशंगाबाद शहर को तेजी से बढ़ते शहर और देवास को नवाचार का सम्मान।
 - उज्जैन शहर को 1-10 लाख जनसंख्या के शहरों में नागरिक प्रतिक्रिया में सर्वश्रेष्ठ सम्मान।
 - छोटे शहरों की श्रेणी में खरगौन जिले के बड़वाह को जोनल रैंकिंग में सबसे तेजी से बढ़ते शहर का सम्मान।
- सफाई मित्र सुरक्षा चैलेंज के अंतर्गत इंदौर शहर को 12 करोड़, देवास को 6 करोड़
 और भोपाल को 03 करोड़ रुपये का पुरस्कार।
- स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण में पहली बार प्रेरक दौर का घटक शामिल किया गया।
 इसमें प्लेटिनम-दिव्य श्रेणी में 1 शहर, गोल्ड-अनुपम श्रेणी में 35 शहर,
 सिल्चर-उज्ज्वल श्रेणी में 3 शहर, ब्रांज-उदित श्रेणी में 27 शहर और कॉपर-आरोही श्रेणी में 4 शहर सिहत कुल 70 शहरों को इस घटक में रैंकिंग प्राप्त हुई।

सफाई मित्र सुरक्षा चैलेंज

 इंदौर, देवास और भोपाल ने राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर बनाया अपना स्थान। (चैलेंज में सीवर लाइनों और सेप्टिक टैंक की सफाई में मानव हस्तक्षेप को खत्म कर मशीनों द्वारा सफाई मित्रों की सुरक्षा को प्रोत्साहित किया जाता है।)

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295 शहर ओडीएफ डबल प्लस (ODF++) और 78 शहर ओडीएफ प्लस (ODF+)
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- मुझे गर्व और प्रसन्तता है कि स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण 2021 में भी मध्यप्रदेश ने माननीय प्रधानमंत्री जी के सपनों और संकल्प को साकार किया है। इस सफलता के लिये मैं सभी मध्यप्रदेशवासियों और विशेष तौर पर सभी स्वच्छताकर्मियों को हृदय से धन्यवाद देता हूँ।
- शिवराज सिंह चौहान, मुख्यमंत्री, मध्यप्रदेश
 - देश के 10 लाख से अधिक आबादी वाले टॉप
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 भोपाल, ग्वालियर और जबलपुर हुए शामिल।
 - 1 से 10 लाख आबादी की श्रेणी में देश के 100 शहरों में प्रदेश के 25 शहर।

पश्चिमी क्षेत्र श्रेणी

- 50 हजार से 1 लाख आबादी की श्रेणी में देश के 100 शहरों में प्रदेश के 26 शहर शामिल।
- 25 हजार से 50 हजार आबादी की श्रेणी में देश के 100 शहरों में प्रदेश के 26 शहर शामिल।
- 25 हजार से कम आबादी की श्रेणी में देश के
 100 शहरों में प्रदेश के 35 शहर शामिल।

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

AMARAVATI, NOVEMBER 20

HEAVY RAIN under the influence

of a low-pressure area in the Bay

of Bengal left 25 persons, includ-

ing a member of the State

Disaster Response Force (SDRF),

dead in different districts of

Andhra Pradesh since Friday,

while 17 persons were reported

to be missing, the state govern-

Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

SDRF, Police and Fire Services

personnel saved at least 64 per-

sons, including a police inspec-

tor, from the massive flash floods

in Anantapuramu, Kadapa and

Chittoor districts, the govern-

Mohan Reddy conducted an aer-

ial survey in Kadapa, Anantapuramu and Chittoor dis-

tricts to assess the damage.

Chief Minister Y S Jagan

He spoke to Collectors of

Kadapa and Chittoor districts

and obtained details about the

devastation and asked the offi-

cials to conduct enumeration of

the crop losses as soon as the

an ex-gratia payment of Rs 5

lakh each to the kin of those

The government announced

The intensity of the rainfall

reduced on Saturday, but

brought little respite to people as

several habitations remained

marooned because of the flash

floods. While the situation in

Tirupati town still remained

SHAJU PHILIP

NOVEMBER 20

into the matter.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

SIX DAYS after RSS worker

S Sanjith was killed in an attack

by unidentified assailants in

Palakkad district, the state unit

of the BJP on Saturday said it

would seek an NIA investigation

group of people in the presence

of his wife Arshika on Monday

morning in Elappully village.

Sanjith, 27, was attacked by a

floodwater receded.

killed.

ment said in a note

The Indian Air Force, National

ment said on Saturday.

Maharashtra slashes excise duty on imported foreign liquor by 50%

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

THE MAHARASHTRA government has slashed excise duty on imported foreign liquor by 50 per cent to curb inter-state smuggling and bring the prices of imported liquor on par with those of other states. State government officials said the measure was expected to increase the government's revenue by Rs 150 crore in a year.

State excise department officials said that excise duty on imported whisky, brandy, rum and vodka has been brought down from 300 per cent to 150 per cent of the manufacturing cost, "We expect that the sales will go up from the current 1 lakh cases per year to 2.5 lakh cases per year. The revenue is expected to increase from Rs 100 crore to Rs 250 crore," said Valsa Nair Singh, principal secretary of the state excise department.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

LATEHAR, MEDININAGAR,

CHAIBASA, NOVEMBER 20

SUSPECTED MEMBERS of

banned CPI (Maoist) blew up

portions of railway tracks in

Jharkhand's Latehar and West

Singhbhum districts in the early

hours of Saturday, disrupting

train services on Barkakana-

Garhwa and Howrah-Mumbai

and Lotapahar stations in West

Chakradharpur Division of South

Eastern Railway (SER), was dam-

aged on Friday night in a blast

that was allegedly triggered by

for a nationwide bandh on

Saturday to protest against the

arrest of its top leader Prashant

Bose alias Kishan Da. who was

carrying a bounty of Rs 1 crore,

Ajay Linda, the District

Superintendent of Police, told

PTI that suspected insurgents

triggered a low-intensity blast

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A rail track between Sonua

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Singhbhum.

the Maoists.

Maoists blow up railway

tracks in Jharkhand, train

services disrupted briefly



WITH MAHARASHTRA

levying 300-per cent excise duty on imported whisky, the exorbitant rates of imported liquor in the state has meant there was a lot of smuggling, and black marketing from other states and UTs such as Goa, Daman, Delhi, Chandigarh, among others. The reduction in excise duty is expected to boost sales, and thereby lift revenues of the state excise department.

The excise reduction will apply only to imported liquor brands bottled and packed in the country of origin, and not to

Officials at the site of the

explosion on Saturday. PTI

between Sonua and Lotapahar

and damaged some sleepers un-

Services on the Howrah-

derneath the tracks.

hours later, he said.

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वार्षिक दर अनुबन्ध पर, Supply and installation of Domestic and Bulk tamper proof water meters as per standard confirming to

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ई—िर्निवेदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त जानकारियां व शर्ते उत्तराखण्ड की वेबसाइट <u>www.uktenders.gov.in</u> एवं विभागीय वैबर

those international brands that are bottled in India. It also does not apply to Indian Made Foreign Liquor brands. The new excise rates have come into effect from the date of the notification, on November 18, Nair said.

According to officials, the cut in excise duty will help boost declining sales of imported whisky in Maharashtra. The state government has earned revenue of approximately Rs 100 crore each in 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years, which is half of its revenue in 2018-19, from sale of imported whisky.

The excise rates were increased in January 2019.

Officials said the decline in revenue was due to high taxes on imported whisky. In fact, Maharashtra had among the highest excise duty on imported whisky of 300 per cent as compared to neighbouring states. Now, with the new notification, the excise duty has been brought on par with the other states.

Narendra Giri death case: Disciple, two others charged with abetting suicide

MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 20

THE CBI, which is investigating the death of Akhil Bharativa Akhara Parishad chairman Mahant Narendra Giri, on Saturday filed a chargesheet against three men, including his disciple Anand Giri, on charges of abetment of suicide and crim-

inal conspiracy. The other two accused are Addhya Tiwari, priest of the Bade Hanuman temple in Prayagraj, and his son Sandeep.

The accused are presently lodged in Naini Central Jail in Prayagraj.

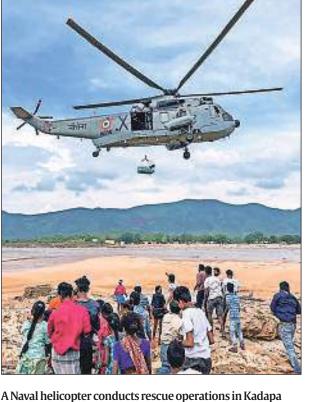
The CBI is investigating the Mumbai line were restored via an alternate track from 8 am on case on the recommendation of Saturday and fully restored two the state government.

"A chargesheet has been filed In Latehar, too, a blast took against Anand Giri, Addhya place on the railway tracks be-Tiwari and Sandeep Tiwari on tween Richughuta and Demu charges of abetment of suicide stations around 12:30 am. and criminal conspiracy. Deputy Inspector General of Investigation is on," said an offi-Police, Palamu Range, Raj Kumar cer of the central agency.

On September 20, the seer All police stations in Palamu, was found hanging from the ceil-Garhwa and Latehar have been ing of his room at the put on high alert, the DIG said. Baghambari Math in Prayagraj.

सम्बन्धित सुझाव/ संशोधन ई–मेल

29.11.2021



25 killed, 17 missing as flash floods ravage Andhra Pradesh

district of Andhra Pradesh on Saturday. PTI

RSS worker killing: BJP to seek NIA probe

grim, with many areas inundated, the scene on the holy Tirumala Hills was relatively better, though pouring rain did inconvenience pilgrims. The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams reopened the

ghat roads for vehicular traffic,

Local police are yet to make any

the Social Democratic Party of

India (SDPI), the political arm of

the Popular Front of India (PFI),

was behind the killing – an alle-

Saturday, state BJP chief K

Surendran said he would meet

Union Minister Amit Shah on

Monday to seek an NIA probe

into the killing. "BJP would con-

duct mass agitations against

CPI(M)-SDPI nexus in Kerala. In

Speaking to reporters on

Kerala BJP had alleged that

arrests in the case.

gation denied by SDPI.

though the two stairways meant for pilgrims to trek the Hills remained closed. Pilgrims who booked tickets online were being allowed for darshan of Lord Venkateswara.

The deluge in the CM's native Kadapa district saw the

the last five years, 10 RSS-BJP

workers have been killed by the

group. Police are yet to unravel

the conspiracy behind these

killings. In the killing of Sanjith,

police are afraid of revealing the

role of PFI and SDPI," he alleged.

were reluctant to arrest the ac-

cused due to a nexus between

the ruling CPI(M) and SPDI.

"CPI(M) is using SDPI to execute

its barbaric policy of killing po-

litical rivals. Sanjith had faced

threats in the past, but police did

not take any action to protect his

Surendran said the police

breached and left a trail of destruction in many villages downstream under the Rajampet constituency

Over 30 people were washed away from three villages along the Cheyyeru river course, where water from the Annamayya medium irrigation project gushed in. At one point on Friday, two lakh cusecs of floodwater flowed out of Annamayya project while its normal capacity was just two tmc ft.

Kadapa, thus, reported the highest toll of 13 so far.

In Kadiri town Anantapuramu district, a building under construction collapsed due to incessant rain and fell on an adjoining building, killing at least seven persons, including three children.

Police and revenue authorities rescued seven more persons from the mishap site.

In Chittoor district, four persons were killed in rain-related incidents, according to the government. In SPS Nellore district, a constable placed in the SDRF at Vizianagaram drowned while carrying out a rescue operation in Damaramadugu village.

A total of 243 relief camps were opened in the four districts where 20,923 persons evacuated from flood-hit areas were lodged.

Meanwhile, at least 10 Express trains have been cancelled on Saturday and Sunday due to flooding of the railway track in the Nellore-Padugupadu section in Vijayawada division.

life," Surendran added

any party.

The FIR on Sanjith's killing,

submitted in a local court, had

stated that the murder was po-

litical in nature, but did not name

In the Sanjith killing, the as-

sailants chose a deserted stretch

of road, which indicates plan-

ning, they said. On Tuesday, a day

after the murder, five swords

were found abandoned in the

district. Police have intensified

searches in Palakkad and neigh-

bouring Coimbatore district of

Tamil Nadu, they said.

Bengal: 10 people arrested for child trafficking, 20 kids rescued

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 20

THE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW of a former top civic body official and nine others were arrested early on Saturday for allegedly running a child trafficking racket from a home care centre in Kolkata. At least 20 children have been rescued from the home run by the woman for the last five years. Police also questioned the former civic body official.

According to sources, a family adopted a girl from the home two and a half years ago. The girl complained to her adoptive parents that she had been sexually abused at the home. The couple then lodged a police complaint.

Based on the allegations, police and the Child Welfare Department raided the home on Friday. Sources said officials found that the number of children at the home did not match with the government data. Police arrested the owner and nine others.

Child and Women Development Minister Sashi Panja said, "Whoever is the culprit, police will take action within the legal framework. Nobody will be spared."

Out on survey work, forest guard mauled to death by tiger

VIVEK DESHPANDE NAGPUR, NOVEMBER 20

A WOMAN forest guard was

mauled to death by a tigress in the



Swati

Tiger Reserve in Chandrapur district on Saturday. According to TATR Director Jitendra

Dhumane

Ramgaokar, 46year-old forest guard Swati Dhumane was doing a sign survey under All India Tiger

Estimation (AITE) 2022 programme with the help of three forest labourers on foot when the tigress, known as Maya (aged about 10 years), attacked and "Dhumane and three forest labourers started their work

around 7 am and had walked about four km from the Kolara gate of TATR, when they spotted the tigress... They waited for her to leave for about 30 minutes. But as she didn't move, Dhumane decided to take a detour... It was then that the tigress followed the four persons and attacked Dhumane," Ramgaokar said.

Antilia scare: Court grants bail to accused, NIA to approach HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

A SPECIAL court on Saturday granted bail to an accused in the Antilia terror scare case. Naresh Gaur is the first among the 10 accused, who were arrested, to be granted bail.

Gaur, however, will not be released immediately as the court has granted a stay on the order for 25 days after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said that it wants to approach the High Court against his bail.

Gaur was arrested in March for allegedly being involved in the procurement of SIM cards used by the other accused in the alleged conspiracy. His bail plea said that Gaur was never contacted by the alleged conspirator Sachin Waze. nor were there any meetings between them. It was also argued that there is no evidence to show that Gaur was part of or aware of the alleged conspiracy where gelatin sticks were planted in a car and parked near Antilia, the residence of industrialist Mukesh Ambani and the subsequent murder of Thane-resident Mansukh Hiran, linked to the car.

The NIA in its chargesheet had not invoked the charges of Unlawful Activity (Prevention) Act against Gaur.

Swachh 2021 rankings: Surat still

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI NOVEMBER 20

GUJARAT'S SURAT maintained its position as the second cleanest city in India with a population over 10 lakh after Madhya Pradesh's Indore in the Swachh Survekshan 2021, the Centre's annual cleanliness survey to promote sanitation in urban centres under the Swachh Bharat Mission, Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, swapped places with Navi Mumbai to move to the third spot from last year's fourth.

100 ULBs) state category, respectively.

"Hoshangabad (Madhya Pradesh) emerged as the 'Fastest Mover City' (in the 'more than 1 lakh population' category) with a jump of 274 ranks from 361st position in the 2020 rankings to the 87th position this year, thus securing a place among the top 100 cities," the Ministry of

In the state awards, Chhattisgarh emerged as the 'Cleanest State' for the third consecutive year in the category of "more than 100 Urban Local Bodies" while Iharkhand, for the second time, won the

The findings were released on Saturday by President Ram Nath Kovind. The second session of the event focused on commemorating World Toilet Day ers in the first-ever Safaimitra Suraksha

Indore, Navi Mumbai, Nellore and Dewas emerged as the top performers. across different population categories among 246 participating cities in the Challenge, launched last year by the Ministry to eradicate human fatalities from hazardous cleaning of sewers and

Chhattisgarh and Chandigarh bagged the award for best performing State and Union Territory respectively under the

Multimedia America Inc (DMAI), **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

BENGALURU. NOVEMBER 20

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has served summons to the Founder CEO of a Bengaluru space start-up and the firm's US subsidiary through diplomatic channels to facilitate the start of a trial in a money laundering case over three years after filing

The money laundering case arose out of a failed satellite deal in 2005 between Devas Multimedia and ISRO's Antrix Corporation.

the US subsidiary. In September this year, the

special court rejected a plea by he ED to split the trial into two – one against eight accused who have been served summons and another against Vishwanathan and Devas Multimedia America Inc. in this case.

The ED chargesheet was filed in July 2018.

Among the other accused are several Devas officials, three subsidiaries of the firm and a former executive director of the Antrix Corporation - the commercial arm of ISRO.

The chargesheet alleged that Devas Multimedia transferred 85 per cent of Rs 579 crore of foreign funding it received through a 2005 deal with ISRO to the US

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5. Date of opening of bids through e-procurement: 13-12-2021 at 12.30 pm.

6. The Employer has right to issue addendum/corrigendum as per ITB clause-10 on-lin which will not be published in any news paper. All prospective bidders are advised to keep regular watch and visit e-tender portal regularly

For further details please log on to https://etender.up.nic.in and down load the bid document. (Anil Kumar Sharma)

Superintending Engineer

Rural Engineering Department Circle Bareilly On behalf of Governor of UP



Among states, Karnataka and Mizoram were the 'fastest mover states' in the rankings in the big (more than 100 Urban Local Bodies) and small (less than cleanest state award in the 'less than 100

ULBs category'. (November 19) and saw the top perform-Challenge being recognised.

septic tanks.

US-based executive in **Devas-Antrix deal case**

ED serves summons to

a chargesheet against them.

The ED informed a special

court in Bengaluru about the serving of summons on Ramachandran Vishwanathan, Founder CEO of Devas Multimedia, and Devas

under various claims.

portunity as we leapfrog into the dig-

ital era of content and filmmaking,

not to forget film archiving for future

with the international premiere of

the Spanish musical 'The King of all

the World', directed by Carlos Saura.

The nine-day event will see 12 world,

7 international and 64 national pre-

The film screenings will open

generations of film lovers," he said.

IFFI kicks off; Top honours for Scorsese, Hema Malini

KRISHN KAUSHIK PANAJI, NOVEMBER 20

THE 52ND annual International Film Festival of India (IFFI) began in Goa on Saturday with performances by Bollywood personalities including Salman Khan and Ranveer Singh, in a break from tradition.

The prestigious film festival, which will run eight more days, awarded Hollywood legend Martin Scorsese and Hungarian director Istvan Szabo with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award. In an acceptance video, Scorsese

said he considers Ray one of his masters. Szabo, whose 1981 film 'Mephisto' won Hungary's first Oscar for best foreign film, said that he was honoured that Indians were aware of his work



Union minister Anurag Thakur presents the Indian Film Personality of the Year award to Hema Malini in Panaji on Saturday. PTI

Former actor and BJP MP from Minister for Information and Mathura, Hema Malini, received the Indian Film Personality of the Year At the opening ceremony, Union

India as a global content creation hub. "The film and entertainment industry offers a huge employment op-

Broadcasting Anurag Thakur pitched

mieres. A total of 624 entries were received from 96 countries, and from India 44 movies in 18 languages will be showcased. A total of 48 international films from nearly 75 nations will be screened at the festival.

In another change from previous vears, realising the significant role that OTT players now have in the entertainment industry, major OTT platforms including Netflix, Amazon, Sony among others have also participated in IFFI.

Express Network

THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

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2008 Malegaon blast: Witness denies meeting Purohit, declared hostile

SADAF MODAK

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

A WITNESS linked to Abhinav Bharat Trust denied having met 2008 Malegaon blast accused Lt Col Prasad Purohit and was declared hostile for not supporting the prosecution. This is the seventh witness so far to turn hostile

The Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS), which initially probed the case, had said that Purohit was a founder-member of Abhinav Bharat Trust and it was allegedly being used as a platform to implement the extremist ideology of the accused. The ATS linked the Trust to the blast at Malegaon on September 29, 2008, which killed six people. The witness, who was said to have been

DEBRAJ DEB

AGARTALA, NOVEMBER 20

After questioning

journalists, Tripura

cops summon editor

AFTER TWICE questioning journalists Samriddhi

Sakunia and Swarna Jha, who were arrested follow-

ing their reportage on alleged vandalism in the state,

Tripura Police has summoned their media organi-

sation's associate editor for questioning in the case.

both Sakunia and Jha work, on Saturday said that

their associate editor, Arti Ghargi, received a sum-

mons from Kakraban police on Friday. "The police

asked her to appear before them today i.e; Saturday

at 11am. However, she has submitted an applica-

tion seeking an extension on the basis of her med-

A police official confirmed Ghargi has appealed

HW News Network also said the two journalists

The two were booked in separate FIRs — a suo

were questioned earlier this week for nine hours

motu case on a communal clash being probed by

ical condition," the organisation stated.

for an extension of date.

and have been called again.

Kakraban police in Gomati district,

and another case registered at

Fatikroy police station in Unakoti

district, where the complainant,

Kanchan Das, a local VHP activist,

alleged that the journalists visited homes of Muslims in Paul Bazaar

area of Fatikroy and "delivered in-

stigating speech against Hindu and

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL NO. III AT CHENNAI O.A.No.165 OF 2021

Tripura government".

Indian Overseas Bank Kilpauk Branch

. Mr.Vikrant Sharma Director of M/s. SAR Ispat Pvt. Ltd. 4th Row House, 29, Ranganathan Avenue Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600040. Mr.Sandeep Kothari,

No. 477, Kilpauk Garden Road, FSC Code: IOBA0000571 ...Applicant I. M/s. SAR Ispat Pvt. Ltd. Rep. by its Managing Director Mr.Sandeep Kothari, Corporate Office: "Arihant

Plaza", III floor, Old No.84/85, New No.193/232, Walltax Road, Chennai-600003. Also at, No.770, Thiruvottiyur High Road, Near Toll Gate Bus Stop, Chennai-600081.

Director of M/s. SAR Ispat Pvt. Ltd. 1/3, Rathina Sabapathy Street, New Washermanpet

. Mr.Narendra kumar Kothari,

1/3, Rathina Sabapathy Street, New Washermanpet,

5. Mrs.Pushpa Kothari, (Guarantor)

NOTICE OF HEARING

The above **O.A.No.165 OF 2021** was isted before the Hon'ble Debts

Recovery Tribunal No. III at Chennai or

6.11.2021 for your appearance

Whereas Defendant Nos. 2 and 7 nave failed to appear on the said nearing date even after the proper

service of summons. The Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal No. III a

Chennai ordered the summons to be

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nearing date i.e., 31.12.2021 before

Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal No III at Chennai. Failing which, you will be

called absent and set ex-parte and the

above application of the bank will be determined and adjudicated in your

absence in accordance with law by the

Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal No

III at Chennai K.K.Sivasshanmugan

Advocates, SSP Law Associates No.15B, Gilchrist Avenue

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advertisement in English Vernacular News Paper in the proceedings dated 16.11.2021. Hence

..Defendants

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(Guarantor)

Chennai-600021.

Chennai-600021 6. Mr.Nemi Chand Kothari, (Guarantor) Director of M/s.AKS Alloys Pvt. Ltd., 1/3, Rathina Sabapathy Street, New Washermanpet, Chennai-600021. M/s.Prudent Construction Pvt. Ltd., (Corporate Guarantor) No.25, First Floor, C Block -Community Centre, Janakpuri New Delhi-110058. . M/s. AKS Alloys Pvt. Ltd., (Corporate Guarantor) Factory: R.S. No. 81/1, 3 to 7, Eripakkam Village, Nettapakkam Commune, Puducherry-605106.

BETWEEN

A statement by HW News Network, for which

tion, deposed before the court last week that she had never met Purohit, nor was Purohit present in meetings organised by Trust members in Pune after it was established in 2006. She also denied that Purohit had control on the expenditure of the Trust.

Asked about the statement part of ATS chargesheet, the witness told the court she could not remember whether her statement had been recorded at all.

The ATS had said the witness was a trustee of Abhinav Bharat and two accused, Purohit and Ajay Rahirkar, were its members. The statement was to establish their link to the Trust.

"I cannot assign any reason why these facts are mentioned in my statement. I never met Prasad

OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL, GOVT. DOON MEDICAL COLLEGE PATEL NAGAR, DEHRADUN-248001 UTTARAKHAND

WALIK IN INTERVIEW FOR THE POST OF SENIOR RESIDENT, JUNIOR RESIDENT/ TUTORS/ DEMONSTRATOR

A Walk-in-Interview for Senior Resident/Junior Resident Tutors/Demonstrator will be held in the office of Principa Government Doon Medical College, Pater Nagar, Dehradun for various clinical department on 27th November, 2021 from 10:00 AM The details can be uploaded in the website of Govt. Door Medical College www.gdmcuk.com

Principal, Govt. Doon Medical College, Derhadun



NIT No- 112/अभि0, दिनांक 21.10.2021 द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा के माध्यम से Laying of pavour block at different roads under ward no-50,51 & 53 को अपरिहार्य कारणवश रदद किया जाता है।

शेष शर्ते यथावत् रहेगी। ह0 ∕-कार्यपालक अभियंता PR No-255331 रॉची नगर निगम, रॉची PR 257388 Ranchi Municipal Corporation(21-22)#D

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

आधार प्रमाणीकरण के माध्यम से आनलाइन शिक्षार्थी लाइसेंस निर्गमन की व्यवस्था पायलट प्रोजेक्ट के रू में **बाराबंकी जनपद में दिनांक 23.08.2021** से प्रारम्भ कर दी गयी है।

इस व्यवस्था में शिक्षार्थी लाइसेंस हेतु आवेदनकर्ता को कार्यालय आने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है नर्थात यह व्यवस्था पूर्णतया एण्ड टू एण्ड आनलाइन एवं फेसलेस माध्यम से प्रदान की जा रही है आवेदनकर्ता द्वारा सारथी पोर्टल (https://sarathi.parivahan.gov.in) पर शिक्षार्थी लाइसेंस हेत् आवेदन करते समय अपना आधार नंबर दर्ज करने तथा उसके सफल आधार प्रमाणीकरण के पश्चात आधार कार्ड प संरक्षित आवेदनकर्ता का नाम. पिता / माता का नाम. पता. फोटो तथा जन्मतिथि स्वतः फेच होकर आवेदनकर के आवेदन फार्म पर अंकित हो जाती है। इस प्रकार से आवेदनकर्ता के फार्म भरने की प्रक्रिया भी अत्यंत सरल एवं त्वरित हो गयी है तथा उसमें त्रुटियों की संभावना भी अत्यंत क्षीण होगी। आवेदनकर्ता को आवेदन करते प्रमय यह सुनिश्चित करना होता है कि वह अनिवार्य रूप से आवेदन फार्म में वह वही मोबाइल नंबर अंकित करे जो उसके आधार कार्ड पर दर्ज हो।

आवेदनकर्ता को सफलतापूर्वक आवेदन फार्म भरने आवश्यक दस्तावेजों की स्वप्रमाणित प्रति अपलोड करने ाथा नियमानुसार फीस के आनलाइन भुगतान के पश्चात सारथी पोर्टल पर ही सड़क सुरक्षा का ट्यूटोरियल (Tutorial) आनलाइन रूप से पूरा करना होता है।

आवेदनकर्ता के आवेदन की कार्यालय स्तर पर **फेसलेस स्क्रूटनी / जांच की जाती है, जिस**र्ग **आवेदनकर्ता को कार्यालय जाने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं होती है।** कार्यालय द्वारा स्क्रूटनी के समय आवेदन के सही पाये जाने पर आवेदनकर्ता को उसके आवेदन फार्म पर दर्ज मोबाइल नंबर पर शिक्षार्थी लाइसेंर के आनलाइन टेस्ट हेतु पासवर्ड / ओ०टी०पी० प्रेषित किया जाता है।

आवेदनकर्ता द्वारा उसके मोबाइल नंबर पर प्रेषित पासवर्ड / ओ०टी०पी० के माध्यम से वह घर बैठे ही अथवा किसी जनसुविधा केन्द्र (Facilitation Centre) की मदद से सारथी पोर्टल पर शिक्षार्थी लाइसेंस क आनलाइन टेस्ट दे सकता है। अतः शिक्षार्थी लाइसेंस टेस्ट हेतु भी आवेदनकर्ता को कार्यालय आने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं होती है।

आवेदनकर्ता द्वारा आनलाइन शिक्षार्थी लाइसेंस टेस्ट में सफलतापूर्वक उत्तीर्ण होने के पश्चात तथा संबंधित करने हेत उसके आवेदन फार्म पर दर्ज मोबाइल नंबर पर ही लिंक प्रेषित किया जाता है. जिसके द्वारा वह घर बैठे ही अपने शिक्षार्थी लाइसेंस को डाउनलोड / प्रिंट कर सकता है। **अत: शिक्षार्थी लाइसेंस का प्रिंट प्रा**र

ताइसेंसिग प्राधिकारी द्वारा अनुमोदन किये जाने के पश्चात आवेदनकर्ता को अपना शिक्षार्थी लाइसेंस डाउनलोड करने हेतु भी आवेदनकर्ता को कार्यालय आने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं होती है। परिवहन आयुक्त UPID NO.169862 उत्तर प्रदेश WWW.upgov.nic.ir



GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE

RAMPUR ROAD, HALDWANI, NAINITAL, UTTARAKHAND-263139
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Walk-In-Interview

In order to strengthen the faculty position (Speciality & Super Speciality) for U.G./P.G, courses at Government Medical College, Haldwani (Nainital) a "Walk-In-Interview" will be held on 27" November 2021 (Saturday) from 11:00 AM onwards, in the "Office of the Principal, Government Medical College, Rampur Road, Haldwani (Nainital) Uttarakhand". The appointments will be made on the contractual basis initially for one year, which may be further extendable annually, subject to a satisfactory appraisal report by the concerned Head of Department, for a maximum tenure of 03 years only or till regular appointment are made. The vacancy position in various departments is as given below:

S.No.	Department		Designation	
		Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
1	Anatomy (MD/MS)	01		04
2	Physiology (MD)		01	04
3	Biochemistry (M.D.)	01	01	02
4	Microbiology (MD)		01	02
5	Pharmacology (MD)		01	03
6	Pathology (MD)		01	02
7	Forensic Medicine (MD)		02	01
8	Community Medicine		02	04
9	General Medicine		02	11
10	T.B. Chest		01	02
11	Skin V.D		01	01
12	Psychiatry		01	01
13	Paediatrics	01	01	04
14	General Surgery		03	09
15	Orthopaedics		02	03
16	E.N.T.	01	00	01
17	Gynaecology & Obstetrics		02	10
18	Radiology		02	04
19	Anesthesiology		03	04
20	Emergency Medicine	01	01	02
21	Neuro Surgery	01		
22	Nephrology	01	01	01
23	Cardiology	01	01	01
24	Urology	01	01	
25	Plastic Surgery	01		

Emoluments per month:

Associate Professo Assistant Professor

1.43,000/-p.m. fixed (Annual increment Rs 6000/-) 1,23,000/-p.m. fixed (Annual increment Rs. 6000/-) 95,000/-p.m. fixed (Annual increment Rs. 3600/-)

Qualification for Faculty: - As per MCI Norms Reservation: As per Uttarakhand State Govt. Rules.

No TA / DA will be admissible for attending the interview. The Chairman, interview committee reserves the right to accept/reject any application without assigning any reason and also reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the the post. Number of posts advertised may be increased or decreased as per requirement. Candidate must bring their resume along with original MBBS, MD/MS/DM/MCH/DNB degree, Medical Council/State Council Registration certificate, Experience Certificate and Undergraduate teaching certificate during MD/MS/DM/MCh/DNB course and other relevant documents, a set of photocopies thereof. Two recent passport size color photographs are needed at the time of Interview.

PRINCIPAL

2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800001 Ph. No. (Office): 0612-2219043, 2219385, Fax: 0612-2219385, E-mail: sbi.05176@sbi.co.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement

of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 08.12.2021 (Wednesday)

SI. No.	Name of Borrower(s)	Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI notice)	Description of the property (All that part and parcel of the property consisting of land, building & structures as per details hereunder)	Name of Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Date of demand notice under SARFAESI Act	Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold EMD Bid Increment Amount
	M/s Mayank Enterprises, Prop.: Mrs. Kiran Kumari W/o Shri Amrendra Kumar Tiwari	as on 19.12.2019 with further Interest, Cost Charges, Other miscellaneous	All that land & building measuring 1 Kattha 10 Dhur or 0.043/4 Acres located at Mouza-Takiya, Ward No1/3/25, Anchal-Sasaram, Holding No1072, Thana-Sasaram, Thana No151, DisttRohtas, Bihar. This land is covered under Khata No.269, Plot No.1182 and the Registered Mortgage/Simple Mortgage executed by Smt. Lacho Devi, Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari & Shri Binod Kumar Tiwari vide Deed No13297 dated 30/09/2015. The Boundaries of the land are:-North-Lalita Devi, South-Chandrika Mahto, East-Rasta 6 Feet, West-Niz Man Mokir. Property ID: SBIN88538404588	Kumar Tiwari 2. Smt. Lacho Devi W/o Shri Ramdarash Tiwari 3. Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari 4. Shri Binod	30.01.2020	₹47,00,000/- ₹4,70,000/- ₹10,000/-
	M/s Rameshwar Enterprises, Prop. Shri Vishnu Shankar Tiwari S/o Shri Rameshwar Tiwari	as on 07.01.2019 with further Interest, Cost Charges, Other miscellaneous	Equitable Mortgage of all that land & building in the name of Shri Rameshwar Tiwari S/o Shri Ramadhar Tiwari vide Gift Deed No3367 dated 30/06/1997 located at Mouza-Dharupur, Thana & Anchal-Bikramganj, Bihar under Thana No526, Halka No3, Sub Registry Office-Bikramganj, DisttRohtas, Bihar & Khata No296(new), Plot No2512(new), Area-01 Kattha 7¾ Dhur. Boundaries of Land: North-Rameshwar Tiwari, South-Plot No2507 & 2511, East-Ram Equbal Tiwari, West-PCC Road/Plot No2767.	Tiwari S/o Shri Ramadhar Tiwari	08.01.2019	₹17,00,000/ ₹1,70,000/ ₹10,000/

- 1. Date & Time of e-auction: 08.12.2021(Wednesday): Time: 120 Minutes. From 12:00 Noon to 02:00 P.M. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each. The auction sale will be "online" through e-Auction Service Provider's website https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.
- The intending Bidders/Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp) using their mobile number and email-id, and thereafter upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by the service provider (may take 2 working days), the Bidders/Purchasers have to transfer the EMD amount using online mode (NEFT) in his Global EMD Wallet. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, at least two days before the e-auction.
- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount deposit may be through NEFT/Transfer after generation of Challan in bidders Global EMD Wallet Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques, etc will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest.
- MSTC Helpdesk Number (for any technical help): 033-40645207, 40645316, 40602403, 40628253. SBI contact no. (for property related enquiry): 9709119255 / 7033092051. The General Terms & Conditions of e-auction sale are available on the website: https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices
- sarfaesi-and-others. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders
- should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold will all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unkwon to the bank The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditior shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002 This publication is also a 15 days notice to all the borrower/guarantors require under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002

NB: 15 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice then this E-auction sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service.

Date : 20.11.2021 **AUTHORISED OFFICER** STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA Place : Patna

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH, PATNA 2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800001

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.
The undersigned as Authorized Officer of State Bank of India has taken over constructive possession of the following property/ies u/s 13(4) of the

SARFAESI Act. Public at large is informed that e-auction (under SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the charged property/ies in the below mentioned cas ealisation of Bank's dues will be held on "As is where is, As is what is and Whatever there is" Basis. The Auction will schedule on 22.12.2021. The

Si. No.	Name of Borrower(s)	Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI Notice)	Description of Property	Name of Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Date of 13 (2) Date of 13 (4) under SARFAESI Act	Reserve Price below(Rs.) which the property will not be sold EMD Bid Increment Amount
1.			1. Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of the		29.11.2021	₹ 10,95,000.00
			property consisting of land, building & structures vide Sale Deed No. 982 dated 28.01.2015 in the name of	Mishra S/o Late Ramakant	22.09.2021	₹ 1,09,500.00
	& Smt. Sandhya	Three Hundred	Sri Dayanand Mishra located at Mauza- Katar,	Mishra	22.03.2021	₹ 10,000.00
	Dayanand Mishra		Thana No. 176, Halka -09, Khata -83, Plot -991, Dehri, Sasaram, Rohtas, Area: 2.459 Decimal, This landed			
		with further interest	property is bounded by: North-Nirmala Sinha, South-			
			Kunti Devi, East-Indra Dubey, West-Rasta. (Property ID-SBIN71192347455)			
		costs etc.	(1 Toperty ID-OBIN 1 102047 400)			
2.	M/s IT Care	₹ 20,36,848/-	Registered mortgage of all that part and parcel of the	Sri Bijay Singh,	19.07.2021	₹ 25,75,000.00
			property consisting of land, building & structures in the name of Sri Bijay Singh, Mr. Samarjeet Singh,		08,10,2021	₹ 2,57,500.00
	S/o Sri Bijay Singh)		Sri Bhanu Pratap Singh, Sri Amarjeet Singh, Smt.		00.10.2021	₹ 10,000.00
			Rajni Singh and Most. Urmila Kuer, situated at Mauza- Dehri (161), Ward No. 10/33, Holding No.			
			229, Dalmianagar, Municipality Board Area, Rev. Thana- Dehri, Khata No. 125, Plot No. 1065, Area: 3			
			decimal, Distt- Rohtas of Registered Mortgage No.			
			1984 date 15/02/2014. This landed property is	Kuer		
		costs etc.	bounded by: North-Bhagat Jee, South-Govt. Lands, East-Ram Sagar Singh, West-Gali.			
L			(Property ID-SBIN71190496930)			
3.			Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property consisting of land, building & structures.	Sri Shailendra Kumar Singh.	18.02.2020	₹ 27,63,000.00
	(Prop: Shailendra	Four Lac Fifty Eight	1. Measuring 5 Dhur in the name of Sri Shailendra	Sri Kalendra	23.06.2020	₹ 2,76,300.00
	Kumar Singh S/o Bhikhari Singh)		Kumar Singh and Sri Kalendra Kumar Singh under Mauza: Pali, Tola- Mohanbigha, Thana no. 160,			₹ 10,000.00
	Briikilaii Siligil)	only) as on	Thana & Nagarpalika-Dehri, Ward No. 05, Khata	Smt. Fulpati		
			No.36, Plot No.81, Rohats of Registered Mortgage	Devi		
			Deed No. 10305 date 03/07/1989, 2. Measuring 7 Dhur in the name of Sri Bikhari Singh under Mauza:			
		other charges,	Pali, Tola- Mohanbigha, Thana no. 160, Thana &			
	No 04 Dobtos -f D		Nagarpalika- Dehri, Ward No.05, Khata No.36, Plot		mt Fulnati D	avillados Mc
			eed No. 10304 dated 03/07/1989, 3. Measuring 6 Dhur hana & Nagarpalika-Dehri, Ward No. 5 Khata No. 36, F			
			of the entire land : (Deed No. 10305, 10304 & 10306),			

	Rasta, West: Munsh	i Sharma. (Property	ID-SBIN71197281656)		
			Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of the		₹ 18,26,000.00
			property consisting of land, building & structures vide in the name of Kanchan Devi W/o Lavkush Kumar	22.09.2021	₹ 1,82,600.00
			vide Deed No.4170 dated 31/05/2013 situated at Mauza- Dhanaw Khalsa, Thana & Anchal- Nasrigani,	22.00.2021	₹ 10,000.00
	Lavkush Kumar	only) as on	Sub-Registry Office- Bikramganj, Distt-Rohtas,		
			Thana- No.48, Halka No. 4, Khata No. 71, Khesra No. 133 me se, Area: 01 Kattha, This landed property is		
		20/05/2020 plus	bounded by: North-Niz, South- Rasta 4 ft, East- Niz,		
			West- Gramin Sadak. (Property ID-SBIN71213243445)		
			e-Auction Terms And Condition		

- 1. Date & Time of e-auction: 22.12.2021; Time: 120 Minutes. From 12:00 Noon to 02:00 PM. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each The auction sale will be "online through e-auction". The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e
- The intending Bidders/Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp) using thei

Auction Service Provider's website https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

- mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be
- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through NEFT/ Transfer After generation of Challan from (https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Transfer the bidder has to visit Indian Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques, etc will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited
- MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help):033-40645207, 40609118, 40645316, 40602403, 40067351, 40628253. SBI contact no (for property related enquiry): 9693532979/8811060438/7004036112
- The General Terms and Conditions of e-auction sale is available on the website: https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/ auction notices/sarfaesi-and-others.
- To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Security Interest act, 2002.

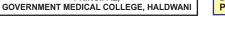
This publication is also a 30 days notice to all the borrower/guarantors require under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. NB: 30 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the saic

notice then this E-auction sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service. The other terms and conditions of the e-Auction are published in the following websites. 1. https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others. Date: 19.11.2021 Authorized Officer

State Bank of India, SARB, Patna

New Delhi







Advt No. 216/GMC/Apptt. Date: 20/11/2021

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I,INDIRA GUPTA W/o SUDHIR KUMAR GUPTA R/o 173-A, POCKET-C, MAYUR VIHAR, PHASE-2, DELHI-110091 have changed my name to INDRA GUPTA for all purposes.

0040592741-1 I,Dharam Vir Singh,S/o Sher

Singh,R/o Village-Parnala Bahadurgarh, Distt.Jhajjar,Haryana-124507, have changed my name to Dharam Vir

0040592767-1

I,BALJINDER SINGH,S/o JOGINDER SINGH, H.NO.97. IIIRD-FLOOR, STATE-BANK COLONY, DELHI-110009, HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF MY MINOR SON HARJAS SINGH JABBAL TO HARJAS SINGH.

0040592767-3 I,ANIL KUMAR BHATIA,S/O HAR GOBIND BHATIA,R/O I-92,FIRST-FLOOR, ASHOK-VIHAR PHASE-1.DELHI-110052.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL

0040592767-2

LATE SHRI PHOOL SINGH, employed as Head Constable in the Delhi Police residing at VILLAGE-BUTRADI, PS-PHUGANA, TEHSIL-SHAMLI, DISTT-SHAMLI, UTTAR PRADESH-247776 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PATIL

permanently.

0070762194-1

I, SHYAM TAK s/o POONAM CHAND TAK r/o F-288, GF, Back Side portion, Mansarover Garden, Delhi-110015 have changed my name to SHYAM SUNDER TAK.

0040592745-1

I, Maninder Kaur w/o Tejinder Singh Kohli, R/o 15/40, Punjabi Bagh West, New Delhi-110026 have changed my name to

0040592762-1

I, Kavita w/o Raman Wadhwa r/o 46, White avenue, distt Amritsar-143001 have changed my name to KAVITA WADHWA.

0040592744-1

I. Kamal Kumar Chopra, S/o-Devender Mohan Chopra, residing-B-116, Swasthya Vihar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Kamal Chopra, for all purposes.

Yadav,R/o-107/12,IVth Floor,Room No.1,Gali No.5, Krishna Nagar, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110029,have change my name to LALAN KUMAR YADAV, for all purposes.

I,Nishi Bidhuri D/o Vinod Bidhuri, W/o Abhishek Basoya R/o.House. No.275. Churiva Mohalla, Madanpur-Khadar Sarita - Vihar New Delhi-110076. have changed my name to

I,RIKABU SHAH R/o-SADAN RAM GARH CHANDAULI,CHANDAULI-UTTAR PRADESH-232107, have changed my son's name, from MUHMMAD ADIL SHAH to MUHMMAD ADIL, vide affidavit, dated-17-11-2021.

0040592771-4

I Haiment S/O Ashok Kumar born on 11-08-1988 residing at Wz-2121 2nd Floor Rani Bagh Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Hemant Malhotra vide affidavit dated 16-11-2021

AGARWAL alias DHANANJAI AGARWAL S/O SHRI CHAMAN A-2, HAUZ KHAS, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110016 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as DHANANJAI AGARWAL.

0130022658-1

I Deepa Akhilesh Shukla alias Deepali Shukla D/o Sh. Akhilesh Shukla R/o D-2, 6-Aurangzeb Road, Nirman Bhawan, Central Delhi, Delhi-110011 have changed my name to Deepali Shukla for all purposes.

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LOST & FOUND

Singh, D-4, Institute of Economic Growth(D.U)ail.com have lost my, File of Yogender Tyagi to Yogesh 50sq.yds., Khasra.no.10/2/1,8/22,at

Kamal Vihar, Burari, Delhi-110084.

13.33 Cents at Oruvathilkotta, Trivandrum, near Lulu Mall.



I, KRISHNA DEVI wife of Sh. Ram Kanwar, resident of C2U/46, West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi, is the owner and in possession of Property No.46, in Block C-2(U), land area measuring 84 sq.mtrs., situated at West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi. DDA Possession Letter site nossession Building Plan Pitampura, Delhi. DDA Possession Letter, site possession, Building Plan Sanctioned Letter, Form "C" & "D" and other related documents & correspondences pertaining to the said property have been lost/misplaced and not traceable till date against which the Complaint has been lodged vide LR No.950329/2021 on 19.11.2021, if any body found, the same may be submitted or contact to me.

TO WHOMSOEVER

IT MAY CONCERN ELI MAY CONCERN
General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Gulshan Gulati sol. Late Kundan Lal Gulati alongwith his wife, Mrs. Alka Gulati and his daughter Ms. Srishty Gulati all Riv A-121, Third Floor, Shankar Garden, Vikaspuri, Delhi-110018 have severed all their relations with thier son and brother espectively Mr. Shivansh Gulati due to his add habits and deeds. My above-mentioned clients have also disowned and debarred their son and brother respectively rom all their movable and immovable rroperties. Anybody dealing with Mr. Shivansh Gulati will do so at their own risk nd responsibilities and my clients will not e responsible for any act, deed or dealing lone by Mr Shivansh Gulati.

Sd/-

NIKHIL MALHOTRA (ADVOCATE ENROLLMENT NO.-D/2473/20 189, GANGOTARI APPARTMENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

All concerns are hereby informed through this public notice that my ident Smt. Parvathi Shantaram W/c. Late M.S. Shantaram R/O Flat No. 103, Link Apartment, I.P. Extension. Delhi-10092 is the owner and ir occupation of Flat No. 103, Link Apartment, I.P. Extension, Delhi-10092. My client has lost/misplaced the original allotment letter curr he original allotment letter cun cossession letter dated 24/02/1991 GPA, Agreement to Sell, Will & Receipt all dated 01/08/1998 egarding her above said Flat. An ICR vide LR No. 947581/2021 dated 8/11/2021 P.S- Crime Branch, Delh this effect has been lodged. iny person(s) claiming any right iterest or having any objection ob ound in possession of above origina ocuments may write/contact with bove said client or to her son Sh. Shantaram at phor mber 9741790142 or me.

> VIKAS GOYAL (ADVOCATE CHAMBER No. 735 L WESTERN WING **TIS HAZARI COURTS** DELHI-110054

rellling Unit bearing No. 311/GC-10, on 3r or, in Tower-B, Gaur City-2, at Plot No. 1-03, in Sector-16-C, Greater Noida, Dist B. Nagar, U.P. misplaced & lost th ginal Sub Lease Deed dated 23.01.201 between GNIDA & M/s. Ga s Pvt. Ltd. in favour of Smt. registered as document No. Namen, registered as document No. 1 hat complaint hat bown lodged at P lation Bisrah Greater Noide, 0.7.09.1. P. If any persons finds the above st locument, it is requested to hand ove ame to the undersigned And If any per awa any claim whatsoever with whatsoever with modersigned within 15 days from the da what lodged within 15 days from the da who what lodged has been dealy one of the complex of the complex

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re: Entire First Floor, without roof rights "said floor" part of Property bearing No.5-79, area measuring 200 sq. yds., Khasra No.104/4/1 Village Polam, Delhi, abadi Colony Rajapuri, Ultam Nagar, New Delhi; hereinafter referred to as "said property".

Notice is heely given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc., that our clientess, Mrs. Somvati Dev W/o Shri Satyendra Singh R/o A-31 F/F A Block, Keshav Ram Park, Ultam Nagar, Delhi-110059 (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intends to purchase the said floor from Mrs. Reau Gupta W/o Shri Amit Gupta, R/o C-12 R Raja Puri, Gali No. 6, DK Mohan Garden, Delhi-110059 (hereinafter called the "Seller"). In this connection, the seller has informed the purchaser that she is the owner of the said floor by virtue of said dead. **PUBLIC NOTICE** owner of the said floor by virtue of sale dee executed by M/s Garhwal Associates in her fo respect of the said floor and the said Deed registered as Document No.7607 in Book No. 1, Volume No. 10558, pages 122-129, on 10.12 2020 in the office of buk-Registra-LX. The seller further informed that the said floor was purchased by Garthwal Associates from Mr Dalik Murnar & Rithender Kumar vide Sole. Deed registered as Document No. 10483 dated 24.12.2019. It was also informed by the seller that the said property was owned by Mrs. Krishna Devi and upon her death and the death of her husband, the said property was inherited by their legal heirs viz., 5/bhri Sanjeev Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Dalip Kumar and Ilitender Kumar Schrift Sanjeev Kumar and Stender Kumar Schrift Sanjeev Kumar Schrift Sanjeev Kumar and Stender Kumar Schrift Sanjeev Kumar Schrift shares in the said undivided property in favour o Dalip Kumar and Jitender Kumar. Thus, Shri Dalip

shares in the said undivided property in travour of Dalip Kumar and Jitender Kumar. Thus, Shir Dalip Kumar and Jitender Kumar. Thus, Shir Dalip Kumar and Jitender Kumar. Thus, Shir Dalip Kumar and Jitender Kumar beame the joint owners of the said property. The seller has further informed our clients that the said floor is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the sould floor.

Any person including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s. relatives/shaving any daim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the aforesaid floor is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned of the address mentioned herein below within 10 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the seller to the said floor shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever.

Antit Kumar Khurana.

Advocate M/s Intellective Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my client SLB WELFARE ASSOCIATION intended to ociety and the said association started onstruction and development work over SAMPADA LIVIA Project situated at Plo No. Gh-06B, Sector CHI-V, Greater Noida, UP, under the official order of UP Real Estate Regulatory Authority dated 6.6.2020. As per the said office order we inform to all the buyers of the said projec that they must come and join the said ssociation and claim(s) their flat(s) to the project site within 30 days from the publication of this notice and submit all the original documents. It is also for the information that all the existing buyer(s) must produce origina documents related to their earlie allotment ie. Allotment letter. Builde allotment le. Allotment letter, Bulloter Buyer Agreement, Applications, Bank statement details, All the receipts in original, payment schedule plan, copy of address proof(Aadhar/Passport) with original, copy of ID Proof(PAN/Voter

f other documents related to theil Any buyer(s) having any claim into and upon the said project for their respective flat(s) by virtue of their allotment inheritance, mortgage or otherwis howsoever and of whatsoever nature is nowsoever and of whatsoever nature is hereby required to notify the same in writing along with all the documents to the undersigned within 30 days, from the date of publication of this second notice, failing which my client shall conclude and closed the second of the same of the second of the the second of the second of the second of the the second of the second of the second of the the second of second of the second of second of the second of second the process of receiving any claim and/o any objection, if any, shall be considered is waived and abandoned and shall no

ID/Bank statements) with original and a

oe binding upon my client. Kaushal Narayan Mishra (Advocate Office- Plot no GH-06B, Sector Chi-\ Greater Noida, UP, 989989968 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Govt. of Jharkhand
Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs
(Department of Tourism, Art-Culture, Sports & Youth Affairs)
Birsa Munda Football Stadium, Morhabadi, Ranchi
Email: kheljharkhand@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) on GeM Portal

Bid No. GEM/2021/B/1688505 Dated: 19.11.2021

Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Jharkhand, Ranchi invites Tender for the following work through GeM Portal in two parts Part-I (Technical Bid) and Part-II (Price Bid) from the eligible and reputed Bidders having good experience of following similar type of works and having sound financial status:

Name of the Work	Estimated Cost in Rs./-	be deposited in	Document (Non- Refundable in Rs./-)	Time of Supply	Place of Supply	
Supply of Volleyball Kits for Sports Competition	Rs.8,00,000/- (Eight Lakhs Rupees)	Rs.40,000/- (Forty Thousand Rupees) Only	Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only)	within 7 days from the date of award of contract	Khunti, Simdega, Gumla, Saraikela- Kharswan,	
Assilabilita after den de ass	anto an CaM Dantal		Enr. 10 11 2021 to 24	0.11.2021	W. Singhbhum	
Availability of tender documents Last date and time for upload GeM		From 19.11.2021 to 30.11.2021 Up to 30.11.2021 up to 11:00 a.m.				
Last date and time for phy original Demand Draft to document and Earn	wards cost of bid		Up to 30.11.2021 up to	11:00 a.m.		
Date and time for openin (Technical	Bid)		At 11:30 a.m. on 30.	11.2021		
Date and time for openin (Price Bi	d)		will be communicated	d later on		
Tendering Officer an	tion		Director, orts & Youth Affairs, Bin Morhabadi, Rar	nchi		

Tender documents and BOQ including terms & conditions, Specification etc. can be downloaded and submitted online on GeM Portal.

Cost of tender fee, Earnest Money deposit (EMD) shall be deposited as per the above schedule in the office of Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Birsa Munda Volleyball Stadium, Morhabadi, Ranchi. Only those tenders will be entertained whose cost of tender/BOQ and Earnest money deposit is received till 11:00 a.m. on 30.11.2021.

Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Jharkhand, Ranchi

PR 257400 (Art Culture Sports and Youth Affairs) 21-22 (D)



e-NIT No. 71 OF 2021-22 Dated: 17.11.2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir/Jammu invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Empanelment of Eligible Contractors at Provincial Level and fixing of item rates for HILLY AREAS (GRAVITY) falling in District Baramulla for Execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works costing Above 50 lacs up to 100 lacs (GROUP III)", details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tender fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover '2nd' shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr. No.	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Cost of Document/Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (Lacs)	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of Work (Days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for each district/geographically different zone for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of: - a. Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, Overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains. b. Retrofitting of electro-mechanical equipment's at various Water Supply Schemes		1000/-		180 Days	
	Group- III	Above 50 Lacs upto 100 Lacs		0.50		90

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir Jal Shakti (PHE) Department. The awarding authority is District Jal Jeeva Mission (DJJM)

Mission (DJJM).
Note: In view of the fact, that this NIT for item rate contract has been framed for the first time in the Department, a helpdesk shall be established at the Direction office level as well as district level for encouraging and facilitating the intending bidders for participation in the instant NIT to ensure wide participation across all the Districts.
KEY/CRITICAL DATES:

I	PUBLISH DATE	18.11.2021	
II	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE START DATE	18.11.2021	
III	CLARIFICATION START DATE	18.11.2021	
IV	BID SUBMISSION START DATE	23.11.2021	
V	CLARIFICATION END DATE	10.12.2021	
VI	PRE-BID MEETING DATE	23.11.2021	
VII	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE END DATE	14.12.2021	
VIII	BID SUBMISSION END DATE	14.12.2021	
IX	DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING	16.12.2021	

ыа accuments can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites http://jktenders.gov.in
The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir/Jammu, PHE Department, through

virtual/online mode.

The Bids shall be deposited on the websitehttp://jktenders.gov.in

The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in.
The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir/Jammu, Jal Shakti (PHE) Departmen Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar/Jammu. a. Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir/Jammu, Jal Shakti PHE Department. Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for at least one year after last date of submission o Bid. The Bid of bidders having bid security less than as specified above will be rejected.

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The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of price bids. If any bidder/tendere withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnes money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website http://jktenders.gov.in.
Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphed@gmail.com

DIPK-12995/21

Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti, PHE Department.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, ASSAM SIXMILE, KHANAPARA, GUWAHATI-22

Web site: www.assamtenders.gov.in, www.dmeassam.gov.in, email:dme@assam.gov.in, dmeassam@gmail.com, No. DME/Ophtha/270/2021/20881

INVITATION FOR E-BID (IFB) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

E-Tenders are invited online through e-procurement system i.e. through website www.assamtenders.gov.in from the intending Manufacturer/Accredited Dealers for supply & installation of various equipment related to **Ophthalmology Department** for all Medical College Hospitals of Assam, under the Health & F.W. Department, Govt. of Assam.

The e-Tender is Two-Bid System, to be submitted with affixed Court Fee Stamp Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight point two five paisa) only (for local bidders) or IPO of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten) only (in case of bidders from outside of the State of Assam) in favour of "Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022.

Important dates of the e-Tender

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Sl.	Scheduled	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
No.					
1.	e- Tender Publishing	21-11-2021	12.00 Noon	-	-
2.	e- Tender Download	22-11-2021	12.00 Noon	18-12-2021	12.00 Noon
3.	Pre-Bid Meeting	04-12-2021	11.00 AM	Venue - Roo	om No. 4C, 2 nd Floor,
				Directorate of	of Medical Education,
				Assam, Six	mile, Guwahati- 32
4.	Bid Submission	06-12-2021	02.00 PM	18-12-2021	02.00 PM
5	Bid Opening	18-12-2021	03.00 PM		

1. Brief Schedule

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l	Sl	Description		Delivery/ Installation		Eligibility
ı	No.	(Name of the Items)	Security	schedule/ Completion	fees	
ı			(E.M.D.)	period	in Rs.	
ı	1.	Supply & installation of	Rs. 3.00	25 days	Rs. 5000/-	Manufacturer/
ı		various equipments related to	Lakh			accredited
ı		Ophthalmology Department				Dealer
ı		of Medical College Hospitals of				
ı		Assam				

The detailed information of bidding documents are available online through e-procurement system i.e. through website www.assamtenders.gov.in only. The bidders would be required to register in the website for submission of the bids. The bidders are required to have Digital Signature (DSC) from any of the Certifying Authorities. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e- procurement may obtain the same by registering in the www.assamtenders.gov.in. The requirements to register with the e-procurement portal are available on the website indicated above. The tender fees is non refundable and payable in favour of the "Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022, at SBI-Dispur (Guwahati) Branch.

UJVN Limited

J.WAL.*, Maharari Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006 Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508 H.O.: "UJJWAL", Mahar

e-Tender Notice Date: 20/11/202

Letter No: 576 Office of the (Designation and complete address of the tender calling office), invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender

is given below Tender No 21e/EE(G)/CPH/2021-22 for 'Supply of miscellaneous consumables items for maintenance at Chibro Power House' Estimated cost: Rs. 6,67,707/- GST Extra

Date of availability of bid document on website: 21.11.2021 from 11.00 Hrs. Last date for submission of bids on website: 13.12.2021 up to 16:00 Hrs. For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement porta "http://uktenders.gov.in" EE(Gen), CHP

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	TENDER NOTICE		
Tender Notice No.:- Elect/TRI	D/MB/2021-22/TN-05	Date: 1	9.11.2021
Department:-	Electrical (TRD)		
Tender No.	T-08-TRD-MB-21-22-I		
Name of Work	Miscellaneous TRD Non Power E Moradabad Division (Phase-1)	Block Wo	rks over
Tender Closing Date & Time	03.12.2021, 15:00 Hrs		
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Rs. 3289900.73 (including GST)		
Earnest Money (Rs.)	NIL (Bid Security Declaration in II	eu of EN	ID)
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	NIL		
Validity of offer (Days)	45 days		
Period of completion	3 Months		
Website particulars & Address of office.	www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Rail Office, Northern Railway, Morada		nager's 2692/2
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भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD. एक नवरत्न कम्पनी (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) A Navratna Company (A Govt. of India Undertaking) कॉनकॉर

Online Open E -Tender for the Design, Manufacturing & Supply of 1000 nos. of 20'L X 8'W X 12' H En Open 34T Capacity Containers on job work basis. CON/T/JWO/DCONT/20FT/12FTHCEO/1000/2021 dated 20.11.2021 Tender No. Design, Manufacturing & Supply of 1000 nos. of 20'L X 8'W X 12' I lame of Supply End Open 34T Capacity Containers on job work basis ₹21.83 Cr. inclusive of GST Estimated Cost Delivery Schedu**l**e As per delivery schedule mentioned in section-IV of Tender documents ₹1,000/- Inclusive of GST through e-payment ost of Tender Documer Tender processing Fee ₹4,720 Inclusive of GST through e-payment Pre-Bid Meetina On 29.11.2021 at 12:00 hrs. through video conference. For sharing the link Please send mail to Email ID:-a2container@concorindia.com Date of sale of Tender

or detailed information and any corrigendum please log on to www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL ED/P&S/Area-I

Date & time of Tender submission On or before 20.12.2021 up to 18:00 hrs.

Date & time of Tender opening On 21.12.2021 at 12:00 hrs.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

On 20.11.2021 after 16:00 hrs. to 20.12.2021 up to 17:00 hrs.

Re-girdering of Br. No. 32 ES S/L (05x18.30m) jr Name of work with its 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 under AXEN/Br/Spl. TKJ & Fabrication, Supplying, providing & fixing or steel stool for Br. No. 60-A & 100 over Ambala

Rs. 58,56,461.78 2. Approx. Cost of work Completion period of 04 (Four) Months Up-to 15.00 hrs on 13.12.2021. Date & time for submission of tender Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. on same day

& opening of tender Above tender available on IREPS site Website particulars where complete details

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PHED CIRCLE SAWAI MADHOPUR (Ph 07462-220062) e-mail - sephed_swm@rediffmail.com No.: SE/PH/SWM/2021-22/NIT/8291-8303 Date

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Tender Notice No. 32-W-BR-245-100-60-32 Dated: 20.11.2021

Date, 12,11,202 Notice Inviting Tender (e-NIT No. 113 to 114/2021-22) On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan Online Tenders are hereby invited from eligible bidders for following various works under Jal Jeevan Mission as per criteria mentioned in the detailed NIT/Tender documents available on website "http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. Tenders are to be submitted online in electronic format on website "http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in as per prescribed schedule

NIB PHE2122A4244 E.C. Rs. Completion Name of work UBN No. NIT No Conversion from HP to MVS water supply scheme Soorgarh Tehsil Bamanwas and Distt. S. Madhopur Under JJM 114/21-22 Conversion from Handpump to Solar based piped water supply scheme In 05 Villages of Block Khandar and Distt. S.Madhopur Under JJM PHE2122WS 09 Months

Bidder has to submit declaration on Rs. 50/- plus 30% surcharge stamp page as per F.D. Circular Dt. 23.12.2020 06.12,2021 up to 6.00 PM Last date of Bid Submission Bid opening date 07.12.2021 at 02.00 Pm Note - The cost of tender document payable online in favour of Executive Engineer PHED Div Sawai Madhopur, RISL processing otharges of Rs. 500/- (NIB cost upto 50.00 Lacs and Rs. 1000/- (NIB cost above 50.00 Lacs).

> Superintending Enginee PHED Circle Sawai Madhopu

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यातायात नियमों का पालन करें एवं दुर्घटना से बचें। कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, कोडरमा

DIPR - 11637

<u>ई-निविदा आमंत्रण स्चना</u>

Tender Reference No.: RCD/KODERMA/1342/2021 दिनांक:-20.11.2021

IRQP/Strengthening Work of Khori Mahua-Dhanwar-Sariya Road under कार्य का नाम Road Division, Koderma for the Year 2021-22 Rs. 18,88,27,300.00 (अठ्ठारह करोड़ 2. प्राक्कलित राशि भठ्ठासी लाख सत्ताईस हजार तीन सौ रूपये) मात्र। Rs. 18,88,273.00 (अठठारह लाख अठठासी अग्रधन की राशि 3. हजार दो सौ तिहत्तर रूपये) मात्र। कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि 4. 06(छः) माह। बेवसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की 29.11.2021. 10:30 बजे तक। तिथि। बिड प्राप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि 17.12.2021, 12.00 बजे तक। बिड खुलने की तिथि 21.12.2021, 12.30 बजे तक। अभियन्ता का कार्यालय.प०नि०वि० पथ निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले प्रमण्डल, कोडरमा। कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता । 06534 - 227076 9. दूरभाष संख्या

10. हेल्प लाइन नं0 0651-2446002 पथ निर्माण विभाग,झारखण्ड सरकार में निबंधित संवेदकों के लिये UCAN निबंधन

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in कार्यपालक अभियन्ता

PR 257340 Road(21-22).D

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ROAD DIVISION, DUMKA, JHARKHAND e-Procurement Notice

प०नि०वि०, पथ प्रमण्डल, कोडरमा

For National Competitive Bidding e Tender Reference No. RCD/DUMKA/2050 Date- 18.11.2021 Name of the work IRQP/Strengthening Work of

Govindpur-Sahebganj (143 .00 to 188.00) Km for the year 2021-22. **2(a)** Approximate value of Work Rs 3198.00 Lacs (Rupees Thirty One Crore Ninety (Rs. In Lacs) Eight lac only) **(b)** Bid Security (Rs In Lacs) Rs 32.00 Lacs Time of Completion Twelve months Last date/Time for receipt of 08.12.2021 bids Up to 12.00 Noon. Date of Publication of 26.11.2021 Tender on website AT 10.30 A.M Date of Pre bid Meeting 29.11.2021 Name & address of office Executive Engineer Road Division, Dumka Inviting tender 7070190875 Contact no. of Procurement officer Helpline number of e 0651 - 2401010Procurement cell

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in **Executive Engineer** Road Construction Department

Road Division, Dumka Pin-814101 PR 257303 Road(21-22)D

Janasanyog/C/8034/21 Director of Medical Education, Assam New Delhi

Sunil Sehrawat Advocate A-4/26 G.F., Sec-18, Delhi-89 9212190624, 7827249904

Griaziabad, Let it be crystal ideal if anyone found these documents it should be handed over to Mayank Madhukar-mob no. 9354509139/ Mr. MS RAWAT-9971557818 without fail. Any misuse of these documents by anyone else previously, thereafter or hereinafter henceforth in any manner whatsoever shall attracts both ivil & criminal action.

area. WhatsApp 9988851055 0050187483-1 **OTHERS** Suitable match for Agarwal man, divorced 57 yrs NRI England, medium build 5'6" looking for family oriantal, cast / religion no bar.

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JAISWAL GROOM Nagpur-based b'ful Girl, Dentist, 28y 5'4"/60,

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M.A.(Eco), B.Com, B.Ed. Aged about 35 years, working as Govt. Elementary Teacher since 2009. Boy residing Patiala, Ropar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ludhiana and Malerkotla, Districtspreferred. Contact +91-7506780727, +91-

0020429815-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Lessee

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11 SUNDAY STORY

360 DAYS & COUNTING

Number of days since the protest began at Delhi borders

2,500+TEMPORARY SETTLEMENTS

at Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur protest sites

100+ PAKKA DHARNAS

in Punjab since October 1 last year

4 LAKH TRACTORS

turned up at Delhi's borders on January 26 this year

20 KM

length of protest site at Tikri

15KM

length of protest site at Singhu

POSTCARDS FROM A PROTEST

For a year, farmers and their families, mainly from Punjab, camped at Delhi's border protesting against the farm laws. After the Prime Minister announced a repeal, RAAKHI JAGGA retraces their journey: from the village where the spark of an agitation was lit to one where the earliest death was recorded. Along the way, she meets some women who led from the front, shaped the groundswell — and got the Centre to yield



DUGGAN, SANGRUR, ONE OF THE EPICENTRES OF THE AGITATION

'We will be in Singhu again. But this time, on a happy note: we won'

Γ BEGAN with a small motorcycle rally that wound its way through the lanes of the village. That was on June 7, 2020. The entire country was under a lockdown to control the pandemic, but in there was something else that agitated the villagers: a couple of days ago, three farm ordinances had been promulgated by the President of India and some of the villagers, among them over a 1,000 retired government employees, thought it was impor-

tant to educate the small farmers of the village about the "dangers" in the proposed laws.

"We understood the ordinances, and quickly realised that we are not ready for this 360-degree change in farming. This village has over 3,700 acres of farm land and nearly 60 per cent of the farmers own less than 5 acres. We $knew\,that\,these\,new\,laws\,would$

kill the small farmer. A few of us sat together and discussed the ordinances on June 5 last year, when few people even noticed them," says Kuldeep Joshi, 63, a villager who retired as inspector from the Punjab Police's Vigilance Bureau.

And thus, a spark was lit, with the movement soon spreading across the state and later to neighbouring states and the national Capital.

"A little more than 17 months have passed and we are still strong. Dilli Chalo (when farmers marched to Delhi) happened on November 26, when 35 tractor-trolleys om our village went to Delhi But we Punia villages were up in arms much before that,"

"A number of villages slowed down after the Republic Day violence or stopped the agitation for a while, but Duggan village kept at

it. They have been the most consistent village," says Jagmohan Singh Patiala, state general secretary of BKU Dakaunda.

Joshi says 52 farmers represented Duggan village at the Muzaffarnagar mahapanchayat. Besides, every Sunday, a bus would take 40-45 villagers to Singhu or Tikri and bring back a batch of those who had already been protesting there. "This is

our own struggle. We did all on our own, using our personal expenses. We never stopped," he says.

This village, with a population of 10,000, has 52 acres of *nazool* land, common land that has been given on annual lease for Rs 70,000 an acre. "We usually use this fund for development work in the village. But



(Top and above) Protesters in Duggan at a meeting at the village gurdwara on Saturday, a day after the PM announced a repeal of the farm laws. Gurmeet Singh

since the morcha began, we have been using the money to sustain the agitation," adds Ioshi, adding that the village spends around

Rs 25,000 every week on the agitation. Gurcharan Singh, 65, another villager,

says, "We collect ration from time to time and deposit it in the village gurdwara. So whenever one jatha leaves for Delhi, they take some stock out of that pooled ration. We send 100-200 litres of milk every week for which every house contributes, even if it is

Satnam Singh, 33, another villager who owns 15 acres, says, "I spent around six months at Singhu and Tikri. In my absence, did the same when he went to Delhi. People called us 'rich farmers'. But the fact is, we managed only because we helped each other and had the heart to donate. It took the Central government over a year to understand everything."

Gurmail Kaur, 60, president of the women's wing of the farm union in the village, says, "Women from the village went regularly to Delhi and to local *morcha*s in Sangrur city, toll plazas etc. We not only did langar sewa but also managed the morchas. We can manage a protest site as well as we do our homes."

Gurmail says the gurdwara langar in the village regularly supplied sweet rice and dalroti to the protest site at the Sangrur railway

For now, the villagers are preparing for the next trip to Singhu, on Sunday (November 21). Roop Kaur, 65, will be part of this batch of 40.

On Saturday, as she packs for the trip, she says, "We will continue our protest till the laws are repealed in Parliament. But this

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After Dhanna Singh's death, the Punjab

With Kaur drawing a monthly salary of

government gave Kaur a job on compassion-

ate grounds — as a peon in a government

senior secondary school where Harvinder

Rs 18,000, the family decided to let out

their 2.5-acre farm land on contract to Dhanna's younger brother. Kaur was also

given a compensation of Rs 5 lakh by the Punjab government, Rs 4 lakh by the

Haryana Government and Rs 1 lakh by the

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak

Committee (SGPC). Some help poured in

nouncing a repeal of the farm laws, Kaur says

her husband's soul will be at peace. "I am

glad that the announcement came on

Babaji's (Guru Nanak) birthday," she says, as

her children interrupt firmly: "We will strug-

gle till the time the laws are not actually

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi an-

Some of the women leaders who stood

up, spoke out

OVER THE last year, as men, young and old, set off to Delhi and elsewhere to protest against the laws, back home, a largely invisible force held up the other end - their wives, mothers, daughters and daughters-in-law, who worked the fields and tended to families. Yet, there were several women who took the plunge, joined the agitation and led from the front.



General secretary of the women's wing of BKU Ugrahan in Bathinda district, Kaur, who has never gone to

school, says it was son's teacher who inspired her son and later her to speak up for farmers and their rights. Since 2004, she has been part of the women's wing of BKU . Ugrahan.

Kaur was 60 when she first went up on stage to speak. Since then, she has motivated several women in Bathinda to step out of their homes. "I cannot read or write so I listen to recorded videos or ask my daughters-in-law to read out to me. That's how I learnt more about the farm laws.'

JASBIR KAUR NATT, 60 A state



committee member of the Punjab Kisan Morcha, Jasbir has been managing the

stage at Tikri border since the first week of December last year. "I have been at Tikri all these days and went home only once to

see my sick mother," says Jasbir, who retired as a cler electricity board.

HARINDER KAUR BINDU, 42 Vice-president of



the BKU Ugrahan, Harinder, from village Ramgarh Bhagatuana in Faridkot district of Puniab, has

been associated with the farmer union for over 16 years. "I am a farmer, a mother, a daughter. But since June 2020, I have had just one purpose: getting the farm laws revoked. My teenage son came once to meet me at the Tikri border. I miss them. But you need to make some sacrifices to set an example for others," she says.

BALBIR KAUR SIDHU, 40



A practising advocate, Balbir is in charge of BKU Dakaunda's Mansa unit. "Women were not very active and

farmer unions hardly had any women's wings. I joined BKU Dakaunda in 2010. Today, most of the villages in Mansa have women's wings of farm unions. I was able to mobilise a number of women to step out of their homes and travel to Delhi to protest. Many of them also lead *morcha*s in Punjab. Our hard work has paid off."

SURJIT KAUR AKLIA, 75



Member of the Mansa unit of BKU Dakaunda, Surjit Kaur, from Aklia village in Mansa, is part of the langar

committee at Singhu. "My sons are both farmers. I stayed in Delhi for 70 days and came home only on March 7. After that, I kept going for shorter durations," says Kaur, who spoke into a mic for the first time during the protest in Delhi. "I have never been to school and didn't think I would be able to do this... I got this strength after this struggle started."

DHANNA SINGH, 45 AMONG THE FIRST DEATHS IN THE DELHI CHALO MORCHA

'This is no time for tears... Sacrifices of my father, others led to this victory'

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ITTING ON a charpoy in their tworoom house, Sukhdeep Kaur, 17, says not a single day goes by when she doesn't think of her father Dhanna Singh. The 45-year-old died in a

road accident in the early hours of November 27, 2020, while on his way to Singhu border to protest against the three farm laws, making him among the earliest casualties of the 'Delhi Chalo' morcha, when hundreds of farmers from Punjab and Haryana had marched to the Capital.

Now, with the farm laws repealed, Sukhdeep says she misses her father sorely but this "is no time for tears. Crying

make you weak. This is a big victory of farmers that was possible because of the sacrifices of many, including my father". That day, Dhanna Singh, with Baljinder

Singh, 28, and a few other villagers, were on their way to Delhi from their village Khiyali Chehlan Wali in Mansa district when a truck hit their tractor trolley from the rear. Dhanna came under the tyre of the tractor while Baljinder's left hand was crushed. Driver Gora Singh,

38, sustained minor injuries. Baljinder recalls, "After the accident, his family did get financial help, but no money can make up for the void they feel.



At Dhanna Singh's home in Mansa district on Saturday. The 45-year-old died in an accident last November, while on his way to Delhi. Gurmeet Singh

His children keep saying that they wish their father had only sustained injuries like me. At least he would have been with them

Baljinder says he is still undergoing treatment at PGI, Chandigarh, for his damaged arm. Dhanna Singh was the village granthi and secretary of the village unit of

Bharatiya Kisan Union, Dakaunda faction.

motivate people to be part of the Dilli Chalo morcha. We had sent him to Delhi with a lot of hope; instead, it was his body that came back. Though my husband died much before he could reach Delhi, my children and I have visited Singhu and Tikri a

number of times," Kaur said.

His wife Manjit Kaur, 40, says, "He used to

Her son Harvinder Singh, 14, adds, "I also

Kaur nods. "Yes, we have been protest-

ing from Day 1 of the ordinances. I wish the PM had understood the spirit of the farmers... So many precious lives could have been saved," she says, before adding, "Zindagi taan jeeni hai... bachhe kuchh vadda kar jaan (Anyway, this life has to be lived. I hope the children do well."



Across **THE AISLE**



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The Tamil Hindus have lived for centuries with people practising other religions, especially Christianity, for over 2,000 years and Islam for over 800 years. Muslim and Christian scholars and writers have made remarkable contributions to Tamil

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Happy With My Hinduism

I WAS born in a village in what is now Sivagangai district, then Ramanathapuram district, of Tamil Nadu. I am proud that Kaniyan Poongunranar was born a few kilometres away in a village called Poongunram(now Mahibalanpatti) in the same district. He was a poet who lived in the Sangamage between 6th century BCE and 1st century CE. He is best known for his 13-line poem starting with the words 'Yaadum oore yaavarum kelir'. A simple translation is 'Every place is my village, every one is my relation'. There are other gems in the poem.

The first line is inscribed on the walls of the United Nations. The poem is believed to reflect the way of life of the Tamils 2,000 years ago and earlier.

THE WORD 'HINDU'

Tamil literature records the religions of that age as Saivam and Vaishnavam. Samanam (Jainism) and Bouddham (Buddhism) were later religions. The words Hindu and Hinduism are in not found in ancient Tamil literature. According to Mr Shashi Tharoor, "the word 'Hindu' did not exist in any Indian language till its use by foreigners gave Indians a term for self-definition".

Most Tamils are born in families that practise Hinduism. They worship many gods (including village deities), celebrate festivals like Pongal and Deepavali, and observe rituals like pongal, pal kudam and kaavadi. The Tamil Hindus have lived for centuries with people practising other religions, especially Christianity, for over 2,000 years and Islam for over 800 years. Muslim and Christian scholars and writers have made remarkable contributions to Tamil literature and the development of the language. To my knowledge, no Tamil Hindu king waged a war to establish the supremacy of the Hindu religion over other religions.

What is Hinduism apart from the name of a revered religion? Although I had read books by Dr S Radhakrishnan and Swami Vivekananda, I never felt it was necessary to undertake that inquiry. From what I have read, heard, gathered and gleaned, it seems to me 'What is Hinduism?' can be answered in a few simple paragraphs:

SIMPLE TRUTHS

- Hinduism does not claim to be the only true religion. Swami Vivekananda said, "I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in universal toleration, but we accept all religions as true."
- ■Hinduism does not have One Church, One Pope, One Prophet, One Holy Book or One Ritual. There are many of each, and a Hindu is free to choose among the many or reject all. Some scholars have argued that one can be a Hindu as well as a

believer or an agnostic or an atheist!

- In its secular aspects, Hinduism does not prescribe one system of marriage or one system of succession/inheritance. The Hindu law reforms (1955-1956) tried to bring about uniformity but there exist myriad variations even today.
- Hinduism allows a Hindu to worship other gods and saints. Thousands of Hindus go to worship at the shrine in Velankanni or pray at the Golden Temple in Amritsar or offer obeisance at the Dargah Sharif in Ajmer. Historians are not agreed whether the Sai Baba of Shirdi was a Muslim or a Hindu; he was perhaps both because he did not see any difference between the two. One of his famous epigrams was Allah Malik (God is King).
- Dr Wendy Doniger, Professor of History of Religions, University of Chicago, who studied Sanskrit and ancient Indian religion for over 50 years, has observed: "Scholars have known for centuries that the ancient Indians ate beef." She has quoted texts such as Rig Veda and Brahmanas as well Yajnavalkya and MN Srinivas. Currently, most Hindus eat meat, fish and eggs, but not beef; many Hindus are vegetarian.
- Dr Doniger also points out that Gandhiji never called for banning cow slaughter, and quotes him as having said: "How can I force anyone not to slaughter cows unless he is himself so disposed? It is not as if there were only Hindus in the Indian Union, There are Muslims, Parsis,

Christians and other religious groups here." However, many Muslims and Christians do not eat beef and many non-vegetarians do not eat red meat at all.

I Don't Need HINDUTVA

In his famous undelivered speech (1936) 'Annihilation of Caste', Dr B R Ambedkar, after tracing the conflict between the Indian National Congress (founded in 1885) and the Indian National Social Conference (founded in 1887), and noting with regret that the 'political reformers' had vanquished the 'social reformers', posed a series of questions to the "political minded Hindus", that included the following: "Are you fit for political power even though you do not allow them to wear what apparel or ornaments they like? Are you fit for political power even though you do not allow them to eat any food they like?" These questions ring true even today, but in a different context.

Like Mr Tharoor, "I was born a Hindu, grew up as one, and have considered myself as one all my life." I am one among 81.6 per cent of the Hindus who said in a Pew survey that they were raised as Hindu and currently identify themselves as Hindu. I am happy with my Hinduism and with Kaniyan Poongunranar's simple lesson 'every one is my relation'. Why do I need Hindutva?



Well done PM Modi

INTHE end it was not about the farm laws but about democracy and the right to protest. Democracy won. The most powerful Prime Minister India has seen for more than three decades bowed to the wishes of the people last week when he announced the repeal of the three farm laws. Those who believe that, in repealing these laws, Narendra Modi has reversed necessary agricultural reforms miss the point. If farmers were ready to risk their lives to protest laws that they believe would have left them at the mercy of corporations, then there was no point in the reforms. When he announced their repeal, the Prime Minister said that farmers would be consulted when his government initiated future reforms. This is good.

There is no question that agricultural reforms are needed. It was the manner in which these three laws were rammed through Parliament that led to a breakdown in trust between the government and the people, which it believed would benefit from them. On top of this came ugly attempts to stop protesting farmers from reaching Delhi and uglier attempts to malign people desperate enough to spend seasons of heat, rain and extreme cold in the open to make their point. Modi must take personal responsibility for the malignant campaign. It was his decision not to meet those who sat in protest on Delhi's borders, and his decision to mock them as professional protesters by declaring them 'andolanjeevis' in Parliament.

Long before this inopportune comment, his army of social media trolls, blind followers and sycophants had started to shriek about Khalistanis and 'anti-nationals' having infiltrated the protest. To seriously believe that Greta Thunberg and Rihanna were in league with the Khalistan movement is to seriously need your head examined, but till last week this was believed by many who should know better.

Will they know better in future? Will they give up bootlicking for real analysis? Possibly not. But, it is probably time for the Prime Minister to acknowledge that his devotees have done more damage to his image than his worst critics. They have done this by spending most of their waking hours spreading hatred and venom, and it is this that has led to Modi being seen as a man who has divided India's communities. And, not as the reformer he would like to be seen as. For a while now he has made abundantly clear that what he really wants is for India to walk more swiftly on the path to prosperity, and not continue with the agenda of hatred that has come to define Hindutva. But, if he has conveyed this message to his devotees, they show no sign yet.

Before he announced the repeal of the three farm laws, people already noticed that he was trying to change the agenda. Those who have the unhappy task of being forced to spend more time in government offices than necessary report that, in recent weeks, they had begun to observe that ministers dealing with the economy were suddenly eager to hear suggestions on how they could make the economy move faster. The Prime Minister himself is believed to have complained privately that he could not understand why businessmen had to deal with so many 'compliances'. If it was these things that his devotees and the BJP's army of social media trolls emphasised, the man they see as India's saviour would perhaps not have such a hard time convincing his critics that he is working to make life better for the average Indian. And, most importantly, that he believes that democracy is to be cherished not just during elections

but after they have been won. When he announced the repeal of the farm laws last week, many of his most devoted devotees seemed visibly confused and clearly tongue-tied, as the much weaker social media army that supports Rahul Gandhi gloated openly. They posted video clips of their hero saying that the government would be forced in the end to repeal the farm laws. In doing this they showed that they had not understood that, in this moment, they needed to show grace, not gloating. For a powerful Prime Minister to have shown the humility to publicly acknowledge a mistake is a good

The farmers understood this and cele-

brated by distributing sweets at their protest site. When reporters asked them why they were so happy, they admitted on camera that they believed that the repeal of the hated laws was a victory for them and

moment for India.

a vindication of their long protest. They showed the grace to say that if the Prime Minister came and shared the sweets with them, he would be welcomed. They seem to have understood better than carping critics and know-all political pundits that this was a good day for India and a great day for Indian democracy. It was a good day for Modi. He showed that he was a bigger man than he has been

given credit for. He showed that he was ready to acknowledge that the will of the people is greater than the will of the most powerful political leaders. For the moment it is not about agricultural reform but about celebrating the strength of Indian democracy. This columnist is counted among Modi's sharpest critics, but what he did last week has restored some of the faith that I once had in him.



Banerjee ka gussa

PRIYANKA GANDHI Vadra is keen to pacify Mamata Banerjee, fearing the Trinamool Congress is nibbling into the Congress vote share outside West Bengal. But Banerjee is in no mood to respond. She is still fuming over Rahul Gandhi's behaviour after the TMC victory in Bengal. Rahul did not telephone to congratulate Banerjee and took two days to put out a tweet. Nevertheless, when Sonia Gandhi requested Banerjee to come to Delhi to talk about a possible grand alliance, the Bengal Chief Minister agreed to fly down. What Banerjee did not bargain for was that Rahul would casually walk into the room during the meeting, though she had not been informed of it. Rahul did not stay for long, and the next day, Congress Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury issued a statement attacking the TMC for unleashing violence in Bengal. Banerjee believes both of Rahul's protégés in the state, Chowdhury and Abdul Mannan, target the TMC thinking the Congress would be better off aligning with the Left in Bengal. Even in UP, Banerjee has given the Congress something to think about. The TMC's latest recruits include Kamalapati Tripathi's grandson Rajesh Pati and his great grandson Lalitesh Pati.

ORDER OF ORDINANCE

On the basis of an ordinance, the Ministry of Personnel last week put out a somewhat confusing notification amending rules of the Central Government of India in public interest. In sum, it put a cap of two-year extensions for the Secretaries of Defence and Home, Director, Intelligence Bureau, and Secretary, RAW. However tenures for directors of investigative bodies, such as the CBI and Enforcement Directorate, it said, can be extended up to five years. Clearly those who frame intelligence and policy require less continuity than those in charge of investigation, and can turn the screws on those whom the government desires.

CLEAR FAVOURITES

Extensions are always available for favoured officers in the Modi government. Some examples: Director, Enforcement Directorate, S K Mishra was recently granted another term, before his threeyear tenure ends this month. Director, Intelligence Bureau, Arvind Kumar; Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla; and RAW

Secretary Samant Goel have all got extensions. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das is on a second three-year tenure. Another favourite, P C Mody, has got three extensions as Chairperson of the Central Board of Direct Taxes. He was recently appointed Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha and the incumbent, Dr P P K Ramacharyulu, who had less than three months in office, was made adviser to the Rajya Sabha Chairperson. Ajit Kumar, Chairperson of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, who is to retire this month, expects an extension. Pankaj Kumar Mishra, head of the Financial Investigation Unit for five years, will continue in the post for another two years as his position has been upgraded to Additional Secretary rank. Ajay Tyagi, Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), was granted an 18-month extension after completing his term in August last year.

YES, NO, MAYBE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was furious when presented three pre-poll Uttar Pradesh surveys, diametrically different from one another. Modi felt the BJP was blowing up money on meaningless surveys. However, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed supreme confidence that the party was winning. Usually in UP the most vocal in expressing voting preferences are Brahmins, who are far more influential in impacting voter trends than their actual numbers. But, in a departure, the Brahmins, seen as angry over the CM "promoting" his own Thakur community, are relatively silent. The anti-BIP voters, whether farmers, minorities or Yadays, appear the most outspoken. The BIP's hope is that eventually it will be the silent voters who will decide the outcome. Adityanath has granted several benefits to the people, from grains to cooking oil, and a one-time Rs 1,000 dole for those in the BPL category since May this year. The special perks were to help out after the havoc of the Coronavirus pandemic and will continue till Holi next year.

HUMILIATING DEFEAT

At a Haryana Congress post-mortem meeting, Bhupinder Hooda and Kuldeep Bishnoi nearly came to blows over the humiliating results of the recent bypolls in Ellenabad constituency. Abhay Chautala of the INLD retained his seat, while the Congress candidate lost his deposit. Bishnoi felt that the Congress misjudged in assuming it could ride to victory by backing the farmers' movement. In Haryana, the Congress is basically a non-Jat party, he pointed out. Incidentally, the BJP lost the by-election narrowly and polled more votes than in the 2019 Assembly elections, thanks to the over-

whelming support of urban voters.

history **HEADLINE GHANSHYAM SHAH**





Gujarat: The myth of a vegetarian state

IT WOULD not be incorrect to say that Gujarat's geography has impacted its cuisine. Gujarat has a long coastal length of more than 1,250 km, and a rich history of trading with the outside world. Then, towards the east is the tribal area. As a row brews over non-vegetarian food stalls in the state, the truth is there is a wide variety among the food habits of tribals, the fisherfolk along the coastal areas and those in central Gujarat. Similarly, the fertile South Gujarat has altogether different food habits from the North, which is dry and arid.

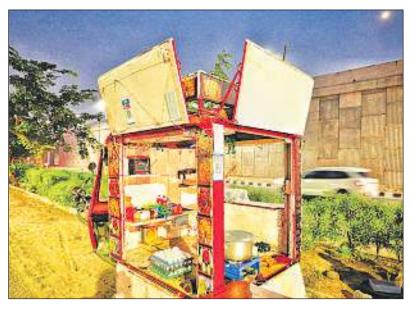
During the pre-colonial period, the state was ruled by a number of small princely states, and areas that saw Mughal dominance. The parts inhabited by the Koli, Bhil tribals etc were isolated. However, the different regimes that ruled the state were not monolithic – they largely focused on collecting revenue and left the people to themselves. This meant that till early 19th century, Gujarat was a pluralistic society. One proof of this is that more than 20% of the words in the Guiarati vocabulary have roots in Persian and Arabic. The first history of the state, Gujarat No Itihas, was written in Parsi.

The food found across the state is no different, being an amalgamation of different tastes. The first attempt at "homogenisation" by a regime, which made it simpler to govern the people, was made during the colonial period. Questions by the Census and gazetteers demanded that people identify themselves with a particular structure. One of those who labelled Indian history as "a Hindu period" and "a Muslim period", "an Islam period" and "a British period" was John Mill, who had never visited the country.

The beneficiaries of this British rule and demarcation were obviously those in business and the upper strata of society the Brahmins and Baniyas — who were already several steps ahead when it came to education. As their influence increased, they also reconstructed the history of Guiarat as they perceived it.

Today, when we say Gujarat is a vegetarian state, I recall my own experience. I come from an upper strata of society, from the relatively vegetarian Vaishnav community, where even eating eggs is a taboo. Around 70 years back, when I was young, my father gave me eggs because they were good for health, inside several layers of wrapping. I would go to the roof of our building or pol to eat them.

My understanding of Gujarat growing up was that it was a kind of samaj. Today



An egg stall in Ahmedabad, where many such kiosks were removed. Express

when you ask a Gujarati what is a samaj, they invariably talk about their caste Therefore you see the Patidar samaj, Kshatriya samaj and others. Similarly, when you talk about Gujarat or Gujarat's food habits or business, invariably we talk about the perceptions of the upper strata of society, mainly the Brahmins and Baniyas and very lately the Patidars.

However, even between them, there are variations — between the Nagar Brahmins, who were writer-advisors in courts, and the Anavil Brahmins of South Gujarat, who were largely tillers and are often called "Khato-Pito Brahman" as they eat and drink without inhibition.

According to a study by anthropologist K S Singh, with which I was associated, only about 26% of Gujarat's population is actually "pure vegetarian" - meaning they never eat eggs or meat -- and most people are better classified as "frequent vegetarians" and "frequent non-vegetarians". When I was in college, I spent a couple of sleepless nights once over a Brahmin friend eating omelette! The fact also is that while they classify as non-vegetarian, many communities in Gujarat, including Muslims and tribals, can hardly afford meat regularly in their meals.

When we talk about vegetarianism and Gujarat, we are really talking about a very small section of society, whose world view is transferred and imposed, and later gains popularity and spreads.

Gujarat has seen the influence of both the Bhakti and Sufi movements, which were egalitarian. However, the later movements, such as of the Swaminaravan sect. were Brahminical and impacted food habits. They found their first followers among the Baniyas or the Vaishnavs. In fact, even Mahatma Gandhi blessed a movement that encouraged that the Panchmahal Bhil tribes be recognised as "backward Hindus" rather than as Adivasis. Another example are the Machhimaars who through co-option, have been made to feel guilty about their traditional food habits.

Among others who eat non-vegetarian food too, there is a moral cost attached with meat or alcohol to be shunned on "auspicious" days.

Interestingly, a survey in 2016 found that people in Gujarat who identified themselves as non-vegetarian outnumbered those in Puniab and Harvana, which make no boasts or claims about being vegetarian states. As Chief Minister, Narendra Modi did not venture into this territory (in fact, he belongs to a caste in which nonvegetarian food is traditionally not taboo). and this is perhaps why BJP chief CR Paatil and CM Bhupendra Patel have played down calls for action against non-vegetarian stalls along main roads in cities.

The writer is a political sociologist

As told to Ritu Sharma

She **SAID**

DOES ANYONE talk for the women of Uttar Pradesh? Remember those? The ones found hanging from trees, or poisoned next to fields, strangled to near-death, or shamed over 'love jihad'? The Congress can be faulted for many misdemeanours in the country's most populous state, which has among India's largest women numbers, the highest proportion of young women, the lowest health indicators and the maximum crimes against them — but, surely, speaking up for one-half of UP can't be one.

Even if she and her party don't get far in the state, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra could have got this part right. She has followed up her offer of

The missing Draupadis of UP fight

40% seats for women in the coming Assembly elections, an empty promise that few now buy, with a slogan that is much more powerful in its simplicity: "Ladki hun, lad sakti hun (I am a woman, I can fight)".

On Wednesday, in Chiktrakoot, Vadra added a poem to her reach-out to women "Suno Draupadi, shastra utha lo, ab Govind na aayenge (Hey Draupadi, pick up arms, no

god is coming to defend you now)". This being an easily outraged India, the message is lost as we focus on the messenger. BJP Union minister Smriti Irani countered Vadra with: "Ghar par ladka hai, par lad nahin sakta (There is a man at home, but he can't fight)". One would have expected better from the feisty leader, who has risen from being an outsider to the top ranks of a party fronted by aggressive men.

Regarding the poem Vadra recited, BJP

supporters latched on to the fact that its author Pushyamitra Upadhyay said he didn't want what he had written, amidst the anger following the 2012 Delhi gangrape-murder, to be used for "cheap politics", and that he didn't support the Congress's ideology. As for the essence of Upadhyay's exhortation - including "Kal tak keval andha raja, ab goonga-behra bhi hai. Honth si diye janata ke, kaanon pe pehra bhi hai (The king who was just blind yesterday, is now deaf and dumb too. The public's lips are sealed, its ears shuttered)" it unsurprisingly didn't ring any bells.

The huffing and puffing over Vadra using the poem brewed alongside cases against stand-up comic Vir Das for daring to suggest in a poem that India's diabolic contradictions include worshipping women in the day and gangraping them at night. Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra, who has twice made it to headlines recently by opposing Sabyasachi's mangalsutra ad and a bleach firm's samesex Karva Chauth aspirations, declared Vir Das a persona non grata in the state.

It was telling that both the celebrated, cerebral fashion designer and the wayless-esoteric Dabur firm thought the way to liberal hearts was by redrawing some traditional boundaries, but not really crossing them. The same as Union Home Minister Amit Shah attesting that a sign of UP's improving law and order was that women could zip on their Scooties at night covered with jewellery.

One would have struggled to find such women at the poll rallies in the state. Or any women at all — as the fight centres around men such as Jinnah dead and past.

Vadra's "dialogue with women", which started with the rally in Chitrakoot, assembled a group of them across age groups along the Ganga. Girls in school uniforms filled the front rows, women in saris and covered heads the remaining. The Congress general secretary's attempts to rouse them did not really draw a response, and the "Suno Draupadi" poem drifted away without creating waves, same as the river lapping behind Vadra.

However, the angry responses that followed Vadra's rally showed someone was listening. And, even amidst the rancour of the polls, there was no doubt about what they heard, to their alarm - the sound of millions of Draupadis possibly zipping

away on Scooties, in the middle of the night. National Editor Shalini Langer curates the fortnightly 'She Said' column

OIL SLIPS FOR 4TH WEEK ON THE TROT

New York: Oil benchmarks fell for the fourth straight week, for the first time since March 2020, amid surging Covid-19 cases in Europe. Brent crude was at \$78.42 a barrel, while US WTI crude reach \$76.11 per barrel. **REUTERS**

DEAL TO PURCHASE 20% STAKE

LABOUR MINISTER CHAIRS 229TH MEETING OF CENTRAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EPFO board meet: Investment in AIFs on case-to-case basis; centralised database

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE CENTRAL Board of Trustees (CBT) of retirement fund body EPFO on Saturday approved investment of up to 5 per cent of its annual deposits in new asset classes of alternative investment funds (AIFs), including infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs).

The Board has empowered the Finance Investment & Audit Committee (FIAC) to decide upon the investment options, on a case-to-case basis, for investment in all such asset classes. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) would go for investments in public sector bonds. At present, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Power Grid Corporation (PGCIL) have

launched public sector InvITs. The decision was taken at the 229th meeting of the EPFO's CBT, chaired by Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav.

In April, the Labour Ministry notified changes in investment options to include units issued by Category I and Category II AIFs regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

The EPFO can invest up to 15 per cent of investment in equity, as per the pattern of investment notified by the central government and the internal guidelines of the EPFO approved by the CBT. It had invested Rs 7,715 crore in equity till June 30 this year.

Asked whether the EPFO will invest in private sector InvITs, Yadav told reporters, "At present we have decided to invest in only newly added government instruments (bonds and InvITs). There is no percentage for that. It will be decided on case to case basis by the FIAC.'

Labour Secretary Sunil

15.41 lakh subscribers net added in Sept

New Delhi: EPFO net added 15.41 lakh subscribers in September 2021, reflecting a growing trend in net payroll additions post the second wave of the pandemic. For September, the net subscriber addition has increased by 1.81 lakh (or over 13 per cent) over August when it was 13.60 lakh. PTI

Barthwal told reporters, "There are certain instruments (prescribed in norms) where we were not able to invest due to various reasons. Now, we would be in a position to invest in those

"In a significant decision that

advising for a careful encashment of those investments.

will yield a higher rate of return,

the earlier ban on investment

pattern by CBT was lifted

and FIAC has been empowered

to approve on a case to case ba-

sis," said CBT member and em-

The Board also approved de-

velopment of centralised IT-en-

abled systems by C-DAC.

Following this, the field function-

alities will move on a central

database in a phased manner

which will facilitate de-duplica-

tion and merger of all provident

fund (PF) accounts of any mem-

ber. It will also remove the re-

quirement of transfer of account

participation rate from the

states, a point which is learnt to

have been raised as a concern by

the Labour Minister. CBT mem-

bers also discussed the risky in-

vestments in DHFL, YES Bank,

The CBT meeting saw a low

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KE Raghunathan.

on change of job.

The draft 68th annual report on the functioning of the EPFO for the year 2020-21 was also approved in the meeting, with the recommendation to place it before Parliament.

The Board also decided to constitute four sub-committees, comprising members of the board from employees' and employers' side as well as representatives of the government. Two committees on establishmentrelated matters and futuristic implementation of Social Security Code will be headed by the Minister of State for Labour and Employment.

The remaining two committees on digital capacity building and pension related issues will be headed by the Union Labour and Employment Secretary, an official statement said.

SAUDI OIL CO, RELIANCE TO 'RE-EVALUATE' PROPOSED INVESTMENT

RIL focus on green energy, Covid hit for Aramco: Why both cos put O2C deal on hold

■In August 2019, RIL and

non-binding letter of intent

for the latter to buy 20% stake

KARUNJITSINGH NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

RELIANCE INDUSTRIES Ltd (RIL) and Saudi Arabia's national oil company Saudi Aramco on Friday decided to "re-evaluate" a proposed investment by the latter in

What was the proposed investment?

RIL's O2C business.

In August 2019, RIL and Aramco signed a non-binding letter of intent for the latter to acquire a 20 per cent stake in Reliance's oil-to-chemical (O2C) business in a deal worth \$15 billion. The deal was expected to benefit RIL's O2C business in terms of higher feedstock security for its tilt towards higher crude to petrochemical conversion. Reliance had applied to hive off its O2C business in line with the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). In October, RIL also named Saudi Aramco chairman Yasir Al-Rumayyan to its board as an independent director.

What are the factors that have led to the deal being called off?

Covid-19 played a significant role in delaying the planned investment by Aramco, as the pandemic caused crude oil prices to crash in line with demand for petroleum products. Experts said

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

GREATER COORDINATION is re-

quired among regulatory author-

ities, including those dealing with

stock exchanges operating within

the upcoming financial hub at

Gandhinagar, said Finance

through the day, showing us the

physical assets and telling us

about the future plans. In the

process, we realised there are

quite a few things on which

greater coordination is required

among the authorities dealing

with stock exchanges and also among the regulators. They are

not major concerns, but it is possi-

ble to sit around a table and sort it

out." Sitharaman told mediaper-

sons after finishing her meetings.

needs to talk among themselves,

while stock exchanges too need to

She said Sebi, Irdai and RBI

Sitharaman said the interna-

AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 20

in Reliance's O2C business this likely impacted EXPLAINED Aramco's ability to acquire the 20 per cent

stake in the RIL's O2C

business. Further

RIL's announcement

Aramco signed a

to become a net zero carbon emitter by 2030 and plans to optimise its Jamnagar refinery to produce on iet fuels and petrochemicals may have impacted Aramco's interest

in investing in the O2C. "RIL and Aramco have mutually determined that it would be beneficial for both parties to reevaluate the proposed investment in O2C business in light of the changed context," RIL said in a statement. The company also said that the Jamnagar complex, which is a key part of the company's O2C business, would be the centre of Reliance's renewable en-

supporting its net zero carbon emissions commitment. "These plans are counterintuitive to Aramco's interest and

FM: Greater coordination among

authorities, regulators required

ergy & new materials business,

■ In October, Reliance also

named Saudi Aramco chairman Yasii Al-Rumayyan to its board as an independent director

world view. Oil producing nations have been making the case that fossil fuel assets need to be given more time and investment so that the

be gradual," said an equity analyst who wished to be anonymous.

energy transition can

Iamnagar is set to be the site for RIL's 'Green Energy Giga Complex', which is set to include an integrated solar photovoltaic module factory, an advanced energy storage factory, an electrolyser factory and a fuel cell factory.

The analyst said Aramco may have also had concerns that a large part of its investment could be used to repay loans to RIL, which the Mukesh Ambani-led conglomerate may then use to fund its green energy related projects. After reorganisation of the O2C business, the new entity would have had a \$25 billion loan from RIL on its balance sheet, as per an investor presentation by RIL

RBI WATCH FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Forex reserves fall for second week in a row, down \$763 mn

CURRENCY ASSETS FUEL SLIDE				
	Nov 5 2021	Nov 12 2021		
Foreign currency assets	577,581	575,487		
Gold	38,778	40,239		
SDRs	19,287	19,184		
Reserve tranche position	5,228	5,201		
Total	640,874	640,112		

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE FOREIGN exchange – forex — reserves fell by \$763 million to \$640.112 billion in the week ended November 12, according to data released

In the preceding week ended November 5, the reserves decreased by \$1.145 billion to \$640.874 billion. They had touched a lifetime high of \$642.453 billion in the week

ended September 3. During the reporting week, the decline in the forex reserves was primarily on account of a slide in foreign currency assets (FCA). Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) weekly

data released Friday showed. FCA, a major component of the overall reserves. dropped by \$2.094 billion to \$575.487 billion in the report-

ing week, according to the central bank data.

Expressed in dollar terms. the FCA include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US currencies such as the euro, pound sterling and Japanese ven held in the foreign exchange reserves.

\$1.461 billion to \$40.239 billion in the reporting week.

The special drawing rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) dipped \$103 million to \$19.184 billion. The country's reserve po-

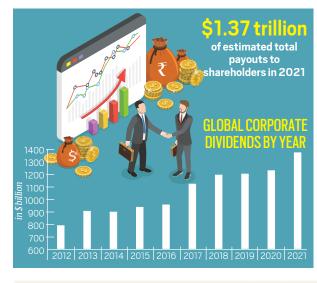
sition with the IMF was down by \$27 million to \$5.201 billion in the week, as per RBI. Falling forex reserves may

cause issues for the government and the RBI in managing the nation's external and internal financial issues.

Higher reserves are a big cushion in the event of any crisis. WITH PTI

'Global cos set to deliver record dividends this year'

Global corporate dividends are set to reach a record high this year, as a rebound in business activity and a rise in consumer demand boosted profits, as per an analysis of Refinitiv data



most sectors globally and as regulatory constraints and government pressures to restrict payments weighed

DIVIDENDS SLUMPED

LAST YEAR against the

backdrop of the Covid-19

pandemic for companies in

EUROPEAN COMPANIES' payouts in 2021 are estimated at \$252.4 billion, a 25% rise over last year

US DIVIDENDS are expected to grow to \$562.3 billion, an 8.6% increase

MINING FIRMS led the dividend payouts globally, boosted by a surge in commodity prices this year

FINANCIAL SECTOR is also expected to deliver higher dividends, as global central banks

relaxed restrictions on dividends and buybacks imposed last year

Source: Refinitiv/Reuters

Survey details: The analysis of Refinitiv data was for 3,394 global companies with market capitalization of at least \$1 billion

Zomato a great bet: Uber CEO

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

UBER CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said the company's partnership with Zomato has been a "great bet" and he is pleased with how the model has grown, continued to gain share and its successful initial public offering (IPO).

Khosrowshahi said Uber is witnessing an increase in demand as cities open up after COVID-induced lockdowns, and also expects the driver shortage easing. 'The India food delivery mar



DARA KHOSROWSHAHI

ket has been incredibly competitive and really are partnering up

Deepinder Goyal, the founder, and CEO there and I would say it has been a great bet and certainly one that we are very pleased about in terms of how the model has grown, how the model has continued to gain share, and obviously the incredibly successful IPO." Khosrowshahi said in an interview to CNBC-TV18.

In 2020, Zomato had announced the acquisition of the Indian business of Uber Eats in an all-stock deal that gave Uber 9.99 per cent stake in the Indian food delivery and restaurant discovery platform.

interact with each other. tional bullion exchange, which

CEO, Tesla

3 through the iOS app in Seoul.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inspects the utility Minister Nirmala Sitharaman who was on a day-long visit to tunnel at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Saturday. PTI GIFT City in Gujarat on Saturday. "This visit was long overdue. I had wanted to come here well bewas expected to go live on October 1, was seeing "small delays" and fore the Covid lockdown happened. But after that it got postwill soon become operational. "I poned. However, I am glad to be was glad to hear that the bullion here. We had very useful interacexchange will soon come into play, for which all the necessary tion and the entire leadership of

ofrastructure inclusive of safe vaults are all ready and operational. So, the bullion exchange will be big game changer for India because in India we consume a lot of gold and every gram of gold that we consume is imported. To have an exchange in India and to determine price being one of the leading buyers in global gold market will be a big important milestone. While discussions largely cen-

tred around IFSC, the focus was on achieving "exponential growth" at GIFT City and make it a "gateway" for international financial services, officials who attend the meeting told The Sunday Express. "One important area that came up for discussion was to make local

settlement of foreign currency possible at IFSC," an official added. During the visit, Sitharaman

also announced approval to three projects worth over Rs 500 crore for the International Financial rvices Centre Authority (IFSCA said a government release. Accompanied by a team of secretaries and ministers of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary and Dr Bhagwat Karad, Sitharaman also suggested to the GIFT City authorities to develop the immediate periphery of IFSC and make it more "dynamic". She said the meetings largely dealt with ex-

> ploring avenues for attracting more companies to GIFT City. "I have suggested there should be an interaction with leading startups - not those dealing with fintech, but startups dealing with different activities in Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Gurugram to be

brought here," she said.

BRIEFLY —

Japan oil release

Tokyo: Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Saturday his government is considering releasing oil from its reserves in response to rising crude oil prices, Kyodo news agency said. It would be the first time for Iapan to release oil reserves to lower prices. **REUTERS**

West Elm foray

New Delhi: Global design home retailer West Elm has entered India, with the launch of two stores in partnership with Reliance Brands. It opened its first brick-andmortar store in October at Jio World Drive, followed by a store at the Ambience Mall in Gurgaon this week.

Ola Electric test

New Delhi: Ola Electric said it has expanded the customer test rides for its electric scooters across India. With this, customers in over 1.000 cities and towns will be able to test ride and experience the Ola S1 electric scooter, a statement said. PTI

Govt puts on sale MTNL, BSNL assets at base price of ₹970 cr New Delhi: The government has

BSNL properties have

listed for sale real estate assets of state-run telcos MTNL and BSNL at a reserve price of around Rs 970 crore, according to documents uploaded on the DIPAM website. BSNL properties located in

Hvderabad. Chandigarh, Bhavnagar and Kolkata have been posted for sale at a reserve price of around Rs 660 crore. The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) website has listed MTNL assets located in Vasari Hill, Goregaon in Mumbai for sale at a reserve price been posted for sale at a reserve price of around ₹660 crore, and those of MTNL at around ₹310 crore, as per DIPAM

of around Rs 310 crore.

"This is the first stage of asset monetisation at MTNL and BSNL. Bids have been invited for BSNL assets worth Rs 660 crore and

MTNL assets worth Rs 310 crore. We plan to complete the entire process within one-and-half months," BSNL Chairman and MD PK Purwar said.

MTNL's 20 flats located in Oshiwara have also been put up for sale as part of the asset monetisation plan of the company. The flats include two units of 1-room set, 17 units of 1 bedroom hall and kitchen (BHK) and one unit of 2 BHK. Their reserve prices range from Rs 52.26 lakh to Rs 1.59 crore. The e-auction for MTNL assets will take place on December 14. PTI

Failure to report old deals: Alibaba, Baidu among China tech cos fined

REUTERS

BEIJING, NOVEMBER 20

CHINA'S MARKET regulator said Saturday it was fining companies including Alibaba, Baidu and JD.com for failing to declare 43 deals that date as far back as 2012 to authorities, saying that they vi-

olated anti-monopoly legislation. Enterprises involved in the cases would be fined 500,000 yuan (\$78,000) each, it said, the maximum under China's 2008

Anti-Monopoly Law. Alibaba, Baidu, JD.com and Geely did not immediately comment.

China has been tightening its grip on internet platforms, citing

the risk of abusing market power to stifle competition, misuse of consumers' data and violation of consumer rights. The earliest deal listed was a 2012 acquisition involving Baidu and a partner, and the most recent was the 2021 deal between Baidu and automaker Zhejiang Geely Holdings to create a new-energy vehicle company.

Musk: Tesla app coming online after server outage

Reuters File

New York: Tesla Inc chief Elon Musk said on Friday that the company's mobile application was coming back online after an app server outage earlier prevented many owners from connecting to their cars. Musk was responding to a Tesla owner's tweet, who said that he was experiencing a "500 server error" to connect his Model

About 500 users said they faced an error at Friday, 2140 GMT, as per outage monitoring website Down detector. **REUTERS**

Apple says workers 'free' to discuss wages, working conditions

JULIA LOVE SAN FRANCISCO, NOVEMBER 20

APPLE DELIVERED a message to employees on Friday that was striking given its reputation for secrecy: a reminder that workers may discuss wages, hours and working conditions. The notice came as some employees have been pushing Apple to do more to ensure there are no unfair gaps in pay across the company.

In a post on an internal site, a copy of which was seen by Reuters, Apple said its policies do not preclude employees from "speaking freely" about working conditions. "We encourage any employee with concerns to raise them in the way they feel most comfortable internally or externally," it states. A spokesperson for Apple declined to comment.

Apple's business conduct policy already included language stating that workers were not restricted in their ability to discuss wages, hours and working conditions, which is generally protected

In a post on an internal site, Apple said its policies do not preclude employees from "speaking freely" about working conditions

under US law. But employees who have spoken out in recent months have faced resistance, said former Apple program manager Janneke

Parrish, who was fired after playing a leading role in employee activism, said she is hopeful that Apple's message will ease the path for others.

Apple has previously said it doesn't discuss specific employee matters and is "deeply committed to creating and maintaining a positive and inclusive workplace.' The move comes amid a broader push by Silicon Valley workers to speak out about their working conditions and the impact of technology on society. **REUTERS**

National mining conclave: Focus on exploration, auction regime

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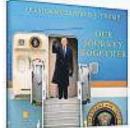
DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS of the mining industry will participate in a national conclave next week and hold strategic discussions on major issues and opportunities in the sector to bring in higher growth and facilitate ease of doing business, the government said on Saturday.

To be held on November 23, the fifth National Conclave on Mines and Minerals will have many significant segments that will encourage exploration activities, auction regime and sustainable mining practices.

An award ceremony for fivestar rated mines for noteworthy performance will be another nighlight of the one-day conclave, an official statement said.

The mines ministry introduced the concept of National Mining Conclave in 2016 to provide the right platform for interaction among all stakeholders like government officers, industrial sector and associations. WITHPTI

THE WORLD



MEANWHILE

TRUMP PUBLISHING NEW PHOTO BOOK

Donald Trump is publishing a book of photographs celebrating his time as US President, according to a statement from his office. Titled 'Our Journey Together', the book includes more than 300 photographs and captions written by Trump.



NASA seeks ideas for a nuclear reactor on the Moon

IF ANYONE has a good idea on how to put a nuclear fission power plant on the Moon, the US government wants to hear about it. NASA and the nation's top federal nuclear research lab on Friday put out a request for proposals for a fission surface power system. NASA is collaborating with the US Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory to establish a sun-independent power source for missions to the Moon by the end of the decade. "Providing a reliable, high-power system on the moon is a vital next step in human space exploration, and achieving it is within our grasp," Sebastian Corbisiero, the Fission Surface Power Project lead at the lab, said. The reactor would be built on Earth and then sent to the Moon

UNITED KINGDOM England plans

ban on single-use plastic cutlery SINGLE-USE CUTLERY and

plates could be banned in England as part of a public consultation and call for evidence launched to tackle so-called problematic plas-Saturday. Throwaway plastic plates, cutlery, expanded and extruded polystyrene cups and food and beverage containers could all be phased out in the latest UK government bid to eliminate all avoidable plastic waste, the Department Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said. Under proposals in a 12-week nesses and consumers will

Poland reports fewer bids to cross Belarus border

need to move towards more

sustainable alternatives. PTI

THE NUMBER of migrants trying to force their way into Poland from Belarus fell again on Friday after an apparent change in tack by Minsk that could help calm a crisis that has mushroomed into a major East-West confrontation. The Polish Border Guard said there were 195 attempts to cross the frontier on Friday, down from 250 on Thursday and 501 the day before. Europe accuses Belarus of flying in thousands of people from the Middle East and pushing them to cross into the



At a protest against Covid curbs in Vienna, Austria, on Saturday. The banner reads: 'Control the border. Not your people.' Reuters

In Europe, again Covid's epicentre, new restrictions provoke resistance

& MELISSA EDDY NOVEMBER 20

RIOTERS SET fires on the streets of Rotterdam and attacked police officers at a demonstration against Covid measures in the Netherlands on Friday night. Austrians protested a newly announced nationwide lockdown and plan to make coronavirus vaccinations compulsory. And protesters gathered in Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

A year and a half after the coronavirus swept through Europe with devastating effect, prompting strict lockdowns, the continent is once again the epicentre of the pandemic. And as governments increasingly return to measures limiting public life and introduce vaccination requirements, protests pushing back



Police arrive at a protest in Rotterdam, Netherlands. on Friday. AP

against those rules are also rising. With infections soaring and

antiviral drugs to treat the coronavirus not yet available, governments have doubled down on calls for people to get vaccinated, including with booster shots. They have also shifted from voluntary measures to mandatory ones as they lose patience with people who are resisting inoculation.

Frustration among members

of the public also appears to be growing on both sides. Although recent anti-vaccine protests have fizzled in countries like France and Italy, they have flared up in the Netherlands, where a threeweek partial lockdown is in place in an attempt to quell a fourth

On Friday night, police officers in Rotterdam fired warning shots and used water cannons against

wave of coronavirus infections.

demonstrating over the country's pandemic restrictions. Seven people were injured and dozens were arrested amid what the city's mayor, Ahmed Aboutaleb, described as "an orgy of violence".

In Austria's capital, Vienna, thousands protested on Saturday over a vaccination mandate that is set to come into force in February and a nationwide lockdown that begins on Monday.

Those actions, which were announced Friday and would have been considered unthinkable just months ago, are the strongest recent measures taken in a Western democracy to tame the pandemic.

Portugal may also face new lockdown restrictions, and the Czech Republic, which is facing its highest caseload of the pandemic, will require proof of vaccination for entry into restaurants, bars and hair salons starting Monday. NYT

US CDC endorses Covid vaccine booster shots for all adults

APOORVA MANDAVILLI NOVEMBER 20

FACED WITH rising infections and an anticipated surge in holiday travel, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday endorsed booster shots of the coronavirus vaccines for all Americans over 18.

 $The \, recommendation \, fulfills \,$ President Joe Biden's pledge in August to make the extra doses available to all adults, and caps months of scientific debate over whether most people really needed boosters. The shots are already available at many drugstores, doctors' offices and vaccination centres

The CDC said that Americans over age 50, as well as those 18 and older living in long-term care facilities, "should" get booster shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines. All other adults over age 18 "may" get booster doses, the agency decided.

Recipients of Johnson & Johnson's one-dose vaccine already were cleared to get a booster at least two months after the initial shot.

Singapore set to begin easing curbs next week

SINGAPORE SAID on Saturday that it would begin easing its pandemic restrictions next week, another sign that the city state is recovering from a recent surge of hospitalisations that delayed its reopening plan.

From Monday, fully vaccinated people will be allowed to gather in households and restaurants in groups of up to five, an increase from the current two, government ministers on Singapore's Covid task force told a news conference.

US seeks balance as fears grow that Russia may invade Ukraine

NOMAAN MERCHANT WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 20

THE BUILDUP of Russian troops near Ukraine has left US officials

perplexed, muddying the Biden administration's response. Some Republican lawmakers have been pressing the US to step up military support for Ukraine. But that risks turning what may be mere muscle-flexing by Russian President Vladimir Putin into a full-blown confrontation that only adds to the peril for

ergy crisis in Europe. But a weak US response carries its own risks. It could embolden Putin to take more aggressive steps against Ukraine as fears grow he could try to seize more of its territory. And it could cause more political damage for President Joe Biden at a time his popularity is dropping.

Ukraine and could trigger an en-

Knowing how to strike the right balance would be easier if the US had a better understanding of what Putin was trying to accomplish. But top officials admit they don't know.

"We're not sure exactly what Mr Putin is up to," US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said Wednesday.

Rep. Mike Quigley, an Illinois Democrat and member of the House Intelligence Committee. said better understanding Putin's intentions was critical "to avoid the mistakes that have started great wars".

"This is a tough, tough area to try to gain information," he said. "It's a challenge that's as tough or tougher than it's ever been. It has a pretty serious impact on our ability to make the correct decisions." Russia seized Ukraine's

Few good options for Washington

THE RUSSIAN troop buildup near Ukraine has left the US with very few good options, as the Biden administration tries to make sure its response is perceived as neither too weak nor too aggressive. Talks between US, Russian and Ukrainian officials have taken place in recent weeks, but they seem to have had little effect on Russia's aggressive stance. Experts say more US sanctions on Russia are also unlikely to sway Putin. There have been calls for the US to provide more weapons and infrastructure to Ukraine and for it to deploy a larger presence of its own to the Black Sea. But these measures risk Russia increasing its troop numbers at the Ukraine border, and even retaliating by cutting energy exports to Europe.

Crimean Peninsula in 2014 and an ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine between Kyiv and Russian-backed rebels in the region known as Donbas has left an estimated 14,000 dead. Now, Ukraine says an estimated 90,000 Russian troops have massed near the border.

The buildup could be a prelude to another Russian invasion. Speaking to Ukraine's foreign minister this month, Blinken said Putin's "playbook' was for Russia to build up forces near the border and then invade, "claiming falsely that it was provoked."

after assurances to control 'immoral and indecent' content

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD NOVEMBER 20

PAKISTAN'S TFI FCOM regulator has for the fourth time lifted a ban on TikTok following assurances by the popular Chinese video-sharing platform that it would control "immoral and indecent" content.

The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) had banned it in July after complaints that it was uploading and disseminating immoral content.

"PTA has restored the services of TikTok on assurances by the platform (that it would) control immoral and indecent content," the regulator said on Friday. According to the PTA state-

ment, the authority had last blocked access to the application on July 20 and since then, it had been communicating with TikTok management on the issue.

"As a result of continuous engagement, senior management of the platform assured (the) PTA of its commitment to take nec-

essary measures to control unlawful content in accordance with local laws and societal norms," the statement said.

It further said that the social media company had also given the assurance of blocking the users for their continuous involvement in uploading "unlawful content" on TikTok.

"Keeping in view the assurances, the authority has decided to lift the ban on TikTok forthwith," the statement said, adding that the PTA would continue to monitor the video-sharing platform to ensure that "unlawful content, contrary to Pakistan's law and societal values, is not disseminated".

This is the fourth time that the PTA has lifted a ban on the platform after blocking it for various reasons.

TikTok was banned in Pakistan for the first time in October 2020, but it was lifted after just 10 days following an assurance by the company to block accounts "spreading

Pak lifts ban on TikTok Flood-hit Canadian province limits fuel, non-essential travel

REUTERS HOPE (BRITISH COLUMBIA),

BRITISH COLUMBIA imposed temporary restrictions on fuel and non-essential travel on Friday to ease supply chain disruptions and support recovery work after floods and mudslides destroyed roads, houses and left thousands stranded in the western Canadian province.

The orders, announced by Deputy Premier Mike Farnworth in a briefing, limits people in some areas, including the Vancouver Island, to 30 litres (7.9 gallons) of fuel per visit to a gas station until Dec 1. Non-essential travel along severely affected highways will also be prohibited.



On a flooded road in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Reuters

"These orders will help keep commercial traffic moving, stabilise our supply chains and make sure everyone gets home safely." Farnworth said.

The storms, which started on

Trans Mountain pipeline and cut two critical east-west rail lines owned by Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railway Co that lead to Canada's busiest port of Vancouver, imped-

Sunday, forced the closure of the ing the supply of fuel and goods.

Kabul: A prominent doctor was kidnapped and killed in northern Afghanistan, his family said Friday. Mohamed Nader Alemi was

abducted two months ago in the city of Mazar-i-Sharif, and his kidnappers demanded a ransom for his release, his son Roheen Alemi said. The family eventually paid

them \$350.000, after negotiating down their initial demand of more than twice that, he said.

Despite the payment, the kidnappers then killed Alemi, leaving his body in the street, his son said. They called the family and told them where to find it on Thursday, he said.

Prominent Afghan doctor kidnapped, killed "My father was badly tortured, there are signs of harm on

his body," Roheen Alemi said. Alemi, a psychiatrist, worked for the government's provincial hospital in Mazar-i-Sharif. He also owned a private clinic, said to be the city's first private psy-

Pentagon chief seeks to reassure concerned Middle East allies

MANAMA, NOVEMBER 20

US DEFENCE Secretary Lloyd Austin sought on Saturday to reassure allies in the Middle East that President Ioe Biden's administration was committed to the region despite Washington increasingly turning its attention towards countering China.

It was unclear how much impact Austin's speech would have with Washington's allies in the Middle East, since it was not backed by any announcements of further deployments or new weapon sales in the region.

Gulf Arab states, heavily reliant on the US military umbrella, have expressed uncertainty about Biden's focus on the region, especially after the US withdrawal from Afghanistan. They are now closely watching efforts to revive a global-powers nuclear pact with Iran.

In a speech in Bahrain during a trip to the Gulf, Austin acknowledged concern in the region and globally that the United States was solely focussed on



US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin

China's challenge.

"Let's be clear: America's commitment to security in the Middle East is strong and sure," Austin said.

He said the United States was committed to countering Iran, even as Washington works to revive the 2015 nuclear deal.

"We remain committed to a diplomatic outcome of the nuclear issue. But if Iran isn't willing to engage seriously, then we will look at all the options necessary to keep the United States secure," Austin said.

The Pentagon chief said that Washington would be coming to the indirect negotiations on reviving the deal starting on Nov. 29 in Vienna in good faith. REUTERS

RIGHTS GROUPS WARN THAT THE WORKERS COULD BE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING OR EVEN SLAVERY

Vietnamese workers at Chinese factory in Serbia desperate for help

DUSAN STOJANOVIC ZRENJANIN, NOVEMBER 20

THEY ARE shivering in barracks without heat, going hungry and have no money. They say their passports have been taken by their Chinese employer and that they are now stuck in a grim plainland in Serbia with no help from local authorities

These are the Vietnamese workers who are helping build the first Chinese car tire factory in Europe. The Associated Press visited the construction site in northern Serbia where some 500 of the workers are living in harsh conditions as China's Shandong Linglong Tire Co. sets up the huge facility.

The project, which Serbian and Chinese officials tout as a display of the "strategic partnership" between the two countries, has already faced scrutiny from environmentalists over potentially dangerous pollution from tire production.

Now, it has caught the attention of human rights groups in Serbia, which have warned that the workers could be victims of human trafficking or even slavery.

"We are witnessing a breach of human rights because the Vietnamese (workers) are working in terrible conditions," Serbian activist Miso Zivanov of the Zrenjaninska Akcija (Zrenjanin Action) nongovernmental organisation told The Associated Press at the drab one-storey warehouses where the workers are living.

"Their passports and identification documents have been taken by their Chinese employers," he said. "They have been here since May, and they received only one salary. They are trying to get back to Vietnam but first need to get back their documents."

Workers sleep on bunk beds without mattresses in barracks with no heating or warm water. They told the AP that they have received no medical care even when they developed Covid-19like symptoms, being told by



Vietnamese workers near the Serbian town of Zrenjanin. AP

their managers simply to remain in their rooms. Nguyen Van Tri, one of the

workers, said nothing has been

fulfilled from the job contract he signed in Vietnam before embarking on the long journey to Serbia. "Since we arrived here, noth-

ing is good," he said. "Everything is different from documents we signed in Vietnam. Life is bad, food, medicine, water ... everything is bad."

Wearing sandals and shivering in the cold, he said about 100 of his fellow workers who live in the same barracks have gone on strike to protest their plight and that some of them have been fired because of that.

Linglong did not respond to an AP call seeking comment but denied to Serbian media that the company is responsible for the workers, blaming their situation on subcontractors and job agencies in Vietnam. It said the comdidn't employ pany

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Vietnamese workers in the first place. It promised to return the documents it said were taken to stamp work permits. The company denied that the

Vietnamese workers are living in poor conditions and said their monthly salaries were paid in accordance with the number of working hours. Populist-run Serbia is a kev

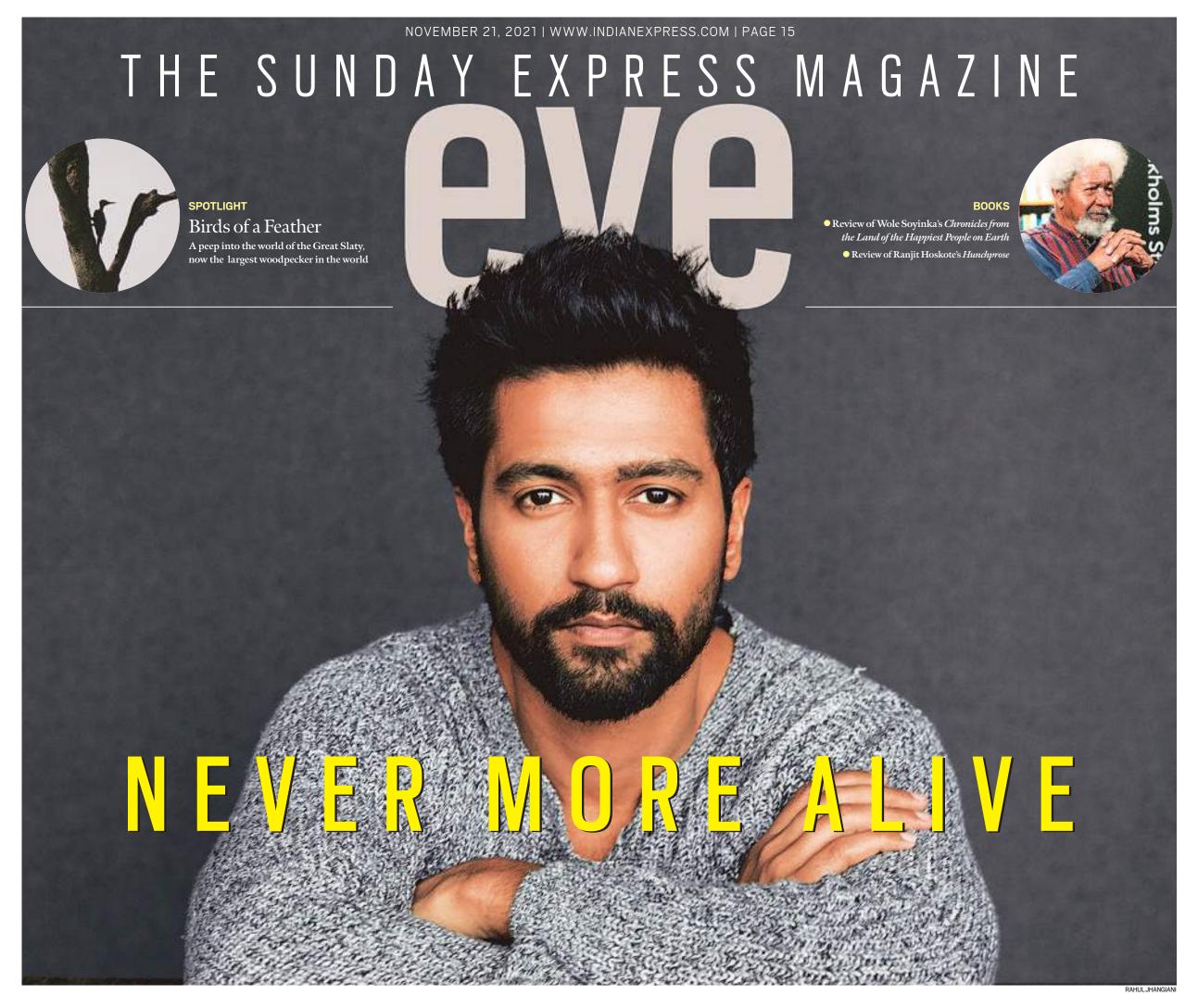
spot for China's expansion and investment policies in Europe, and Chinese companies have kept a tight lid on their projects amid reports they run afoul of the Balkan nation's anti-pollution laws and labour regulations.

Chinese banks have granted billions of dollars in loans to Serbia

build highways, railways and factories and employ their own construction workers. This is not the first time rights groups have pointed out possible breaches of workers' rights, including those of Chinese miners at a copper mine in eastern Serbia. After days of silence, Serbian

to finance Chinese companies that

officials spoke against "inhumane" conditions at the construction site but were quick to downplay Chinese responsibility for the workers' plight. Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabic said she "would not rule out that the attack against the Linglong factory" is organised "by those against Chinese investments" in Serbia.



What makes Vicky Kaushal one of the most dependable contemporary actors

Alaka Sahani

IILE SHOOTING for Shoojit Sircar-directed feature Sardar Udham, actor Vicky Kaushal found himself amid a sea of bodies. This was expected. He had already gone over this unsettling sequence, which recreates the 1919 Iallianwala Bagh massacre. several times on paper. Yet, Kaushal, who essays the titular character of the revolutionary Sardar Udham Singh in the movie that released last month, was overcome with numbness. This pre-climactic sequence of a young Singh's deep shock and desperate attempt to save lives turned out to be emotionally and physically draining. "It was like undergoing commando training," says the actor. The scene marks Singh's transition from a loved-up youngster to a brooding revolutionary, who carried the scar of this horrific incident for two decades.

Sircar, who often borrows his filmmaking methods from theatre, kept it organic and realistic. As the actor rushed to the aid of the

injured, with a threecamera set-up focussing on him, he was asked to instinctively pick the injured persons he would attend to. "In the course of the shoot, it hit me that there were real cries for help and bloodshed when the firing left so many people dead and injured. That numbed me,' says Kaushal.

During the re-enactment of this tragedy, Kaushal had another challenge to deal with: The 33-year-old actor had to

maintain the innocence and body language of a 19-year-old. The biopic of the 1899-born Singh, now streaming on Amazon Prime Video, tells the story of the revolutionary at different stages of his life. The movie shows him as a youngster in love, a young idealist rebel influenced by his friend Bhagat Singh, an activist who moves to London and tries to rebuild the HSRA (Hindustan Socialist Republican Association) movement, and an undertrial who won't plead guilty after he shot Michael O'Dwyer, former lieutenant governor of the Punjab and a mastermind of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

Kaushal's character-driven roles have cemented his reputation as a dependable leading actor in Hindi cinema. Many have commented that this is his best performance so far. For a while, it even diverted attention from his talked-about December wedding

"It's a great feeling when the audience grasps the soul of the movie. What's overwhelming is that the film has initiated a discussion about the sacrifices that have gone into creating a free world and equality," says Kaushal, who sports the tattoo "Ram Mohammad Singh Azad" on his arm in the movie. That's the name the revolutionary went by during the later years of his life as a signifier of unity and secularism.

The elder son of the prominent actiondirector Sham Kaushal, Kaushal is an industry kid. Yet, he is not. He was born in a 10x10 house in a Mumbai chawl, after his father, who had shifted from Punjab with a master's degree in English, tried to make a living as a stuntman in the Hindi film industry. Even after Sham became a successful action director, Kaushal and his brother, actor Sunny, hardly visited the sets or mingled with people from the industry. Like most Indians, he was fascinated by movies and cricket. Engineering was a natural choice since he was good at mathematics, and for a brief while, he even dreamt of a job in the US.

But at 21, Kaushal's dream changed. After he visited an MNC in the sec-Born in a Mumbai ond year of his engineering course at Rajiv Gandhi chawl, to action Institute of Technology, Versova, he realised he director Sham wasn't cut out for a nineto-five job. As he won-Kaushal, Vicky and dered what would make him happy, he thought of brother Sunny hardly all those times he was on the stage for school plays mingled with people and skits. "With my curly hair and sanwla (dusky) from the industry complexion, I didn't have the confidence that I

> recalls Kaushal. Nonetheless, he decided to give it a shot.

With that, Kaushal's parents' eagerness that he would be the first member of the family to have a stable job was replaced by their concern that it wouldn't be an easy ride. Sham, who sat Kaushal down, recalls: "Just because I work in this industry, I didn't want my son to assume that it would be a cakewalk. He had to learn the craft if he wanted to be an actor and, most importantly, be prepared for rejections." Kaushal took his father's advice. He worked with Manav Kaul's Mumbai-based theatre group, Aranya, acted in the play, Laal Pencil, assisted Anurag Kashyap and made a blink-and-you-miss-it appearance in Gangs of Wasseypur (2012). He got more screen time in Luv Shuv Tey Chicken

could become an actor,"





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(Clockwise from top) Vicky Kaushal; stills from Sardar Udham; Manmarziyaan; Masaan

Khurana (2012) and Bombay Velvet (2015). However, it would be Masaan (2015) that would turn it around for Kaushal

It has been six years since Kaushal earned the "fine actor" tag for his breakout performance as the guileless and grieving Deepak in *Masaan*. Since then, he has carved out an impressive filmography as he refuses to be boxed in. A year after he appeared in Kashyap's Raman Raghav 2.0 (2016) as a volatile cop with a drug addiction, he has had five releases in 2018. He delivered a riveting performance as a sensitive Pakistani officer in Raazi that proved to be the perfect foil to Alia Bhatt's lead spy act; in Sanju, he grabbed attention as the titular character's loyal friend Kamli; and in the Karan Johardirected segment of the anthology Lust Stories, he was convincing as the husband unaware of his newly-wed wife's desires. Another talked-about performance that year was as the commitment-phobic DJ n Manmarziyaan. Even as he showed amazing consistency,

what bolstered Kaushal's status as a crowdpuller and a star was the box-office success of Uri: The Surgical Strike (2019), which earned nearly Rs 350 crore at the box-office. His captivating performance as an Indian Army Major who leads a covert operation against militants, won him the National Film Award for Best Actor that same year.

However, it is through his powerful yet restrained performance in Sardar Udham the late Irrfan Khan was Sircar's original choice — that Kaushal has shown that he can completely immerse himself in a role.

It was surreal for Kaushal when Sircar cast him as Udham Singh. In 2019, the actor had messaged Sircar, expressing his wish to be part of the director's celluloid world. Within two weeks, they met and the conversation veered towards Singh.

"Coming from a Punjabi family, of course, I knew about him. My ancestral home in Hoshiarpur district is two hours away from Jallianwala Bagh," says Kaushal, who saw this as an opportunity to tell the story that he had

heard from his parents and grandparents. Sircar, however, went through his share of dilemmas before zeroing on Kaushal. "It wasn't easy to make the transition from Irrfan to Vicky. As we contemplated who can play the role, Ronnie (Lahiri, co-producer of Sardar Udham) said, 'Why not Vicky?'. We spent several days looking at Vicky's images and revisiting Masaan. After a couple of meetings, I realised that Vicky is aware of that history," says the director of Madras Cafe (2013), Piku (2015) and Gulabo Sitabo (2020).

Kaushal's journey thus far has been propelled by his dedication to his craft and perseverance. "For Masaan, I spent three weeks in Benares, learning the local language and soaking in its world. I learnt Gujarati for Saniu. While doing Uri, my focus was on getting the body language and physique right. Sardar Udham was different. Shoojit da told me to work more on the character's state of mind than his actions," says Kaushal.

Some preparations, though, were external. Kaushal lost weight for filming the por-

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tions of 19-year-old Singh and gained 14 kg for the older character. To isolate his real self from the historical figure he was essaying, Kaushal never used the phone once he was in costume. The film left Kaushal, who recently sported a hoodie with Singh's words "Tell people I was a revolutionary" imprinted on it, with some realisations.

racted in this min, runought the con cept of freedom was confined to a country. They (revolutionaries) had an open mind to think of the entire world. The film talks about equality, free speech, and sharing," says Kaushal, who adds that he still has to fully comprehend the "politics of left, right

What helps Kaushal bring authenticity to his performances? "No matter what role he plays, there is a dedication and consistency in his craft," says Meghna Gulzar. When she was casting for Raazi, the writer-director remembers that Kaushal came "with no baggage or set image". She says, "It was important for me to get someone who would be completely malleable to fit the part of a Pakistani officer. Vicky's part had fewer dialogues; he used his eyes and the power of silence to express himself."

Gulzar is teaming up with Kaushal next for Sam Bahadur, a biopic of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw. "It is such a difficult part to play and direct. We did a look test to see how close we were to depicting Sam Manekshaw. In the first test, we got the result that stumped us both. That makes it evident the kind of actor that he is and what he does with his eyes. He just becomes the part," says the director of Talvar (2015) and Chhapaak (2020).

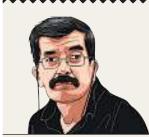
Notwithstanding the success and stardom, Gulzar finds Kaushal "rooted as a person". "Vicky has seen tremendous success early in his career but has that changed his approach to his craft? Not yet. I have not seen it and I don't think I will either. The kind of person he is makes him the kind of person he is," she says. This is, probably, something that's instilled into Kaushal by his family.

Urging Kaushal to always be "genuine in his relationships and professional life", Sham says, "If he wants something, he gives his best to it — be it friendship, profession or personal relationship. He did face a lot of rejections earlier but he didn't let that affect him."

Soon after wrapping up the strenuous Sardar Udham shoot, the actor found himself on an unscheduled break owing to the lockdown, This worked for him because Kaushal usually tries to take a month-long break between films — "to exit the world of one movie before entering a new one". During this period, he mostly travels to Hoshiarpur. "My village is just like what you see in the movies kheton ke beech gaon. For my village folks, I am still that kid who used to be in a chaddi. I can walk into anyone's home, relax there, eat, or play cards. My childhood friends still live there. These are the people who know

what I am," says Kaushal.

DOWN IN JUNGLELAND



Ranjit Lal Ranjit Lal is an author, environmentalist and

The Octopus's Garden

Lessons from My Octobus Teacher

FINALLYmanaged to see Craig Foster's Oscar-winning

My Octopus Teacher and promptly saw it again. Foster might have learnt a lot from his octopus friend, but there are huge takeaways for anyone interested in nature or spreading the message via media (TV channels).

I would imagine that channels like National Geographic and Discovery would have a lot to take home and quietly ponder over after seeing this film. All they seem to be doing these days is making Hollywood-style nature blockbusters - where blood, gore, dismemberment, appalling violence, and the ever-present threat to us — are highlighted as, in series such as Animal Fight Club, overly melodramatic with killer voice-overs and music. "Survival experts" out in the wild seem firmly convinced that every living creature out there - in their home territories - is hell-bent on attacking us. The message coming through is clear: Mother Nature is a vindictive, unpredictable old witch armed with canines and talons, subject to ferocious temper tantrums. She is out to rip you apart, so, watch it. Sure, there are film-makers who have spent years in the field studying their subjects and producing exemplary films — but they seem to be as

endangered as the animals they film. Foster has shown what can be done by nearly anyone with a camera in their local patch — or as in this case, in the small, 200 m patch of kelp forest near his home. You don't need half of Africa to make a grand nature film. But yes, there are other requirements, most of which today, especially youngsters, professing to be interested in nature, fall short of. First, you need curiosity and lots of it. You must be interested in the whys, wherefores and why-nots of the dazzling world around you. Equally important is observation. Too many so-called nature lovers these days seem only to think in terms of lists and go off to national parks and sanctuaries — as if they were out shopping. So, yes you must tick off the "big five", the bird roll-call must be longer than what it was last time and, at a glance, you must be able to name a species, its subspecies, and know what the bird ate for breakfast that morning, by the expression on its face: all this to be done instantaneously, so you can rush off to the next destination lickety-split and repeat the procedure.

Observation means spending hours just quietly watching. Even when nothing seems to be happening, it's about



THROW IT IN THE SEA

Forget social distancing, when your octopus friend beckons

hanging around, waiting, wondering: day after day, hour after hour, and after hours, too. Only then will the subject of your observation begin to reveal what hitherto was its secret life and bring you a deeper understanding of what's going on. It was only this kind of observation that made Foster realise that his canny octopus friend was actually thinking out her strategies and learning from each experience — for example, using him as a shield to help her hunt.

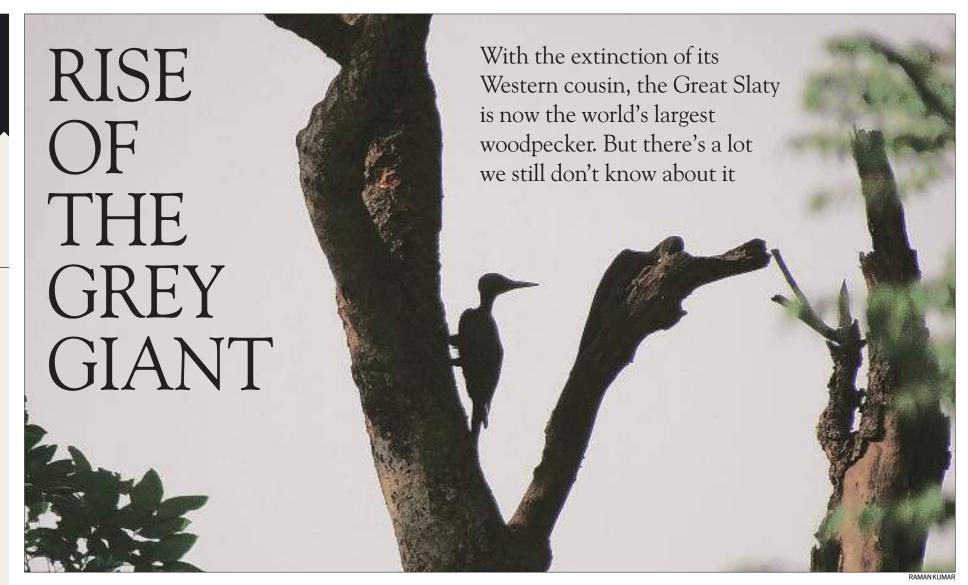
Then there's persistence. You've got to be at it day after day. If you are following a particular animal or species, this is the only way to eventually win its confidence and allow vou into its private world. It must know vou're non-threatening. A careless move can easily break the built-up trust.

Something as simple as feeding birds in your garden/ terrace can prove equally rewarding. A gentleman I met in Delhi many years ago would give breakfast to crows every morning on his terrace by calling them down: each bird flew down only when called by name! He knew their family history: who was whose son, whether he was trying to take over his father's territory, fascinating details which can only be revealed through persistence and observation.

I spent hours observing the rhesus macaques at the Nicholson Cemetery next door (and got a book out of it!), and they're not exactly my favourite. Apart from learning to recognise their calls: threats, or warnings that the monkeycatcher was around, there were other revelations. Hefty dons would sometimes goof around with thrilled toddlers like politicians kissing babies: they were doing it to cadge favour with the formidable matrons, whose approval heavily counted in their ascension to and retaining of power!

Apart from the crystalline photography in My Octopus Teacher, the film's serene pace made it so memorable. Of course, there was drama — the attack by the hilariously named pyjama shark - but also its aftermath, the slow eventual and astonishing recovery of the octopus. Foster believed the little patch of kelp forest worked as a single living entity — with each creature playing its part — the Gaia concept. Scientists like Richard Dawkins might have issues: he believes it's just the genes' demented ambition to propagate which made the entity they belonged to to behave the way it did. If that assisted the survival of the community, so be it, there was nothing deliberately altruistic going on.

The most rewarding part of such an interaction is when the animal accepts you and seems as curious about you as you are about it! Making physical contact is probably the high-point of this relationship: something which many scientists frown at. But when your octopus friend rushes up to give an affectionate hug, social distancing rules don't apply!



Raman Kumar

HEY CALLED it "the Lord God bird", and not without reason. This fabled bird was the protagonist in several books; it even made its way to the music charts with a song dedicated to it. It made news when it lived, and now haunts the headlines with its extinction. Expeditions were dispatched to search for this "Elvis Bird" but it remained elusive, with its last sighting more than 70 years ago, until finally the ghost of wishful thinking was laid to rest in September this year when the US formally declared this fantastic bird extinct.

The Ivory-billed woodpecker, measuring a phenomenal 50 cm from beak to tail, reigned as the world's largest woodpecker. It inhabited the swamp forests of southern US and Cuba, dominated by giant trees until they were logged, and the bird suffered a fate aptly described as "rarity unto death" by science writer David Quammen.

The Ivory-billed's extinction also robbed it of its long-held status as the planet's largest woodpecker, and the spotlight moved to the opposite side of the globe. The Asian Age in the woodpecker world was thus ushered; the Great Slaty woodpecker — an Asian giant was crowned the world's biggest woodpecker without ceremony or fanfare.

Though comparable in size with its $American \, predecessor, the \, 45\text{-cm-large} \, Great$ Slaty hardly fits the bill as a poster boy. While the Ivory-billed resembled a soldier smartly dressed in ceremonial black-and-white uniform with a scarlet helmet, the Great Slaty with its inconspicuous grey plumage and devoid of any headgear brings to mind a commando in combat fatigue.

Its representation of the Asian ethos also extends to its behaviour: The Great Slaty lives in close-knit family groups — the fledged offspring



continue to stay with parents to help them raise younger siblings, a stark contrast to the nuclear family living seen in most other woodpeckers.

Despite its physical and behavioural differences, the Great Slaty is ominously similar to the Ivory-billed in one aspect. The fact that it occurs half a world away by no means cushions it from the threats that its transcontinental cousin succumbed to. Looking at the distribution map of the species can lead you to the happy misconception that a species spread over 15 countries — from India all the way to the Philippines — could hardly be in trouble. However, the Great Slaty population has plummeted by a dramatic 90 per cent in recent decades. The main cause is the all-too-familiar spectre of deforestation, destroying large chunks of its largely tropical habitat. The sharpest declines have been recorded in Southeast Asia — particularly Borneo and Malaysia which used to be the species' mainstay.

Paradoxically, the Himalayan foothills — a region at the margins of the Great Slaty's range which hardly qualifies as "tropical" - seems to be an area where this newly-crowned largest woodpecker appears to be doing well. This Great Slaties without much difficulty in Corbett and Rajaji national parks and the reserved forests adjacent to them.

landscape is dominated by sal forests, that in

India have been protected either as national

parks and sanctuaries, or reserved forests. For

instance, in Uttarakhand, it is possible to see

Despite its celebrity status, surprisingly little is known about the ecology of the Great Slaty. We do know that it lives in joint families of generally half-a-dozen individuals. We also know that the Great Slaties tend to sleep in family dorms made in dead or decaying trees with multiple cavities. These dormitory trees are veritable heritage structures that are used by gen $eration\, after\, generation\, of\, woodpeckers.\, Such$ trees, unfortunately, are often deemed useless and marked for removal during routine forestry operations. The nest cavities, built in live trees, are large and deep enough to hold three to four full-sized woodpeckers. Since these nest cavities are spacious and safe refuges, they are keenly sought after by a wide variety of other animals (that cannot excavate tree holes themselves) for their homes and nurseries. These beneficiaries include hornbills, owls, mynas, monitor lizards, bats, flying squirrels and bees, among several others.

It is obvious that large-sized woodpeckers cannot make nest cavities in trees with thin trunks. This means that the XXL-sized Great Slaty woodpecker needs old forests with thickstemmed trees to get by. And that is a resource which is in short supply globally. Most people, including politicians and administrators, miss the point that growing old-growth forests cannot be fast-tracked, especially in forests of slowgrowing trees like sal that are preferred by Great Slaties. While a sal tree can attain nearmaximum height relatively soon ("soon" in tree chronology easily being 50 years!), it can take considerably longer (say, 200 years!) for it to attain a respectable girth. This makes conserving the Great Slaty a greater challenge.

Sacrificing large-sized trees and then compensating for the loss by planting scores of new trees is as absurd as replacing a truck tyre with two dozen bicycle tyres.

This woodpecker also displays some interesting behaviours. For instance, at the start of their day, the Great Slaties of a group routinely assemble on a "staging" tree - something like a roll call. They then perch on the upper branches and repeatedly flick open their $wings\,in\,synchrony, also\,emitting\,whinnying$ calls simultaneously. This ritual is not unlike a team huddle accompanied by battle cries to invoke the spirit of camaraderie before a match. They then take off to forage, with individuals sometimes breaking ranks to fly off in different directions.

The Great Slaty has a special appetite for ants. Scientists believe that the species lacks a typical woodpecker crest and sports an unusually long neck because these traits make it easier for the Great Slaty to raid ant colonies with minimum fuss.

 $However, we are \, still \, in \, the \, dark \, about \, most$ ecological aspects of this Asian giant. How big is its territory? How far does it travel to forage daily? How long does it live? How many nests does it lose to predators and squatters? How big a forest patch is required for it to survive?

Will we be able to find answers to these questions in time? Or will the Great Slaty woodpecker, too, follow its predecessor into the black hole of extinction? If it does, then an ecological meltdown is inevitable with catastrophic effects on scores of other animals that are dependent on its home-building skills.

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'I was very struck by Bhakti poetry'

KNOCKIN' ON

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(From top) Great

Slaty woodpecker

feeding on ants on a

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male at the nest

Author and musician Amit Chaudhuri on his latest music album which travels back in time

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Suanshu Khurana

Was the release of your latest album, Seventeen, around the same time as your book, Finding the Raga: An Improvisation on Indian Music, a conscious decision?

No, it just kind of happened. Adam Moore, who plays the guitar with me when I perform in England, mastered the songs to reduce some of the radio static. Then I just let it lie, became busy with other things. I talk about my singer-songwriter period in the book so I thought I must back this up.

Was it hard to create English songs as a young adult when most of India wasn't listening to them?

When writing these songs, I was already making my way through Hindustani classical music. A lot of the music I sang was inspired from there. I sang Armistice Hour (in Seventeen), for my teachers who were invited

home after I had not done too disgracefully in my ICSE exams at the age of 15. I participated in a college talent competition, judged by (rock vocalist) Nandu Bhende. Everybody sang covers but I sang a song of my own, Shout. People began heckling me, but in the end, gave me a rapturous applause. I did win that competition. At the competition was activist Sanjay Ghose (abducted and killed by the ULFA in 2008). He'd arranged to get a slot on Bombay All India Radio, so I went with a guitar to sing. During broadcasts, my mother would record my songs on a two-in-one. Once AIR found out I was singing my own stuff, they stopped inviting me.

A lot of musicians tend to cringe at their old work. How do you see Seventeen?

I don't see it as my old work. I see it as the work of a different self. It doesn't matter if the self was still evolving at that time in terms of its ideas to do with poetry and literature. So, I want to look at this self that is not trying to be somebody else, not trying to be Paul McCartney or Bob Dylan, but working with something. And that's why I put it out there.

What was your sense of the self while writing these songs?

From 1979-83, I went into complete isolation. The only people I mixed with were my gurus and parents. I didn't have any friends. I had withdrawn from that world. I'd always felt a kind of resistance to Bombay's unquestioning embrace of the so-called pedigree of the English language, and of Hollywood and Western pop, mainly because I'd been exposed to Bengali culture — a modern

culture with its own literature, songs, radio programmes. Why must we always in Bombay, do this in English? I was also becoming disenchanted with the corporate world, though my father was doing well in it. I was composing these songs in the context of this self-imposed loneliness. In Shame, I was conceiving, feeling intensely for and intensely bereft of, a beloved who wasn't there. Bhakti poetry or the bhajans my mother sang were exposing me to this idea of love for invented beings.

What were the outside influences, what were you reading and listening to besides



RAGA FINDER

(Above) Amit Chaudhuri; jacket of his music album Seventeen, released earlier this year

poet William Blake and Bengali literature? Iwas very struck by Bhakti poetry. And Iwas

very struck by the idea of viraha, which is of interest to (Rabindranath) Tagore and which comes to him from his interest in Kalidasa. Meghdoot is all about viraha. This whole concept of being separated from somebody whom you don't actually see, the truth and veracity is far more than being with that person, the separation being a state of being that produces its own meaning. I had spent so much time listening to that, to people in, as I call it, the American or Canadian singer-songwriter tradition. There was Neil Young, and Joni Mitchell, the greatest

songwriter of the generation among others. I loved the sustained chords - there was a beautiful ambivalence about that.

You didn't have much love for Bob Dylan?

I had mixed feelings about him. I like some of his songs very much, especially (the albums) John Wesley Harding (1967) and Blood on the Tracks (1975). Musically, as a songwriter, he interested me deeply, but didn't put me in a spell. With songs like Expecting to Fly or I Am a Child by Buffalo Springfield (Young's band, 1968) or Mitchell, I was in a spell. I couldn't figure out what that spell was. I wasn't in that state of enchantment with Dylan, He also deliberately cultivated this all-knowing persona. I wasn't interested in the irony of that persona. I love the sense of surrender I felt when listening to Mitchell. However complex the songwriting, there was always a dreamlike dimension to it.

Why did you choose to be only known as a writer, and not a musician, all this time?

I thought that there would be scepticism about the fact that a writer who's publishing novels and doing a PhD could be a serious Indian classical musician, which is what I was by that time. It was a very different time and you held back rather than advertise. I didn't have the time to promote myself as a musician. In order to make a headway, you need to be part of a gharana with patronage. I was the only disciple of my generation in Kunwar Shyam Gharana but my guru Govind Prasad Jaipurwale died at the age of 44. And I was already fairly well known as a writer. To go and sit outside somebody's office, waiting to be admitted into some conference, is something I felt a lot of prejudice against...Music manifests a particular kind of aesthetic pride. It was definitely one of the things besides the reticence and shyness, which also were a manifestation of that pride... I mentioned it finally, after (the album) This is Not Fusion (2007). That's when people began to say to me that you really have to do a bit more than you're doing to disseminate your work.

Pursuits of Happiness

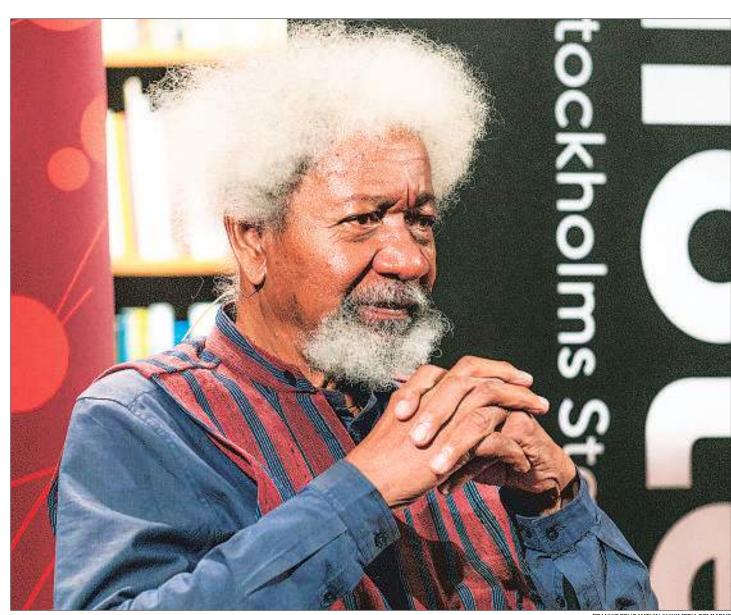
Nobel laureate Wole Soyinka's return to fiction reaffirms the plurality of the 'global' novel, while making no attempts to perform otherness for an Euro-American consumption

S Satish Kumar

N EARLY reviewer of this novel described it as being pessimistic, while others have expressed mild concern over the image of Africa" (more specifically Nigeria, which one feels compelled to emphasise are not one and the same) that a global readership might glean from it. Many more have sought to contextualise the novel's plot (or a perceived lack thereof) while crafting sincere panegyrics for the 87year-old literary giant, who for nearly three decades has held the unique distinction of being the first "Black African person" to have won the Nobel Prize for literature. What immediately struck me when I learnt of Soyinka's first novel in 48 years, was the title he chose for it. An ostensible jibe at the World Happiness Reports released by the United Nations starting in 2012, the novel's title, I believe, goes beyond the apparent caustic sarcasm and political satire in articulating an earnest inquiry about what it means to be happy. One is almost immediately reminded of the title to yet another author's much awaited return to fiction writing in 2017 -Arundhati Roy's The Ministry of Utmost Happiness. Besides these two writers, who can in many ways be thought of as kindred spirits, such narrative inquiries into the meaning of happiness have long been a staple in the world of fiction writing. Especially in more recent times, in a world that is no longer satisfied with making good but seems obsessed with making all things "great", the question of happiness - individual or otherwise - is often framed within a context of such pursuits of greatness. Evocative in form of *The Interpreters* (1965),

Soyinka's first novel, Chronicles... also revisits many themes that have preoccupied the writer's literary imagination across his life and career. Set in a nascently-formed independent Nigerian nation of the early 1960s, The Interpreters presents a plot explored by several writers of Soyinka's generation from across various African nationalities at the time the returnee, who having acquired a European degree, is driven by the desire to do good in his native land. As the destination for foreign aspirations gradually starts to shift from European countries to the US, so do the challenges faced by the returning natives. The horrors that plague Dr Kighare Menka, through whose character play out the ethical dilemmas of the major plotline in the novel, are more complex in a thinly fictionalised contemporary Nigeria. In gaining recognition for his clinical work with victims of communal violence perpetrated by the militant Boko Haram, he also finds himself embroiled in a racket for the trafficking of human organs and body parts. Such horror is more sinister as it hides in plain sight with its agents emerging from the woodworks of every social or political institution imaginable. It almost makes one long for those times of straightforward military coups and dictatorships, when the oppression of people and the despoliation of human dignity bore an identifiable face.

The true genius of Soyinka shines through



RETURN OF THE MASTER

Wole Soyinka during a lecture at Stockholm Public Library on October 4, 2018

not in the laying out of the major plotlines, but in the details he populates them with. Yet another life chronicled in the novel is that of Dennis Tibidje. Beginning as a garden-variety grifter, he returns to Nigeria escaping charges of attempted rape while being a student in the UK. Met with lukewarm success in the local film industry, Tibidje sets his sights on reinventing himself in the US, where he swiftly lands himself in a detention facility for immigrants without appropriate travel documents. Detention camps having been a hot-button issue in the recent past, the author, true to his satirical style that is grounded in a robust institutional memory, is quick to remind us that detention camps at the time were "not entirely inhumane". Our resourceful picaro, however, argues the inhumaneness of his detention as a person belonging to a minoritised and persecuted group. When his pleas for asylum fall on deaf years in the Land of Liberty, Tibidje finds his true calling as an itinerant evangelical preacher, before making his way back home to Nigeria, where he is now known as Papa Divina and preaches a globally minded

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and harmony. Of course, he uses his mission as a front for his many backdoor dealings with friends in high places, often on behalf of a rather exclusive clientele who come to him seeking salvation of both a worldly and otherworldly nature.

After all the twists, turns and intrigues that hold the reader in rapt attention for 444 pages, the story concludes in neither a whimper nor a bang, but rather in a somewhat awkward silence. Hence, perhaps, the perceived pessimism. It is undoubtedly a pertinent question to ask within indices that arrogate measures of human happiness - is it possible to be happy while inhabiting realities where our survival implicates us, quite literally in the case of this novel, in the dismemberment of humanity itself? That is not, however, what makes Chronicles... relevant to global fiction today, it is rather the location from which such inquiries are made. Triumphalist tales of escaping minoritisation and persecution in

"Africa" and subsequently thriving within an assimilated model minority somewhere in the US or the EU have become a mainstay for the "African novel" in the global literary market for some time now. Such a trend is usually offset by representations of the horrors of an existence outside of Europe or America which, let us face facts, is what one usually means when invoking any kind of globality. In contrast, Chronicles... spotlights a reality other than such conventional "Afropolitan" imaginaries. Making no attempts to perform otherness for Euro-American consumption, Soyinka's return to fiction writing reaffirms the plurivocality of the "global" novel.

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All That We Carry

In his new book of poems, Ranjit Hoskote meditates on a range of themes with striking erudition



ONLY AS THE DAY IS LONG Ranjit Hoskote

Jonaki Ray

ANJIT HOSKOTE'S latest poetry collection, Hunchprose, sweeps through history, mythology, ecology, architecture, the climate crises, among other subjects, and reflects his erudition and ease with each of these areas. Such a diverse range can be intimidating, but while the collection does require multiple readings, Hoskote's striking wordplay and shifting perspectives makes one do so willingly, with each reading throwing light on a new facet.

Consider the first poem, Sidi Mubarak Bombay, a prose poem, that is based on the history of slave trading in the Bombay of 19th century, and is inspired by the story of a south-east African boy sold to a merchant by Arab slavers. Growing up in Bombay and emancipated eventually, he returns and settles in Zanzibar and earns fame as a guide. Yet, home and identity remain a challenge to him: "I should go home now, but I forget where that is./...City of jahazis, munshis, khalasis, sarafs, bhistis, sepoys that was the only family I knew. So I called myself Bombay...'

Similarly, the poem, Train, with its lines: " ... a soulsleep elsewhere familiar/ only to livestock curtained from the falling axe/ and the sealed train/ that's about to bump west — east across cratered plains/ carrying its deathweight" treads the arc of history from the trains carrying people to the concentration camps and certain death under Nazi Germany to the Partition era that divided the Indian subcontinent, to the current times. Words such as "soulsleep" and "deathweight" show us the truth about those who are looking away and remain mute, or

The poem, Glove, describes a lone baggage-handler's glove, something any one of us would have encountered. Yet, the lines, "...weapons can't slash her/fire can't scorch her — ..." evoke the immutable lines from the Bhagavad Gita, and transform the mundane to something rare. There are other poems with similar deceptively simple titles, such as Saturday, Table, Shoe, that remain in memory because of their powerful

wordplay and the defiance contained in them.



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In this, one is reminded of Tomas Tranströmer's poem, Allegro, and its powerful imagery: "I play Haydn after a black day/ and feel a simple warmth in my hands/...The sound says that freedom exists,/ that someone does not pay Caeser's tax./...Music is a glass house on the hillside/Where stones fly, stones crash. And the stones crash straight through the glass,/ But the house remains whole."

The current ecology and climate crises are brought out by poems like The Book of Common Birds, The Lion Tamer's Nightmare, and Endling. The last two are particularly interesting in presenting a diptych of narratives, with the

perspective shifting from the lion tamer, alone with the lion, to the lion, "...the last, most famous member of my tribe. /... in its far corner cowers my tamer, /a bag of skin peeling off a spine: /mangled by his worst nightmare come to life.'

Hoskote's experience as a valued art critic and curator comes through poems such as Protest, dedicated to artist Sudhir Patwardhan. The hymn-like poem goes: "Hand at the gate/fist around the stone/ hand on the placard/fist around the stone... hand around the baton/fist around the stone/grip the flint-edge clarity/ of breath ebbing from stone.'

Many of the poems are also embodiments of visual poetry in their usage of spacing. Take the poem *Ivory* Bird, a concise one at 12 lines. The feathered indentation of each line makes your imagination soar, until you can visualise the bird in your cupped palm with its: "... wings folded back/ legs pulled in long neck-head-beak a missile pointed/ at water far below or the clouds/ the first cormorant/ever sculpted/in the sky of your palm".

The Notes section, which makes for a fascinating read, shows the linkage of this poem to the fact that a piece of ivory dating back to the Upper Paleolithic Period (40,000-10,000 years ago) was discovered in the Hohle Fels cave, and is considered to be the earliest carving of a bird.

Finally, a word about the intriguing title. It is a play on Victor Hugo's Hunchback of Notre-Dame (1833), as mentioned by Hoskote in a reading. The poem addresses, in a slightly satirical manner, the rivalry between the different genres of literature and the marginalisation of poetry. "He calls me Hunchprose but what's a word/between murderous rivals?/...And I what can I offer you except fraying knots coiled riddles scrolled bones/keys to doors that were carted away by raiders...'

The poem ends with the assertion that a poet can be as powerful as Quasimodo, the much derided, malformed, marginalised character who is a true creator of music through the bells he rings through the years: "Call me Hunchpraise...'

In fact, now more than ever the need is for the power of poetry through the "inkdrift words" that "spring up to sting" in this collection.

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Chronicle of an Assassination Foretold

Who killed Gandhi and why — a new book examines the Mahatma's assassination and the Hindutva imagination that led to the conspiracy against him

Aparna Vaidik

THIS IS a book written by an investigative journalist, Appu E Suresh, and an independent journalist, Priyanka Kotamraju, who are on a guest to understand the MK Gandhi

set out searching for the "smoking gun" that killed Gandhi. The gun here is a metaphor for the mastermind behind the murder – Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. We know Gandhi was murdered by Nathuram Godse but what remained unestablished was Savarkar's link to the killing. The Gandhi murder trial acquitted Savarkar and the Jeevan Lal Kapur Commission that was set up two decades later hinted at his involvement but could not

murder conspiracy. The authors

provide firm evidence. The book illumines two new connections that deepen our understanding of Gandhi's assassination. First, it pushes back the date of origins of the Gandhi murder conspiracy to August 8, 1947, a week before Independence, instead of the period after — to show that it was not simply the issue of payment of Rs 50 crore to Pakistan and the rehabilitation of Hindu refugees that made the conspirators boil over. They argue that the conspiracy had roots in

Savarkar's hypermasculine and militant philosophy of Hindutva. Second, the book highlights the hitherto unknown role played by the beleaguered princely states and their bureaucracies (especially that of the states of Alwar and Gwalior) in Gandhi's murder. Thus, several right-wing organisations (Hindu Mahasabha, Hindu Rashtra Dal, Hindu Rashtra Sena, Rajput Seva Sangh) and the notorious princely states came together under Savarkar's leadership just before India became independent to eliminate the man they saw as an obstacle to the establishment of the

(and marketable) syncretic doctrine of peace

Hindu raj. January 30, 1948, was not the first but the final attempt to assassinate Gandhi. The authors' narrative is based

on newly unearthed archival material, primarily the files of the intelligence bureau (IB), the state intelligence departments and the Crime Investigation Department (CID) that consists of Case Diary notations and interrogation reports of the intelligence and police officers investigating the murder conspiracy in conjunction with the Kapur Commission Report, court statements of the Savarkar brothers and Godse, private papers of (Hindu Mahasabha leader) BS Moonje, Hindu Mahasabha papers, The Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi and other primary and secondary printed materials in National Archives of India, Nehru Memorial and Museum Library in Delhi and

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the National Archives of London. The use of different kinds of sources provides a closer look at the events that led up to Gandhi's assassination, besides informing

the reader about several new historical persons, their connections and role in the conspiracy, and the ideas and frames of thought that allowed the assassins to justify the murder. Studying Gandhi's assassination is relevant in view of the authors as it gives us an in-



TRUTH AND DARE Mahatma Gandhi in Bombay, 1937

sight into the current national political churn, which appears familiar to the tensions in post-Independence politics. Although the authors don't really specify what these tensions were and what about them feels familiar, they make a credible argument and shed new light on the murder conspiracy.

The Murderer, the Monarch and the Fakir comes as an interesting and a welcome intervention in a public discourse teeming with Savarkar's hagiographies and Godse eulogies. However, living as we do in a post-fact and post-truth age, I ruminated whether it is enough for a historian or an investigative journalist to deploy ever-new facts from their archival arsenal to challenge the popular discourses and/or received historical wisdom. Narrative or discourse, that is, the way a story is told, is what makes it powerful and persuasive in a public battle. Its strength comes from not just the facts it parleys but the imageries, beliefs, attitudes, ways of being, vocabulary and the hubris that it generates. Discourse, like myths, harbours its own truth and may have little or no grounding in reality or facts. Technology - print, media and digital - further plays a crucial role in the circulation of the narratives and their seepage into the public psyche. Could a bullet shower of historical facts overturn the hagiographical narratives of Savarkar in the public arena? At the least, one hopes, it would punch some holes into it.

In fact, the acquittal of Savarkar in the Gandhi murder conspiracy trial itself has echoes of the present-day snakes (discourse) and ladders (evidence) political game. Discourse does not thrive on facts/evidence, nor does the crime of conspiracy. In legal terms, a conspiracy is an "imagined crime" that exists before and beyond the actual physical act. This means that the law does not require a person to have committed a deed or to have been directly involved in its commission in order to indict. One could be implicated in the crime by a simple articulation of intent and/or making a covenant to commit the crime. That means a conspiracy trial in effect is not simply driven by "facts" or evidence. The elasticity of definition gives the courts a leeway to implicate based on a tenuous connection or suspicion, or acquit citing insufficiency of evidence as happened in Savarkar's case, and, six decades later, in the Godhra riots case.

So, it was not only the assassin's bullets but, as the authors show, the Hindutva discourse of Hindu victimhood that fell Gandhi and that continues to mutilate Gandhi's memory. In this much, Gandhi becomes a metaphor as reflected in the question the authors ask — Which Gandhi did they kill? one that resides in the Hindutva imagination or a man who was an apostle of peace? The book is a fact-armoured response — a chronicle of an assassination foretold - to the former imagination that is increasingly gaining discursive ground.

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<u>नोट</u> :–वैसे संवेदक जो पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग में समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित नहीं हैं, वे भी निविदा मे भाग ले सकते है परन्तु कार्यावंटन के 60 दिनों के अन्दर पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग में समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधन कर वाले ना अनिवार्य होगा। ऐसी स्थिति में उन्हें विभागीय पत्रांक 676**(CDO)** दिनांक 20.10.2012 के अनुसार इस आशय का शपथ—पत्र देना अनिवार्य होगा कि राज्यान्तर्गत किसी भी थाने में उनके विरूद्ध कोई अपराधिक मामला दर्ज नहीं है औरवे निविदा के अन्य सभी शर्तों को पूरा करते हैं। प्राक्कलित राशि घट या बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी

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कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल गुमला

PR 257329(Drinking Water and Sanitation)21-22*D झारखण्ड सरकार

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गुमला।

अल्पकालीन ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा सूचना

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं० - DWSD/Gumla/Basia/11/2021-22 दिनांक - 20.11.2021 Detailed survey, designing and drawing, construction of R.C.C Intake Well cum Pump House, Weir, R.C.C Gangway 190 M long and 3.00 M wide, 9.25 MLD capacity conventional Water Treatment Plant, RCC Elevated Service Reservoir-15 nos, RCC Ground Service Reservoir-1 no, Staff Quarter, compound wall, N.H Crossing, Approach road, Supplying and laying Raw and Clear Water rising main and Distribution network, House Connection, Supplying and Installation of VT and Centrifugal pump motor, Five years operation & maintenance with allied works etc. All complete job for Basia Block Rural Water Supply Scheme under D.W & S Division Gumla on turnkey basis" Head-JJM 2021-22 प्राक्कलित राशि : 10684.92 लाख रूपये कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि

30 माह + 3 माह for Trial Run for Rectification of defects वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :-27.11.21. 04.00 बजे अपराहन तक। 30.11.21, 03.00 अपराहन अभियन्ता प्रमुख, का कार्यालय, नेपाल हाउस, राँची बीड पाप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय :-07.12.2021, 5.00 बजे अपराहन तक। बैंक गारंटी एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि, समय एवं 08.12.2021, 3.00 बजे अपराहन तक (1) कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल गुमला के कार्यालय में (2) अधीक्षण अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल गुमला के कार्यालय में (3) क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रक्षेत्र राँची के कार्यालय में निविदा के तकनीकी बीडों के खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 09.12.2021, 11.30 बजे अपराहन से बाद में सूचित किया जाएगा निविदा के वित्तीय बीडों के खोलने की तिथि निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी एवं कार्यालय का पता :--प्रोक्योरमेंट कार्यालय का सम्पर्क नंत 13 ई प्रोक्ययोरमेंट सेल का हेल्प लाईन नं0

<u>नोट</u> :– वैसे संवेदक जो पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग में समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित नहीं हैं, वे भी निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं परन्त कार्यावंटन के 60 दिनों के अन्दर पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग में समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधन करवा लेना अनिवार्य होगा। ऐसी स्थिति में उन्हें विभागीय पत्रांक 676(CDO) दिनांक 20.10.2012 के अनुसार इस आशय का शपथ–पत्र देना अनिवार्य होगा कि राज्यान्तर्गत किसी भी थाने में उनके विरूद्ध कोई अपराधिक मामला दर्ज नहीं है और वे निविदा के अन्य सभी शर्तों को पूरा करते हैं । प्राक्कलित राशि घट या बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी ।

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PR 257324 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22 (D)

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता. पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल गुमला

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JAL SHAKTI, PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, DEPARTMENT **NOTICE INVITING TENDER** e-NIT No. 69 of 2021-22 Dated: 17-11-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Group-III Plain Lift Schemes of Pulwama district (Region Pulwama) for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works", details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tended fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover '2nd' shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr. No.	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Cost of Document/Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (Lacs)	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of Work (Days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for District Pulwama for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of: a. Retrofitting of various Water Supply Schemes, b. Drilling of production tube well. c. SITC of pumping units along with associated electromechanical works for harnessing of tube well. d. Retrofitting of electro-mechanical equipment's at various Water Supply Schemes	Work/Scheme wise details given in iSection-II of tender document	1000/-		180 Days	
	Group- III	Above 50 Lacs		0.50		90

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir Jal Shakti (PHE) Department. The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Note: In view of the fact, that this NIT for item rate contract has been framed for the first time in the Department, a helpdesk shall be established at the Direction office level as well as district level for encouraging and facilitating

ı	PUBLISH DATE	18.11.2021
II	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE START DATE	18.11.2021
Ш	CLARIFICATION START DATE	18.11.2021
IV	BID SUBMISSION START DATE	24.11.2021
v	CLARIFICATION END DATE	11.12.2021
VI	PRE-BID MEETING DATE	24.11.2021
VII	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE END DATE	14.12.2021
VIII	BID SUBMISSION END DATE	14.12.2021
IX	DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING	18.12.2021

Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites http://jktenders.gov.in
The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, PHE Department, through

virtual/online mode. The Bids shall be deposited on the websitehttp://jktenders.gov.in

- The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in.

 The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

 Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.
- a. Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti PHE Department. Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for at least one year after last date of submission of Bid. The Bid of biddlers having bid security less than as specified above will be rejected.
 b. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of DD /TR/e challan in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti
- (PHE) Department.
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of price bids. If any bidder/ten derer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the
- said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.

 9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website http://jktenders.gov.in.

 10. Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphed@gmail.com/phecejmu@gmail.com

No: CE/PHE/KMR/JSD/27527-38 Date: 17.11.2021 DIPK-13070

Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti, PHE Department.

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice Bid Identification No. 47/2021-22

C-1319 3 Nos of work Name of the work 237.92 lakhs. To 544.27 lakh Estimated cost Period of completion 2 (Two) Months Date & Time of availability of bid document in From 11.00 AM. of 20.11.2021 to 5.00 PM of 10.12.2021 the portal Last date / time for receipt of bids in the portal : 5.00 PM of 10.12.2021 6. Name and address of the Officer inviting Bid : Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Bhubaneswar

Further details can be seen from e-procurement portal in the Website (http://tendersorissa.gov.in) Sd/- Superintending Engineer

P.H. Division, Bhubaneswa OIPR-13021/11/0017/2122



(One Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement) **NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

Bid Ref No: Ma.Po.1/TNSUDP - 01 The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Project and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed below.

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedures agreed with the World Bank

Bidding is open to all eligible bidders as defined in theWorld Bank's Guidelines Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011. Bidders from India should, however, be registered with the Government of Tamil Nadu or other State Governments Government of India, or State/Central Government Undertakings. Bidders from India, who are not registered a above, on the date of bidding, can also participate provided they get themselves registered by the time of contrac signing, if they become successful bidders. Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section I Clause 4

and minimum qualification criteria (Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), to qualify for the award o the contract. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 of the World Bank's Guidelines Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation invites online bids for the construction of works detailed below in the table. The bidders may submit bids for any or allof the works indicated therein.

Bidding documents are available online on www.tntenders.gov.in from 03-11-2021 to 29-11-2021, 3.00 PM at free

For submission of the bid, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of th Certifying Authorities authorised by Government of India for issuing DSC. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-procurement in this Project, may obtain the same from the website **www.tntenders.gov.in** A non-refundable fee of Rs........ (Inclusive of tax) is required to be paid (to be submitted along with other documents listed in paragraph 9 below) before the opening of the bid i.e. before **01-12-2021** The mode of payment shall be in the form of DD drawn in favour of **The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation** payable

Madurai, from any scheduled Bank. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of the amount specified for the work in the table below, drawn i favour of **The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation** Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid. Procedure for submission of bid security is described in Para 9.

bids must be submitted online on www.tntenders.gov.in on or before 15:00 hours on 29-11-2021 and will be opened online on 01-12-2021 at 15:30 hours. Any bid or modifications to bid (including discount) received outside e-procurement system will not be considered. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids.

The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand drafts towards the cost of bid document and registration or e-procurement website (if not previously registered); (b) original bid security in approved form; and (c) original affidavi regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document with **The Commissioner**, **Madurai Corporation** Aringar Anna Maligai Madurai - 625 002, Tamil Nadu before the opening of the Bid i.e. before 01-12-2021 either b registered post/speed post/courier or by hand, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive and will not b

10. A pre-bid meeting will be held on 24-11-2021 at 4.30 PM, at the office of The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Clause 7.4 of 'Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document. Bidders are advised to download the bidding documen prior to the pre-bid meeting in order for bidders to have a good understanding of the scope of work under thi contract for discussion and clarification at the pre-bid meeting.

11. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to

system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to this bid.

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Package No	No Name of Work		Cost of Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5
Ma.Po.1/ TNSUDP – 01	Renewal of Roads in Wards 5,8,9,10,11,17 in Zone - 1 (Under Package-I) (Meenakshi Street, Ayyanar Colony 1st, 2nd, Madura Coats Ponnagaram Broadway, 3rd and 4th Cross Street and Meenakshi Street and Ellis Nagar 70 feet Road)	Rs.2,98,000/-	Nil	6 Months
Ma.Po.2/ TNSUDP – 02	Renewal of Roads in Ward 5, 8, 9,10,11,17 in Zone – 1.(under Package-II) (Servodhaya st- Kovil pillai colony street, TB Road -Kennet cross street, STC Main Road, B1 road to Police Station Road, Bodi Line (ICDS to Canal), Bharathiyar 4th street, Bharathiyar Main Road, Jawahar 1st cross street, Kathannapillai street- North & South Navalar Nagar 3rd street, Subramaniyapillai street, SVB Main road to Navalar 3rd st,Malar Ezhil Main ⨯,Lakshmanan Street and HMS Colony)	3,02,000/-	Nil	6 Months
Ma.Po.3/ TNSUDP – 03	Renewal of Roads in Ward 27, 28, 34, 35, 36, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47 in Zone-2.(under Package-3) (North RTO (Press Colony), Sambakulam main road, Alagarnagar 4th street, Mangalakudi main road , Anna nagar East 3rd street, sevalayam main road, Kakkan street & sivashanmugampillai st, Kamarajar 1st st , chokkikulam old Agraharam, Thirumukkulam north street, llangoAadikalar st, meenakshi st & Kamaraja East west street, Kamarajathenmadi st, Sankagarnagar main & cross street and Pudurvandipathai main road)	Rs.4,49,000/-	Nil	6 Months
Ma.Po.4/ TNSUDP – 04	Renewal of Roads in Ward 50,57,66,68,71,73,74 in Zone - 3. (under Package-4) (East Marret Street (Part), Month Marret Street (Part), Munichalai Road(Part) (East Veli Street to Obulapadithurai Jn), East Masi Street(Part), Anuppanadi Main Road, PandiyaValalar Street, New Mahalipatti Road, Chinnakanmai Street, Keela Marret Street(Part), Palace Road)	Rs.3,41,000	Nil	6 Months
Ma.Po.5/ TNSUDP – 05	Renewal of Roads in Wards 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 85, 86, 93 in Zone 4 (under Package -5)(Agraharam main road, Old Meenakshi mill colony street, A.R Thoppu road, Jaihindpuram N.N Road, Vasantha Nagar 3rd street, Vengadalachalapuram Road, R.M.S road, West Marrat street(Part), West Vadampokki street, Nadar street, Maninagaram main road, Krishnarayar Tank road, Petchiammanpadithurai road (Thiruvi, kasalai to North veli street), Nayakkar New street, North perumalmeistry street, Dhanappamudali street, Parameswaranpillai street, Petchiammanpadithurai street (North veli street to West masi street), Nanmaitharuvarkovil street, South Marrat street, South Shanmuganathapuram Main road, Nehru nagar 5th street, Nehru nagar 6th street.	Rs.4,78,100/-	Nil	6 Months

Commissioner / Special Officer

Madurai Corporation

OFFICE OF THE SUPRINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,

CIRCLE BAREILLY Address: - Near D.M Compound, Station Road, Bareilly

E-Procurement Notice Letter NO: 1178/RED/Tender-Bareilly /E-Tender/2021-22/ dated: 12.11.2021

THE SUPRINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, CIRCLE BAREILLY on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids through e-tenderingsystem from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP RED, in appropriate class A, B and C as the case may be. The Bidder may submit bid for any or

UPID-169950

DIPR/3419/Tender/2021

ı	2. Name of work as per table.								
	S. No	Name of District	Name of work	Total estimated cost (in Lakh)	Bid security (EMD) in Lakh	Cost of Bid document including GST (in Rupees)	Period of completion including rainy season		
l	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
l	Twarit Aarthik Vikas Yojna (Meerganj)								
	1.	Bareilly	Connectivity road from village Mahima Nagla to village Kesarpur.		180000.00	2354.00	03 month		
l	2.	Bareilly Connectivity road from village Kulchha to Kulchha Gautia. Bareilly Link road from Gram Ras to Mohanpur. Connectivity road from village Balli to village Hasanpur.		71.620	144000.00	2354.00	03 month		
l	3.			86.930	174000.00	2354.00	03 month		
l	4.			38.280	76600.00	2354.00	03 month		
	5.	Bareilly	Connectivity road from village Balli to village Malukpur.	62.170	125000.00	2354.00	03 month		
	6.	Bareilly	Construction of paved road in Sarnia till Bahijuiah	46.420	92900.00	2354.00	03 month		

Note:- All Tenders are being invited in anticipation of the budget. 3. Date of availability of Bid documents on website: - 23-11-2021

4. Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 12-12-2021 up to 12.00 Noon

5. Date of opening of bids through e-procurement: 13-12-2021 at 12.30 pm

The Employer has right to issue addendum/corrigendum as per ITB clause-10 on-line which will not be published in any news paper. All prospective bidders are advised to keep regular watch and visit e-tender portal regularly

For further details please log on to https://etender.up.nic.in and down load the bid document

Superintending Engineer Rural Engineering Department Circle Bareilly

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि० **अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना** अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा निम्नलिखित

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Australian Open chief to Djokovic: No proof of vaccine, no entry

Medvedey, Nadal, Serena have confirmed their participation in Melbourne

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MELBOURNE, NOVEMBER 20

THE BALL is back in Novak Djokovic's court. Australian Open chief Craig Tiley confirmed on Saturday that everyone who attends the first Grand Slam tennis tournament of 2022 will need to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, including all the players.

That continues to leave the status of defending and nine-time champion Djokovic in question. Djokovic, who has refused to say if he's vaccinated, would be attempting to win a record 21st Grand Slam singles title.

The tournament is scheduled for January 17-30. The Victorian state government had earlier said only vaccinated persons would be allowed into the site for the tournament, and Tiley reiterated that on Saturday.

"Everyone on site, the fans, all the staff, the players, will need to be vaccinated," Tiley said at the tournament's official launch.

"There's been a lot of speculation about Novak's position, he's said it's a private matter. We would love to see Novak here, but he knows he needs to be vaccinated in order to play. He's always said that the Australian Open is the event that puts the wind in his

Vaccinations mandatory

The no-vaccine, no-play edict was made by the Victorian state government in late October. It means the Australian Open will become the first Grand Slam tournament to require mandatory COVID-19 vaccines for

Victoria has been the hardest-hit state in Australia, with 1,268 pandemic deaths out of the country's total of 1,922 and 109,000 of 194,000 overall cases as of Saturday.

Melbourne and many other areas of Victoria have been subject to lengthy lockdowns and overnight curfews over the past

"It's been made very clear, when the premier (Daniel Andrews) announced several weeks ago that in order to participate at the Australian Open, to come into Victoria, you'll need to be fully vaccinated," Tiley said earlier on a morning television program.

"Immediately we communicated that to the playing group, it is the one direction that you take that is going to ensure everyone's

 $Among\,the\,top\,male\,players, Tiley, who\,is$ the tournament director, said Rafael Nadal and Daniil Medvedev, who beat Djokovic in the final of the U.S. Open, preventing the Serbian player from completing a calendaryear Grand Slam, plan to be in Melbourne in

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Dealer: West Vulnerable: North/South

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that West had started with five spades, as East played a small diamond on

the third spade. You have six top tricks. Where might number seven come

It might come from either minor suit. If clubs or diamonds divide 3-3, there

could be an added trick there. You might get an extra trick by finessing in hearts, too. Which play is best?

The best play is one not mentioned yet. Try finessing the nine of hearts and if it loses to the ten, later finesse the jack of hearts. You will make 1NT if

West has the ten or queen of hearts, a pretty good chance. Finessing hearts is the winner. Playing for one of the minors to divide is not hopeless either but I think the two chances in hearts add up to the best shot. Of importance

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West leads the king of clubs, which South won. What should the next card

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Djokovic, the nine-time Australian Open champion, has refused to declare his vaccination status, but will need to do so to defend his title in Melbourne. AP

Medvedev reaches final of ATP Finals

Turin: Defending champion Daniil Medvedev stormed into the final of the season-ending ATP Finals tournament in Turin on Saturday after crushing Norway's Casper Ruud 6-4 6-2. Russian Medvedev will face either Novak Djokovic or Germany's Alexander Zverev in Sunday's final. The match marked world number two Medvedev's ninth win in a row at the ATP Finals. REUTERS

Roger Federer, who continues to recover from right knee surgery, has already said he won't be coming. He, Nadal and Djokovic are all tied with 20 singles majors each.

Top-ranked Ash Barty of Australia will make another attempt to win her home major, and defending champion Naomi Osaka has also confirmed she'll play, Tiley said.

He said he'd been "on the phone" with Serena Williams in the past few days and Williams, who has 23 Grand Slam singles titles and needs one more to tie Margaret Court's all-time record, is training and plans

Tiley, who said he'd also been in contact with Djokovic and his team, said it will be apparent by mid-December who will be coming. He said international players were currently going through the travel visa process

with the Australian government and that entry for the Australian Open closes in

"I know that he wants to play, he's clearly indicated that and he knows the conditions that he would have to undergo in order to be eligible to play," Tiley said of Djokovic.

"Entry in here will be determined by around early to the middle of December on the entry deadline, So you'll know when a player's entered an event... so in the next couple of weeks you will have really good indication of where everyone's at because at that point there's an official list of who's going to

Tiley said there will be full crowds for the tournament, meaning Rod Laver Arena will return to its capacity of about 15,000, as will the other main arenas.

The second week's schedule has changed for January's tournament, with both women's singles semifinals to be played Thursday evening ahead of the Saturday night final. The men's singles semifinals will be split over the afternoon and evening session on Friday, with the final on Sunday night,

Also, Victoria state Sports Minister Martin Pakula announced that Melbourne Park will host the Australian Open until 2044 under a new deal negotiated with Tennis Australia. There's been speculation for several years that Sydney and New South Wales state wanted to poach the tournament from Melbourne, but Saturday's announcement appears to have ended any speculation about a move northeast to Australia's largest city.

Hope to play my last T20 in Chennai: Dhoni

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 10

MS DHONI has confirmed that his last T20 game will be in Chennai, putting his Indian Premier League (IPL) retirement speculations to bed.

"I have always planned my cricket. My last ODI that I played in India was in Ranchi. Hopefully my last T20 will be in Chennai. Whether it's next year or in five years' time, I don't know," Dhoni said at the Chennai Super Kings felicitation – The Champions Call - in Chennai on Saturday.

During the IPL, when asked by the TV presenters/commentators, the CSK captain had kept his retirement options open, although a CSK official had earlier told this paper that Dhoni would be having his farewell game at Chepauk, in front of a full house. Today, the skipper attested that.

He spoke about his association with Chennai. "I am a bit of a wanderer. My parents are from Uttarakhand. They came to Ranchi. I was born there. I went to Kharagpur in West Bengal for my job.

"My association with CSK started in 2008, but my association with Chennai started before that, when I made my Test debut here. I never knew I would be picked by CSK. I was at the auction. (Coming here) helped me understand a different culture, Dhoni said.

He spoke about CSK's fan base, which according to him goes "much beyond the state of Tamil Nadu and beyond the borders

He lauded the fans for their sportsmanship and also keeping the franchise relevant through their unflinching support on social media, when they were out for two years. "Sachin paaji (Tendulkar) got one of the biggest ovations here even when he was playing for Mumbai Indians."

Overcoming failure of 2020

Last year was tough, when for the first time CSK failed to reach the playoffs. "2020 gave us a chance to test the real character of the franchise. Since 2008, it has been smooth sailing

and it's easy when you are doing well. This time, the boys stood up to be counted and they walked the talk," Dhoni said. CSK bounced back to win their fourth

IPL title this year. They showed a similar resolve in 2018 after returning from a two-

N Srinivasan, the vice-chairman and managing director of the India Cements Limited, recounted a rare occasion when he saw Dhoni emotional, upon CSK's return to

"He just said, 'we have to win'. And we won that year." The former BCCI president highlighted Dhoni's leadership skills, say-



Dhoni has skippered CSK since 2008. leading them to four IPL titles. TNCA

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MS DHONI

ing: "Any player will give his best under MS Dhoni irrespective of his talent." A bit of wisecrack followed. "People keep bugging him, are you continuing? Aare he is there, he hasn't gone anywhere." The legendary Kapil Dev called Dhoni a

hero, while BCCI secretary Jay Shah revealed that the ex-India captain agreed to mentor the squad for the recently concluded T20 World Cup without taking a penny. Shah also confirmed that the next sea-

son of the IPL would be played in India. As a batsman, Dhoni had a poor IPL this

term – 114 runs from 16 matches. But this is completely irrelevant to everybody related to CSK. Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin

spoke for the fans when he said: "Dear Dhoni, we want you to lead CSK for many

Ole on the brink as Man United lose 4-1 to Watford

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WATFORD, NOVEMBER 20

THE WHEEL seems to be coming off for Ole Gunnar Solskiaer at Manchester United. The pressure on the Norwegian manager

reached new levels Saturday after the team's latest Premier League setback, a dispiriting 4-1 loss to strugglingWatford. The result was bad enough but the per-

formance was so lackluster – even before two late goals padded the scoreline for Watford — that it left Solskjaer's future in in serious doubt, with United dropping to seventh place in the standings. Solskjaer has been able to ride out pre-

vious stretches of underperformance, in part because of his popularity with fans – whose chants of "Ole's at the wheel" used to be a display of confidence in the former striker's ability to turn United back into a title chal-

However, that line is now chanted with glee by opposing fans whenever United struggles — which is increasingly often.

This was United's fifth loss in their last seven Premier League games — the previous two coming to biggest rivals Liverpool and Manchester City.

This one could have been even worse, but Ismaila Sarr missed two chances to convert an early penalty — both of them saved by David De Gea — after the first was retaken because of encroachment.

Joshua King still put Watford ahead in the 28th and Sarr made amends by netting the second just before the halftime break for Claudio Ranieri's team.

Solskjaer responded by making two halftime substitutions — including bringing on the little-used Donny Van De Beek, who has struggled to get chances under the Norwegian since signing for United last year.

The Dutch midfielder responded by pulling a goal back in the 50th after being set up by Cristiano Ronaldo. United captain Harry Maguire was then

sent off for a second yellow card after a clumsy challenge in the 69th, with Ronaldo having an equalizer ruled out for offside shortly afterward. Watford then added two goals in injury

time to complete the rout.

RESULTS			
Leicester City	0	3	Chelsea
Newcastle United	3	3	Brentford
Burnley	3	3	Crystal Palace
Aston Villa	2	0	Brighton
Watford	4	1	Man United
Wolves	1	0	West Ham
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OUICK CLUES

8. Ex-India batsman Pravin ____(4)

9. Decrepit (10) 10. Meal (6) 11. Physically active and strong (8)

14. Refined people (6)

16. Made up a story (4) 17. A small rodent (5)

18. Asks for alms (4) 19. Clergyman's discourse (6) 21. Trade or occupation (8)

23 Farm vehicles (8) 26. Cricket ball pitched under bat (6) 27. Adornment (10)

28. Quarry (4)

DOWN

1. Expressive of command (10) 2. Duly compensated (8) 3. Faultfinder (6)

4. Village People hit (4) 5. Netherlands' famous city? (3,5) 6. Movable or fixed partition (6)

7. High: prefix (4) 13. Exactly vertical (5) 15. Enrolled, enlisted or cataloged

17. Our former PM Dr __ Singh (8)

18. Bust in business (8) 20. Millionth part of a metre (6) 22. Starting suddenly, as from fight

24. Spool (4) 25. Do not sink? (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

vendor! (6)

Common noun in new form (3-1) 9. If I am, it's no thanks to you! (10) 10. A tool for the boatmen who travel regularly on the route (6) 11. Keep down a meal that finally seems wrong on a ship (8) 12. Work to improve quality of

foreign language to a higher degree

14. Attempt to hide another wad that is cheap and showy (6) 16. Love to sit back with lift designer?(4)

17. Be embarrassed, though not financially (5) 18. Join avuncular American touring England (4) 19. Talk about more disgusting food

21. Population growth in tiny period

SUDOKU

of prosperity (4,4) 23. Nuts are found in them, and bolts

26. Attack or shun, perhaps (6) 27. It takes the father and mother of a mind to produce it! (5-5) 28. Coins central to Aztec usage? Vital to French currency, too! And Europe's, also! (4)

DOWN

1. Song-writer reported by fuel carrier (4-6) . Safeguards for certain bonds

3. Revolution places church last (6) 4. Long time, it seems, in garage-sale 5. Not the best of times for a poor

6. He gets a mixture of Jews (6) 7. Little creatures listening secretly? 13. Fit a water system? Exactly!

15. Deduces that the tour season has been ruined (7,3) 17. Warning to golfers fastener might take some tugging (8) 18. Bounders could be bribed into

illegal acts (8) 20. Plant which yields tin cap 22. She's fairly feminine (6)

24. Do better than, when catching river fish (4) 25. Like the average girl's chance of achieving a model figure (4)

Solutions to 2347 QUICK CLUES Across: 6 Sleeves, 7

Admiring, 13 Fasten, 15 Peon, 17 Shell, 18 Mesh, 19 Beadle, 20 Nomology, 23 Discovered, 26 Tofu, 27 Spurn, 28 Awesome. Down: 1 Redesigned, 2 V V Giri 3 Isit, 4 Powerful, 5 Anil, 6 Speed, 8 Deadens, 12 Glenn, 14 Simulation, 16 Enemies, 17 Shelving, 21 Midget, 22 Gaffe, 24 Club, 25 Reap.

CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 6 Geraint, 7

Hying, 9 Raki, 10 Totem poles, 11 Calculus 13 Orbits, 15 Dali, 17 Norsk, 18 Oryx, 19 Heldon, 20 Yosemite, 23 Traffic jam, 26 Kurd, 27 Dhoti, 28 Heronry. Down: 1 Brainchild, 2 Pistil, 3 Stat, 4 Shamrock, 5 Kilo, 6 Ghana, 8 Greatly, 12 Spray, 14 Bookmaking, 16 Averred, 17 Non-rigid, 21 Sombre, 22 Tarry, 24 Fool, 25 Jehu.

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If it's your Birthday

Sunday November 21

You could move away from an insistence on getting the job done at all costs to a greate emphasis on the quality of life, towards achieving a balanced and harmonious environment.

Monday November 22 You'll be happiest when you're engaged with

the world. You'll be pursuing activities, the sort which benefit your mind, soul and body. You're not sure what a partner thinks about you.

Tuesday November 23

Life is in a state of positive change. Don't take more than your share of responsibility for matters which are none of your concern. Leave yourself time to pursue your own

Wednesday November 24

A number of planets are conspiring to raise your energy level. You should pace yourself, working hard but relaxing even harder. You should be able to convince anyone that they should do exactly what you want.

Thursday November 25 Your passions are in full flood but you know

it's important to get the business side of things right. If you lay the foundations and have cash, you can't go wrong.

Friday November 26 You should be able to sort out a tricky family

matter. Be patient. Arrangements may not go according to plan, but please play your full part.

Saturday November 27 You may not be renowned for your high

spirits, but there is no reason why you should not party. Don't put certain obligations to one side for the moment. Turn your attention to routine.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Anything could happen. And it probably will. After a slightly mysterious

start to the week you'll finally get the message by Friday. If vou're confused. iust remember that nobody will be quite sure what is going on. A romantic connection could be the source of some pride.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Higher forces are at work this week. The total pattern of your

planets seems to have great significance regarding the sectors of your chart ruling work, business, the law, higher education and long-term hopes and goals. Don't be surprised if personal matters are squeezed out.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You may well press ahead with extra work this week, but can aim to take more time off after Thursday. By Wednesday, you will become very much more concerned with the social dimension, and anxious to see

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You may want one

that friends get on with



thing, while partners desire another. By Wednesday you should reach

an amicable compromise, if all goes well. Your emotional affairs are rather predictable and helpful and you should be in no doubt that pleasant conditions will return this time next month, only better.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Life is so much smoother if you have a plan, and

stick to it. Get all business decisions and transactions out of the way by midweek if possible, and that includes purchases of all shapes and sizes. After Wednesday you may focus on broader issues, perhaps the moral consequences.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Your intriguing Venus-Neptune picture unites the

planet of love with the ruler of dreams, deepening your romantic imagination and spiritual sensitivity. This is wonderful for Virgoans in love, and excellent for anyone connected with almost any imaginative activity.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) There's been a fair bit of tension in the air, but, happily, an

to be peacefully resolved. As the days pass you will have to concede that other people really do have a right to be heard. In fact, you might have to admit that someone else was right all along.

argument is about

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Focus on what is

important to you, rather than trivial frills. The emotional pattern is clear, and there can be no doubt that your main

need now is security. If you are

confused as to your real

feelings, you may make a

promise you can't keep. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)



hopes with money. At home,

Tuesday and Wednesday

could be your most

positive days.



someone that up is down, that left is right or right is wrong, you'll be able to get away with it. In love, be sure to let your special partner know exactly

practical, daily

how you're feeling. AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

chores out of the way as soon as you can. Cash considerations are important, but probably not as much as you imagine. Far more necessary is a sense of belonging - that mysterious and intangible feeling that you really do have a place in the

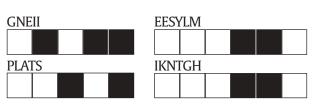
PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) It's a week of two halves, the first down-to-earth, the

material world.

second inspired and imaginative. Important business matters should be tackled early in the week, so get on with urgent shopping, or harassing your bank manager. Social developments still seem to be

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. There are certain shades of ___that can wreck a girl's complexion. - Audrey Hepburn (9)



Answer: There are certain shades of **limelight** that can wreck a girl's complexion. -SOLUTION: GENII, SPLAT, SEEMLY, KNIGHT Difficulty Level 5s To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9

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the most important, on the other hand.

Batting mainstay Steve Smith on Saturday emerged as one of the candidates for Australian Test captaincy after the selectors had reportedly approached the country's cricket board with a proposal to hand over the reins to the former skipper. Though vice-captain Pat Cummins remains the frontrunner for the top job, Smith is also in the reckoning. PTI

- Briefly —

Hamilton wins pole for inaugural **Qatar Grand Prix**

Losail (Qatar): Lewis Hamilton and Max Vetstappen qualified 1-2 for the inaugural Qatar Grand Prix, setting up a showdown between the Formula One championship contenders at the very start of Sunday's race. Hamilton won the 102nd pole of his career, fourth of the season and first since the Hungarian Grand Prix in August. Hamilton trails Verstappen by 14 points in the championship fight with three races remaining. He beat Verstappen by 0.455 seconds Saturday to win the pole at Losail International Circuit. The race is the first in a 10-year deal between F1 and Qatar. Hamilton on Friday debuted a helmet that sported a rainbow in the colors of the Progress Pride flag that recognizes the LGBTQ+ community.

Syed Mushtaq Ali: K'taka-Tamil Nadu to clash in final

New Delhi: Karnataka defeated Vidarbha by four runs in a thrilling semifinal to enter the summit clash of the Syed Mushtag Ali Trophy national T20 tournament on Saturday. Asked to bat, Karnataka rode on Rohan Kadam's 87 off 56 balls to post 176 for seven and then restricted the opposition to 172 for six with right-arm pacer Vidyadhar Patil (1/29) defending 14 in the final over. Earlier, rookie medium pacer P Saravana Kumar starred with a fifer as defending champions Tamil Nadu outplayed Hyderabad by eight wickets. The TN bowlers backed skipper Vijay Shankar's decision to field first as they bundled out the hitherto unbeaten Hyderabad for 90 in 18.3 overs with Saravana finishing with 5 for 21.

BRIEFSCORES: Karnataka 176 for 7 in 20 overs (R Kadam 87, M Pandey 54; D Nalkande 4/28) beat Vidarbha 172 for 6 in 20 (A Taide 32; KC Cariappa 2/27) by four runs; Hyderabad 90 all out in 18.3 overs (PS Kumar 5/21) lost to Tamil Nadu 92 for 2 in 14.2 overs (V Shankar 43n.o.) by eight wickets

Erigaisi takes sole lead in blitz event

Kolkata: Indian teenager Arjun Erigaisi raced into the lead in blitz event a day after his stunning triumph in the rapid section of the Tata Steel Chess tournament here on Saturday. He will go into the final day of the blitz event as the sole leader. A day after Erigaisi held off a strong challenge from world number four Levon Aronian in the final round to clinch the rapid title, the 18-year-old, who is rated highly by Viswanathan Anand, was on 6.5 points at the end of the ninth round on Saturday.

SPORTLINE India's new T20 skipper is tactically shrewd but his strengths also lie in his communication skills, shooting straight, grooming juniors and utilising experienced seniors

DEVENDRA PANDEY NOVEMBER 20

IN AN *Instagram* Live session with Rohit Sharma last year, Yuvraj Singh shared an assessment of the current Indian dressing

"I just feel that there are very few guys to look up to and I feel that a sense of respect towards seniors, that has become a thin line now... They do what they want to. Koi bhi kisi ko kuchh bhi keh deta hai (anyone can say anything to anyone)," Yuvraj told Rohit, a long-time admirer-turnedclose friend.

Yuvraj isn't one to tolerate perceived slights. Being relegated to the Mumbai Indians bench for the 2019 Indian Premier League final by captain Rohit, however, wasn't one of those moments. Those in the team say all it took was a quick chat between the two. The friendship didn't suffer, and Rohit's Mumbai beat Chennai Super Kings to win the fourth of their five IPL titles.

Setting the obvious tactical acumen aside, Rohit's strengths as a leader lie in his communication and man-management skills, honing juniors and utilising seniors.

Those who have played with, and under, the new India T20I captain, talk about Rohit's instincts. Pragyan Ojĥa, former India international and childhood friend, saw it in the initial years of the IPL when the two played together at Deccan Chargers.

'We all know Rohit Sharma became the Rohit Sharma with Mumbai Indians. But I feel it all started from Deccan Chargers. Credit should go to Adam Gilchrist, who saw something in him and made him vicecaptain, despite having so many senior players in the side," Ojha recalls. "Rohit assessed situations and provided inputs that helped the team."

The elder brother to the generation after him, the Team India mainstay in all three formats treats everybody as his equal; is calm when he listens and caring when he speaks.

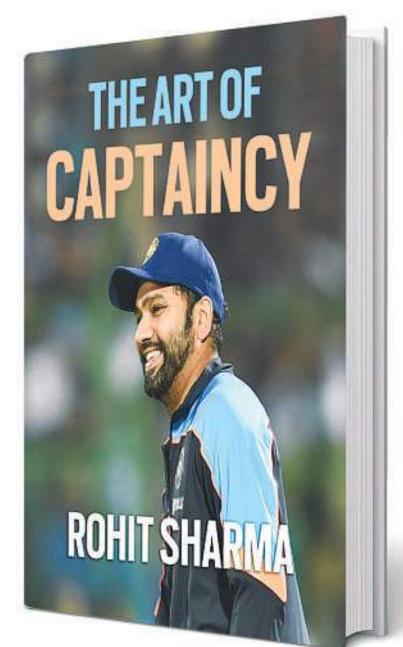
Mumbai Indians seamer Dhawal Kulkarni says it is easier to remain focused thanks to Rohit's down-to-earth attitude and tendency to back each player.

"Rohit knows ek player ko kharab situation se acche situation me kaise lana hai (How to improve a player's situation). It's the quality that makes him different from others," Kulkarni explains. "What does a player want?

That his captain talks to him, gives him a clear idea about the team and shares his thinking about the player and how he can improve. Rohit does just that."

In the national set-up, though Virat Kohli was the long-time India captain for all three formats, Rohit had gradually begun handling things. He has often been the one to speak up when it comes to pointing things out in the dressing room.

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In Rohit's words

In his first media interaction as India's T20 captain, Rohit Sharma spoke about giving players the confidence to perform respective roles and setting a template for the team before the next T20 World Cup

Freedom to play fearlessly

"The pressure is always there. We certainly will keep an eye on that aspect; that's where the entire set-up will play a big part that wherever that individual bats, and how we want him to bat, goes and does the job for us. If he doesn't then we instill confidence in him that we have full faith in you, just go and do the role for the team. As long as they're trying to do the role for the team, we are happy."

His vision for the T20 World Cup

"Template is a very important one and we need to set it right. We've got some time to do that. India has been brilliant in this format, it's just that we haven't won the ICC tournament. We've played well and performed well as a team. Of course, there are little holes we need to fill and make sure they're looked after. That will be the biggest challenge we'll have as a

ROHIT AS LEADER

Knows how to lift a player

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DHAWAL KULKARNI, FAST BOWLER

Backs his instincts

"He is not the one who believes in matchups. Nowadays, captains think about various match-ups. 'For this batsman,

let's bring on that bowler' and vice-versa. Instead, like MS, he will back his instincts and take decisions on the spot. Rohit is old school. At the same time, he has a lot of match awareness."

PRAGYAN OJHA, LEFT-ARM SPINNER.

Smart use of bowlers

"...He knows which bowlers to use and when. Like he didn't bowl Kieron Pollard much in the last season of IPL and the team still won. The way he used Pat Cummins in the first leg of IPL and Nathan Coulter-Nile in the second leg. It showed how clear he was in his thought process. He knows how to use his bowlers."

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With a rise in stature, Rohit has gained trust and respect from Indian players. One of them, who does not wish to be named reveals how after a hard-fought game against Mumbai Indians, captain Rohit came through with some productive advice, wanting him to do well in the future.

Parthiv Patel, former India wicketkeeper and Mumbai Indians talent scout, feels that Rohit maximises players' potential by giving them the freedom to express themselves.

"He understands their minds because he spends time with everyone individually. He allows bowlers to think and backs their plans," Patel said.

Going by instinct

His composure has been compared to MS Dhoni's. Like Dhoni, Rohit too isn't longwinded in team meetings, choosing instead

to keep the discussions brief. And though the Mumbai Indians set-up is brimming with friends, Rohit has never pushed for a name into the playing eleven.

Another interesting facet about Rohit is his approach to the 'match-ups' fad that has taken over the cricketing ecosystem, especially in T20s. It has led to a situation where captains prefer to use low-quality off-spinners just because there are left-handers at the crease. Or keep the left-arm spinners away from left-handed batsmen.

Rohit isn't one of those new-age captains who gets carried away with matchups, preferring to let quality bowlers do their thing irrespective of the kind of batsmen on strike. "He is not the one who believes

match-ups," says Ojha. "Nowadays, captains think about various match-ups. 'For this batsman, let's bring on that bowler'

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Bold and brave

Saurabh Tiwary, a middle-order batsman for Mumbai Indians, says the best quality of Sharma's captaincy is that he doesn't hesitate in taking bold decisions. He doesn't get fazed by big names and makes unexpected moves. Like not having Kieron Pollard bowl or drafting Tiwary into the playing XI and often sending him ahead of other established batsmen. Tiwary too was pleasantly surprised. Perhaps Rohit saw in him what even he didn't.

"If Mumbai Indians have won fiv two would have come because of his capmosphere is light now. It is what I attempt taincy. He is so sharp in reading the game. to do. To keep talking to the youngsters, the Who would have expected that I will get a five-six of them."

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At its core, the Rohit Sharma brand of captaincy is driven by communication. An accessible senior, shooting straight and lending an ear to his subordinates.

So when Yuvraj spoke of a lack of seniors to look up to in the current dressing room, Rohit replied: "When I came into the team, there were so many seniors... The at-

Unverified photos of Shuai posted online Using smart angles and variations,

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE NOVEMBER 20

UNVERIFIED PHOTOS of Peng Shuai have been posted online by a state-affiliated journalist as international concern mounts for the Chinese tennis star not seen publicly since accusing a former vice-premier of forcing her to have sex.

The Twitter account @shen_shiwei, labelled "Chinese state-affiliated media" by the social network, posted four undated images of her late Friday. In a tweet, @shen_shiwei said the pictures, which could not be independently verified by AFP, were shared on Peng's WeChat Moments, a function often restricted to friends, to wish her followers a 'good weekend". One photo shows the smiling player with

a cat in her arms, with stuffed animals, a trophy, a Chinese flag and certificates visible in the background. Another shot shows a selfie of Peng with a toy from the children's animation Kung Fu Panda, with an image of Winnie the Pooh in the background. The children's character is often censored online in China as critics say Chinese leader Xi Jinping resembles the cartoon. Requests for comment from the user @shen_shiwei were not immediately answered. Twitter is blocked in China and only people with a VPN-type workaround can access it. However, many Chinese diplomats and official state media have accounts to defend China's point of view.

Earlier this month, the former Wimbledon doubles champion alleged on Chinese social media site Weibo that Communist Party grandee Zhang Gaoli, now in his 70s, had forced her into sex during a long-term on-off relationship.

Her message was quickly scrubbed from the Chinese web, and Beijing has repeatedly refused to comment on the case.

The United States on Friday demanded proof of the 35-year-old's whereabouts and well-being, with the United Nations also call-



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ing for a fully transparent investigation into Peng's claims.

Players speak up

Some of the world's most famous tennis players, distraught by the disappearance of colleague Shuai, are challenging China's Communist Party to get answers.

So far it's a standoff with little visible impact as tennis players like Naomi Osaka, Serena Williams and Novak Djokovic joined by tennis governing bodies, human rights groups, retired players, and several athletes' lobbies — try to turn their profiles

Athletes may sense a pressure point. China is just 2 1/2 months from hosting the Beijing Winter Olympics, which is facing a diplomatic boycott over allegations of crimes against humanity involving at least 1 million Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic minorities. NBA player Enes Kanter has



been the most outspoken in defense of the Uyghurs, calling Xi a "brutal dictator."

Peng's case is unique. She is a star athlete and has a platform and credibility that few other women in China share. The effort to silence Peng reflects the Communist Party's determination to squelch criticism of its leaders and to prevent any organized public response. Athletes are especially sensitive politically because they are wellknown and admired. The ruling party publicizes their victories, especially those of a three-time Olympian such as Peng, as evidence it is making China strong again.

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY NOVEMBER 20

ANXIETY WRIT large on Harshal Patel's face. He had just claimed his maiden international wicket, but the umpires asked New Zealand opener Daryl Mitchell to wait. as they were checking for a no-ball.

Harshal had delivered a well-disguised cutter from wide of the crease, so wide that he ran the risk of cutting the return crease. The TV umpire concluded that Harshal didn't transgress. Mitchell was done in by the angle, and also the lack of pace.

Figures of 2/25 from four overs on debut had been an achievement to savour. It also earned Harshal the Man of the Match award in the second T20I in Ranchi. One of the standout features of his bowling was how he used the crease - bowling awaygoers from wide of it and bringing the ball into the batsmen from close to the stumps. Taking the pace off the ball served him well.

Harshal is not a 140kph bowler. To make up for that, he needed to load his bowling with variations to graduate to the international level. Slower bouncers, variations in vorkers and cutters became his staple. Using the crease to optimum effect came naturally to him.

"Angles have always been a big part of my game and I use them to good effect. think that's another thing I realised that I can add to my repertoire without trying too many different things," the medium pacer said at the post-match presser.

Even as a teenager, he was 'playing' with the angles - bowling outswingers on the fourth stump line from wide of the crease. When he went close to the stumps, despite having his front toe pointing towards first slip, he brought the ball into the batsmen.



Figures of 2/25 from four overs earned Harshal Patel the Man of the Match award on his debut. AP

Back then, Harshal was too young to understand the dynamics or physics of the whole thing. But the trained eye of Ashwani Kumar, director coaching of Haryana Cricket, spotted the speciality.

"He wasn't aware of it and at that age, you actually don't care. But there's something special in his bowling that he can bowl late outswing from wide of the crease and inswing from close to the stumps despite not having the perfect alignment at the time of loading and release. The alignment of his left shoulder and front ankle is not what you would call a copybook and it makes his action a tad injury-prone as well. But the ability to use the crease is natural and all I did was a bit of fine-tuning," Kumar, who also runs the Shri Ramnarayan

New Delhi

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ASHWANI KUMAR, DIRECTOR COACHING OF HARYANA CRICKET ON HARSHAL'S BOWLING

Cricket Club in Rohtak, said.

Harshal's journey hasn't been linear. He played for India U-19 from Gujarat, but wasn't considered good enough to represent the state team at first-class level and eventually migrated to Haryana after 2009.

Kumar readily spotted the potential. Training sessions are specific at the Ramnarayan Cricket Club where Harshal honed his skills. Morning sessions are reserved for fitness, strength and endurance training. In the afternoon/evening, trainees

"Harshal was unorthodox from the outset. He wasn't side-on, the ideal action to bowl outswing. But he made the ball swing away with an openish action. He wasn't quick. The challenge was to turn his weaknesses into his strengths, which he has done," Kumar said before giving his slower deliveries a special mention.

LIVE: India vs New Zealand Third T20I from 7pm on Star network and Hotstar

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