



## JOINT COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT'S PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION BILL

# Platforms as publishers, penalties, checking electronic hardware may figure in draft data Bill

In legislation's ambit: non-personal data; 2 yrs for transition to fiduciaries

**RAVISH TIWARI**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

WIDENING THE ambit of the Personal Data Protection Bill to include non-personal data and data collection by electronic hardware, and treating all social media as social media platform, are among key suggestions believed to have been pushed by the Joint Committee of

Parliament (JCP) after almost two years of scrutiny.

The final set of recommendations of the committee and dissent notes by half-a-dozen members from Opposition parties are likely to be tabled in the coming winter session of Parliament.

Chaired by P P Chaudhary, the JCP met Monday to adopt recommendations on the Bill that will have a bearing on the

**CONTINUED ON PAGE 2****EXPLAINED****Guarding digital privacy**

THE BILL was introduced in the wake of the country's flourishing digital economy and the SC declaring privacy as a fundamental right in 2017. The legislation seeks to safeguard digital privacy of individuals and provide a rule-based framework for the digital economy.

## Why sweeping powers to Govt to give exemptions: Opp dissent

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

AS MANY as seven MPs from the Congress, Trinamool Congress and the BJD have given dissent notes to the Joint Committee of Parliament on the Personal Data Protection Bill after the panel adopted its report at its meeting Monday. Almost all of them have objected to a clause that allows

the Union Government to exempt any agency under its purview from the law. They have also flagged other deficiencies in the Bill and in the report.

While Congress MP Jairam Ramesh, in his dissent note, objected to Section 35 saying it "gives unbridled powers to the central government to exempt any agency from the entire Act itself" and Section 12 (a) (i)

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## Param Bir gets SC relief from arrest; very much in India, says counsel



Things becoming curiouseer & curiouseer, says SC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE SUPREME Court on Monday gave former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh protection from arrest in connection with inquiries initiated against him by the Maharashtra government, with his counsel informing the court that "he is very much in India but apprehends actions being taken by the State of Maharashtra".

Issuing notice on a plea by Singh against the September 16 Bombay High Court judgment dismissing his petition challenging the two preliminary inquiries initiated by the state government, a bench of Justices SK Kaul and MM Sundresh said

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## 'EXCEPTIONAL RESOLVE'

President Ram Nath Kovind presents the Vir Chakra to Varthaman Abhinandan in Delhi. He shot down a F-16 fighter jet in the aftermath of the Pulwama attack. PTI REPORT **PAGE 8**

## Courtesy SC's push, this Dalit student moves closer to his IIT dream

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

BUOYED BY the Supreme Court ruling Monday that ordered authorities to create a seat for him in IIT-Bombay, where he was denied admission due to a technical glitch that stalled payment of acceptance fees within the deadline, the Dalit student at the centre of it all says he never lost heart in the fight to fulfill his dream.

"I strongly felt that my grievance was genuine," said Prince, who turns 18 on November 25.

Barely two generations ago, his family tilled the land of others, struggling at the lowest

rung of the social ladder in Uttar Pradesh's Shamli district. So it hardly came as a surprise to his family that he would leave no stone unturned to secure that IIT seat.

On Monday, a Supreme Court bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna directed the Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA), which manages and regulates the admissions, to allot a seat to Prince. The bench said "it would be a great travesty of

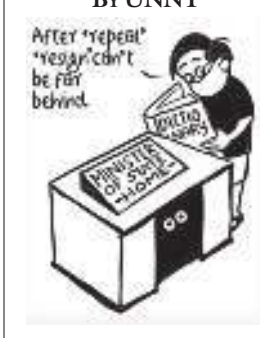
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### BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNNY



## Pandemic year sees sharp fall in Kerala births

**SHAJU PHILIP**

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 22

AS KERALA battled a raging pandemic — when work from home was the norm and lakhs of expatriates returned to the state — the state witnessed a sharp fall in live births in the first nine months of 2021, according to data from the state's Chief Registrar of Birth and Deaths.

Data show that while Kerala has been witnessing a steady fall in birth numbers, the fall this year has been the steepest — the pre-pandemic year registered 4.80 lakh births, which dropped to 4.53 lakh in 2020, before plunging to 2.17 lakh as of September 30 this year.

In the first six months of this year, the number of births registered ranged from a low of 27,534 (in February) to a high of 32,969 (June). However, since then, in the months of July, August and September, the

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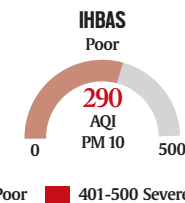
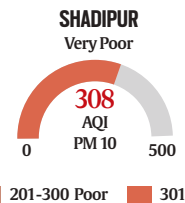
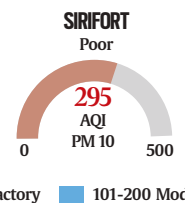
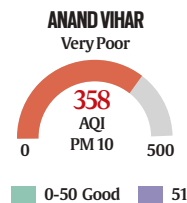
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## POLICE CHARGESHEET

## ‘Sukesh paid jail staff crores every yr for an entire barrack’

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE DELHI Police in their chargesheet filed against Sukesh Chandrashekhar, who is facing trial for allegedly duping Rs 200 crore from the wife of former Ranbaxy promoter Shivinder Singh, have said that he paid around Rs 25-30 crore a year to jail staff to get an entire barrack to himself.

Police have made the allegations in a chargesheet filed before Additional Sessions Judge Praveen Singh.

Police have charge-sheeted 14 persons, including Chandrashekhar's wife and actor Leena Maria Paul.

According to the chargesheet, deputy jail superintendent D S Meena, arrested in the case, allegedly used to collect Rs 60-75 lakh fortnightly from co-accused Deepak and Pradeep Ramnani, which was distributed among jail officials to provide safety and facilities for Chandrashekhar.

Police stated that "gross violation of jail manual was done" with regard to the allotment of an entire barrack to the accused, and that there was "deliberate omission" on part of the jail authorities for "not taking any action" to clear the blocked CCTV, which was covered by Chandrashekhar so he could use cell phones.

Police claimed that Chandrashekhar posed as a senior government officer and extorted more than Rs 200 crore from Shivinder's wife Aditi Singh on the pretext of helping her husband.

Police, in their chargesheet, stated that he got acquainted with Shivinder in jail and realised he was desperate for bail, and "seeing an opportunity, de-

cided to extort/cheat a huge amount of money from Aditi Singh on the pretext of getting bail for her husband".

Police said that Chandrashekhar "spoofed" a landline number while making a call to her. The caller spoke to Aditi in a female voice, informing her that the Union Law Secretary was on the line.

"He had told her he was calling on the instructions of the office of the highest authority to gain her trust. He talked in an authoritative manner and told her that since her husband was working in the healthcare sector, the government would be interested in working with him during the Covid-19 situation," the chargesheet states.

"He assured her that required action will be taken to sort out legal issues with her husband. Once, he also told her that the home minister was hearing the conversation and she should behave politely. He used to end his conversation with 'Jai Hind' to impress her that he was in government service," the chargesheet read.

Chandrashekhar used Deepak's help to collect the money from Aditi. He was paid Rs 2-2.5 lakh for each trip. The complainant tried to rid herself of him after giving Rs 100 crore, but he "continued to call and pressure her", and used information collected on her to convince her that he was helping her, the chargesheet states.

Aditi sold her valuables, cashed FDs and took a loan of Rs 1.03 crore from her uncle to meet Chandrashekhar's demand, the chargesheet states.

Police stated that during his interrogation, Chandrashekhar divulged that he invested the extorted money in cryptocurrency, but did not give complete details.

## Ration at doorstep: In HC, Centre bats for fair price shops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE CENTRE on Monday opposed the Delhi government's proposed scheme of home delivery of ration in the Delhi High Court and argued that fair price shops play an important role in

implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA).

Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati termed fair price shops integral to the architecture of the NFSA and argued that a state is required to ensure execution of the law in a manner mandated under it.

The Centre has no role in se-

lection of these fair price shops, the central government counsel added. Bhati said the state was free to provide benefits more than what is given under the NFSA but "cannot mitigate the benefits of NFSA".

She told the court that other states are only planning pilot projects in particular areas before tak-

ing a decision. "You cannot destroy the infrastructure of shops and after six months realise it is not viable," Bhati contended before the division bench of Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Jasmeet Singh.

The submissions were made during the hearing of a petition filed by the Delhi Sarkari Ration Dealers Sangh challenging ten-

ders issued towards implementation of the scheme. The scheme seeks to create a parallel mechanism for distribution of ration under the PDS scheme through private dealers at doorstep of people. The arguments in the case will continue on November 29.

The Supreme Court last week had refused to entertain the

Centre's petition challenging the HC order issued last month, which allowed the Delhi government to curtail supplies of existing fair price shop owners to divert the same for home delivery of ration. The apex court had noted that the case is still pending with the HC and requested the latter to decide the matter.

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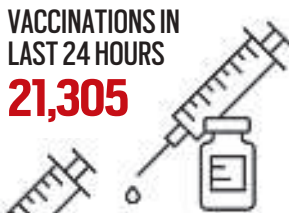
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		13,407		2,767	
	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests	Total active cases
Nov 21	29	45	0	49,139	
Nov 22	26	38	0	40,532	
Total	297*	14,15,300	25,095	3,04,93,757	

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New session begins at DU

New Delhi: Classes for newly admitted undergraduate students in Delhi University begin across colleges today with the start of the new academic session for the first-year batch. Most colleges began the session with orientation programmes for their new students on Monday. The academic year will begin completely online mode for these students. The university has not yet notified the return to off-line classes for this batch.

Woman, son killed in accident

New Delhi: A 42-year-old woman and her minor son were killed in an accident in Southeast Delhi's Sarita Vihar Monday afternoon. Police said the mother-son duo were in a Hyundai i10 when a speeding car rammed into their vehicle outside Asia Pacific Mall. They were rushed to Apollo Hospital where they were declared dead on arrival by doctors. DCP (Southeast) Esha Pandey said, "We found that the accident took place because of rash and negligent driving by the accused, Nishkarsh Saxena (26). He was arrested later." ENS

DMRC launches 1st prototype of indigenous training system

New Delhi: The Delhi Metro Monday launched the first prototype of an indigenous Rolling Stock Driver Training System, a major step towards indigenisation of technologies involved in operating the network, officials said. This will be the first indigenously developed universal train driving simulator that can be suitably modified for any metro system or railways, the Delhi Metro said. PTI

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN AQI

Govt lifts construction ban, to take call on school reopening tomorrow

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE BAN on construction and demolition put in place last week because of high pollution levels was lifted by the Delhi government on Monday.

Environment Minister Gopal Rai said the measures introduced last week, including shutting schools, ordering half of all state government employees to work from home, and a ban on the entry of trucks carrying non-essential items in the city — along with an increase in wind speed — had been instrumental in lowering pollution levels.

Delhi's 24-hour average AQI was recorded as 311 on Monday, down from 349 on Sunday, but still in the very poor category.

"Considering the difficulties faced by workers due to the closure of construction work, the ban has been lifted. But strict monitoring will continue by 585 teams and immediate action will be taken against violators of the 14-point anti-dust pollution



Delhi has a 14-point guideline to control dust pollution at construction sites, Praveen Khanna

measures," Rai said.

"Compared to yesterday, the pollution levels have significantly gone down — the AQI at 10 am at Anand Vihar went from 430 yesterday to 329 today, with a difference of 101 points. Ashok Vihar's AQI reduced from 394 yesterday

at 10 am, to 309 reported at the same time today," he added.

Delhi has a 14-point guideline to control dust pollution at construction sites. This includes actions like mounting tin walls, sprinkling water to help settle dust, and installing anti-smog

guns at big construction sites.

"Strict monitoring will continue at all construction and demolition sites — be it a government project, private company or individual construction. The 14-point guidelines that we have in place to tackle dust pollution

will be imposed on all agencies running their construction projects in Delhi... If a construction project is found violating any of the 14-point guidelines... work will be shut down without notice. An immediate penalty will be issued on the agency responsible and the notice procedure will take place later," Rai said.

Schools, however, will remain shut for now and state government officials will continue working from home till at least November 26. Entry of trucks is also being regulated.

A meeting to review these decisions will be taken on Wednesday, he said. "If the condition continues improving, we will give entry to the CNG trucks, which will be announced by November 24 itself. Schools, colleges, institutes, training centres and others had been ordered to remain shut until further notice. However, keeping the current improvements in mind and watching the trends closely, we will reevaluate this and discuss opening of schools and colleges on the 24th as well," he said.

Court frames arson charges against father, son in 2020 riots case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

A DELHI court has framed charges of arson against a man and his son, accused of setting a mosque on fire during last year's Northeast Delhi riots.

Additional Sessions Judge Virender Bhat framed charges under sections of arson and rioting, among others, against the accused, Mithan Singh and his son Jony Kumar.

The complainant, Israfil, alleged that Singh and Kumar were part of a violent mob that was raising slogans of 'Jai Shri Ram' on February 25, 2020, and set his house ablaze.

Israfil managed to escape by jumping to the roof of Fatima Masjid but the accused started damaging the mosque, alleged the complainant.

The complainant further alleged that Mithan handed a gas cylinder to his son and exhorted him to throw it towards the mosque.

He alleged that after throwing the cylinder, the duo threw bottles filled with inflammable substances towards the mosque.

The lawyers for the accused had argued for discharge, pointing to the delay in filing witness statements and alleging that they were planted.

The court held that "it cannot be said that the delay in recording statements of these witnesses was intentional or contumacious" and the "truthfulness or otherwise of these witnesses can be assessed only during the trial of this case".

"The accused cannot claim discharge in this case merely on this score. It appears that the delay in recording the statements of these witnesses was occasioned on account of the situation which prevailed in the area during and after the incident of rioting," the court said.

School closure disruptive, say parents, educators

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

QUESTIONING THE closure of schools in Delhi due to the pollution spike, educators and parent representatives say a better way is needed to address the annual problem than shutting schools.

On Sunday, the education department passed an order that the closure will continue "till further orders". Environment Minister Gopal Rai Monday said the decision on whether to reopen schools will be taken on November 24.

This closure has come close on the heels of schools reopening for younger children after a Covid-induced shutdown of more than one-and-a-half years.

On November 1, schools in Delhi were permitted to open for middle and primary school students for the first time since the start of the pandemic. They had opened earlier for classes IX to XII from September 1. In two weeks, with the rise in air pollution levels in the city, the government on November 14 directed that all schools be closed for all grades till November 20.

"It's hard to understand the reasoning since it's not as if all teachers and children live in sealed homes with air purifiers. In our school, classes IX and XI were having their examinations which were interrupted. We had just opened for nursery to class VIII to good turnout. There had been lots of learning loss and mental health problems, and we had started school by giving students the opportunity to enjoy themselves and have a free flow of emotions. Even before the teaching-learning process began, we had to close again. This

is very disruptive for children," said Sudha Acharya, chairperson of the National Progressive Schools' Conference.

"The rise in air pollution in these months is a recurring annual problem. It appears as if school closure is being taken as an important tool to deal with every problem which makes education seem like a matter of low priority," she said.

Ameeta Wattal, chairperson and executive director Education at DLF Foundation Schools, emphasised on the need to find better solutions to address this problem.

"I think that somewhere we are not being serious about the challenges we are going to face if we continue to keep schools closed. Across states in India, schools have opened and Delhi is not the only state facing issues. This is not a new issue, and the first thing policy makers need to find is how we can create a situation for children to come to school. Getting just classes X and XII for board examinations is not schooling, it's examination. At the end of the day, academics and adventure sports are going on... In fact, schools are safer places where children are kept occupied," she said.

Satya Prakash, Delhi president of the All India Parents' Association, also questioned the current rationale. "Be it the pandemic or pollution, children are always affected and the problems will arise again and there needs to be a lasting remedy and preparedness. My daughter was just getting started with offline NEET coaching and that's disrupted again. For many children, the school is a safer, more hygienic space than their homes and localities; this needs to be considered," he said.

7k dengue cases in city, 5,000 just this month

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

DELHI HAS recorded 7,128 dengue cases so far this year, over 5,000 of them in November alone. This is the highest case count in the city since the big dengue and chikungunya outbreak in 2015.

According to data collated by the MCDs, over 1,800 of these cases have been recorded over the past week alone. No new dengue death has been reported by the corporations this week.


While the highest number of cases has been seen in North Delhi in areas such as Civil Lines and Keshav Puram, Southwest Delhi and Najafgarh also have a high case counts. Over 600 people who tested positive for the disease, meanwhile, could not be "traced after investigation". In 219

cases, it was found that the patient was not a resident of Delhi.

October and November are months that see the highest number of dengue cases through the year. With temperatures coming down relatively after monsoons, the city provides conducive weather for mosquitoes to breed in clean water. It is in December that cases start to decline as the temperatures dip and breeding of the carrier mosquitoes is disrupted.

Dengue remained largely under control last year, with only 1,072 cases being recorded.

According to data shared by the MCDs, 2.6 cumulative visits have been made to homes by domestic breeding checkers to check for the presence of mosquito breeding. Breeding was found in 1.85 lakh houses and legal notices were issued to 1.4 lakh people.



## DENGUE CASES

<b>2016</b>		<b>2019</b>	
Till November 20	4,065	Till November 20	1,644
Whole year	4,431	Whole year	2,036
Deaths	10	Deaths	2
<b>2017</b>		<b>2020</b>	
Till November 20	4,556	Till November 20	901
Whole year	4,726	Whole year	1,072
Deaths	10	Deaths	1
<b>2018</b>		<b>2021</b>	
Till November 20	2,406	Till November 20	7,128
Whole year	2,798	Whole year	NA
Deaths	4	Deaths	9

Soon, water connection at click of a button: DJB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

PEOPLE WILL no longer have to stand in line to get new water and sewer connections, water tankers or to get their water metres tested.

After regional transport offices, several services offered at zonal revenue offices of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) are being shifted online completely.

In a meeting between DJB chairperson Satyendar Jain and senior board officials, it was decided that to strengthen the water billing system, making it more transparent, all services of the zonal revenue offices will be migrated to the online M-Seva app and make it completely faceless.

"This is a huge step towards achieving the dream of a new era of governance that will be corruption-free, transparent and will make life easier for our citizens. The services of the Delhi Jal Board will be made faceless and online portals will be introduced to bring services under one roof. Help desks will be set up in every



Each zone will have a help desk, said Satyendar Jain

zone to help each and every citizen of Delhi avail online DJB services and register their grievances. Each zone will have a help desk to assist consumers in case they face any issue while availing online services," Jain said.

Consumers can register for the services online by visiting the Delhi Jal Board website, www.djb.gov.in, or on the M-Seva mobile app.

Jain also directed DJB officials to create a backend portal to see billing history with details of photographs, changes done by ZRO (zonal revenue officer) with access to CEO, all members and minister office.

Juvenile apprehended for rape, murder of domestic help

JIGNASA SINHA

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

DAYS AFTER the body of a 32-year-old woman was found in Dwarka, a medical board of doctors which conducted the autopsy has told the Delhi Police she was sexually assaulted and that her private parts were burnt to hide evidence of the assault.

Police on Monday said they have booked a juvenile in connection with the crime. Police said the boy, aged 17, allegedly tied the woman's hands, raped her inside his house and killed her.

Police said they recovered kerosene, duct tape, burnt remains of the victim's clothes, a Maruti van and an iron pipe from the juvenile. The items were used during the offence and to hide evidence and evade arrest, police said.

DCP (Dwarka) Shankar Choudhary confirmed that the juvenile has been apprehended. Senior police officers said they will move an application in court to try the accused as an adult.

The body was found wrapped in a cloth on November 15.

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Initially, the woman couldn't be identified. Police said they sent teams to nearby localities and checked missing person records to identify her. CCTVs were also scanned to ascertain how and when the body was dumped. The woman was eventually identified as a resident of Dwarka. Police said she lived with her husband at a rented accommodation and worked as a domestic help.

Sources said the woman was last seen going to the juvenile's home, near her residence. When police questioned him, he said he lives with his father and sister, and that he had called the woman home for some work and she left after some time.

"We found his statements vague and soon discovered that he had a Maruti van, which we had spotted in the CCTV footage. The van's tyres were

punctured and it had a different number plate. We searched his house and recovered an iron pipe. The forensics team was called in to check the van — hair and other biological samples were recovered from inside and the juvenile was apprehended. We also found that the registration number plate was fake," said an officer.

During questioning, he eventually confessed to the crime. In his disclosure statement to police, he claimed he had called the woman to his house last week on the pretext of giving her work. He said that when she reached, he allegedly tied her up, sexually assaulted her, and strangled her when she resisted.

"He told police he burnt her private parts to destroy evidence. He also took her clothes and burnt them. We have recovered ashes from his house and some pieces of cloth along with duct tape," said the officer.

The juvenile was booked under sections of murder and for causing disappearance of evidence. After doctors confirmed sexual assault, sections of rape and assault were added.



Police chief Rakesh Asthana wants a more professional approach going forward

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

TO IMPROVE their image, particularly online, Delhi Police has decided to hire a social media analytics and outreach management agency, which will, among other things, create a YouTube channel that showcases their "good work".

Currently, a team of contrac-

tual employees — mostly young graduates working with the Special Branch — handle Twitter accounts of the Delhi Police. It is learnt that Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana wants a more professional approach going forward.

Last year, the Delhi Police had realised the importance of setting up an IT cell when, during the February 2020 Northeast Delhi riots, some unknown users, including from Pakistan,

posted fake "alerts" about the violence and tried to "tarnish the police's image".

"Moreover, officers were also caught off guard about protest gatherings that were being planned on social media," said a senior officer. Former Delhi Police Commissioner S N Shrivastava had then approved a proposal by the Special Branch to hire contractual employees, mostly young graduates, with a background in information tech-

nology and experience in handling social media.

Initially, the IT cell was looking for unlawful content, but now its members have also been asked to amplify Delhi Police's messages on social media.

"We have seen several instances of people appreciating unsung heroes after seeing a post online. We want to hire an agency to develop interesting and innovative content campaigns related with the Delhi

Police, to have a proper communication strategy for various social media platforms, and to enhance the reach of content on a real-time basis," a senior officer informed. "The concepts and campaigns proposal of the media agency should be in line with the strategy of the activities of the Delhi Police."

To this end, the Delhi Police has floated a tender and met several agencies.

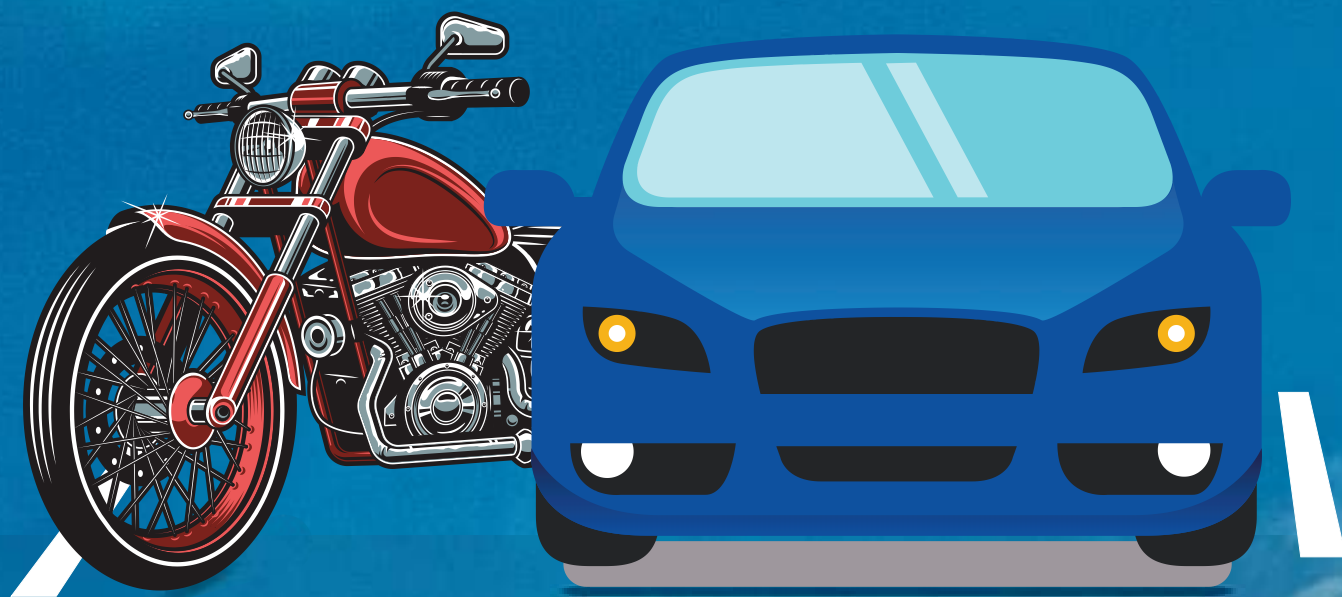
An officer said the plan is to en-

gage audience on Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter. "For Facebook, the media agency should create and manage pages of all units of Delhi Police. They should also... promote the webpage, website, fan page. They should post regularly, do online promotion and comments on posts should be maintained for maximum impact. They should also use Facebook to share videos or content that needs to be made viral," an officer said.

On YouTube, the agency will be expected to manage channels with an aim to increase viewership and reach. "The Twitter handle of Delhi Police should be populated with attractive relevant information, a database should be created and exploited for increasing followers... With the help of third-party applicants like Tweetdeck, Tweetvite, the agency should tweet and use events to reach out to people online," the officer said.



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Courtesy: Twitter/ @rajnathsingh

## REMEMBERING 1971

IT IS not common for a defence minister to be present at an event at any foreign embassy/ high commission. But on Monday, Rajnath Singh attended the Bangladesh Armed Forces Day event at the High Commission in Delhi. "Recalled the heroic fight by the MuktiBahini and the Indian Armed Forces in the Liberation of Bangladesh," he tweeted. Speaking at the event to commemorate 50 years of the 1971 war, Singh said it was a "moral fight against injustice, atrocities and oppression."

## APP UPDATE

AT THE BJP'S National Executive meeting recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a new module of the NaMo App, called "Kamal Pushp", where people can "share inspiring stories about Jan Sangh and BJP karyakartas". According to a party release, the PM said this was the most important part of the NaMo App, and was run by party karyakartas and not by "dynasty or family".

## BOOSTER SHOT

THE HEALTH ministry is introducing innovative methods to make the "har ghar dastak" campaign to increase vaccination coverage a success. On Monday, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan told the states to rope in local heroes and influential figures in villages as "ambassadors". There will be a referral code on the CoWin platform for each "ambassador", so that each time he/ she gets a person vaccinated, the tally will be digitally recorded. "Ambassadors" who ensure full coverage will be given certificates and felicitated at the panchayat meeting.

## NEW INNINGS?

AFTER LUIZINHO Faleiro in Goa and Sushmita Dev in Assam, there is buzz that cricketer-turned-politician Kirti Azad is likely to leave the Congress for the Trinamool Congress. Azad, who switched from the BJP to the Congress in 2019, is reported to be upset with the Congress leadership, especially Rahul Gandhi. A source quoted Azad as saying that he "would prefer to be a lamb led by a tiger, than a tiger led by a lamb". Asked who was the lamb in the second reference, the source said it should be left to "common sense". The source said Azad, son of former Bihar Chief Minister and Congress leader Bhagwat Jha Azad, believes that the only leader who can give sleepless nights to the Narendra Modi-led BJP is West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who is obviously the tiger in the first reference.

## Imran: Pakistan will allow India to send wheat to Afghanistan

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ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 22

PAKISTAN PRIME Minister Imran Khan announced on Monday his government will allow India to send a humanitarian shipment of 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan through its territory after finalising transit modalities. Khan, who chaired the first apex committee meeting of the newly established Afghanistan Inter-ministerial Coordination Cell (AICC) in Islamabad, announced Pakistan's decision to allow the wheat India has offered to provide Afghanistan to go through Pakistan as soon as modalities are finalised with the Indian side, state-run *Radio Pakistan* reported. Currently, Pakistan only allows Afghanistan to export goods to India but doesn't allow any two-way trade through the border crossing.

## Assam reserves 2 medical seats for Bhutan; CM says 'close ties'

TORA AGARWALA,  
GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 22

THE ASSAM government has reserved two seats for students from Bhutan in the state-run medical colleges in a bid to foster ties between the two countries. "The decision was cleared in the Cabinet last week," Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told *The Indian Express*, adding that Bhutan Consul General Phub Tshering met him recently. "When we needed oxygen [during Covid second wave], at our request, Bhutan allowed an oxygen plant to be installed in its territory... we must maintain this relationship," he said. Assam Director of Medical Education Dr Anup Kumar Barman said two MBBS seats would be reserved starting this academic year and will be provided with full scholarship.

## No blanket ban on Malik tweets on Wankhede: HC

SADAF MODAK  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 22

THE BOMBAY High Court on Monday refused to grant a blanket injunction restraining NCP leader and Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik from making public statements against NCB Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede or his family, but directed him to conduct "reasonable verification" of facts before posting any material. The court pronounced the interim order on a suit filed by Wankhede's father Dhyandev, claiming that Malik had made defamatory posts against him and his family and should be restrained from further posts.

The court said it was obvious that his tweets "are actuated by malice or personal animosity" since the minister's son-in-law was arrested by the NCB. But, it added, Malik had raised "very important issues" concerning the acts and conduct of Wankhede. Dhyandev had contended that his family had a right to privacy and the tweets were causing a loss of reputation for them. The court said that "reputation of one cannot be allowed to be crucified at the altar of the other's right of free speech". But, it held that in case of public officials, right to privacy is not available with respect to acts and conduct relevant to discharge of official duties.

# Andhra govt repeals laws on 3 capitals, promises better Bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 22

THE ANDHRA Pradesh assembly Monday unanimously passed a Bill to repeal two laws that were cleared last year as part of the YSRCP government's contentious move to set up three different state capitals instead of proceeding with the previous TDP regime's plan to develop the current capital of Amaravati.

Speaking on the floor of the assembly, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy promised to introduce a "better" and "comprehensive" Bill after plugging loopholes in the previous version. He did not mention any timeframe.

Referring to opposition from farmers in Amaravati, where the previous government had acquired vast tracts of land to develop a capital, he said "arguments were pushed that injustice was being meted out to some".

"In such a background, to explain the need for decentralisation of development and the government's good intentions in bringing the three capitals Bill... to incorporate in the Bill answers to all legal questions, to make the Bill more clear and better, to explain extensively to all regions, to make any other amendments if necessary, the government is withdrawing the Bill introduced earlier," he said.

The Chief Minister said that the government "will again bring a comprehensive and better Bill to the House". "We are taking this decision in the larger public interest," he said.

The AP Decentralisation and



CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy

Inclusive Development of All Regions Repeal Bill, 2021, was introduced in the assembly by Finance Minister Bugganna Rajendranath Reddy to scrap the AP Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of All Regions Act, 2020, and AP Capital Region Development Authority Repeal Act, 2020, for the development of three capitals — Amaravati (legislative), Visakhapatnam (executive) and Kurnool (judicial).

Monday's repeal Bill was introduced after Advocate General Subrahmanyam Sriram informed the Andhra Pradesh High Court of the government's decision in an affidavit. The court was hearing a batch of petitions challenging the passing of the two laws for the three capitals.

The YSRCP has an overwhelming majority of 151 in the 175-member Andhra assembly with the TDP elected to 23 seats and one seat going to Jana Sena in the 2019 elections.

After forming the government, the YSRCP had decided to reverse the previous government's decision to construct the capital in Amaravati, between Vijayawada and Guntur. In November 2017, the then TDP

## EXPLAINED Amaravati question

IN NOVEMBER 2019, the YSRCP government had scrapped the TDP regime's development project in Amaravati that was awarded to a Singapore consortium and its Indian partners. Monday's move raises the key question of whether the capital blueprint is back on track.

government, led by N Chandrababu Naidu, had inaugurated an interim secretariat in Amaravati.

In the assembly Monday, Chief Minister Reddy blamed the previous government for choosing Amaravati and said the location lacked basic infrastructure, such as roads and drainage.

"Just to have basic infrastructure, Amaravati needs Rs 1 lakh crore. The costs will rise to Rs 5-6 lakh crore in 10 years. Is it possible or right to mislead people?" he asked.

He added that the decision to have three capitals was to ensure equitable and balanced development of all regions of the state. However, he said, "several misconceptions, misleading information and legal hurdles" were created by TDP.

The Finance Minister, while introducing the Repeal Bill, blamed the lack of vision of past governments and concentration of development in and around

Hyderabad as the reason for the present situation in Andhra Pradesh post bifurcation.

Despite being a revenue deficit state, the previous government proposed to acquire 50,000 acres of land in addition to taking 33,000 acres from farmers for construction of the new capital, he said.

Recalling the bifurcation of unified Andhra Pradesh and recommendations of the Centre-appointed expert panel to study alternatives for a new capital, the Minister said that the committee was against setting up a capital in the fertile Guntur-Vijayawada region and had advised decentralisation of development.

Later Monday, TDP's national general secretary and Chandrababu Naidu's son, Nara Lokesh, blamed the government for "spreading untruths and half-truths" about the previous government's vision for a state capital.

Lokesh alleged that Jagan went into the 2019 elections with a promise to develop Amaravati and was now "playing mind games" with the people and acting "without a sense of commitment or responsibility". "Unfortunately, the Chief Minister was not able to spell out a clear stance on his plan for the state capital and the overall development of the state," he said.

Somu Veeraj, president of BJP's AP unit, said the government has repealed the laws fearing adverse orders from the High Court. He asked the Chief Minister to discuss the issue with all political parties and seek public opinion before taking any decision on decentralisation.

# CM Gehlot keeps top two portfolios: Home, Finance

HAMZA KHAN  
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 22

A DAY after expanding his Cabinet, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot Monday allotted portfolios to ministers while retaining the top two, Home and Finance, and some other departments with himself, including General Administration Department, Personnel, IT and Communication.

On Sunday, 15 ministers were inducted in the Gehlot cabinet, with 12 of them new and three others promoted to Cabinet rank from Minister of State. With the inductions, Gehlot has the maximum number of ministers working under him, 29, of which 19 hold Cabinet rank and ten are Ministers of State.

Among Pilot loyalists, Hemaram Chaudhary has been given Forest and Environment and Climate Change. Last year, Pilot loyalists Ramesh Meena was removed as Food and Civil Supplies Minister and Vishendra Singh as Tourism Minister.

Meena has now been given Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, which was with Pilot till last year. Vishendra Singh has been handed Tourism and Civil Aviation.

Among senior ministers, B D Kalla has been given Education



Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot

(Primary and Secondary) and Sanskrit Education, while retaining the Arts, Literature, Culture, and Archaeology departments. Education was earlier with Govind Singh Dotasa, who is also the party's state president and had resigned as a minister following the 'one person one post' rule.

Parsadi Lal Meena has been given Health department, which was earlier with Raghu Sharma, the party's Gujarat in charge.

Among the new Cabinet ministers, Mahendra Jeet Singh Malviya gets Water Resources; Chief Whip in the state Assembly, Mahesh Joshi, gets Public Health Engineering; Ram Lal Jat gets Revenue; Shakuntala Rawat heads Industry, State Enterprises and Devasthan department, while Govind Ram Meghwal will head Disaster Management and Relief, among other departments.

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# Mukul Roy disqualification: Supreme Court tells Bengal Speaker to decide fast

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THE SUPREME Court on Monday asked the West Bengal Assembly Speaker to decide "expeditiously" the petition for disqualification of MLA Mukul Roy who defected from the BJP to TMC after Assembly elections in the state.

"We direct the Speaker, West Bengal Legislative Assembly, to decide the petition filed under the Tenth Schedule for disqualification of respondent No.2 expeditiously," ordered a bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and Hima Kohli.

Speaker Biman Banerjee had moved a Special Leave Petition (SLP) in the SC against the HC order asking him to decide on the disqualification and place the order before it by October 7.

The HC order came on a plea by BJP MLA Ambika Roy challenging Mukul Roy's appointment as chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

Appearing for the Speaker Monday, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi said though the Speaker was scheduled to hear the matter on November 12, it was deferred to December 21 as the SLP had been filed in the top court.

Justice Rao said there is a general practice of Speakers sitting on defection petitions. "There are so many cases where there is a delay by the Speaker... we are told you stay away, let the Speaker decide," he remarked.

Singhvi said courts must interfere only when there is egregious delay and the instant case does not warrant such interference.

## HC to hear Cong, MGP pleas on disqualification of 12 Goa MLAs on Dec 10

MAYURA JANWALKAR  
PORVORIM, NOVEMBER 22

WHILE PETITIONS filed by the Congress and the Maharashtra Gomantak Party (MGP) seeking the disqualification of 12 MLAs — 10 from the Congress and two from MGP — for defecting to the BJP in 2019 will come up before the High Court of Bombay at Goa on December 10 for final disposal, the Goa Forward Party (GFP) on Monday pleaded to be heard through an intervention application "supporting" the Congress's petition.

While none of its MLAs defected to the BJP in 2019, the GFP has said in its application that it will be "directly affected" by the court's decision. Its application comes at a time when discussions between the Congress, GFP and other regional players are underway for forging a possible alliance ahead of the Assembly elections slated for February 2022.

GFP president Vijai Sardesai said the "wholesale defections" engineered by the BJP had brought disrepute to Goa.

Meanwhile, the HC on Monday issued notices to respondents in the petition filed by the Goa Congress seeking the disqualification of its 10 MLAs who defected to the BJP in 2019. The court said it will hear the Congress's petition, and a similar petition filed by the MGP against two of its defectors, together and posted the matter for final disposal on December 10.

## Ensure purity of electoral roll, hold interactions with parties, CEC tells state CEOs

ANISHA DUTTA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

CHIEF ELECTION Commissioner Sushil Chandra on Monday told chief electoral officers (CEO) of all states and Union Territories to ensure "purity" of electoral roll, ensure better facilities at all polling booths, and hold regular interaction with political parties to redress their grievances, during a conference held by the EC.

This comes ahead of Assembly elections in Goa, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh early next year. The EC will hold a separate review meeting with CEOs of these states on Tuesday to discuss matters related to poll management.

The commission organised the conference with CEOs to discuss and review various issues related to electoral roll, polling stations, IT applications, timely resolution of grievances, EVMS/VVPATS, training and capacity building of polling staff, media and communication along with extensive voter outreach programme, among others.

During his address, Chandra said that the "objective of this conference is to identify gaps and challenges to ensure instructions of the Commission are implemented uniformly in all states/UTs," the EC stated. "The CEC also emphasised that new initiatives and best practices by CEOs for election-related activities should be regularly disseminated through media for enhanced outreach."

## TRINAMOOL MPs MEET SHAH, SUBMIT MEMORANDUM AGAINST 'VIOLENCE'

# TMC leader held in Tripura gets bail, Mamata says will raise issue with PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
AGARTALA, KOLKATA,  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

A DAY after her arrest in Tripura on charges of criminal intimidation and attempt to murder, Trinamool Congress leader Saayoni Ghosh on Monday was granted bail by the court of additional chief judicial magistrate in West Tripura district. Separately, West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee announced that she will raise the issue of alleged violence in Tripura as well as the issue concerning the enhancement of the BSF jurisdiction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi.

Ghosh had been arrested on Sunday after she raised the TMC's "khela hobe" slogan, allegedly to disrupt a street-corner meeting being held by Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb on Saturday. Police sources claimed that some people accompanying her hurled stones at those attending the meeting.

On being produced before court on Monday, she was granted bail and was asked to furnish a bail bond of Rs 20,000. Assistant Public Prosecutor Bidyut Sutradhar told *The Indian Express* that the court asked Ghosh to co-



TMC MPs protest outside the MHA offices. Prem Nath Pandey

operate with the investigating officer in connection with the probe into the case, if needed.

Mamata, while boarding a flight from Kolkata to Delhi, told reporters that she will raise the issue of alleged violence in Tripura with Modi. "They (the BJP) are scared. That's why they are stopping us from campaigning..." she said.

The CM also said claimed that the BJP is using the BSF "as their own party activists".

Earlier in the day, a delegation of TMC MPs protested outside North Block, claiming that Shah had refused to see them. A little before 4 pm, the TMC an-

nounced that Shah had given the MPs an appointment at his Krishna Menon Marg residence.

At their meeting with Shah, the MPs submitted a memorandum highlighting several instances of alleged violence against TMC leaders in Tripura since August 2, when the vehicle of party national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee was attacked. "The violence against TMC leaders and workers in Tripura by BJP workers and partisan action by the Tripura Police must stop," the memorandum states.

Polls for 222 of the 334 local body seats in Tripura are scheduled to be held on November 25.

# Rlys changes saffron uniform of Ramayan Express staff

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

INDIAN RAILWAYS on Monday changed the uniform of serving staff aboard Ramayan Express after Hindu seers objected to their saffron outfits. Hindu seers from Ujjain had called the saffron uniform an insult to the Hindu religion and threatened to block the train in Delhi on December 12 if it wasn't changed.

In a statement, IRCTC, which runs the train, said, "It is to inform that the dress of service staff is completely changed in the look of professional attire of service staff. Inconvenience caused is regretted."

The uniforms have been changed to shirts and trousers and traditional headgear. The



The original uniform (left), which was changed (right) after Hindu seers objected to the use of saffron. PTI



waiters will, however, wear saffron masks and gloves.

"Donning a saffron attire with a sadhu-like headgear and wearing malas (necklaces) of rudraksha is an insult to the Hindu religion and its seers," Ujjain Akhada Parishad's former general secretary Avdeshpurai said.

He said seers will stop the

train at Delhi's Safdarjung railway station if the saffron dress code of the waiters was not changed.

A Railway Board official told *The Indian Express* that it decided to not stoke this controversy and change the uniform to what is acceptable. The first Ramayan circuit train set off on a 17-day journey on November 7.

## TMC's Faleiro elected to RS unopposed

Kolkata: TMC leader Luizinho Faleiro on Monday was elected to the Rajya Sabha unopposed in a bypoll, according to a notification of the West Bengal assembly.

The TMC last week named Faleiro, the party vice-president, as its candidate for the bypoll.

"The assembly secretary in a notification today announced that Luizinho Faleiro has been elected to Rajya Sabha in the bypoll. After scrutiny of papers, he was declared elected unopposed," TMC Chief Whip Nirmal Ghosh said.

The bypoll was necessitated following the resignation of TMC MP Arpita Ghosh from the Upper House of Parliament.

Faleiro ended his decades-long association with the Congress and joined the TMC in September in Kolkata. PTI





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## NIA arrests J&K rights activist Khurram Parvez

**BASHAARAT MASOOD**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 22

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday arrested human rights activist Khurram Parvez in Srinagar in connection with a case filed under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), including terror funding.

Earlier in the day, the NIA raided Parvez's residence and also carried out searches at the office of the Jammu and Kashmir Coalition of Civil Society (JKCCS) in Srinagar. Parvez is the programme coordinator of the JKCCS, a federation of human rights groups and individuals working in J&K founded in 2000 by human rights lawyer and activist Parvez Imroz.

While Parvez was initially detained for questioning, the NIA formally arrested him in the evening. The arrest memo says he was arrested in the case, FIR RC-30/2021/NIA/DLI filed on

November 6, under IPC Sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 121 (waging, attempting to wage, abetting waging of war against the government), and 121A (conspiracy to commit offences punishable by Section 121); and Sections 17 (raising funds for terrorist act), 18 (conspiracy), 18B (recruiting of any person or persons for terrorist act) and 40 (raising funds for a terrorist organisation) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. Sources said Parvez's family was informed about his arrest in the evening, and he is likely to be taken to New Delhi on Tuesday. The arrest memo says his brother, Sheikh Shaharyar, was informed about his arrest.

In October last year, the NIA had raided Parvez's residence and office in Srinagar, along with the residences of several activists and journalists. Following the protests after the killing of militant commander Burhan Wani in 2016, Parvez was booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA) by the then Mehbooba Mufti-led government.

## PMLA case: ED searches 12 IREO group premises

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate has conducted searches at 12 locations across Delhi and Haryana in connection with its money laundering probe against the IREO group. Sources said the searches were also conducted at the offices of the IREO CEO and CFO, apart from various premises associated with the group.

"The searches are going on currently. They are based on certain findings of the agency during our investigations," an ED official said. Last week, the ED had arrested IREO vice chairman and MD Lalit Goyal after four days of questioning. Goyal had been arrested in connection with a case of money laundering registered by the agency at its Chandigarh branch on the basis of allegations that IREO swindled funds of home buyers and its investors.

In its statement after the arrest, the ED had also made a mention of *The Indian Express* investigations into the Pandora Papers, which revealed that Goyal had moved an estimated \$77 million in the form of investments, shareholding and real estate, even as home buyers and investors ran from pillar to post for their money.

Goyal was detained at the IGI Airport on November 11, based on a look-out circular opened against him while he was preparing to board a flight to go abroad.

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Following E-tenders are invited by DRM (Engg.) & (S&T) NWR/Ajmer at 15:00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **Ajmer Tender No. : 54/2021 Name of Work : ADEN (Line) Ajmer Sub Division : Providing Boundary Wall/Fencing between Ajmer-Daurai stations along the track. Approximate Cost : Rs. 1,78,52,807.30 Earnest Money : Bid Security Declaration. Tender Closing Date : 13.12.2021 2. Tender No. : 55/2021 Name of Work : Ajmer Division - Engineering works in connection with providing 2 Nos. Escalators at Falna Station. Approximate Cost : Rs. 33,99,608.66 Earnest Money : Rs. 68,00,000 Tender Closing Date : 03.12.2021 3. Tender No. : 56/2021 Name of Work : Extension of Remote Control Centre behind DRM Office Building at Ajmer. Approximate Cost : Rs. 1,83,56,203.41 Earnest Money : Bid Security Declaration. Tender Closing Date : 03.12.2021. 4. Tender No. : DRM-S&T-08-2021-22 (Re-tender). Name of Work : Addition or Alteration of EI at Madar station in connection with double distant work towards Ladpura side in Ajmer division NWR. Approximate Cost : Rs. 48,66,358.16 Earnest Money : Bid Security Declaration. Tender Closing Date : 07.12.2021. The detailed information of the above tender is available on website [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) and Tender Notice Board of DRM Office, NWR/Ajmer. 662-DH/21 Please join us on [f i s NWRRailways](https://www.facebook.com/NWRRailways)**

## IN PUNJAB, DELHI CM CALLS CHANNI 'NAKLI KEJRIWAL' Rs 1,000 per month to every woman: AAP's new promise

**DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL**  
LUDHIANA, NOVEMBER 22

PROMISING TO transfer Rs 1,000 per month into the account of every woman in Punjab if AAP is voted to power in next year's Assembly polls, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal termed his Punjab counterpart, Charanjit Singh Channi, as "fake Kejriwal" and accused the Congress leader of copying his promises without fulfilling them.

"If there are three women (aged 18 and above) in one household, all three will get this Rs 1,000 amount," he said while launching AAP's 'Mission Punjab' for next year's polls. Kejriwal said elderly women getting old-age pension will continue to get that in addition to monthly Rs 1,000.



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal having dinner at an auto driver's residence in Ludhiana on Monday. Express

Calling it his "third guarantee" and the "world's biggest women's empowerment" programme, Kejriwal said "no government in any part of the world" had implemented such a scheme.

The AAP leader said young women who can't attend college due to lack of income at home

**EXPLAINED**  
**Crore-strong vote bank**

ARVIND KEJRIWAL says his promise will benefit 1 crore women in Punjab. According to the Election Commission of India, there were 96.19 lakh women voters in Punjab in 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

can go to college with this money. If AAP comes to power, he said, no woman in Punjab will have to be financially dependent for small needs — "Rs 1,000 is not a big amount... but this scheme will empower women financially". Stating that his opponents will now ask where the money



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and other dignitaries during the Defence Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

## 'Exceptional sense of duty': Vir Chakra to Group Capt Abhinandan

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

GROUP CAPTAIN Abhinandan Varthaman, who shot down a Pakistan F-16 fighter jet in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror attack of February 2019, was awarded the Vir Chakra for "exceptional sense of duty" by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday.

Varthaman "showed conspicuous courage, demonstrated gallantry in the face of the enemy while disregarding personal safety and displayed exceptional sense of duty", his citation for the award said.

The Vir Chakra is the third highest Indian military honour during wartime. "Displaying exceptional air combat acumen and knowledge of the enemy's tactics, Wing Commander Varthaman

Abhinandan scanned the low altitude airspace with his Airborne Intercept (AI) radar and picked up an enemy aircraft that was flying low to ambush the Indian fighter interceptor aircraft," it said.

The citation referred to the large force of Pakistan Air Force fighter aircraft, consisting of advanced fourth generation F-16 and JF-17, which were detected heading towards the LoC at 9:55 am on February 27.

Pakistani jets entered Indian territory to target military installations after the IAF bombed a terrorist training camp in Balakot in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on February 26, nearly two weeks after the Pulwama terror attack.

On February 27, Varthaman (36), a wing commander then, was captured by the Pakistani Army after his MiG-21 Bison jet was shot down in a dogfight with Pakistani jets. Before his jet was hit, he downed an F-16 fighter of

will come from to fund this programme, he said: "When I watch TV, I see the transport mafia sitting on the left of Channi and the sand mafia on his right. If they are eliminated, there will be enough money."

Calling Channi a "nakli (fake) Kejriwal", he said: "Whatever I promise in Punjab, the fake Kejriwal announces the same two days later. He only makes promises, never fulfils them. I announced free power; now he says Congress government will also give 400 units of free power. Have any of you got power bills of 'zero' amount? I announced 15,000 mohalla clinics; he also announced that. Has even one mohalla clinic come up in Punjab? I scheduled a meeting with autorickshaw drivers today; now he has also reached there."

## Farm laws repeal: Govt begins efforts for House consensus

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

WITH THE BJP-led government preparing to repeal the contentious farm laws in the coming winter session, the government on Monday began its efforts to bring in a consensus over issues even as the presiding officers called for leaders of all parties to ensure smooth functioning of the four-week-long session.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to attend the all-party meeting called by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on Sunday at 11 am. BJP leaders will also meet party allies at 3pm and the party's parliamentary executive will have a meeting later in the evening. "These are customary meetings in which we tried to find a common view on the issues that could come up in the session. We would also discuss the issues that our partners want to raise," said a BJP leader.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu will also meet the

floor leaders of all parties to avoid a chaotic session. Both the Houses witnessed unruly scenes during the Monsoon Session which went off without any major debate. Expressing concern over the "increasing indiscipline and disruptions" on the floor of the House, Speaker Birla has called for urgent action. "We will discuss this with the leaders of all political parties if necessary, and expect that the proceedings of the House will pass off smoothly," said Birla, while addressing the concluding session of the 82nd All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) last week in Shimla.

The highlight of the winter session, beginning November 29 and to conclude on December 23, will be the withdrawal of the three farm laws. However, the announcement is not likely to ensure a smooth session. The Opposition is expected to support the demands of farmers for a legislation on Minimum Support Price, for which the government has not agreed. Agitating farmers have so far refused to call off their protests unless the government agrees to their demands.

## Will take call on releasing report: SC panel member

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

DAYS AFTER Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the three farm laws will be repealed, Anil Ghanwat, one of the three members of the Supreme Court-appointed committee on farm laws, said on Monday that he will decide whether the committee's report can be released after analysing the legal consequences.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Ghanwat said the panel met on Monday, and the other two members gave him the freedom to decide whether to release the report after taking into consideration the legal consequences.

On Friday, Ghanwat had said



Anil Ghanwat

Modi's decision to repeal the farm laws was "unfortunate" and a "political decision".

"This is a very unfortunate decision for the farmers of India and the country. The farm laws had given some market freedom to the farmers and the agriculture produce marketing," he had said.

The committee was constituted by the apex court on January 12 this year. On September 7 this year, Ghanwat wrote to the Chief Justice of India, requesting him to release the report in public domain and forward it to the Centre.

## Protest to continue, PM trying to divide farmers, says Tikait

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 22

REITERATING THE farmers' resolve to continue with their agitation, BKU leader Rakesh Tikait on Monday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of trying to create a rift among farmers.

"It took one year for us to make them (government) understand that the laws you brought are not good for poor farmers, labourers, and others. We said things in our language, but those sitting in bungalows in Delhi had another language... They decided to withdraw the law but tried to divide the farmers by saying that they failed to make some people understand the laws," Tikait said at a kisan mahapanchayat in Lucknow, referring to Modi's apology while announcing the decision on Friday.

Farmers from Punjab and Haryana also attended the mahapanchayat organised by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM).

"There are many more farmers' issues that the government needs to look into," said Tikait, pointing to the demand for a law guaranteeing minimum support price (MSP). "Our struggle will continue because our issues are



BKU leader Rakesh Tikait at the mahapanchayat in Lucknow. Vishal Srivastav

not limited to the repeal of the three farm laws. The government should talk to us to resolve these issues. We are not going anywhere. We will hold meetings all over the country and make people aware," he said.

The PM should give an answer on the MSP demand that he had supported as Gujarat Chief Minister in 2011, Tikait said. He said Modi was part of a committee that had suggested to then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh that a law guaranteeing MSP was required. "The report of this committee is lying in the PMO. There is no need for a new committee... You implement your own committee report," Tikait said.

He also reiterated the demand for sacking Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra, whose son has been arrested in connection with the death of four farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri.

### S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

**e-Tender Notice No. : Com-54-AMN-ROU-MC-21, dated 16.11.2021.** e-Tender is invited by Divisional Commercial Manager (TC & PA), Chakradharpur, S.E. Railway for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work : **Name of the work :** Integrated Mechanized Cleaning & Upkeep of Rourkela Railway Station Premises for a period of three years. **Departmental Value :** ₹ 4,69,65,340.24. **Earnest Money :** Rs. Nil (Bid Security Declaration in lieu of Bid Security is to be uploaded). **Cost of tender form :** Rs. 10,000/-. **Date & Time for closing of tender :** 08.12.2021 at 12.30 hrs. **Website particulars :** [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) **N.B.** Contractor will not be accepted. **Manual tender to submit online tender at [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) (PR-427)**

### NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEN/II/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against **Tender No 135-DRM-MB-21-22 Closing Date 16.12.2021 16:00 hrs. Name of Work :** Miscellaneous track work in the section of SSE/P.Way/SAN under ADEN/HRI-I. **Tender Closing Date/Time:** 16.12.2021 16.00. **Cost of Work Rs.:** 54,99,627.06. **Earnest Money Rs.:** NIL. **Tender Cost Rs.:** NIL. **Bidding Start Date:** 02.12.2021 and **Period of Completion:** 12 Months. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For detail information please log into [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in). Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

**Tender No. 135-DRM-MB-21-22 Dated: 22.11.2021 2707/2021**

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IGIMS Medical College, IGIMS Nursing College  
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### E-Tender Notice - 02/2021/MS/Cafeteria

Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna invites bids in two bid systems (i.e. Technical and Financial Bid) from eligible, qualified and experienced Cafeteria Vendors to set up Cafeteria besides Ward Block of this Institute through on-line procurement portal as per following schedule. 1. Name & address of advertiser: Director, IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Patna - 800014 (Bihar). 2. Date of issue of E-Tender notice: 22.11.2021, 3. Period for download of tender document only on [www.eproc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) : From 23/11/2021 to 20/12/2021 up to 12.00 hours through above website, 4. Date of Pre - Bid Meeting : 06/12/2021 at 15.00 hours in the Conference Hall, 1st Floor, Administrative Block, IGIMS- Patna. 5. Last date & Time for submission / uploading of complete tender at [www.eproc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) : 20/12/2021 up to 17.00 Hours. 6. Last date and time and place for submission of hard copy of the Technical bid along with EMD & Tender Document Fee at Director's office, I.G.I.M.S., Patna by Speed / Registered post / Courier only : 21/12/2021 up to 16.00 hours, at Director IGIMS, Patna - 800014 (Bihar). 7. Date, Time and Place of opening of Techno Commercial bid only on [www.eproc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) : 22/12/2021 at 15.00 hours on [www.eproc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in). 8. Date, Time and Place of opening of price bid : Date & Time will be communicated later on subsequent to acceptance of techno-commercial bid at [www.eproc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

Details of proposed tender and its terms / conditions can be seen and downloaded from Institute Website: [www.igims.org](http://www.igims.org) & [www.eproc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in). The undersigned reserves the right to accept / reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Prospective bidders are advised to regularly visit [www.eproc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) and [www.igims.org](http://www.igims.org) for Corrigendum / amendments etc., if any. It will be notified on these portals only and no separate advertisement will be made.

Director, IGIMS, Patna

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S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD) (Rs.)	Tender processing Fee Non Refundable (Rs.)	Date of Release of Tender/ Tender ID	Last date/ time of receipt of tender
1.	Construction of 17 MGD Waste Water Pumping Station (WWPS) and its allied work at Guru Nanak Dev Colony near Vijay Chowk in Badli AC-5" (On DBO Basis)	(Lump Sum) DBO Basis	Exempted (Bid Declaration from to be filled and attached)	1500/-	18.11.2021/ 2021_DJB_211255_1	23.12.2021 upto 3.00 P.M

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>. ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V.627 (2021-22)

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**NIT No. 1 / EE(C)DR- XV (2021-22)**

Item No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount	Tender fees	Earnest Money	Date of Release in e- procurement	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e- procurement
1.	Pl/LJ Internal & Peripheral sewer lines in Gailtupur GOC under the command of proposed STP at Gailtupur. Tender ID 2021_DJB_211264_3	Rs. 20,65,19,929/-	Rs.1500/- Non refundable	Nil (declaration form to be filled)	20.11.2021	24.12.2021 at 03:00 PM
2.	Pl/LJ Internal & Peripheral sewer lines in Jafarpur GOC under the command of proposed STP at Jafarpur. Tender ID 2021_DJB_211264_2	Rs. 62,11,21,112/-	Rs.1500/- Non refundable	Nil (declaration form to be filled)	20.11.2021	24.12.2021 at 03:00 PM
3.	Pl/LJ Internal & Peripheral sewer lines in Kazipur GOC under the command of proposed STP at Kazipur. Tender ID 2021_DJB_211264_1	Rs. 28,30,58,523/-	Rs.1500/- Non refundable	Nil (declaration form to be filled)	20.11.2021	24.12.2021 at 03:00 PM
4.	Pl/LJ Internal & Peripheral sewer lines in Khara Dabar GOC under the command of proposed STP at Khara Dabar. Tender ID 2021_DJB_211264_4	Rs. 19,36,26,576/-	Rs.1500/- Non refundable	Nil (declaration form to be filled)	20.11.2021	24.12.2021 at 03:00 PM
5.	Pl/LJ Internal & Peripheral sewer lines in Sarangpur GOC under the command of proposed STP at Sarangpur. Tender ID 2021_DJB_211264_5	Rs. 74,83,35,432/-	Rs.1500/- Non refundable	Nil (declaration form to be filled)	20.11.2021	24.12.2021 at 03:00 PM
6.	Pl/LJ Internal & Peripheral sewer lines in Sangam Vihar GOC, Phase-II under Okhla Catchment. Tender ID 2021_DJB_211264_6	Rs. 19,74,53,997/-	Rs.1500/- Non refundable	Nil (declaration form to be filled)	20.11.2021	24.12.2021 at 03:00 PM

NIT alongwith all terms and conditions are available on the website <http://delhi.govtprocurement.com> ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 622 (2021-22)

Sd/- E.E. (C) DR.XV



# SC pulls up Gujarat, asks Centre for data on Covid ex-gratia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE SUPREME Court on Monday asked the Centre to gather information from the states on the progress made on disbursement of ex gratia compensation of Rs 50,000 to the kin of Covid-19 victims and pulled up the Gujarat government for issuing notification constituting a scrutiny committee contrary to its directions.

A bench of Justices MR Shah and BV Nagarathna, which sought to know from Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, how many people have got the compensation, said he should collect the data from all the states, and a grievance redressal committee should be set up before the next date of hearing on November 29. The bench was hearing an application seeking

quashing of the October 29 resolution issued by the Gujarat government forming a "Covid-19 death ascertaining committee".

At the outset, Mehta, appearing for the Gujarat government, said that an amended resolution has been issued.

The bench asked additional chief secretary Manoj Aggarwal who had drafted the notification. Aggarwal said the file goes through departments before a nod from competent authority. The bench then asked who was the competent authority. Aggarwal replied it is the Chief Minister. "Your chief minister may not know many things? Mr. Secretary, you are there for what?" the bench observed.

In October, SC said no state can deny ex-gratia solely on the ground that the death certificate does not mention Covid-19.



An NDRF team evacuates residents after heavy rain in Bengaluru. Reuters

## Overnight rain inundates parts of north Bengaluru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 22

OVERNIGHT DOWNPOUR on Sunday night triggered flooding in many areas of northern Bengaluru — inundating several residential areas and IT parks, and prompting evacuations in parts of the region.

Rain measuring 138mm pounded the area within a span of hours on Sunday, adding to the damage already witnessed over this month of November due to multiple spells of rain.

The city has witnessed one of its wettest November in recent years with over 27 cm of rain recorded in the period between November 1 and November 22. Bengaluru recorded 29 cm of rain

### PREMIER RESEARCH FACILITY DAMAGED

Bengaluru: Flooding resulted in major damages to laboratories on the 50-acre campus of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research. "Genetic samples preserved for over 25 years have been destroyed," aJNCASR official said. A professor said, "...data and samples collected over the years for research on HIV, genetics have been affected. This will have an impact on the PhD programme." **ENS**

Vihar apartment complex in Yelahanka, north Bengaluru on Monday. The apartment complex, located near the Yelahanka lake, was inundated with water, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials said. "Heavy rain of 138mm led to water inflow from the lake," BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said. Eighteen NDRF teams used boats and tractors to ferry the residents out of the apartment complex.

The area around one of the largest tech parks in north Bengaluru, the Manyata Tech Park in Nagwara, was also waterlogged on Monday. Several employees were forced to return home.

Unexpected November rainfall has led to the deaths of at least 24 people across the state this month.

## Rulers need to introspect every day: CJI Ramana

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
PUTTAPARTHI, NOVEMBER 22

RULERS SHOULD introspect every day on their decisions and also check if they have any bad characteristics, Chief Justice of India N V Ramana said on Monday.

Addressing the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning in Anantapuram district of Andhra Pradesh, Justice Ramana said there are 14 bad qualities of rulers



Chief Justice of India N V Ramana

which they should avoid. "All the rulers in the democratic set-up, before beginning their routine work, should introspect whether they have any bad characteristics," he said.



Kafeel Khan

## After sacking, UP doctor says will move HC

AMIL BHATNAGAR  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

TERMINATED FROM service on Nov 11 in connection with deaths of children, allegedly due to oxygen shortage in 2017, paediatrician Dr Kafeel Khan of Gorakhpur's BRD Medical College and Hospital on Monday said he will move the High Court against the Uttar Pradesh government's decision.

Addressing the media, Khan said, "The (UP) government has claimed there are four allegations against me. They have upheld three of those and exonerated me in the case of medical negligence.... Even the court has observed that I tried my best to save lives — I will approach the court to overturn the decision (to terminate service)."

Khan countered the allegations made by the UP government, and said: "Please do not think I was targeted merely because I am a Muslim. They needed a scapegoat; they wanted to save their own people. If it was any other person that night, (she/he) would have been persecuted," Khan said.

## Notices to five e-retailers for sale of 'defective' pressure cookers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE CENTRAL Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued notices to five e-commerce platforms for allowing the sale of pressure cookers which are in violation of the government's quality standards, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said Monday.

Amazon, Flipkart, Snapdeal, Shopclues and Paytm Mall have been served notices, according to the ministry. On official said the notices were sent on Nov 18.

"CCPA has sought response from the e-commerce entities within 7 days from issuance of notice, failing which, necessary action may be initiated against them under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019," the ministry said in a statement.

The ministry has also asked the Director General of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to take cognizance of the matter and take necessary action, it added.

### KERALA ADOPTION ROW

## Samples of couple, child collected for DNA test

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 22

THE RESULTS of a DNA test could possibly put an end to a months-long custody dispute of a one-year-old child in Kerala. If the results return positive, former SFI leader Anupama S Chandran could be reunited with her son, who was allegedly put up for adoption by her parents without her consent.

days. The DNA test was mandated by a family court, which temporarily stayed the adoption process.

According to Chandran, she gave birth to a boy in October 2020. Days later, her parents allegedly took away the child from her forcibly and left him at a state facility for adoption. In August this year, the Kerala State Council for Child Welfare gave the baby to adoptive parents in Andhra Pradesh.

The Thiruvananthapuram District Child Welfare Committee directed last week that the child be brought back to Kerala from Andhra Pradesh. Chandran on Monday questioned why her samples were not collected at the same time as that of the child. Kerala Health Minister Veena George, however, said the process was transparent.

### ADMISSION FEE GLITCH

## SC gives IIT 48 hours to admit Dalit student

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

COMING TO the rescue of a Dalit student, who could not get admission to IIT-Bombay as he was unable to pay the admission fee on time due to technical glitches while using a credit card, the Supreme Court on Monday invoked its powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to direct the authorities to create a seat for him within 48 hours.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna asked the Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA), which manages and regulates admissions, to allot a seat to the student, Prince. The bench said that "it would be a great travesty of justice if the young Dalit student is denied admission for non-payment of fees".

"This court has before it a young Dalit student, who is on the verge of losing a valued seat which has been allocated in IIT-Bombay. The travails of the appellant have taken him from Allahabad, where he is presently studying, to Kharagpur (which organised JEE-Advanced this year) and then to Mumbai and eventually to the national capital. Having regard to facts of the case, it would be a great travesty of justice if the young Dalit student is denied admission for non-payment of fees to IIT-Bombay after having tried to do so. Hence, we are of the view that

it is a fit case of Article 142 in the interim stage," the bench said. Article 142 enables the Supreme Court to pass orders as is necessary to ensure "complete justice" in a matter pending before it.

On Monday, the court said its order will not disturb any other student who has already been admitted. It said the supernumerary seat will be subject to admission of the appellant being regularised if any vacancy arises due to exigencies. It directed that the order be given effect to within the next 48 hours.

The student, who will turn 18 on November 25, had passed the JEE (Advanced) 2021 and scored All India Rank (CRL) 25,894 and SC (Scheduled Caste) Rank 864 and was allotted a seat in IIT-Bombay for the four-year B.Tech course in Civil Engineering. The rules for seat allocation in IITs for academic year 2021-22 had prescribed a timeframe till noon on October 31, 2021, "for completion of fee payment/ document upload/ response by candidate to query (if required) for Round 1".

Prince, who was represented by advocates Amol Chitale and Pragna Baghel, said in his petition that he logged into the JoSAA website October 29 and uploaded the documents as required. "However, the seat acceptance fee payment could not be done" that day, as he "was falling short of money and therefore, his sister transferred money to his account

on" October 30, the petition said.

He attempted "about 10 to 12 times to make payment" on October 30 but "was unable to make the payment due to a technical error at the end of his card issuing bank, viz, State Bank of India", the petition said.

On October 31, Prince "attempted to make payment by visiting a cyber café however all the attempts...failed and the petitioner was unable to make the seat acceptance fee payment within the stipulated time," the petition said.

The UP resident then wrote emails to JoSAA and IIT-Bombay but to no avail. He also visited JoSAA physically but no help was forthcoming, the petition said. Prince approached Bombay HC but his plea was dismissed, it said.

On November 20, the Supreme Court heard the student's appeal against Bombay HC's ruling and asked authorities to explore the possibility of admitting him. On Monday, the authorities informed the court that all seats had been filled and there was no vacancy left.

But the court did not agree. "You are bound to do something, there is no question of exploring options. Right now, we are giving you this opportunity. Otherwise, we will pass an order under Article 142. You better do something for this young man...," Justice Chandrachud said.

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## Reopen schools, parents urge Uddhav

SANJANA BHALERAO  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 22

A GROUP of parents from Mumbai wrote to Maharashtra government to reopen schools for all children above two years of age, as the state and the city have recorded a steady drop in daily Covid-19 cases in the weeks after Diwali.

In an open letter to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, the parents highlighted problems related to online learning and the impact the pandemic has had on the health of the children. "...our children have fallen behind in learning due to online schooling. They are not retaining information, finding it difficult to focus and



Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray

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are suffering acutely. It is affecting their mental health," said the letter. The petition was signed by more than 2,400 individuals.

Gayatri Sabharwal, one of the petitioners, said, "We cannot understand the state government's logic. If children can be everywhere from malls to playgrounds, why can't they attend schools?"

Schools had resumed for classes 8 to 12 in October. The decision on restarting the remaining classes is yet to be taken.

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## IDENTIFYING & INCLUDING

Database of unorganised workers is a welcome and overdue step towards creating a robust social security architecture

THE MIGRANT LABOUR crisis that played out during the Covid-induced national lockdown last year exposed the gaping holes in the social security architecture in India. The absence of credible data on the migrant workforce, the inability to identify them quickly enough, meant that little policy support could be extended to this section during a period of acute economic distress. But this absence of comprehensive, granular data extends well beyond the migrant workers, and encompasses the entire unorganised labour, which accounts for roughly 90 per cent of the entire labour force in the country. In its absence, it is difficult not only to design appropriate policy support, but also to ensure delivery of benefits during times of need. To address this glaring gap, the government has launched the e-Shram portal — a database of unorganised workers. This is a welcome and long overdue step. The identification and registration of these workers marks the first stage in a long journey towards creating a social security structure for this part of the labour force.

As reported in this paper, roughly a fifth of the estimated unorganised workers in the country are now registered on the database — the government hopes to register 38 crore unorganised workers. Odisha leads the coverage with around 87 per cent of its unorganised workers registered on the portal, followed by West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar. Preliminary snapshots of the database reveal that 40.5 per cent of unorganised workers belong to the OBC category, 27.4 per cent are from the general category, 23.7 per cent are Scheduled Castes, while 8.3 per cent are Scheduled Tribes. The portal also gathers information on the occupations the workers are engaged in. As reported in this paper, maximum registrations have been in the agriculture sector (53.6 per cent), followed by construction (12.2 per cent), and domestic and household workers (8.71 per cent). Considering that some sectors/occupations have been hit worse by the pandemic, this is vital information. Governments could tailor specific schemes to help those sections of the unorganised labour force who have faced the brunt of the economic dislocation. Reportedly, the database will also be linked to Unnati — the proposed labour matching platform.

There are several issues that require greater government attention. For one, the information gathered on workers, especially on migrants, will need to be regularly updated. The states of origin and destination will need to do this and keep track of circular migration. Second, registration for those unwilling to do so will need to be incentivised. Third, eligibility criteria for schemes that depend on information that is not collected by the e-Shram portal will also need to be integrated. There is also the issue of portability of benefits, extended at both the central and state level, that will need to be examined. Merely creating a database of workers is not enough, but identifying them, registering them, is a step towards including them in social security schemes, and creating a more comprehensive and robust social security architecture.

## THE SECRET SPREAD

China constructing a military facility in UAE points to Beijing's use of economic, infrastructure projects for strategic ends

THE REVELATION THAT China was constructing a secret military facility at the Port of Khalifa in the United Arab Emirates confirms both Beijing's growing strategic ambition and the stealth and subterfuge with which it is expanding its military footprint beyond its borders. According to a report in The Wall Street Journal, the US government held urgent meetings with the authorities in the UAE after satellite images revealed the surreptitious construction of a military structure earlier this year. The UAE subsequently halted the project and claimed that it did not know about China's military infrastructure development. This supposed ignorance will provide little comfort to New Delhi and others with a stake in Asia and the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

For much of the 20th century, Beijing eschewed foreign military bases in the name of national sentiment and sovereignty. However, in recent years, as China has become more assertive under Xi Jinping, it has used all the tools at its disposal to gain a foothold in strategically significant areas. In 2017, the PLA began operating its first overseas military base in Djibouti. In other locations, it seems to be employing the so-called "dual use" strategy: From Gwadar and Karachi in Pakistan, to Hambantota in Sri Lanka and through the Belt and Road Initiative, China has established a presence at key points in the IOR through the promise of economic and infrastructure partnerships. As in the UAE, these locations could be used — covertly, or overtly and gradually — for military purposes. While the ongoing protests in Pakistan around Gwadar, and objections in other countries earlier, indicate that Beijing may face some political hurdles, its economic might and ability to co-opt political elites may help it surmount the challenges in host countries.

The Khalifa port incident makes it clear that even India's closest friends have to do business with China, and that Beijing will leverage its economic might for strategic advantage. That Chinese infrastructure projects in the region are now suspect is only a further cause for worry. The US seems to have taken cognisance of Chinese expansionism and Washington's scrutiny will perhaps keep its friends and allies — like the UAE and Pakistan — on their toes vis-a-vis China. New Delhi cannot compete on an equal footing with Beijing when it comes to economic resources. It must, therefore, use the leverage and resources it has in its immediate neighbourhood as well as work with other concerned powers — such as members of the Quad — to ensure a rules-based order in the IOR and beyond.

## THE GREAT LONELY HEART

He came as an emissary, but the loneliness of Delhi's only African elephant asks troubling questions of human pride

IN 1998, A young elephant, at home in the vast Savannah grasslands of Zimbabwe, set off on a journey he hadn't asked for. By the fiat of humans, he had been turned from elephant to emissary — a gift from the African nation to the Indian president. Here, in these arid climes, he was given a name, Shankar, and a home, an enclosure at the Delhi Zoo. He was not alone at first, but the female elephant who had accompanied him on that long journey died a few years later. It is hard for the African elephant, untamed and solitary by nature, to get along with Asian elephants or respond to human commands. The only other African elephant in India lives far away in Mysuru. And so, in this strange land, all that remained for Shankar was a long, stubborn loneliness.

For centuries, emperors and imperialists have turned animals into a currency of power, or tokens of benevolence. The East India Company's reign in India saw elephants make arduous voyages to Britain. After Independence, a nation without economic heft turned elephants into symbols of soft power. Under Nehru, baby elephants were dispatched as "messengers of affection from the children of India" to several countries. For designing an ash tray for Air India, the Spanish artist Salvador Dali asked for — and got — an elephant for his garden in Barcelona.

This anthropocentric worldview — where the most magnificent animals are uprooted from their homes and habitats to be turned into playthings of human needs — is fortunately on its way out. In 2005, the Indian government banned the gifting of wild animals for diplomacy. The Delhi Zoo has stopped accepting such "gifts". Prodded by online petitions against Shankar's "solitary confinement", it is now looking to import a mate for Shankar, or for a way to send him back home to Zimbabwe. Whether or not they succeed, the loneliness of Delhi's only African elephant will continue to ask troubling questions of the cost sentient beings pay for human pride.

# The Punjab opportunity



MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA

Agitation threw light on crises in agriculture. Farm unions can bridge divide between policy, practice

THE LUSH GREEN fields of Punjab, the impressive mansions in villages, the toggled up people, the muscular SUVs, the shiny tractors, the peppy music, all hide a quiet desperation, a sinking feeling. The farm agitation was born out of this existentialist crisis facing the Punjab farmer. It is ironic that the reformist farm laws (albeit with some flaws) passed by the central government without consulting the stakeholders proved to be the tipping point, uniting the ideologically divided unions and setting off one of the longest and emotionally charged agrarian agitations of independent India.

Unbeknown to many, the first red flag was raised by labourers from Bihar, many of them small landowners, who pointed to the yawning gap between the handsome minimum support price (MSP) reaped by the Punjab farmers and the pittance they got from private traders since the closure of wholesale mandis in Bihar in 2006. In village after village, seething with anger against the "kaale kanoon", women who came into their own in this agitation would tell you how the "bhaiya" working in their fields told them they would be reduced to labouring for others if they let corporates rob them of the MSP assured by the government.

The movement not only brought together landowners and landless labourers but also the *arhtiya* or the middleman, much reviled for his extortionist interest rates, and traders dependent on the rural economy. It also united the farmers of Punjab and Haryana.

Such was its appeal that it even resonated in Chandigarh, a modern city infamous for its cold neighbourhoods. Suddenly, the biggest roundabout of City Beautiful was awash with youngsters, some of them from tony schools whose only link to agriculture was Punjabi pop, waving flags in favour of farmers. Popular actors and singers gave words to the angst of the farmer, raising the pitch at protest sites and drawing in youngsters, who, in their pursuit of pastures abroad, were increasingly estranged from the fields.

Seeing the "prosperity" at the Singhu border, some sections sought to paint it as an agitation of big landlords, but this is far from the truth. With 1.53 per cent of land share in the country, Punjab is a small state with 70 per

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cent farmers having a landholding of fewer than five acres. Land is their pride, their very being. Nothing illustrates it better than the suicide in February this year by a farmer from Tanda, who had remained the village sarpanch for 25 years. He and his son took their lives for the fear of losing the land they had mortgaged to a cooperative society for Rs 4 lakh. A recent study found that all those who died during the agitation owned less than 2.5 acres of land.

When the farm bills were first introduced in June last year, word spread that these would herald the end of the MSP regime that kept the farmer afloat. Further, they appeared to tilt the scales towards corporates while robbing the farmer of his right to approach the courts.

Since 1965, when the Green Revolution introduced Punjab to high-yielding varieties of wheat and paddy, the state's farmers have embraced these two crops. While the planners had envisaged diversification and a robust food processing industry in the years to come, nothing happened on the ground as farmers worked hard to reap record-breaking harvests from the vicious wheat-paddy cycle. Successive governments — office has alternated between the Congress and the Akali Dal-BJP combine — have failed to address the looming crisis. The water table has dipped to the point of desertification. Soil health is poor, and the air is polluted. Political parties, which have institutionalised sops such as free water and electricity instead of taking constructive steps to reform agriculture, can't escape the blame for the present crisis. It's perhaps one reason why union leaders did not let any politician set foot on their stage.

Once the most prosperous state of the nation, Punjab has been slipping consistently. Today, its per capita income is Rs 1,15,882 — 0.16 per cent lower than the national average of Rs 1,16,067. Once known for its overseas remittances, now it's seeing an outflow of funds as youngsters across the state — and not just in the region of Doaba — scramble to pursue studies abroad.

The agitation has shone the light on the structural crisis in farming. The year gone by

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It has also given new confidence to farmers about the power of mobilisation. Haryana is already seeing farmers unite on civic as well as law and order issues. Punjab is no different. Local politicians complain about how increasingly belligerent farmers band together over minor issues. It's a delicate situation that needs delicate handling.

While the agitation may have united the farmers, it's made investors wary of the state, which bodes ill for promoting non-farm income, key to alleviating farm distress.

The agitation also has implications for the upcoming assembly polls in Punjab. The candidates in the coming elections are likely to face a more questioning electorate. With the repeal robbing the parties of their main poll plank, they will have to go beyond the traditional sops to more creative solutions such as market intervention schemes and price stabilisation funds for farmers.

There is no dearth of solutions to farm distress. S S Jhul, eminent agronomist and a former vice-chancellor of the Punjab Agricultural University, whose suggestions have been implemented in countries such as China and Iran, has filed two reports on agriculture in Punjab, but no party has cared to implement them. Much is spoken about the 2006 MS Swaminathan report, but little has been done to implement it.

Will the unions, who have so successfully steered the farmers, help the government find a way out? They have before them a golden opportunity to bridge the divide between policy and practice and usher in reforms with minimal pain to the small farmer and drive him out of despair.

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## A QUESTION OF DIGNITY

Second phase of Swachh Bharat Mission must focus on welfare of sanitation workers

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC has tested our patience and resilience. The frontline workers have laboured with unrelenting grit in the face of obvious health hazards. Many of them, especially the sanitation workers, had to face greater risks, in addition to challenges they routinely face. The pandemic should lead to urgency in addressing issues related to their safety and welfare.

Sanitation work in the country is inextricably tied with caste-based occupational roles. The bulk of such work is done by people from Scheduled Caste communities, and Scheduled Tribes in some areas. Sanitation workers have, for long, been subjected to discrimination, stigma, and, even, untouchability for years. The most stigmatised among them are those engaged in the manual cleaning of sewers, septic tanks, pits and drains. Despite the Prohibition of Employment of Manual Scavengers Act, 2013, the practice continues unabated. Although local government bodies do not directly engage manual scavengers, the practice continues because sanitation work is subcontracted to private businesses and informal labourers. The Sixth Economic Census, 2013 reported "that from the roughly 1.7 lakh recorded businesses under the broad activity of water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities, 82 per cent of the businesses are in the private sector".

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with on-site sanitation systems such as septic tanks and pits in both urban, peri-urban and rural areas. There has been an emphasis on larger sanitation infrastructure such as sewerage networks, sewerage treatment plants and faecal sludge treatment plants through the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation. However, with the focus largely on 500 cities out of the 4,041 statutory towns in India and because of inadequate sewerage network and treatment plants, the safe treatment and disposal of waste lags behind toilet construction. Much of the demand for desludging and other sanitation services is met through private vacuum truck operators who are known to flout the ban on manual scavenging and violate safety standards. The Manual Scavenging Survey, conducted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, counted 66,692 scavengers till October 2020. However, given the extent of informality in the sector, it is challenging to arrive at an accurate estimate of the number of manual scavengers and sanitation workers.

The latest National Sample Survey data, 2019, shows that more than 65 per cent households in the country have toilets with septic tanks and pits. The corresponding estimated figures for villages and cities with less than 1 million population were nearly 73 and 68 per cent respectively. These figures underscore the need to augment the sanitation value chain, particularly in terms of mechanised cleaning and treatment of waste. The extension of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin and Urban) and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation to their second phases, entail-

ing the prioritisation of safe treatment and disposal of waste, along with building sanitary toilets, is, therefore, salient. Such efforts should be complemented with welfare measures for sanitation workers.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has been taking measures for the rehabilitation of sanitation workers under its revised Self-Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers. The scheme provides one-time cash assistance, loans at concessional rates, subsidy and skill development training.

The National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation is building capacities at the local government level, equipping these government agencies with mechanised desludging trucks and providing financial assistance to sanitation workers, manual scavengers and their dependents. The proposed National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem plans to set up units at the district and local government levels to monitor sanitation services, including the activities of private sanitation service organisations. Mechanisation of sanitation will be synchronised with decentralised monitoring of violations of sanitation protocols and informal education campaigns. These schemes could pave the way for eradicating manual scavenging and ensuring welfare of all sanitation workers.

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## NOVEMBER 23, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

KERALA CONGRESS THE KERALA PRADESH Congress committee has decided to join hands with the Congress-I for forming an alternative Government in the "exceptional circumstances" prevailing in the state. The two-day joint meeting of members of the state executive and the legislature party took the decision by an overwhelming majority to "prevent Marxists from coming to power".

PM ON ARMS RACE THE PRIME MINISTER, Mrs Indira Gandhi, said here on Sunday that India was against any arms race. But in the context of interna-

tional perspective and security environment, it had to be prepared in respect of its defence needs and face the challenge that might be posed, she said while addressing members of the Congress (I) parliamentary party on the eve of the winter session beginning on Monday.

ASSAM RALLIES THE WEEK-LONG second phase of the resumed movement by the All-Assam Students Union and the All-Assam Gana Parishad against foreigners in Assam began on Sunday with public rallies held at campuses of educational institutions in several parts of the state.

PAK GROUP PAKISTAN AUTHORITIES HAVE smashed a subversive group planning a campaign of sabotage and assassination to topple the military government, police sources said on Sunday. The sources said the breakthrough in their search for the group came on Friday night when they raided a flat in Karachi. During a gunbattle, the group's leader was killed.

DELHI TEST THE THIRD TEST between India and England at Delhi will be organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India, after the DCCA expressed its inability to do so.







# 12 THE WORLD

## TOPOF THE WORLD



Those aged 65 and above make up 13.5% of Chinese population

### CHINA

#### Beijing outlines plan to improve elderly care

CHINA IS urging some local governments to embark on pilot programmes next year to improve medical and care services for the elderly, with the goal of rolling out the scheme nationwide in 2023. Of the 31 provinces, regions and municipalities in mainland China, 15 should launch their local pilot schemes for better medical and care services for the elderly next year, the National Health Commission (NHC) said in a statement on Monday. China has been mobilising resources to ensure that more vulnerable age groups are taken care of as society ages. In 2020, citizens aged 65 and above accounted for 13.5% of China's population, compared to 8.87% in 2010. **REUTERS**

### HAITI

#### Kidnappers release 2 of 17 US missionaries

TWO OF 17 members of a missionary group who were kidnapped more than a month ago are safe and "in good spirits" after being freed in Haiti, their US-based church organisation announced. Christian Aid Ministries issued a statement Sunday saying it could not give the names of those released, why they were freed or other information. "While we rejoice at this release, our hearts are with the 15 people who are still being held," the Ohio-based group said. **AP**

### THE NETHERLANDS

#### Rutte condemns violence by 'idiots' after rioting

DUTCH CARETAKER Prime Minister Mark Rutte on Monday condemned rioters in Rotterdam and other towns and cities across the Netherlands over the weekend as "idiots" and said police and prosecutors would bring them to justice. Rutte's comments came after coronavirus protests in the Netherlands and Brussels descended into violence amid simmering anger at lockdown measures being put in place in an attempt to rein in soaring rates of infection. "I realise that there are a lot of tensions in society because we have been dealing with all the misery of coronavirus for so long," Rutte said. **AP**

## DRIVER'S MOTIVE UNCLEAR; 'PERSON OF INTEREST' IN CUSTODY

# 5 dead, 40 injured in US after SUV speeds into Christmas parade

DAN SIMMONS, MITCH SMITH, ROBERT CHIARITO, JESUS JIMÉNEZ & LIVIA ALBECK-RIPKA  
WAUKESHA (WISCONSIN), NOVEMBER 22

IT WAS supposed to be a celebratory night in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Dance groups and high school bands and politicians were marching along Main Street in the Milwaukee suburb's Christmas parade, which was returning from a pandemic hiatus.

Then, just before 4.40 pm, the driver of a red SUV stormed past barricades and barrelled through the crowd, striking dozens. At least five people were killed and more than 40 people were injured, and the numbers could change, city authorities said in a statement late Sunday. Area hospitals reported treating dozens of patients, including many children. It was unclear what might have motivated the episode.

"Today our community faced horror and tragedy in what should have been a community celebration," said Mayor Shawn Reilly, who described seeing smiling children and happy parents when he marched along the parade route before the incident. "I'm



Police cordon off a street in Waukesha, Wisconsin, after the deadly incident. *AP*

deeply saddened to know that so many in our community went to a parade but ended up dealing with injury and heartache."

Chief Daniel Thompson of the Waukesha Police Department said on Sunday night that a person of interest was in custody and that there was no further threat. Eyewitnesses described the driver as male, but that was not confirmed by the police. Chief Thompson said shots were fired by the police at the driver.

A spokesman for Children's

Wisconsin said that hospital, which treats only pediatric patients, had admitted 15 people on Sunday. Details about their conditions were not immediately available. Another hospital, Aurora Medical Center—Summit, said in a statement that it was treating 13 patients, including three in critical condition. Officials at Froedtert Hospital said they also had received patients but did not specify how many.

The tragedy spoiled what

participants and onlookers described as a joyous night in Waukesha, a bedroom community about 20 miles west of Milwaukee. More than 60 entries, from the Waukesha Fire Department to the Old Car Club to Santa, were scheduled to march through downtown.

This was the 58th Christmas parade for Waukesha, an annual event that was canceled last year because of the pandemic. The theme of this year's event was simply "Comfort and joy." **NYT**

## Sri Lanka's former police chief indicted in 2019 Easter attacks

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
COLOMBO, NOVEMBER 22

SRI LANKA'S former police chief Pujith Jayasundera was on Monday indicted with 855 charges of criminal negligence for failing to act despite receiving prior intelligence warnings in the 2019 Easter Sunday terror attack that killed nearly 270 people, including 11 Indians.

The Sri Lankan Attorney General read out the charges when the case was taken up before a three-judge High Court bench comprising Justices Namal Balalle, Aditya Patabendige and Mohamed

Irshadeen on Monday.

A total of 855 charges of criminal negligence were levelled against Jayasundera, who pleaded not guilty.

Jayasundera was present in the courtroom when the charges were read out against him in the case, which has over 1,200 witnesses, lawyers said.

His lawyers insisted that the former inspector general was not guilty of ignoring intelligence.

Former Sri Lankan Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando, who was a key member in the defence ministry when the attack took place in April 2019, also faced similar charges.



Migrants exit a tent near the Belarus-Poland border. *Reuters*

## Belarus asks EU to take migrants, says does not want confrontation

*Bruzgi:* President Alexander Lukashenko said on Monday Belarus seeks no confrontation with Poland but wants the EU to take in 2,000 migrants stranded on its border, and he added that if the crisis deteriorated "too far, war is unavoidable".

The European Union accuses Belarus of flying in thousands of people from the Middle East and pushing them to cross into the EU via Poland, Lithuania and Latvia

in response to EU sanctions imposed over Lukashenko's crushing of protests against his disputed re-election.

Minsk denies fomenting the migrant crisis.

Polish PM Mateusz Morawiecki said Sunday the crisis may be a prelude to "something much worse", and Poland's border guard said Belarusian forces were still ferrying migrants to the frontier. **REUTERS**

### MEANWHILE

## UBER EATS To ALLOW CANNABIS ORDERS IN ONTARIO

Uber will allow users in Ontario, Canada, to place orders for cannabis on its Uber Eats app, marking the ride-hailing giant's foray into the booming business, a company spokesperson said on Monday. Uber Eats will list cannabis retailer Tokyo Smoke on its marketplace, following which customers can place orders from the Uber Eats app and then pick it up at their nearest Tokyo Smoke store, the spokesperson said.

## Pak, IMF agree to complete aid package review to restore \$6-billion loan

SAJJAD HUSSAIN  
ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 22

CASH-STRAPPED PAKISTAN and the IMF have reached a staff-level agreement to complete the sixth review of an assistance package needed to restore the stalled \$6 billion programme.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in a bailout package in 2019, pledged to provide the support under Extended Fund Facility (EFF) when Pakistan's economy was in a critical stage and badly needed assistance to meet the balance of payment challenge.

The sixth review of the facility has been in recess since April and with it the loan facility, creating doubts in the mind of investors.

The IMF announced in a statement on Monday that staff level understanding is subject to approval by the Executive Board, following the implementation of prior actions, notably on fiscal and institutional reforms.

"Available data suggests that a strong economic recovery has gained hold, benefiting from the authorities' multifaceted policy response to the Covid-19 pandemic that has helped contain its human and macroeconomic ramifications," the IMF said.

The approval of the agreement will make available 750 million in Special Drawing Rights (SDR), equivalent to \$1,059 million, it said.

The SDR is a basket of mixed currencies made available to member countries of the IMF.

In its statement following discussions with Pakistani officials, the IMF acknowledged the country's progress in implementing the programme, "despite a difficult environment".

The IMF also acknowledged Pakistan's progress in improving its anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism regime but it said that the additional time was needed to strengthen its effectiveness.

It predicted that Pakistan's economic growth rate would reach or go beyond 4% in the current fiscal year and 4.5% in Fiscal Year 23, adding that talks with Pakistan officials also focused on policies to achieve sustainable and resilient growth. **PTI**



CZECHS, SLOVAKS TIGHTEN COVID RULES: People wait in a line to get Covid vaccine shots at Prague's main railway station on Monday. The Czech Republic and Slovakia banned unvaccinated people from pubs and services from Monday after a surge in Covid-19 cases. *Reuters*

## Covaxin is now on UK's list of approved vaccines for travellers

ADITI KHANNA  
LONDON, NOVEMBER 22

INDIA'S INDIGENOUSLY-MADE Covaxin, one of the vaccines being used nationwide in the inoculation campaign against the Covid-19 pandemic, is on the UK's list of approved Covid-19 vaccines for international travellers from Monday.

This will benefit more fully vaccinated Indians planning travel to the UK without the need for a pre-departure PCR test or self-isolation at the address declared on their compulsory Passenger Locator Forms.

Like other fully vaccinated travellers, including those vaccinated with Covishield, they are required to pre-book a PCR or lateral flow test on arrival in England, to be taken before the end of day 2.

"From 4am on Monday 22 November, the government will recognise vaccines on the World Health Organisation's Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) at the border," the UK's Department for Transport (DfT) confirmed.

"As a result, Sinovac, Sinopharm Beijing and Covaxin will be added to our existing list of approved vaccine for inbound travel, benefitting more fully vaccinated passengers," it said.

Earlier this month, Covaxin — the second most used formulation in India — had received its WHO EUL status, resulting in the UK announcing plans to include it on its list of approved Covid vaccines from November 22.

## Austria enters fourth lockdown as Covid cases soar in Europe

*Vienna:* Austria entered its fourth national lockdown on Monday after tens of thousands of people, many of them far-right supporters, protested in Vienna against renewed curbs on movement as Europe again becomes the epicentre of the coronavirus pandemic. Protests turned to violence in Brussels and across the Netherlands over the weekend amid frustration over yet more government controls nearly two years after the virus was first identified in China. Austria introduced the first lockdown in western Europe since vaccines became available. **REUTERS**

Meanwhile, travellers who aren't fully vaccinated against Covid-19 are required to undergo a pre-departure test and 10-day quarantine at a declared address in Britain.

From Monday, the UK government said it is also simplifying travel rules for all under-18s coming to England from a non-red-list country, who will be treated as fully vaccinated at the border, regardless of their individual vaccination status. **PTI**

## Xi tells Southeast Asian leaders China does not seek 'hegemony'

REUTERS  
BEIJING, NOVEMBER 22

CHINESE PRESIDENT Xi Jinping told leaders of the 10-country Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) at a summit on Monday that Beijing would not "bully" its smaller regional neighbours, amid rising tension over the South China Sea.

Beijing's territorial claims over the sea clash with those of several Southeast Asian nations and have raised alarm from Washington to Tokyo.

But Xi said China would never seek hegemony nor take advantage of its size to coerce smaller countries, and would work with ASEAN to eliminate "interference".

"China was, is, and will always be a good neighbour, good friend, and good partner of ASEAN," Xi said.

## EXPLAINED Growing concern over SCS

CHINA HAS long sought to play down worries about its activities in the South China Sea (SCS) that have caused tensions between it and ASEAN countries. At the same time, China has continued to strengthen its presence in the SCS, raising concerns about skirmishes breaking out that could lead to more serious conflicts, especially with the US regularly conducting "freedom of navigation" operation in the region.

China's assertion of sovereignty over the South China Sea has set it against ASEAN mem-

bers Vietnam and the Philippines, while Brunei, Taiwan and Malaysia also lay claim to parts.

The Philippines on Thursday condemned the actions of three Chinese coast guard vessels that it said blocked and used water cannon on resupply boats headed towards a Philippine-occupied atoll in the sea.

The United States on Friday called the Chinese actions "dangerous, provocative, and unjustified", and warned that an armed attack on Philippine vessels would invoke US mutual defence commitments.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte told the summit hosted by Xi that he "abhors" the altercation and said the rule of law was the only way out of the dispute. He referred to a 2016 international arbitration ruling which found China's maritime claim to the sea had no legal basis.

## Australian tycoon to help small publishers strike deals with Google, Facebook

BYRON KAYE & RENJU JOSE  
SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 22

AUSTRALIAN SMALL publishers will get a leg up in their fight to secure licensing deals with Google and Facebook after the country's richest person said his philanthropic organisation would seek a collective bargaining arrangement for them.

The Minderoo Foundation, owned by Andrew Forrest, chairman of iron ore miner Fortescue Metals Group, plans to help 18 small publishers by applying to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on their behalf so they can negotiate together without breaching competition laws.

The move was welcomed by publishers including the *Star Observer*, Australia's oldest LGBTQ title, which like some other small publishers did not get a deal with Facebook despite having secured a deal with Google.

Forrest's extra clout as well as the differing approaches to small publishers by Google and Facebook could build momentum for the Australian government to intervene and set fees.

Australia broke new ground with a law that has since March required the two tech giants to negotiate with Australian outlets for content that drives traffic and advertising to their websites.

But while most major news providers have secured deals, many small publishers have been left out in the cold, criticising Facebook in particular for its reluctance to take their calls.

Other publications that have secured deals with Google but not Facebook include TV broadcaster SBS, the main source of foreign language news. **REUTERS**

## MUHAHID ABDUL HALIM NOW LIVES A QUIET LIFE IN BROOKLYN

# 56 yrs ago, he shot Malcolm X; he long called for co-defendants' exoneration

JONAHE E. BROMWICH, ASHLEY SOUTHAALL & TROY CLOSSON  
NOVEMBER 22

WAITING IN the holding area of a New York City courthouse in 1966, Talmadge Hayer turned to the two men who were standing trial with him. He told them that he intended to confess to his role in the assassination of Malcolm X and make it clear they were innocent.

"I just want to tell the truth, that's all," he said when he took the stand. But the jury was not convinced. Hayer had told a different story earlier in the trial, and he still refused to name his co-conspirators or say who they

were working for. Eleven days later, the jury convicted all three men of first-degree murder.

The other two men, known then as Norman 3X Butler and Thomas 15X Johnson, went down in history with Hayer as the assassins of an icon of the Civil Rights era. It would take 56 years to clear their names, and Johnson would not live to see his exoneration.

The convictions of Butler and Johnson, who, while in prison changed their names to Muhammad A. Aziz and Khalil Islam, were thrown out in that same Manhattan courthouse last week after a 22-month review of the case.

But long before the new investigation that led to the exon-



Mujahid Abdul Halim struggled with police outside the ballroom where Malcolm X was shot and killed. *AP*

erations, Mujahid Abdul Halim — the name that Hayer later chose — had insisted on the men's innocence in an effort to set the record straight and to atone in some way for his role in a hugely consequential act of violence.

Halim was released on parole in 2010. Now 80, he lives quietly in Brooklyn, about 5 miles away

from the courthouse that linked him inextricably to the two innocent men.

He appears to keep a low profile. His name and a years-old photo of him were not recognised at community centres and shops in the area.

Halim was 23, a follower of the Black nationalist group the Nation

of Islam and a member of its Newark, New Jersey, mosque in 1964, when, he said in an affidavit years later, two men brought him into their car on a street in downtown Paterson, New Jersey, to discuss killing Malcolm X.

Malcolm X had spent 12 years in the Nation of Islam, rising rapidly to its top ranks. But in 1964, fissures between him and the sect's leader, Elijah Muhammad, widened into a messy split. Muhammad privately seemed to imply that he should be executed, according to FBI files.

So when Halim was approached in Paterson, his deep religious zeal led him to believe he was being tested, he told Peter Goldman, a journalist who inter-

viewed him in prison for a biography of Malcolm X.

On Feb 21, 1965, as Malcolm X was about to deliver a speech at the Audubon Ballroom in Manhattan outlining a new anti-racist movement focused on Black empowerment, Halim was one of three men who rose after a brief distraction and opened fire. In the chaos that followed, Halim was shot in the leg and apprehended.

The other shooters escaped. Within 10 days, Aziz and Islam were arrested. Despite Halim's statement, the testimony of alibi witnesses, and a complete lack of physical evidence tying Aziz and Islam to the shooting, they were convicted along with him. Halim continued to call for

the exoneration of his co-defendants in the years that followed.

In prison, the weight of what he had done appeared to crash down on Halim, according to the independent historian Abdur-Rahman Muhammad, who has studied Malcolm X's life and death.

After Elijah Muhammad, the Nation of Islam leader, died in 1975, his son, Warith Deen Mohammed, restored Malcolm X's good name. At that point, the historian said, Halim became concerned about the state of his soul. "He had a complete breakdown in prison because he had been holding it down on a pack of lies," Abdur-Rahman Muhammad said. "He took a man's life over a lie." **NYT**





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## TELLING NUMBERS

## What gives meaning to life: Pew survey finds family comes first in 17 advanced economies

WHAT DO people value in life? In a new survey, the Pew Research Center posed an open-ended question about the meaning of life to nearly 19,000 adults across 17 advanced economies. The key finding: In 14 of the 17 countries surveyed, more people mentioned their family as what gives meaning to their life than any other factor. In countries including Australia, New Zealand, Greece and the US, around half or more respondents said their family is what makes their life fulfilling. Work, material well-being and health also play a key role (see table).

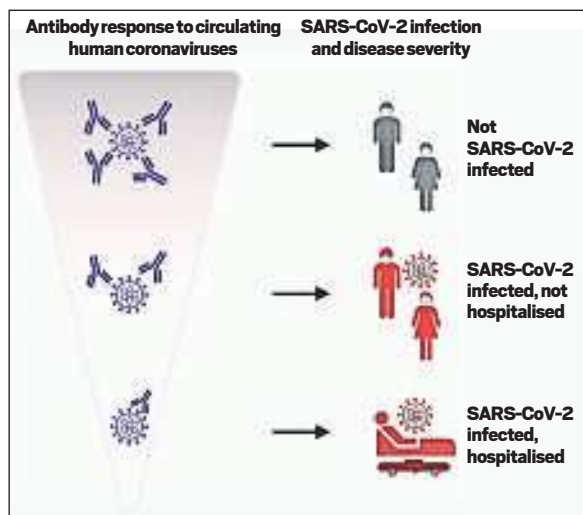
Pew said it surveyed 16,254 adults from March 12 to May 26, 2021. All surveys were conducted over the phone with adults in Canada, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, the UK, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan. Responses are weighted to be representative of the adult population in each public, it said.

## WHAT GIVES PEOPLE MEANING (MEDIAN %)

Family and children	38
Occupation and career	25
Material well being	19
Friends and community	18
Physical and mental health	17
Society and institutions	14
Freedom and independence	12
Hobbies and recreation	10
Education and learning	5
Nature and outdoors	5
Romantic partner	4
Service and engagement	3
Travel and new experiences	3
Retirement	2
Spirituality, faith and religion	2
Pets	1

Source: Pew Research Center

## Exposure to harmless coronaviruses boosts SARS-CoV-2 immunity: study



The stronger the antibody response to other coronaviruses, the stronger the resistance to SARS-CoV-2.

University of Zurich

IMMUNE RESPONSES to harmless human coronaviruses, which mostly only cause colds, provide some protection against SARS-CoV-2, a study has found. This cross-reactive immune response, researchers at the University of Zurich say, is an important piece of the puzzle of how to achieve comprehensive coronavirus immunity.

The researchers used a specially developed assay to analyse antibody levels against four other human coronaviruses in 825 serum samples taken before SARS-CoV-2 emerged. They also examined 389 samples from donors infected with SARS-CoV-2. Combining these analyses with computer-based models, the team precisely predicted how well the antibodies would bind to and neutralise invading viruses, the University of Zurich said in a press release.

People who caught SARS-CoV-2 had

lower levels of antibodies against coronaviruses that cause common colds compared to uninfected people. In addition, people with high levels of antibodies against harmless coronaviruses were less likely to have been hospitalised after catching SARS-CoV-2.

"...Someone who has gained immunity to harmless coronaviruses is also better protected against severe SARS-CoV-2 infections," the release quoted Alexandra Trkola, head of the Institute of Medical Virology at the University of Zurich, as saying.

**STUDY:** Irene A. Abela, Chloé Pasin, Magdalena Schwarzmüller et al, "Multifactorial seroprofiling dissects the contribution of pre-existing human coronavirus responses to SARS-CoV-2 immunity," *Nature Communications*.

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## SIMPLY PUT

# Covid resurgence in Europe

Despite high vaccination rates, new cases are rising across Europe. Austria has imposed a lockdown, while Germany has stressed the need for tougher restrictions. A look at trends, and the reasons for the resurgence.

AMITABH SINHA  
PUNE, NOVEMBER 22

AUSTRIA RE-IMPOSED a national lockdown on Monday, as it continued to register a record number of Covid-19 infections. This is just days after it had announced that Covid-19 vaccination would be made a legal requirement from February next year.

Also on Monday, German chancellor Angela Merkel said tougher restrictions needed to be put in place to restrain the continuing spread of the coronavirus. Like Austria, Germany too is currently going through the worst phase of the pandemic. So are some other European countries such as the Netherlands and Slovakia, which on Monday barred non-vaccinated people from accessing any non-essential stores or shopping malls. Slovakia has also asked people without vaccination not to attend any public event or gatherings, and would need to test themselves at least twice a week even to just get to their work.

Belgium and the United Kingdom are also experiencing a dangerous surge. Together, Europe is currently reporting nearly two-thirds of all new infections worldwide. The World Health Organisation recently warned that if tougher measures were not put in place immediately, half a million additional deaths could take place by next February.

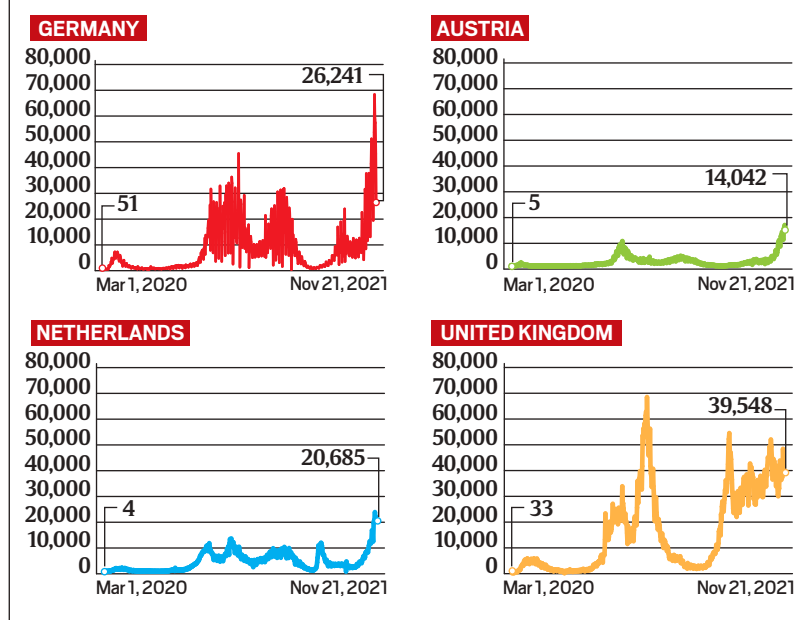
The current wave of infections in Europe, which is happening despite high vaccination rates in several countries, is being blamed on a variety of factors, a few of which are unique to the region. But it also has lessons for the rest of the world, including India: a prolonged lull, and even high vaccination numbers, are no guarantee against the resurgence of the disease, something that the scientists have been emphasising repeatedly, but is usually ignored by populations eager to get back to normalcy.

## Winter resurgence

A rise in cases in Europe during this time of the year hasn't come as a big surprise, according to Virander Singh Chauhan, a scientist and former director of the Delhi-based International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. "The onset of winter plays a role, though no one can predict how big or small the surge would be. It is not that this virus spreads faster in winters... there is no evidence for that. But most of the activities happen indoors because of the low temperatures. And that kind of setting is conducive for transmission," he said.

Even a lockdown, which is used to curb the spread of the virus, forces people to re-

## DAILY NEW CASES IN FOUR COUNTRIES



A deserted street in Vienna on Monday, as Austria imposed another lockdown. Reuters

main indoors. But there is an important difference between this and people staying indoors just because it is winter. During a lockdown, the intermingling of people and the interactions are kept minimal, but people staying indoors to escape the winter cold will interact freely if there is no lockdown, hence the chances of transmission are higher.

In fact, the current resurgence has come just as Europe was slowly opening up after a relatively calm summer. Just this month, for example, the UK hosted the annual climate change conference in Glasgow which saw record participation, even higher than in previous high-profile climate meets in Paris in

2015 or Copenhagen in 2009. Over 30,000 people attended the two-week conference, making it the largest such meeting organised by the UK ever. Although the attendees were being granted entry only after taking a daily test, the conference is reported to have produced several infections; the number was never revealed despite being repeatedly asked for.

The conference also saw large gatherings outside the venue, as NGOs and civil society organisations organised protest marches that are normal during these meetings. Between 50,000 and 100,000 people were reported to have assembled for these protests on mul-

in Covid cases and the imposition of restrictions/ lockdowns in several countries including those in Europe. Indian markets were one of the biggest losers, unnerved also over the government taking a step back on its reform agenda, having announced the repeal of the three farm laws in Parliament's winter session beginning next week.

The decline in Reliance Industries shares followed the announcement on Friday that RIL and Saudi Aramco have decided to drop the latter's mega plan to acquire a 20 per cent stake in RIL's oil-to-chemicals business "in light of the changed context".

"Cancellation of Reliance-Aramco deal, withdrawal of agriculture farm acts, persistent selling by FIIs, and disappointment from Paytm's listing dented market sentiments and led to the fall," Siddhartha Khemka, head of retail research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services said.

## The prognosis

The broad domestic economic funda-

mentals remain intact, and markets may rise in the medium to long term. But they are expected to be under pressure in the coming weeks. Worries over the possible impact of a new Covid spike on the pace of the global economic recovery is likely to play on investor sentiment. Rising inflation around the world and the proposed tapering in asset purchase by the US Federal Reserve are other factors that could keep the markets under pressure for now.

The Indian markets will be waiting for Q2 GDP growth numbers that are due to be released on November 30. In a report on Monday, SBI projected that GDP may expand by 8.1 per cent in Q2 FY'22 (with an upward bias). It also revised its GDP forecast for FY'22 in the range of 9.3-9.6 per cent from its earlier estimate of 8.5-9 per cent.

According to the SBI report, the upward revision for the year is on account of relatively less disruption in Q3, and a pick-up in economic activity, which it said had reached pre-covid levels. "India recorded only 11 per cent

multiple occasions.

As of now, the climate meeting is not being blamed for the surge in the UK or elsewhere, but this could change. It is hardly a week since the meeting got over, and it is still time for the cases triggered by the conference to emerge.

The climate meeting was not the only major gathering that Europe has seen in the last few weeks. Festive gatherings have been happening in several countries, some of which have now been banned by the respective governments.

## Breakthrough infections

Scientists have been emphasising for long that none of the current Covid-19 vaccines is a guarantee against infection. They are effective only in preventing or reducing severe disease, hospitalisation and death. This has been evident not just in Europe but also in other regions, such as the United States, which have seen big surges in the last few months. The hospitalisation and death numbers have not risen in same proportion as the case numbers.

But given the numbers being reported from Europe, the proportion of breakthrough infections is also likely to be very high, in comparison, for example, to a country like India. Scientists say that the relatively lower prevalence of the Delta variant in Europe until this summer could have had a role to play. The Delta variant is the most dangerous variant detected until now, and is known to have a much greater ability to bypass the immunity. In Europe, most of the earlier infections were caused by milder variants. The probability of people getting reinfected to Delta is therefore high. In contrast, most of the infections in India during the second wave and after were from the Delta variant.

## Vaccine hesitancy

Most of the countries in Europe have achieved vaccination rates of 60 per cent or higher. In the last couple of months, there has been a pushback from people sceptical of the vaccines. The anti-vaccine population forms a significant proportion in several European countries. Ironically, as cases have risen, both among vaccinated as well as non-vaccinated sections, it has given further ammunition to those against vaccines to point to the ineffectiveness of the vaccines.

It is a vicious cycle, with the anti-vaccine sentiment getting stronger in some places. It has already resulted in protests in many cities, including several days of violent clashes with law enforcement agencies in Brussels. Even in Austria, there is reported to be a strong push-back against the lockdown and mandatory vaccination.

## Covid concern and RIL stock: Why markets dived

SANDEEP SINGH  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE BENCHMARK indices fell 1.96 per cent on Monday, their biggest single-day fall in seven months. The BSE Sensex closed at 58,465.9 points, and the NSE Nifty at 17,416.5. The markets were weighed down by concerns over Covid, inflation, and a more than 4 per cent fall in the shares of Reliance Industries.

## Losses after rally

Since it hit a high of 62,245 on October 19, the benchmark Sensex has lost 3,780 points or 6 per cent. Over the same period, the mid cap and the small cap indices at BSE have lost 4.5 per cent and 5.5 per cent respectively. Following the significant rally in the 10-month period between January and October, expensive valuations emerged as the broad concern for the markets.

On Monday, the Sensex fell sharply amidst growing concerns over the fresh rise

# In perspective, farm distress and the demand for guaranteed MSP

UDIT MISRA

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

DESPITE THE announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday committing to repeal the three farm laws, farmers have said their protest will continue -- and have written to the PM with their six remaining demands, including, most importantly, a legal mandate for minimum support prices (MSP).

"Minimum Support Price based on the comprehensive cost of production... should be made a legal entitlement of all farmers for all agricultural produce, so that every farmer of the country can be guaranteed at least the MSP announced by the government for their entire crop," the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) said in an open letter to Modi released on Sunday.

## Guaranteed MSPs

As the name suggests, MSPs are the

prices at which, on paper, the government promises to procure agricultural produce from farmers. At present, the government announces MSPs for 23 crops, but procurement happens only for a few among them. Also, procurement varies quite a lot across states.

While the government does announce MSPs every year, it is not required to do so by law. The compulsion to procure on MSP is political, not legal. But if there were to be a law backing the MSP regime, the government would lose its existing discretion in choosing not to procure.

A legal mandate for MSP would force the government to purchase all the produce that any farmer wants to sell at the declared MSP. It would also have to procure from all states, and all crops for which MSPs are announced.

## Problem with this

India has had MSPs for several crops for several decades now, but that has not re-

solved the problem of agrarian distress. On the other hand, a guaranteed MSP can have quite a few unintended consequences that might make the attempted cure worse than the disease. A good example is from the United States, during the presidency of Jimmy Carter between 1977 and 1981.

To alleviate the economic condition of dairy farmers, Carter announced that the price of milk would go up by 6 cents per gallon every 6 months. But to maintain these prices, the Carter administration had to increase the demand for milk. It chose to do so by offering to buy as much cheese as anyone would sell to the government at a pre-designated price. This was, in essence, a 'guaranteed MSP'.

As the months and years rolled by, more and more cheese was produced and sold to the government. Dairy farmers were happy with higher milk prices, and

kept increasing production far in excess of the real demand. Most of the milk went into making cheese, which was then sold to the government.

But the government did not know what to do with it. It ran out of space, and had to rent several caves to store the cheese. By 1981, Carter's dairy support programme was costing American taxpayers \$2 billion every year, while the government was stuck with mountains of unutilised cheese.

The administration of President Ronald Reagan who succeeded Carter stopped the automatic increases in prices, gave the cheese away for free, and paid dairy farmers to cut down on the production of milk.

In India, the percentage of people involved in agriculture is far higher, and they are far more economically distressed than any Western country. A legally mandated

MSP regime is likely to be neither feasible nor sustainable in the long run. Already grain stocks lying with the government are more than twice its buffer requirement, and sometimes end up rotting.

## Possible way forward

It seems logical that instead of bypassing the market by using MSPs, the government should make efforts to enable farmers to participate in the market. However, most Indian farmers have small and marginal landholdings, making them uneconomic. They are poor and indebted, and a large section among those who work in the fields are landless labourers.


The way forward is to ramp up investment in the agriculture sector. This means better irrigation facilities, easier access to credit, timely access to power, and ramping up warehouse capacity and extension services, including post-harvest marketing. The approach has to be to raise the farmers' bargaining ability and choices before them.

At a fundamental level, the problem is there are just too many people involved in Indian agriculture for it to be truly remunerative. Agriculture accounts for just 17% of India's GDP while employing 55% of its population. To a great extent, the solution to the economic distress of Indian farmers lies outside agriculture -- in boosting India's industrial and services sectors.

These two sectors can potentially soak up the excess labour that is at present engaged in unremunerative farm activities. Rapid growth of industries and services for the next couple of decades could alleviate India's farm distress. This, however, is not happening. Data show that manufacturing lost half its jobs between 2016 and 2019, even before the Covid-19 pandemic hit. Post pandemic, there is a trend of more and more people re-joining agriculture.

In the short term, many economists argue that the best way to alleviate distress would be to provide direct cash transfers to the rural poor.





### Jal Shakti, Public Health Engineering, Department

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 50 of 2021-22 Dated:- 13-11-2021

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 Kupwara District (REGION KUPWARA) 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, 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.	Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Kupwara District (REGION KUPWARA) 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.	Work/Scheme wise details given in Section-II of tender document	1000/-		180 Days	
Group IV - Hilly Gravity (7 Nos. Schemes)		Above 100 lacs up to 1000 lacs		0.75		120

**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 the intending bidders for participation in the instant NIT to ensure wide participation across all the Districts.**


**Key/Critical Dates:**

	PUBLISH DATE	15-11-2021
I	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE START DATE	15-11-2021
II	CLARIFICATION START DATE	15-11-2021
III	BID SUBMISSION START DATE	20-11-2021
IV	CLARIFICATION END DATE	05-12-2021
V	PRE-BID MEETING DATE	20-11-2021
VI	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE END DATE	09-12-2021
VII	BID SUBMISSION END DATE	09-12-2021
VIII	DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING	11-12-2021

1. Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites <http://jktenders.gov.in>  
2. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.  
3. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>  
4. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>  
5. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.  
6. 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 bidders 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.  
7. 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.  
8. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of price bids. If any bidder/tenderer 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](mailto:kmrphed@gmail.com) or [zenphekupwara11@gmail.com](mailto:zenphekupwara11@gmail.com)

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### JAL SHAKTI, PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 73 OF 2021-22 Dated:- 18-11-2021

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 Kupwara District (REGION KUPWARA) 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, 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.	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.	Work/Scheme wise details given in Section-II of tender document	1000/-		180 Days	
Group-II		Above 15 Lacs upto 50 Lacs		0.25		45

**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 the intending bidders for participation in the instant NIT to ensure wide participation across all the Districts.**

**KEY/CRITICAL DATES:**

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IV	CLARIFICATION END DATE <td>13-12-2021</td>	13-12-2021
V	PRE-BID MEETING DATE <td>30-11-2021</td>	30-11-2021
VI	DOCUMENT DOWNLOAD/SALE END DATE <td>13-12-2021</td>	13-12-2021
VII	BID SUBMISSION END DATE <td>13-12-2021</td>	13-12-2021
VIII	DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING <td>14-12-2021</td>	14-12-2021

1. Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites <http://jktenders.gov.in>  
2. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir/Jammu, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.  
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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 of Bid. The Bid of bidders having bid security less than as specified above will be rejected.  
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9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.  
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Chief Engineer,  
Kashmir, Jal Shakti, PHE Department.

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**तृतीय शुद्धि-पत्र**  
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, गढ़वा अन्तर्गत आमंत्रित ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट (1<sup>st</sup> Call) निविदा सूचना संख्या-DWSD/GAR/SVS(JJM)-04/2021-22, दिनांक-13.05.2021 (Construction of Rural Pipe Water Supply Scheme through DT/HYDT/GPT (Solar based) under (JJM) जो PR No. 246519 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22-D एवं प्रथम शुद्धिपत्र PR No. 248329 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22-D तथा द्वितीय शुद्धिपत्र PR No. 255950 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22#D द्वारा 16 ग्रुपों की निविदा प्रकाशित है, जिसमें 04 अदद ग्रुप यथा- ग्रुप सं०-60, 51, 55 एवं 58 को अगले आदेश तक रोका गया है, जिसकी सूचना बाद में प्रकाशित की जायेगी, अतः वर्तमान में 12 ग्रुप की निविदा में अपरिहार्य कारणों से तिथि, समय एवं प्राकलित राशि, अग्रघन की राशि में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है :-

क्र० सं०	विवरण	पूर्व में प्रकाशित				संशोधित कर प्रकाशित			
	Construction of Rural Pipe Water Supply Scheme through DT/HYDT/GPT (Solar based) 01/2.0 H.P. DC Motor pump complete set for different taluqas of concern villages which is not included/included in MVS and has no electricity or less electricity to supply water 2000 LPH maximum at least 15/30 year for 24x7 supply with 100% coverage by Tap water Facility under (JJM) For the year 2021-22	No. of Schemes	Estimated cost (in Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of BOQ (Rs.)	Estimated cost (in Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of BOQ (Rs.)	
1	Rampur Group of SVS Scheme under Mahajan Block (Group No. 48)	22 Nos	2,21,51,854.00	4,43,500.00	10,000.00	2,23,69,838.00	4,47,500.00	वही	
2	Jaharsara Group of SVS Scheme under Mahajan Block (Group No. 49)	21 Nos	1,83,04,056.00	3,66,500.00	10,000.00	1,84,65,643.00	3,69,500.00	वही	
3	Dubey Marhatiya Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 52)	17 Nos	1,88,17,999.00	3,76,500.00	10,000.00	1,74,74,145.00	3,49,500.00	वही	
4	Achala Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 53)	11 Nos	1,14,12,813.00	2,28,500.00	10,000.00	1,11,24,480.00	2,22,500.00	वही	
5	Chiraujiya Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 54)	17 Nos	1,94,97,203.00	3,90,000.00	10,000.00	1,89,86,584.00	3,80,000.00	वही	
6	Birbandha Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 56)	16 Nos	1,61,07,915.00	3,22,500.00	10,000.00	1,58,81,695.00	3,18,000.00	वही	
7	Basariya Group of SVS Scheme under Meral Block (Group No. 57)	09 Nos	1,17,72,211.00	2,35,500.00	10,000.00	1,18,39,585.00	2,37,000.00	वही	
8	Tedi Haraiya Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 59)	10 Nos	1,05,99,852.00	2,12,000.00	10,000.00	1,00,90,202.00	2,02,000.00	वही	
9	Jangarh Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 60)	12 Nos	1,22,98,005.00	2,46,000.00	10,000.00	1,18,77,553.00	2,38,000.00	वही	
10	Jata Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 61)	21 Nos	2,35,38,095.00	4,71,000.00	10,000.00	2,25,23,993.00	4,50,500.00	वही	
11	Mahula Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 62)	21 Nos	2,30,15,249.00	4,60,500.00	10,000.00	2,23,88,193.00	4,48,000.00	वही	
12	Nawada Group of SVS Scheme under Garhwa Block (Group No. 63)	24 Nos	2,39,43,033.00	4,79,000.00	10,000.00	2,37,97,391.00	4,76,000.00	वही	

निविदा की तिथि एवं समय :-			
नोट - (i) शेष सभी शर्तें यथावत रहेगी।			
क्र०	विवरण	पूर्व में प्रकाशित (द्वितीय शुद्धि पत्र से)	संशोधित कर प्रकाशित
1	Date & time of Tender Uploading on Website	09.11.2021/12:30 P.M.	25.11.2021/12:30 P.M.
2	Date & time of Document Download start date	09.11.2021/12:35 P.M.	25.11.2021/12:35 P.M.
3	Date & time of Bid Submission start date	09.11.2021/12:40 P.M.	25.11.2021/12:40 P.M.
4	Date & time of Pre bid Meeting	-	30.11.2021/12:30 P.M. Office of the Regional Chief Engineer Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept. Ranchi Zone, Ranchi.
5	Last date & time of Bid Submission Last date & time of Submission Cost of BOQ and EMD (in Hard copy)	23.11.2021/05:00 P.M. 24.11.2021/10:30 AM to 05:00 P.M.	06.12.2021/05:00 P.M. 07.12.2021/10:30 AM to 04:00 P.M.
6	Date & time of Opening Tender	25.11.2021/04:30 P.M.	08.12.2021/04:30 P.M.

(ii) यह शुद्धि-पत्र परिमाण विपत्र का भाग होगा।  
(iii) विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसाइट <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर कार्यालय में सम्मर्क कर जानकारी प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।  
**कार्यपालक अभियंता**  
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**TENDER NOTICE**

College of Engineering Pune invites online tender for Construction of Center of Excellences Building Complex at Chikhali Campus – College of Engineering Pune (COEP). The Details are uploaded on <https://mahatenders.gov.in> the interested parties / bidders are requested to submit the proposal by 14:00 hours on 30/11/2021.

Officiating Director, College of Engineering Pune



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**AUCTION OF WHITE AMBASSADOR CAR (MODEL-2007)**

Army Public School, Shankar Vihar invites open bidding for auction of White Ambassador Car (Model-2007). The car is single owner and driver driven, in good condition with private registration. Vehicle available for inspection at school campus on 06-07 Dec 2021 from 1000hrs to 1600hrs and auction will be held on 08 Dec 2021 at 1100hrs inschool campus. Prospective buyer to deposit Rs 5000/- as refundable security before participating in the bidding process

Chairman




### NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEN/II/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 137-DRM-MB-21-22 closing date 16.12.2021 16:00 hrs. Name of work : Miscellaneous track work in the section of SSE/P.Way/SFPR under ADEN/HRI-II.

Tender closing date/time- 16.12.2021 16:00, Cost of work : Rs. 59,99,996.96, Earnest Money : Rs. NIL, Tender Cost : Rs-NIL, Bidding start date : 02.12.2021 and Period of Completion : 12 Months. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For detail information please log into [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. Tender No. 137-DRM-MB-21-22 Dated : 22.11.2021 2709/2021

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### कर्यालय नगर पंचायत, रवूंदी

**ज्ञापांक ..... दिनांक .....**

**निविदा संबंधी सूचना**

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 1491 दिनांक 13.11.2021 द्वारा प्रकाशित शुद्धि पुनर्पत्र ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या KNP/10/2021-22 जिसका PR No. 256959 है, को तकनीकी त्रुटि के कारण निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है:-

1. बैंक ड्राफ्ट एवं निविदा संबंधित सभी कागजात का स्वअभिप्रेमाणित (इन्डेक्स बनाकर) हार्ड कॉपी दिनांक 25.11.2021 को 2:00 बजे अपराह्न तक जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, (पुलिस अधीक्षक कार्यालय के पास समाहरणालय), खूंदी में जमा कर सकते हैं।

शेष नियम एवं शर्तें यथावत रहेंगे।

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कार्यपालक पदाधिकरी,  
नगर पंचायत, खूंदी

PR 257471 Urban Development(21-22):D



### Government of Jharkhand

Department of Women, Child Development and Social Security (Directorate of Social Welfare)

Engineers' Hostel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sector-III, H.E.C, Dhurwa, Ranchi – 834 004 (Ph. - 0651- 2400749/ Email: [swdirector@jh@gmail.com](mailto:swdirector@jh@gmail.com))

**OLD PR No. 257161**  
**Corrigendum-I**  
**e-Tender Reference no.: PRO- 01/2021-22,**  
**Dated : 17.11.2021**


The Serial No. 8 of Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) published vide e-Tender Reference no.: PRO- 01/2021-22, Dated 17.11.2021 should be read as mention below:

8.	Tender Fee (Non-refundable) to be submitted on 10.12.2021 along with EMD	Rs. 40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand only) + GST@18% in the form of Bank Draft/Demand Draft issued by any Nationalized Bank/Schedule Bank in favour of Director, Social Welfare,Jharkhand payable at Ranchi
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2. The remaining details of aforesaid NIT shall be the same.

sd/-  
Director Social Welfare  
Jharkhand, Ranchi

PR.NO.257490  
Women, Child Development & Social Security(21-22):D



### HIMACHAL PRADESH

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)


The Executive Engineer, B&F Division, HPPWD Nahan, District Sirmaur, H.P. on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rates bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
1			
1	C/o 80.00 meter span PSC Box Girder Bridge at RD 0/510 over Markanda River and 27.60 meter Span Box Cell Bridge at RD 0/720 over Khud on Gurudwara Sahib NH-7 to Markanda Nadi including C/o 5/7 meter Wide Road, C/o Retaining Walls, Breast Walls, Providing Cross-Drainage Works, P/L Metalling and Tarring, C/o V-Shape Drains, Essential Parapets and Road Side Furniture in Km 0/0 to 1/0 under CRF	15,28,53,250/- only	30,57,065/- only
2	C/o 60.00 meter span PSC Box Girder Bridge at RD 0/350 over Markanda River on Moginad to Suketi Road including C/o 5/7 meter Wide Road, C/o Retaining Walls, Breast Walls, Providing Cross-Drainage Works, P/L Metalling and Tarring, C/o V-Shape Drains, Essential Parapets and Road Side Furniture in Km 0/0 to 1/405 under CRF	9,21,10,395/- only	18,42,208/- only

**Starting Date for Downloading Bid:- 04.12.2021**  
**Deadline for Submission of Bid:- 21.12.2021 up to 10:00 AM**  
The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in).

Executive Engineer  
HPPWD (B&R) Division Nahan  
Tel/Fax: 01702-222260 E-mail: [ee-nah-hp@nic.in](mailto:ee-nah-hp@nic.in)  
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

5054/HP



### झारखण्ड सरकार

पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह


**ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना**  
**(प्रथम निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना)**

ई-निविदा प्रसंग सं० :- RCD/GIRIDIH/1371 दिनांक :- 20.11.2021

1	नाम का नाम	नरेश कुमार-गिरिडीह-मुन्शी का (सं०-13) पर-समावेश-कुलियावाड़ का (सं० नम्बर - 1.42 विभाग) का मानवियल कायें पत्र 2021-22
2	प्रारम्भिक राशि (रुपये में)	₹ 1,48,62,022.00 (एक करोड़ अठ्ठास लाख बारसठ हजार बारसठ रुपये मात्र)
3	नाम रजिस्ट्री की अवधि	02 (दो) मह
4	निविदा प्रक्रिया की अवधि तिथि एवं समय	20.12.2021 12:00 बजे दिन तक
5	अन्तिम त्रि-निविदा प्रकाशित होने की तिथि एवं समय	29.11.2021 10:30 बजे पूर्व तक
6	निविदा अन्तिम करने वाले का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय का निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह।
7	प्रोक्योरमेंट पदचिह्नित का सम्पर्क नं०	06532 – 227664
8	ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का होल साईन नं०	0651 – 2421010

नोट :- प्राकलित राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है।  
अतिरिक्त जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट पर देखें :- <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

कार्यपालक अभियंता  
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह  
PR 257442 Road (21-22)\_D



### DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (M)-62

E-BLOCK : PREET VIHAR : DELHI-110092

**“STOP CORANA; Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene”**


**PRESS NIT No. 23/(2021-22)**

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount Put to Tender	Tender Processing Fee	Earnest Money	Tender ID No. & Date of Release of tender in E-Procurement Solution	Last Date/ Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution
1.	Providing and laying 300 mm dia sewer line from H.N. 09 to Tax Stand DDA Plot at Madhuban Colony in AC-59 EE (East)-II.	43,96,480.00	500.00	EMD Exempted	2021_DJB_211340_1 22-Nov-2021 09:00 PM	01-Dec-21 02:00 PM
2.	Improvement of sewerage position by P/L new sewerage system and also replacing old-damaged sewerage network in Gali No. 03 and 04 Bihari Colony under ward 31E in AC-62 Shahdara in East-II.	32,06,721.00	500.00	EMD Exempted	2021_DJB_211340_2 22-Nov-2021 09:00 PM	01-Dec-21 02:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

ISSUED BY PRO (WATER)  
Advt. No. J.S.V. 620 (2021-22)

Sd/-  
VIJAY SAGAR  
EX. ENGINEER (M)-62



### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS&S DIVISION, KENDRAPARA

At : Ichhapur, Post : Shree Baladevjeev, Email: [eerwsskendrapara@gmail.com](mailto:eerwsskendrapara@gmail.com)

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement]  
Bid Identification No. RWS/ 57 /2021-2022  
Letter No 5821 / Dated 10.11.2021

1 The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Kendrapara on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites lump sum urgently bid in DOUBLE cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes in Kendrapara District.

2 Name of the work : Execution of 40 LPCD Retrofitting RPWS Scheme to Khamol under Derabish Block in Kendrapara District.

3 No. of Work : 01 No.

4 Value of the Work : 348.17 Lakhs

5 Concerned tender inviting authority : Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Kendrapara

6 Cost of Bid documents (Rs.) (Online) : 10000/-

7 Class of Bidder : "A" & "Special" Class

8 Period of Completion : 12 months


9 Availability of bid documents in the website in the portal : From date, 24.11.2021 at 10:00 A.M to date. 06.12.2021 till 5.30 P.M

10 Last Date & Time of seeking tender : Up to 29.11.2021 till 5.30 P.M clarification

11 Date of Opening of Bid : On date. 07.12.2021 at 11.00 A.M.

The bidders have to participate in the tender through ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be had from the website i.e <http://tendersorissa.gov.in>.  
Subsequent corrigendum / addendum if required shall only be appeared in the above website.

Sd/-  
(Er. B.K.Nayak)  
Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Kendrapara  
OIPR-25004/11/0022/2122



### जल संसाधन विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, सुवर्णरेखा नहर प्रमंडल, गांगूडीह, मुख्यालय-जमशेदपुर

mail id:- [eescdghqjsr.chandil@gmail.com](mailto:eescdghqjsr.chandil@gmail.com)

निविदा का प्रसंग :- WRD/IGC/SCD/Gangudih/F2-01/2021-22, दिनांक 22.11.2021

**ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना**

क्रमांक	सूची	विवरण
1	कार्य का नाम	ईचा बाँयी मुख्य नहर के कि०मी० 18.600 पर एक पथीय सेतु का निर्माण कार्य एवं सरायकेला वितरणी के कि०मी० 28.283, कि०मी० 29.380, कि०मी० 30.717 पर एक पथीय सेतु तथा कि०मी० 31.317 पर द्विपथीय सेतु का निर्माण कार्य।
2	प्राक्कलित राशि (रु० में)	रु० 1,05,00,000.00 (रुपये एक करोड़ पाँच लाख) मात्र।
3	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रु० में)	रु० 10,00,000 (रुपये दस हजार) मात्र।
4	अग्रघन की राशि (रु० में)	रु० 2,10,00,000 (रुपये दो लाख दस हजार) मात्र।
5	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	270 दिन (09 माह)।
6	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 01.12.2021 को 5.00 बजे अपराह्न।
7	निविदा पत्र डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 06.12.2021 को 5.00 बजे अप



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GOLD

₹47,869



RUPEE

₹74.39



OIL

\$80.70



SILVER

₹64,690

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of November 18

SENSEX: 58,465.89 ▼ 1,170.12 (-1.96%) NIFTY: 17,416.55 ▼ 348.25 (-1.96%) NIKKEI: 29,774.11 ▲ 28.24 HANG SENG: 24,951.34 ▼ 98.63 FTSE: 7,231.97 ▲ 8.40 DAX: 16,157.73 ▼ 2.24

International market data till 1900 IST

TELECOM WATCH  
SEPTEMBER TRAI DATAAdjustments post  
Covid initiatives: Jio  
user count drops 1.9 crPRANAV MUKUL  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

INDIA'S LARGEST mobile company Reliance Jio lost 1.9 crore wireless subscribers in September in an aberration caused by the service provider's Covid19 initiatives, according to data provided by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai). The data showed that the wireless telecom industry recorded a net decline in subscriber base of 2.07 crore over August across six players.

During a post-earnings presentation last month, Reliance Jio Infocomm's President Kiran Thomas had said: "During the peak of the second wave...we launched a lot of humanitarian initiatives giving voice minutes, etc to keep them (customers) on our network and keep the lifeline alive. Now two quarters later, we find that a large number of the people in the bottom of the pyramid have not been able to stay up to date with recharges. Of course, we have a policy of keeping them in our base for about 90 days. So effectively, the effect of these people stopping recharges two quarters before is now getting reflected in our subscriber count...".

Circle-wise, during

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September, Jio lost subscribers in all the regions except Bihar circle, where the net additions were marginal. Among Jio's private sector rivals, Bharti Airtel posted net additions of 2.75 lakh subscribers, and Vodafone Idea continued its trend of decreasing subscribers numbers posting a decline of 10.78 lakh users during the month. "Having said that, this has zero negative impact on all the numbers that are mentioned before, this is more of an accounting correction that we are having to do," Thomas had said. As of September 30, Reliance Jio had 42.48 crore wireless subscribers, followed by Bharti Airtel at 35.45 crore, and Vodafone Idea at 26.99 crore subscribers. In the month of August, Reliance Jio had reported net subscriber additions of 6.49 lakh, Bharti Airtel of 1.38 lakh, while Vodafone Idea had reported net decline of 8.34 lakh subscribers.

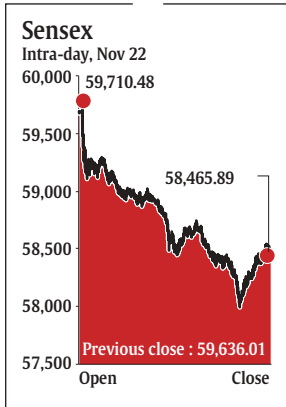
## INDEX DROPS 1.96% AMID RISING COVID CASES GLOBALLY

Sensex tanks most since April:  
Valuation, reform worries weighENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 22

DOMESTIC STOCK markets on Monday came under heavy sell-off that sent the benchmark Sensex crashing by over 1,100 points, or nearly 2 per cent – the steepest fall since April this year.

Concerns over the government taking a step back on its reform agenda on the farm laws front, decision by Reliance Industries Ltd to "re-evaluate" the Saudi Aramco deal and Paytm's relentless fall spooked market sentiment at a time when inflation and interest rate worries are taking a toll.

Moreover, a resurgence of coronavirus outbreaks in the US, Europe and some other regions also weighed on investor senti-



ment. With the sell-off intensifying in the second half of the session, the Sensex slumped by 1,170 points, or 1.96 per cent, to 58,465.89 while the Nifty50 plunged 348 points, or 1.96 per

cent, to 17,416.55. According to Deepak Jasani, head of retail research, HDFC Securities, valuations concerns resurfaced among foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) who sold stocks worth Rs 3,438 crore even as new-age IPOs, Paytm and PB Fintech, came under severe selling pressure.

Meanwhile, the rupee depreciated by 9 paise to end at 74.39 against the US dollar on Monday, as massive sell-offs in domestic equities and a strong greenback in the overseas market weighed on investor sentiments.

Domestic markets opened on a negative note despite mixed Asian market cues as China on Monday kept the one-year Loan Prime Rate (LPR) unchanged. During the afternoon session, markets further drifted lower and

traded at the day's low amid resurgence of coronavirus outbreaks in Europe and some other regions. RIL shares fell by 4.42 per cent to Rs 2,363.40 as the company decided to re-evaluate the stake sale to Aramco. Paytm slumped by another 13 per cent to close at Rs 1360.30, taking its total loss to 37 per cent from IPO price of Rs 2,150.

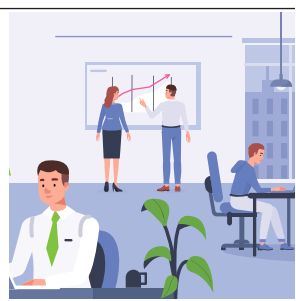
"Subdued listing and continuation of weak trading of Paytm, India's largest new generation fintech, is a big sentimental setback to the domestic market, which was thriving on the strong primary market. It will impact the inflow of money from the retail segment, which has been a key player during the year," said Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services.

'More people go to work, biz  
activity at highest since Covid'

An increase in going to the workplace led to overall business activity surging to an all-time high of 14 percentage points last week, higher than pre-Covid levels, a Nomura report said

**9.2%** gross domestic product growth estimated for FY22, but there is a downside risk of 1% due to supply-side issues

**SURVEY DETAILS:** The weekly Nomura India Business Resumption Index compares activity in a particular week with the last week prior to the announcement of



the lockdowns in March 2020

Source: Nomura/PTI

**At 114 for the seven days ended Sunday, up from 110.3 in the prior week**

**Power demand rose 0.2% over the last week, after the 5.5% rise in prior week**

BY UP TO 25%

## Airtel to hike prepaid tariffs

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

BHARTI AIRTEL on Monday announced a 20-25 per cent hike in tariffs across its prepaid plans, a move that would take its average realisation per user (ARPU) closer to the Rs 200-mark. This is the first major tariff hike across the board since December 2019.

The new rates will come into effect from November 26. In July this year, the company had effected a limited tariff hike in the corporate postpaid plans and entry-level prepaid plan.

Analysts said Vodafone Idea and Reliance Jio too may now

## STARTING NOV 26

Validity	Current	New
28 days	₹ 79	₹ 99
56 days	₹ 399	₹ 479
84 days	₹ 598	₹ 719

come out with tariff hikes.

The entry-level plan now comes for Rs 99, against Rs 79 earlier, which works out to an increase of 25.3 per cent. This comes with 28 days validity and benefits like 50 per cent more talk time worth Rs 99, 200MB data, 1p/sec voice tariff. The other categories where a hike has been announced are unlimited voice bundles and

data top-ups. Similarly, in the higher denomination plans, the earlier package of ₹149 will now be ₹179 with a validity of 28 days and benefits such as unlimited calling, 100 SMS/day, 2 GB data

Airtel said it has always maintained that the mobile average revenue per user needs to be at Rs 200 and ultimately at Rs 300 to provide a reasonable return on capital that allows for a financially healthy business model. "We also believe that this level of Arpu will enable the substantial investments required in networks and spectrum. Even more important, this will give Airtel the elbow room to roll out 5G in India," Bharti said. **FE**

PMC Bank, Unity SFB  
merger scheme: RBI  
seeks views on draftENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 22

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Monday released a draft scheme of amalgamation of fraud-hit Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank and Delhi-based Unity Small Finance Bank. Unity SFB is a joint venture between Centrum Group and BharatPe. It commenced operations as a small finance bank (SFB) with effect from November 1.

According to the draft scheme of amalgamation, following the amalgamation, depositors of PMC Bank will get their money back over a period of 3-10 years. It said the transferee bank (Unity) will first make the payment of up to Rs 5 lakh or less received from DICGC to eligible depositors.

For the remaining amount, the bank will pay up to Rs 50,000 above the payment already made at the end of two years, followed by an amount of up to Rs 1 lakh at the end of three years, Rs 3 lakh at the end of four years and Rs 5.5 lakh at the end five years. The RBI said the entire remaining amount

As per the draft,  
PMC Bank depositors  
will get their money  
back in 3-10 years

will be paid after ten years.

The draft said the takeover of assets and liabilities of PMC Bank, including deposits, by Unity, will give a greater degree of protection for the depositors. "It may be seen that Unity SFB is being set up with capital of about Rs 1,100 crore as against a regulatory requirement of Rs 200 crore for setting up of a small finance bank under the guidelines for on-tap licensing of small finance bank in private sector dated December 5, 2019, with provision for further infusion of capital at a future date after amalgamation," the RBI scheme said.

It also said the interest on any interest-bearing deposit with the transferor (PMC) bank will not accrue after March 31, 2021. The RBI said it would receive suggestions and objections on the draft till 5.00 pm, December 10, post which it will take a final call on the merger.

14 cos approach  
govt to settle  
retro tax cases:  
Revenue Secy

New Delhi: As many as 14 companies against whom retrospective tax demands were raised have approached the government to settle cases, Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj said.

The government in August enacted a law to end all retrospective taxation imposed on indirect transfer of Indian assets. The rules under the law seek to withdraw tax demands made using a 2012 retrospective legislation to tax the indirect transfer of Indian assets and also refund the amount.

Talking to PTI, Bajaj said of the 17 companies against whom demand was raised, barring 3 or 4 entities, all have given an undertaking to resolve the cases.

"All of them have approached. There were 17 cases, out of which 3/4 had no trace. We had also sent the order in email, we never got a response. The remaining 14, barring 1 odd, who still has time to file, the remaining has filed... Cairn, Earlyguard have come (for settlement)," he said. **PTI**

## BRIEFLY

## RBI on co-ops

Mumbai: The RBI cautioned against co-operative societies using 'bank' in their names as well as accepting deposits from people who are not their members.

## PNGRB chief

New Delhi: Nixing the selection of former power secretary Sanjeev Nandan Sahai, the government has sought fresh applications for the post of PNGRB Chairman. **PTI**

## PNB data

New Delhi: Responding to a report by CyberX9 on vulnerability in Punjab National Bank's (PNB) server, the bank on Monday said "we have thoroughly checked our ICT systems" and "there has been no breach of systems and pilferage of any personal data" of customers and account holders. **ENS**

## WhatsApp, EU

London: WhatsApp is adding details to its privacy policy and flagging that information for European users, after Irish regulators slapped it with a fine. **AP**

## Cryptos in Aus

Sydney: Australia's corporate watchdog said it was working with lawmakers to develop rules for digital currencies but warned many crypto assets remained unregulated for now, leaving investors in such products "on their own". **REUTERS**

Survey on domestic  
workers flagged off;  
results likely in 1 yearENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE LABOUR and Employment Ministry on Monday launched the fieldwork for the All India Survey on Domestic Workers (DWs), covering 742 districts in 37 states and Union Territories.

"This survey will cover all types of domestic services like cook, driver, housekeeping, tutor (for children), watchman, etc. This evidence-based study will help the government in policy-making for this segment of workers," Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav said at the launch of fieldwork of the survey. All these All India Surveys and the e-Shram portal will be game-changer and have set new standards in data driven policies, he said, adding rapid urbanisation due to expansion would lead to migration of workers and a rise in the number of domestic workers.

Yadav also released an instruction manual with a questionnaire for the All India Survey on Domestic Workers being conducted by the Labour Bureau, Chandigarh. As per latest data on the e-Shram portal, around 8.8 per cent of registered 8.56 crore informal sector workers fall in the DW category.

Labour Secretary Sunil Barthwal said if one has to cover 38 crore informal sector workers on the e-Shram portal, there are three to three-and-half crore domestic workers in the country. He added that DWs are the third-largest category of workers after

8.8% OF INFORMAL  
WORKERS: E-SHRAM

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agriculture and construction.

The survey will help the government understand significant issues on certain special and vulnerable segments of labour and will guide effective policymaking, a Labour Ministry statement said. The survey is aimed at estimating the number and proportion of DWs at the national and state level, percentage distribution of domestic workers for live-in/live-out, formal/informal employment, migrant/non-migrant, their wages and other socio-economic characteristics, it added.

At all-India level, a total of 12,766 first stage units (FSUs), i.e. 6,190 villages and 6,576 UFS blocks will be covered. Also, 1,50,000 households, i.e. the ultimate stage units (USU) will be covered. The result of the All-India Survey on Domestic Workers is expected within a year.

The government had earlier in September launched All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES) to gauge organised sector employment.

Powell tapped  
for second term  
as US Fed chairLael Brainard to  
be vice-chairREUTERS  
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 22

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden on Monday nominated Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell for a second four-year term, extending a tenure that began somewhat by chance, survived blistering criticism from former President Donald Trump, and now positions the ex-investment banker to continue the most consequential re-vamp of monetary policy since the 1970s. Lael Brainard, the Federal Reserve board member who was the other top candidate for the job, will be vice chair, the White House said.

Powell, 68, and Brainard, 59, will both need to be confirmed by the Senate. "... we've made remarkable progress over the last 10 months in getting Americans back to work and getting our economy moving again," Biden said.

On Wall Street, the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq hit record highs on Monday. At 01:41 am ET, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 0.55 per cent at 35,798.69 and the S&P 500 was up 0.43 per cent at 4,718.25. The 2-year US Treasury yield was up 5.1 basis



JEROME POWELL

Chair, US Federal Reserve

AP file

## POWELL: A CAREER

JEROME POWELL joined the Fed as a governor in 2012. His pre-Fed career included eight years as a partner at The Carlyle Group and no formal economics training

**Dow gives thumbs up**  
US stocks hit record highs after the news

**Key positives**  
Swift and aggressive actions at the start of the pandemic

Source: Reuters

points at 0.556 per cent, hitting its highest level since March 2020. Spot gold slipped 2 per cent to \$1,807.60 per ounce by 13:01 ET.

Goyal-Tai meet:  
Market access,  
tariffs in focus

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal with USTR Katherine Tai. Reuters

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

UNITED STATES Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai said on Monday she would prioritise the issues of market access, high tariffs and restrictive digital trade measures in her trade talks with India during a two-day visit.

Tai's visit marks the revival of the Trade Policy Forum (TPF) aimed at boosting trade and investment flows between the two

countries after a four-year gap. Tai noted that the trade relationship between India and the US was a top priority for the Biden administration and that there is a "huge potential for growth" in areas like the digital economy services, health related trade, and "even agriculture". Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said both countries had realised the necessity of diversifying critical supply chains and were set to play a leading role in developing trusted supply chains with other like-minded nations.

Why has SBI raised  
FY22 GDP outlook?ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

STATE BANK of India has projected that India's GDP would expand by 8.1 per cent in the second quarter ended September 2021. It also revised its GDP growth projection for the year at 9.3-9.6 per cent.

## What does the report say?

Stating that India's GDP would expand at 8.1 per cent in Q2 FY22 (with an upward bias), the report, released by SBI on Monday, also revised its GDP forecast for the year to 9.3-9.6 per cent from its earlier estimate of 8.5-9 per cent. The report prepared by Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group chief economic adviser, SBI, said that India's real GDP will be around Rs 2.4 lakh crore more than the real GDP of Rs 145.69 lakh crore registered in the year 2019-20.

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the year 2019-20What is the reason for  
upward revision?

According to the report, the upward revision in GDP projection for the year is on account of relatively less disruption in Q3 and pick up in economic activity which it said had reached pre-Covid level.

How does it compare to  
global growth?

As per the report, growth across several leading countries was impacted by a resurgence in Covid cases and weighed down by supply shortages and output activity.

Full report on  
www.indianexpress.com

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Online bids are invited to procure short term power during day hours from December 2021 to February 2022 on short term basis from various Generators/ State Utilities / CPPs / Distribution Licensees / SEBs/ Trading Licensees as per specification under TN-06/RUVNL/FY 2021-22. May visit website [www.msstcecommerce.com/](http://www.msstcecommerce.com/) [www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvnl](http://www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvnl) for further details.

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**SBI**  
Platform Engineering-II Department, State Bank of India, Global IT Centre, Sector-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400614

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

State Bank of India has floated an open RFP (RFP No.: SBI/GITC/Platform Engineering-II/2021/2022/808 dated: 22nd November 2021) for Supply, Installation, Configuration, Integration, Maintenance and Monitoring of Enterprise-wide Cryptographic Key Management Solution (ECKMS). For details, please see "Procurement News" at Bank's website <https://bank.sbi/>

Place: Navi Mumbai Date: 23.11.2021 Deputy General Manager (Platform Engineering-II)

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RSMML/CO/MKT/2021-22/336 **Corrigendum-1** Date-18.11.2021

In connection to RSMML's EOI no. RSMML/CO/MKT/2021-22/335 dated 02.11.2021 inviting Proposal for Long Term Supply of Chalky Limestone from RSMML's Sanu mine no. 1 & 2, Jaisalmer Mines for Captive Use," this is to inform that last date for submission of bids under EOI(s) has been extended to 09.12.2021.

Interest parties may visit our web site [www.rsmdl.com](http://www.rsmdl.com) for details and submit their proposal to the undersigned.

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PERSONAL

**I, Abtar Choudhary, S/o** Intaz Ali, R/o-50, Tawli, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh-251318, Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as MOHD. INTAZAR ALI in my 10th class Marksheet No-1592607-. The actual name of My Father is Intazar Ali.

0070762317-1

**I, AYYAVU JAYANTHI,** Spouse of No.2611936M Rank-HAV, Name DHARAMARAJ M., Resident of Bathu Basthi Village., P.O.-Garacharma, Port Blair, Pin No.-744105, have changed my name from AYYAVU JAYANTHI to A JAYANTHI vide Affidavit dated 29th July 2021 before District & Sessions Court, Andaman and Nicobar, Port Blair.

0070762337-1

**I, AMIT KUMAR S/o SH.** BISHAMBER NATH JUNEJA R/o-451, BHERA ENCLAVE, PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110087, have changed my name to AMIT KUMAR JUNEJA for all future purpose.

0040592917-10

Iazmma mohsinn w/o Naved uddin R/O H.No.86 gali no.9. Wazirabad village delhi 84. have changed my name to azma naved.

0040592917-6

**ISrishti Tyagi D/o Kapil Kumar Tyagi R/o S-184 Pandav Nagar Shakarpur Baramad Delhi** have changed my name from Baby Khushi Tyagi to Srishti Tyagi

0050187611-1

**I Shalini Bansal alias Shalini Dixit D/o Sh. Gyan Datt Dixit W/o Sh. Saurav Bansal R/o H.No.B-9, Kanchan Apartment, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031** have changed my name to Shalini Dixit Bansal for all purposes.

0040592870-7

**I Seema Sharma D/o Late Sh. Ram Nath Sharma W/o Sh. Sanjay Kumar Dixit R/o Kh.No.10/16 A Block, Gali No.14/5, Kamal Vihar, Near Chetan Bihari Mandir, Kamal Pur, Burari, Delhi-110084** have changed my name after marriage to Seema Dixit for all purposes.

0040592870-6

**I Sadhvi Karamjeet Singh D/o Rajiv Kherra R/o B-120, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076,** have changed my name to Sadhvi Kherra.

0040592917-5

**I Maithali Sharan Gupta S/o Shri Ram Nivas Gupta R/o Plot.No.-6, DGF, Kh.No.783, Mahipalpur Extn, Gali.No.6D, Left Side Block-K, Mahipalpur, Wouth West, New Delhi-110037,** have changed my name to Maithali Sharan Gupta for all future purposes.

0040592886-1

**I Lakshmi Kaur W/O Wazir Singh R/O, E-541, DDA Colony Khayala Delhi-110018** have changed my name to Laxmi.

0040592908-8

**I Deepak S/O Pooran Singh R/O Rzf-134A Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041** have changed my name to Deepak Singh vide affidavit dated 20-11-2021 at Delhi.

0050187608-1

**I Amit S/O, Vijay Gupta R/o Surajpur, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 201306** have changed my name to Amit Gupta for all purposes.

0040592850-1

**I Alka D/o Late Sh. Jagdish Chander Khatter W/o Sh. Sanjay Narula R/o WZ-2135, Upper Ground Floor, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034** have changed my name after marriage to Seema Narula for all purposes.

0040592870-5

**I Alankrita D/O, Kuldeep Thanoch R/O B 20, Parijat Apartment, West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034** have changed my name to Alankrita Thanoch for all purposes

0040592852-1

**I, Sukala Devi W/o. No. 13729592K. EXHAV/H/NB, SUB,Karam Chand, R/O RZ-B-59/2,Vijay Enclave,Dabri, Delhi-45** have changed my name to Shukla Devi.

0040592908-2

**I, Rajwant Kaur Ahuja alias Rajwant Kaur D/o Sh. Balbir Singh Ahuja W/o Sh. Gurpreet Singh R/o House No.143, Jheel Kuranja, Krishna Nagar H.O., East Delhi, Delhi-110051** have changed my name to Rajwant Kaur for all purposes.

0040592870-8

**It is for general information that** I, Sat Narain Gupta, S/o Late. Johri Mal Gupta, residing at D-266, IInd Floor, Anand-Vihar, Delhi-110092, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Sat Narayan Gupta in my DL. No.0720040240077, Satya Narayan in my Passport.No.K-2322709 and in my wife Passport.No.K-2322708.The actual-name of mine is Sat Narain Gupta, which May Be amended Accordingly.

0040592892-10

**I, Sunil Kumar S/o-Sh.Paras Nath Tiwari R/o-290 Dakshinpur Extension, Block.No.14, Dr.Amb edkar Nagar, New Delhi-110062,** have changed my name to Sunil Kumar Tiwari for all, future purpose.

0040592892-1

**I, Shashi Bala Sabharwal W/o Kapil Sabharwal R/o-BC-56, West Shalimar Delhi-110088,** changed my name to Shashi Bala Sabharwal.

0040592896-5

**I, Kuldeep Kumar S/o-Sh. Rajaram R/o-H.No.1405, Maruti Vihar, Chakkarpur, Gurugram-122002,** have changed my name to Kuldeep Kumar Tyagi for all, future purpose.

0040592892-2

**I, Pitamber S/O Jogeshwar Prasad R/O A-5 Sanwal Nagar, Kasurba Nagar, Delhi-110049** have changed my name to Pitamber Gounliyal.

0040592548-5

**It is for general information that** I, Javed Anwer, S/o-Abdul Sattar, Residing at C-85 Gali.No.13, Majupur, Delhi-110053, declare that name of mine and my minor son Areeb Anwer (12Years) name has been wrongly-written as Javed Anwar and Areeb Anwar in my minor son Passport No. K0116012. The actual-name of mine and my minor son are Javed Anwar and My minor son are Javed Anwer and Areeb Anwer respectively which may be amended accordingly.

0040592892-9

**I, Preeti Tanwar D/o Ashok Tanwar R/o B-1/34 Sector-11, Rohini Delhi-110085** have changed my name to Aastha Tanwar.

0040592896-3

**I, OMVEER VERMA, S/o** Makhan Lal, R/O k16/-1B gali.no.-14, gangotri-vihar west-ghonda delhi-110053, Have change my name, from omveer singh to omveer verma, for all, future purposes.

0040592892-8

**I, Mahendre Pal Bhalia S/O** Uttam Chand R/O E-125A, Nanhey Park, D.K.Mohan Garden, West Delhi-110059, Have Changed my Name to Mahinder Pal.

0040592896-10

**I, Kapil Shabarwal S/o Subhash Chand Sabharwal R/o-BC-56, West Shalimar Delhi-110088** changed my name to Kapil Sabharwal.

0040592896-4

**I, Kailash Chand Sharma S/o Sh. Mohan Lal Sharma R/o-J-79 Bandar-wali khui, Ramesh-Nagar Delhi-110015,** have Changed my name to kailash & Bhardwaj (as my surname)

0040592869-1

**I, J.C-595360F, Nb /Sub. Muzamil Ahmad Khan, R/O- Kawari (Laderwan), Tehsil/District- Kupwara-193224.** In my service record the name and (D o B) of my son and (D o B) of my daughter has been wrongly mentioned as son Maneeb Ahmad Khan (D o B-13-09-2007) instead of Muneeb Ahmad Khan (D o B- 07-02-2011) and daughter namely Mehak Muzamil (D o B -16-05-2010) instead of 15-05-2013. It needs corrections. Objections be filed to 15 JAKLI within seven days.

0020429881-1

**I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Ram Singh R/o-274 Top-Floor Ambika Vihar Paschim Vihar N.Delhi-110087,** changed my name to Gurpreet Singh Sidhu.

0040592896-2

**I, Deepak S/o-Prahalad Narayan Koli R/o F-344, gali no-85, Mahavir enclave part-3 Delhi-110059,** have changed my name from Deepak Koli to Deepak.

0040592896-9

**I, Gauri Devi, W/o- Govind Ji Prasad, R/o- Govind Ji Prasad, Vill- Bhagirthapur, Laxmipur, Post-Birsair, P.S.-sakri, Distt-Madhubani, Bihar-847234,** have changed my name to Jayanti Devi, for all purposes.

0040592896-8

**I, Dhandwant Kaur W/o Gurcharan Singh R/o H.No-829 G.T.Road, Shaheed-Nagar Chheharta, Distt-Amritsar Punjab-143105,** have changed my name to Dhanwant Kaur

0040592854-2

**I, Deepak Sharma S/O Om Prakash Sharma R/O E- 96, Kailash-Vihar, Sultan puri, New-Delhi-110086,** inform that Deepak and Deepak Sharma one and same person.

0040592892-7

**I, Blant Kaur, w/o Dalip Singh, Add-A-404, Pankha-Road, Jy.Colony, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059,** Changed my name to Beant Kaur.

0040592917-1

**I, Bal Krishan Handa S/o Shadi Lal Handa R/o B-8/143, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085,** changed my name to Bal Krishan Handa.

0040592896-7

**I, BUSHRA NAZ D/O LAEEQUE AHMED, R/o O-66, NAFEEES-ROAD, BATLA HOUSE, JAMIA-NAGAR, OKHLA, DELHI-110025,** have changed my name to BUSHRA NAAZ.

0040592892-6

**I, Amit Kumar S/o Ram Avtar Tayal R/o-A-30, Antriksh Apartment Sector-14, Rohini Extension Delhi-110085,** have changed my name to Amit Kumar Tayal.

0040592896-1

**I, Ali Shabbaz, S/o Ali muddin Address-Vpo Sudaka Distt Mewat Haryana-1221070,** changed my name to Shabbaz Ali.

0040592917-2

**I, Aakash S/o Ashok Kumar Jha R/o-207 Gali.no.6/4 B-block, Mukundpur Part-1, Samaipur Delhi-110042,** have changed my name to Aakash Kumar Jha.

0040592896-6

**I, Vajeer Singh S/O Sunder Singh R/O, 214, G/F, Chand Nagar Tilak Nagar Delhi-110018** have changed my name to Vazir Singh.

0040592908-7

**I, Rajeev Ray, S/o Ram Udagar Pal, R/O-B18/17, Rahul Garden, Loni Dehat, Ghaziabad, have** changed my name to Rajeev Rai Permanently.

0070762340-1

**I, Rajdeep Kaur, S/o Rajinder Singh, R/o Umar (329), Kurukshetra, Haryana-136128,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Deep Kaur.

0070762316-1

**I, Tranum Jehan, W/o Israr Khan, R/o D-60, Nehru Garden, Khora Colony, Khora, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201309,** have changed my name to Mustarajha.

0070762324-1

**I, Til Ram S/O Late SH. Prem Ram R/o B-70/S-2, 2nd-Floor, Ramprastha-Colony, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011,** permanent resident of Village-Jaisar, P.O.Gagrigole, Pin-263641, Distt. Bageshwar Uttarakhand have changed my name to Tarun Salil Sarvemil Jaishar alias T. Salil Sarvemil Jaishar.

0040592922-2

**I, Sundeep Jain, S/o Sumati Kumar Sethia, R/o F-10/176, Third Floor, Vishakha Enclave, Uttari Pitam Pura, Pitampura, Delhi-110034,** have changed my name to Sundeep Sethia.

0070762344-1

**I, hitherto known as Bijay Sarkar alias Amia Sarkar alias Amiya Sarkar alias Vijay alias Vijay Sarkar alias Vijay Kumar S/o Late Shri Harendra Nath Sarkar, Permanent R/o Purothan Station, P.S. Islampur, Distt. Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal, Presently Residing at: F-223, P-Block, Rajdhani Park, Nangloi, Nilothi, West Delhi, Delhi-110041,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as BIJAY SARKAR.

0040592870-9

**I, Sonal Tiwari legally spouse of Mr. Anil Tewari Presently R/o B3, Type-V, Tower-16, GPRA-Complex, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023,** have changed my name, from Sonal Tiwari to Sonal Tewari. Vide-affidavit dated-22-11-2021.

0040592922-5

**I, Sombir singh kadian s/o Dharamvir singh r/o vpo-pana, Dabaldhan kirman Terh-Beri Jubailar Haryana. Have** changed my name Sombir singh.

0040592917-11

**I, Sneh Lata w/o Dharamvir Saroha R/o 301, sector-13, sonipat, have** changed my name to Sneh Lata Saroha, for all purposes.

004059292908-4

**I, Shifa Grover W/O-Abhishek Grover, R/O-Flat.No.2 Tower.No-4, CHD, Avenue-17, Sohna Road, Near-CD International School, Sector-71, Gurgaon, Haryana-122101,** Have Changed My Name To Shifa Malhotra Grover For All, Future Purposes.

0040592892-3

**I, Saurabh, S/o Prahlad Singh, R/o 67A, Gali No-3, Jai Bharat Enclave, Near Shyam Park Metro Station, Sahiabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201005,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Saurabh Singh.

0070762320-1

**I, Sarth Jain S/o Sh. Vítul Jain R/o N-29, Green Park Extension, Delhi –110016** have changed the name of my minor daughter Amayra Jain aged 03 years and 02 month to Aahanaa Jain for all future purposes.

0040592883-1

**I, Santra Devi, W/o Mahabir Prasad, R/O Cheeta Dungra (37), Rewari, Haryana-123102,** have changed my name to Laxmi Devi.

0070762331-1

**I, SHIVANGI MALLIK, D/o SUBRATA MALLIK, R/O 1898 A, Gali No-18, Govind Puri Extension, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019,** have changed my name to SHIVANGI NAG after marriage.

0070762311-1

**I, SHELLY GOEL, W/O SUSHIL KUMAR, ADD-V/1 & V/1-A, GAJJU KATRA SHAHDARA DELHI-110032,** changed my name to SHAILY AGGARWAL, permanently.

0040592917-4

**I, S. K. Jain, S/o Jashkaran Sethia, R/O F-10/176, Near Income Tax Colony, Pitam Pura, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi-110034,** have changed my name to Sumati Kumar Sethia.

0070762347-1

**I, RAVINDER KUMAR JAIN S/O RAJESHWAR JAIN ADDRESS-64, Sarojini Park, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110031,** Changed my name to RAVINDER JAIN.

0040592917-8

**I, Promila W/O Late shri. Ashwani Kumar R/O, Plot.No PVT-4, KH. No-142/90, Extended Lal Dora Village Kanjhawala Delhi-110081,** have changed my name to Pramila, for all, future purpose.

0040592908-6

**I, Om Parkash Gulati S/o Gopi Chand R/O NU-101C, Pitampura, Delhi-110034** have changed my name to Om Prakash Gulati.

0040592922-3

**I, Niketa, W/o Jitender Gupta, R/o House No- 1872, Near pir baba mazar sector-2, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana-121004,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Niketa Gupta.

0070762314-1

**I, Nidhi Mathur Nirwan, W/o Kameshwar Singh Nirwan, R/o H.No.-1742, Romano Mahagan Moderne, Sector-78, Noida-Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nidhi Singh Nirwan.

0070762319-1

**I, NAND KISHOR SHARMA W/O DAYA KRISHAN, R/O-F-54 TYPE-3, ROAD.No-2 ANDREWSGANJ SOUTH/DELHI, DELHI110049, UP,** changed my name to NAND KISHORE.

0040592908-5

**I, Alka W/o Upendra Rathore Add. K-1/23, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi 110059,** changed my name to Alka Rathore.

0040592917-9

**I, Neelam Dhyan, W/o-Manoj Kumar, R/o B-336-A, Lalpat Nagar, Sahiabad, Ghaziabad, UP-201005,** have changed my name, From Neelam to Neelam Dhyan for all future purposes.

0040592908-10

**I, Navya daughter of Mr. Anil Tewari Presently R/o B3, Type-V, Tower-16, GPRA Complex, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023,** have changed my name, from Navya to Navya Tewari. Vide-affidavit dated-22-11-2021.

0040592922-7

**I, Shikha Bansal W/o-Manoj Singhal, R/O-H.No.1842, Janta Flats, GTB Enclave, Nand Nagri, North East Delhi, Delhi-110093,** have changed my name to Shikha Singhal, after marriage for all, future purpose.

0040592892-4

**I, Mohd Mirshad S/o Mohd Nausher Awan Ansari R/O RZ-742, Gali No 21, Tughlakabad Extn., New Delhi-110019,** declare that my name of mine has been wrongly written as Mohd Mishad in his school records. But the Correct Name is Mohd Mirshad.

40592865-1

**I, Maya Devi, W/o Rajesh Mittal, R/O A 1/204, Tower-1, Purvanchal Silver City-2, Greater Noida U.P., have** changed my name to Meeta Mittal for all future purposes.

0070762342-1

**I, Mansi, W/o Amit Kumar Aggarwal, R/O 3580, Jain Mohalla, Dharampura, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-31,** have changed my name to Mansi Aggarwal for all future purposes.

0040592908-9

**I, Manpreet Kour, W/O Taranjeet Singh, R/o WZ-50/3, Sant Garh, Street No.5, GF, New Delhi-18,** have changed my name to Manpreet Kaur for all purposes.

0070762350-1

**I, MARY KURUVILLA CHACKO D/O. CHACKO KURUVILLA ESTAPPN, H.NO.164, FIRST/FLOOR, BLOCK-WZ SHADI-KHAMPUUR, PATEL-NAGAR CENTRAL, DELHI-110008,** changed my name to MARY CHACKO, for all, future purposes.

0040592917-3

**I, Lovely, D/o Ashok Kumar, R/o Mahendra Enclave, Shastri Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201002,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Garima Chaudhary.

0070762315-1

**I, Harjinder Singh S/o Pratap Singh R/O A-84, Tagore Garden Extn., New Delhi-110027** have changed my name to Harjindra Singh.

0040592922-1

**I, Harish, S/o Om Parkash residing, H.No.471, Ward No.17, Dharampura, Near Roop Garden, Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar, have** changed my name to Harish Kumar, for all purposes.

0040592908-3

**I, Hans Raj Sharma S/o Late Sh. Amar Singh R/o WZ-203, A/1, Gali.No.3, Ram Chowk, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, New Delhi, have** changed my name from Hans Raj to Hans Raj Sharma for all future purpose.

0040592917-7

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**I, Devendra Chaudhary, S/o Late. Heera Lal Chaudhary, R/O C-145, Street No. 9, West Vinod Nagar, Delhi-92,** have changed my name to Devendra Lal Chaudhary.

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**I, Bhrijnagati Choudhary No.1082267F, DFR R/O H/no.D-97, Amar Colony, Nangloi, Delhi-41,** have change my minor Son's name Raj Kumar to Raj Kumar Choudhary.

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**I, Ayush Tiwari s/o Mr. Anil Tewari Presently R/o B3, Type-V, Tower-16, GPRA Complex, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023,** have changed my name, from Ayush Tiwari to Ayush Tewari. Vide-affidavit dated-22-11-2021.

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LOST & FOUND

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**I, Lakshmi Mittal W/o R.K Mittal R/O B-308, Narwana Apartment, Plot No. 89, I/P Extension, Delhi-110092.** Have Lost Share Certificate in the name of Sh. Bharat Bhushan Garg S/o Basant Lal (Share Certificate. No.22611 Dated 03-11-1985) Finder-Contact-9818356705.

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## Spinners put hosts Sri Lanka in command against West Indies

**Colombo:** Sri Lanka spinners Ramesh Mendis and Praveen Jayawickrama shared five wickets to leave West Indies struggling on 113-6 in reply to the home team's first-innings 386 on the second day of the first Test on Monday. Off-spinner Mendis removed Kraigg Brathwaite (41), Shai Hope (10) and Roston Chase (2) to finish the day with figures of 3-23. Jayawickrama picked up 2-25 while fellow spinner Lasith Embuldeniya claimed the other wicket to fall. Kyle Mayers was 22 not out at stumps, batting with Jason Holder (1). Earlier, West Indies did well to take the last seven Sri Lanka wickets for 119 runs after the hosts had laid a solid foundation for a good score when they resumed on 267 for three. Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne, who reached his 13th Test hundred on Sunday, was stumped by Joshua Da Silva off spinner Chase for 147. He hit 15 fours in his 300-ball innings. Dhananjaya de Silva also made 61 before hitting his wicket. Chase took 5-83, his fourth



Spinner Praveen Jayawickrama . Reuters

Test five-wicket haul, while left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican claimed 3-87. **BRIEF SCORES:** Sri Lanka 386 (Karunaratne 147, Dhananjaya de Silva 61; Chase 5/83, Warrican 3/87) vs West Indies 113/6 (Brathwaite 41; Ramesh Mendis 3/23) **AP**

## Shoaib Akhtar to undergo knee replacement surgery soon

**Lahore:** One of cricket's all-time fastest bowlers, Shoaib Akhtar has revealed that his "running days are over" as the former Pakistan speed merchant is going for knee replacement surgery. The enigmatic Akhtar's mercurial career was often dogged by injuries. Two years ago, Akhtar underwent a knee reconstruction surgery in Melbourne. Akhtar posted the update on his Twitter handle alongside a picture of himself following what looked like a session of physical activity. "My running days are over as am leaving for total knee replacement in Australia Melbourne very soon," Akhtar tweeted. Akhtar, who is considered the world's fastest bowler of all time and nicknamed the 'Rawalpindi Express', retired from all forms of cricket in 2011. **PTI**

## Pakistan complete T20I series sweep against Bangladesh

**Dhaka:** Pakistan completed a clean sweep over Bangladesh in their Twenty20 series, winning the third and final game by five wickets after a thrilling last over on Monday. Bangladesh totalled a mediocre 124-7 but a slow approach meant Pakistan needed eight runs off the final six balls. Captain Mahmudullah came on to bowl his only over of the day and dismissed Sarfaraz Ahmed and Haider Ali off consecutive deliveries before Iftikhar Ahmed smashed a huge six off the fourth ball, denying him a hat-trick. With two runs needed off two balls, Iftikhar went for glory but ended up being caught. **BRIEF SCORES:** Bangladesh 124/7 in 20 overs (Mohammad Naim 47) lost to Pakistan 127/5 in 20 overs (Haider Ali 45; Mahmudullah 3/10) by five wickets. **AP**

## Southgate signs new contract with England through 2024

**London:** England coach Gareth Southgate has signed a new contract through to the end of 2024, the Football Association said Monday. "It remains an incredible privilege to lead this team," said Southgate, who's one of England's most successful coaches after the World Cup semifinals in 2018 and the European Championship final this year. The deal keeps Southgate in charge for two more major tournaments - next year's World Cup in Qatar and Euro 2024 in Germany. Southgate took the England job on a permanent basis in November 2016, leading one of the country's most talented squads for several years. "We have a great opportunity in front of us," Southgate said, "and I know they and the fans are all excited about what this squad could achieve in the future." **AP**

## Austria's lockdown affects return of Davis Cup Finals

**Turin:** No Davis Cup tennis fans will be allowed in Innsbruck as Austria goes back into lockdown. Capacity will be at 60% in Turin, where Italian children will be occupying vast portions of the stands amid slow ticket sales. Attendance in Madrid will be at a maximum of 75%. After the debut of the 18-team event was held entirely in Madrid over seven days in 2019, the main criticisms from players was on late-night matches in empty arenas and not enough rest between matches. So organizers spread this year's tournament, starting Thursday, over three different cities and 11 days. But coronavirus cases complicates matters. "Davis Cup was a competition where we could play in front of incredible crowds," French doubles specialist Pierre-Hughes Herbert lamented. **AP**

# MU hope for mid-week calm

After chaos of the managerial change, all hopes on Michael Carrick to steer the ship

ENS / AP  
NOVEMBER 22

AFTER the weekend chaos, Manchester United will be hoping for some mid-week calm. And who better to steer them towards that than Michael Carrick.

As a player, Carrick was severely underrated. He controlled Manchester United's midfield with his calmness, quiet authority, and on-field vision. On Tuesday, the player-turned-coach will have to dig deep into all those attributes after he was thrust into one of the world's biggest coaching jobs pretty much out of nowhere.

Carrick, who only started his coaching career in 2018 and has never held a senior position, was named as United's caretaker manager after the club's board decided to part ways with Ole Gunnar Solskjaer on Sunday. And he will begin his stint as the interim manager with a crucial match away to Villarreal on Tuesday, with both the teams looking to seal qualification to the knockout stage.

## Tricky tie

The collective morale at United seems to have plummeted to newer depths following a 4-1 defeat at Watford in the Premier League on Saturday. It was the latest in a string of dreadful results, including defeats to Liverpool and Manchester City, which eventually cost Solskjaer his job. Captain Harry Maguire said how emotional the past couple of days have been for the team and added that the players share responsibility for the poor performances. But Carrick, Maguire and the rest of the players will have little time to dwell on the events that transpired over the weekend. In Villarreal, they face a tricky opponent on Tuesday.

The Spanish team has been enduring a challenging phase as well, with pressure mounting on manager Unai Emery. Under him, Villarreal slipped to a seventh draw in 13 league matches on Saturday, after conceding late against Celta Vigo in a 1-1 draw. It has left them 12th on the table, and the fans are fast losing patience. For Villarreal, the other big headache will be the long list of walking wounded. On Tuesday, they will be without Gerard Moreno while other players are listed as doubtful because of injuries, including Arnaut Danjuma and Jeremy Pino. A win would guarantee progression for United, while a draw would also be enough if the match between Atalanta and Young Boys also ends in a draw. However, the Italian side will go into that match having an upper hand. They are on a six-match unbeaten run in Serie A, including a 5-2 win over Spezia on Saturday. The high-scoring Atalanta is on an upswing ahead of its match at Young Boys, which is in last place on three points.



Ole Gunnar Solskjaer (C) and van de Beek (R), after Watford-Man Utd game. Reuters

## PLAYING TONIGHT

At 11.30  
Dynamo Kyiv vs Byern Munich  
Villarreal vs Manchester Utd  
At 1.30 a.m (Wednesday)  
Barcelona vs Benfica  
Young Boys vs Atalanta  
Chelsea vs Juventus  
*Live on Sony Network*

## Xavi boost for Barca

In the other big match of the night, Barcelona will take on Benfica in another decisive match. The Catalans began their life under Xavi with a much-needed win in the Spanish league, beating Espanyol in the derby on Saturday. The result ended their four-game winless streak in the league.

Barcelona is two points ahead of third-place Benfica with two games left. But Tuesday's tie can be a potential banana skin for Xavi, who will be managing Barca only for the second time.

Although it is early in Xavi's tenure, Barca impressed in the game for their first victory in five league games in front of around 75,000 fans at Camp Nou -- a positive sign for the club following dwindling attendance figures amid their slump earlier in the campaign. Xavi's next challenge will be on Tuesday against Benfica in what will be a revenge game for the team after they lost 3-0 in Lisbon. A win will ensure passage into the Round of 16 with a game left. The Catalan

club started its Champions League campaign with consecutive 3-0 losses to Bayern Munich and Benfica, but a win against the Portuguese side will allow it to clinch a spot in the knockout stage and avoid getting eliminated in the group stage for the first time in nearly two decades. But if the match against Espanyol was anything to go by, Barcelona supporters have reasons to be hopeful.

## Covid outbreak at Bayern

Bayern Munich is already through to the next round with a perfect four wins from four games. So coach Julian Nagelsmann may opt to give some key players rest at Dynamo Kyiv on Tuesday for their penultimate game in Group E. Kyiv, the bottom of the group with one point, needs a win and favor from Benfica against Barcelona to stay in contention. Bayern's buildup has been overshadowed by the coronavirus with five reportedly unvaccinated players - Joshua Kimmich, Serge Gnabry, Jamal Musiala, Eric-Maxim Choupo-Moting and Michael Cuisance - all in quarantine a with Niklas Sole and Josip Stanisic in isolation.

## Chelsea need a point vs Juve

For high-flying Chelsea, who are on top in the Premier League, a point at home to an already-qualified Juventus will be enough to advance into the Round of 16 with a game to spare. A draw would also suit Juve because that would clinch the top spot. Jorginho should be fit for Chelsea after coming off with a cramp in the 3-0 win over Leicester on Saturday that kept the team in first place in the Premier League, while Romelu Lukaku and Timo Werner could return after injury.

# IOC has entered dangerous waters in Peng matter: Amnesty

REUTERS  
LONDON, NOVEMBER 22

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) has entered dangerous waters by taking part in a call with Peng Shuai that was meant to provide assurances over the Chinese player's safety, human rights group Amnesty International said on Monday.

Peng, a former doubles world number one, had a video call on Sunday with IOC president Thomas Bach and told him she was safe and well after Western governments and the global tennis community expressed mounting concern for her wellbeing.

The 35-year-old had not been seen for nearly three weeks since alleging on social media that former Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli had sexually assaulted her.

Neither Zhang nor the Chinese government have commented on Peng's allegations. The Chinese Foreign Ministry did not immediately respond to an email request on Monday for comment on the Amnesty statement.



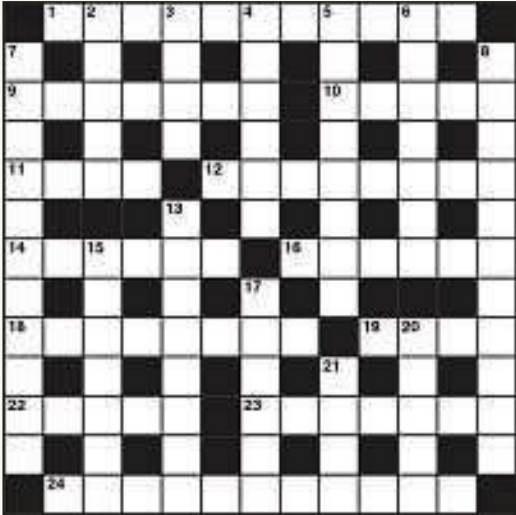
Peng Shuai had alleged sexual assault against a former Chinese Vice Premier Reuters

"The IOC is entering dangerous waters. They should be extremely careful not to participate in any whitewash of possible human rights violations," said Amnesty's China researcher Alkan Akad. "In the past we have seen various similar cases where people had no option but to say what they had been told to," he said.

Akad said the video call was barely convincing and did little to alleviate fears over the player's wellbeing, echoing the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) earlier on Monday.

"The Chinese government has a track record, especially the state run media outlets of fabricating statements or making people give forced and sometimes televised testimonies shortly after people go missing," said Akad. Akad called on the Chinese government to investigate allegations of sexual abuse and ensure that the survivors have a platform to express themselves freely, and without any adverse consequences.

## CROSSWORD 4593



### ACROSS

- Carmen's song about US politician (11)
- They're not suited for their leisure activities (7)
- Put your towel if not your shirt on it (5)
- Have a rewarding job (4)
- Drawn out in the wrong order - that's awkward (8)
- Run lightly on to the scene and stumble (4,2)
- Humble churchman takes me in (6)
- Uniformed footmen (8)
- Hands back in exchange (4)
- Tree entitled to respect (5)
- Exit to the open air? (7)
- It could lead to her downfall - she's only young (4,2,1,4)

### DOWN

- A tall one may be difficult to carry out (5)
- Sudden squall of wind wrecks tugs (4)
- Adjustment in ages for review (6)
- Vessel that crosses the bar? (8)
- A measure of space and time (7)
- An amusing host? (11)
- The role of conductor? (7,4)
- In racing he follows the winner (6-2)
- He has no faith in new field distribution (7)
- Make a long-distance call to withdraw from a bargain (3,3)
- He wants a hand (5)
- Game unsuitable for women (4)

**Solutions Crossword 4592:** Across: 1 Roller, 4 Asparate, 9 Incite, 10 Crackpot, 12 Drug, 13 Grain, 14 Scum, 17 One jump ahead, 20 Silent comedy, 23 Omit, 24 Rolls, 25 Disc, 28 Talk down, 29 Hymnal, 30 Deserted, 31 Hebrew. Down: 1 Raindrop, 2 Lectures, 3 Eats, 5 Straight talk, 6 Inch, 7 Aspect, 8 Entomb, 11 Prophet of woe, 15 Tunis, 16 Baton, 18 Beginner, 19 Lynch law, 21 Routed, 22 Wilds, 26 Oder, 27 Pyre.

## 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 clue.  
Don't throw a stone into a \_\_ from which you have \_\_. - Yiddish proverb (4,\_,5)

VILER



EEPTDU



AEOLN



EELYKW



SOLUTION: VILER: LIVER, ALONE/ANOLE, DEPUITE, WEEKLY  
Answer: Don't throw a stone into a well from which you have drunk. - Yiddish proverb

## OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



## CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



## SUDOKU 4663

**Difficulty Level 5s**  
**Instructions**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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



## SOLUTION SUDOKU 4662



## DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It is pleasant to find not one, not two but three planets, totally and beneficially aligned with your sign. My prognostication for personal affairs can therefore only be good. But to help yourself, may I urge you to sail through life with a smile!

### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The continuing relationship between Venus, planet of love, and Jupiter, ruler of expansion, should lift your morale and expand your romantic horizons. Please remember that you may feel as sentimental about places as about people, and a nostalgic journey could be just the thing to restore your morale.

### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You are in an extremely strong position to air your grievances, as long as you are diplomatic. What's more, you can also do something about them. Other people may object but, if they're honest with themselves, they'll realise the truth about the situation. And not before time, you might think.

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

This is hardly a convenient time in many respects, but then you're used to juggling different arrangements and contradictory pressures. The trouble is that you could run up large bills without noticing. So, keep an eye on potential social costs.

### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You may keep your attention on long-term ambitions, but vary your strategy. Perhaps you can forget about making the grade for a while and concentrate on offering other people a helping hand. Your future is assured, but theirs is not. Realise that, while partners' difficulties may seem small to you, to them they will soon seem insuperable.

### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Extroverted, outgoing influences combine in equal measure with introverted, inward-looking ones. Perhaps this means that you'll take control in secret. It could also mean that this is an ideal day for spiritual reflection, or just for spending time by yourself.

### LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Your social stars are supreme, encompassing the entire range of human contacts under their beneficial glow, from casual meetings with strangers to passionate encounters of the most intimate kind. Why not let your barriers down and enjoy yourself?

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Make an early start and set your sights high, as high, in fact, as you possibly can. If professional schemes are afoot, today's prospects are as near perfect as you can expect this week. It's important to cultivate friendly relationships, even with rivals.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

You should be able to move one step closer to your aims at home, which means that you should now level with loved ones and explain your intentions. Rather than try and fill in all the facts, give people a general picture, and let them share your vision of a better future.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You should find it much easier to improve any ties which have held you back at work. You could also find that there are just not enough hours in the day. Over-commit yourself if necessary: take on more than you can cope with now and you'll learn a million vital lessons for the future.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You will need all the charm you can muster if you are to save yourself from a financial hole, or maximise the impact of a brilliant bargain. I don't need to remind you that it's appearances that count when you're deciding between different people, and when they're judging you.

### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Bearing in mind that the truth is relative, and means different things to different people, you must decide how much of what you know to give away. I suspect that there is little harm in dispensing the facts, but I should imagine you'll be far more cagey with your feelings.



# ‘During Shastri’s tenure, there was no agenda, decisions were made thinking about team’

India’s successful run under coach Ravi Shastri and captain Virat Kohli, especially in Test matches, wouldn’t have been possible without Bharat Arun, who made the Indian bowling something to be feared and envied. **Sriram Veera** talks to the former India bowling coach, who looks back fondly at his tenure.

**What was the message you got when you re-joined the team in 2017?**

I remember when I came on board in 2017, Virat Kohli and Ravi Shastri said we need to create a Test force. To do so, what do we have to do? Take 20 wickets, play five bowlers in any conditions. I had already observed the bowlers in my first short stint in 2014, and knew what was needed. We lacked the consistency required at that level to become a Test force all over the world. Kohli and Shastri were clear that rather than the extra batsman, we shall go with the extra bowler. I remember Kohli saying, “let us, the batsmen, take the load a bit. We are all good, surely the six of us are enough to do the job and we can unleash the bowlers”.

**What was your coaching and bowling philosophy?**

My main aim was to get the bowlers out of their comfort zone and try out stuff. It was about empowerment. Every bowler needs to be aware about what he is doing. It’s not about reinventing the game or talking too much technique, it’s in the background. You build a rapport, mutual trust, you playfully challenge them or be strict at times. Ultimately, it’s about ‘I am your big brother, I will support you and be with you all the time, but I will challenge you. I might irritate you but it’s for your own good.’

Let’s move on to the larger strategies your team employed. Like that middle-stump, occasionally even middle-and-leg in Australia.

Ravi Shastri’s idea. For the likes of Steve Smith and Marnus Labuchagne’s ability to score on the off-side. I remember Shastri said, “Let’s take the off-side out of the equation!”. The captain had to buy into that plan first. Kohli heard us out patiently, thought about it and was hooked. Once he did that, the bowlers also did as it actually suited most of our bowlers.

You weren’t just a bowling coach, but along with Shastri, you played a larger role. Let’s talk about the post-36 all out in Adelaide.

It was easy to help Shastri. We have had a relationship for years and we shared the same committed dedication. I would be his sounding board, he would be mine. He knew the importance of temperament and attitude. I remember he said after that Adelaide loss: “What now? Are we going to shy away and fold? The Australians would expect us to be gone, expect us to crumble and surrender. Let’s wear this 36 all out as a badge and go out there. This is an opportunity to come back from the dead.” Just not Shastri or me, but I would say the entire support staff was instrumental in lifting the morale of the team. To make them think they can come back. Because in our minds, it was simple: we aren’t such a bad team to be getting out for 36. We didn’t panic immediately. I remember playing dumb charades and stuff like that. No harsh words from anyone. As Shastri would say often, “it’s not what you accomplish but it’s what you overcome”.

**Like the Australian tour’s line of attack, what other action plans give you satisfaction as a bowling coach?**

Even on the previous tour of Australia where we won, we bowled a lot fuller than what Australians did to us. There was some help from the wicket and our bowlers are good at moving the ball. To do it, we had to get it fuller. Even on the recent tour of England, our bowlers moved the ball at Lord’s, and at Leeds when even the English bowlers didn’t get much movement, our bowlers did. It’s about empowerment and bowlers by now understood what was needed. In South Africa, during the Johannesburg Test, the lengths of the



Former Indian coach Ravi Shastri along with bowling coach Bharat Arun.

BCCI

## HOW SHAMI AND ASHWIN GOT OVER THEIR DISILLUSIONMENT

**‘ANGER IS THE BEST THING THAT HAPPENED TO SHAMI’**

SHAMI WAS totally disillusioned. He was on the verge of giving up the game. When Ravi and I sat down with him, he said he was “extremely angry with life” and “I want to give it up”. We said, “It’s good that you are angry. Anger is the best thing that has happened to you.” He looked at us quizzically. We told him, “You are a fast bowler; anger isn’t bad! Let’s get the bitterness out of it. Life has turned you into a very angry man, but what are you going to do now? You can quit, that’s your choice but you can also tell yourself that I am angry, how do I channelise it?” We told him, “Focus on your body, fitness. Go for one month to NCA (National Cricket Academy) and beat your body into shape. Take out the anger there.” He went and worked like a manic bull. I hear, and I remember him telling me, “I have gained strength, I can take on the world!”.

**“ASHWIN’S INJURY WAS A BLESSING IN DISGUISE”**

IN 2018, near the end and after that tour of England, Ashwin was quite disillusioned. His body, fitness prevented him from achieving what he could. Remember, he had started beautifully in the first Test at Birmingham. Then his body came in the way. I could understand his frustration. The injuries that didn’t help him finish his action. Maybe, what happened to him then was a blessing in disguise as right now he has taken care of his diet, his exercise regimen and is the fittest he has ever been. The knowledge and experience that he has acquired is all kicking in beautifully. Not a surprise then that he has forced his way back into white-ball cricket also. I would go as far as saying you would see the best period of Ashwin in the future. Everything is syncing really nicely.

two teams were different. Because of movement on offer, South Africans bowled a tad shorter. But we still went further up and it was rewarded.

**You watched the Shastri-Kohli partnership from close quarters. Much has been said about them. How did you see Kohli?**

Virat Kohli is the best thing to have happened to Test cricket. The Indian team, what it is today as a Test-playing nation, a lot of credit must go to Kohli and Shastri. No two ways about it. This didn’t happen overnight. I have seen and been part of countless chats between them where they would plan how to become Test No. 1.

Virat is a very aggressive captain and just like any other batting or bowling ability, his

captaincy also improved every year from the confidence of doing well. We have made mistakes, learnt from them, and over the years, his captaincy has really improved. The aggression, energy and the ambition to be the best team in the world was a wonderful combination. If he didn’t have that thought, that desire to excel, we wouldn’t have been where we are today.

**Word on what values Shastri brought to the table?**

Fearlessness and honesty. During his tenure, there was absolutely no agenda. The decisions might have been right or wrong, that is irrelevant, but they came from the right place, purely thinking about team values and what we stood for as a team. Honesty encompasses criticism, self-

introspection. It was in telling the team that ‘accept that we messed up’. It helped us evolve the team.

There were a couple of potentially delicate moments in the tenure. When Kohli became captain, Dhoni was still around. What did Shastri tell Kohli?

Ravi told the importance of having a senior member like Dhoni in the team. It was about giving a lot of respect and he would definitely help him. Kohli understood that, of course, and it was a seamless transition. You could see the respect in the way Kohli would often let Dhoni handle little details and prowl on the boundary in ODIs. That kind of stuff couldn’t have happened without trust and respect. And Dhoni also saw he was given the space and responded so well.

**The second was recently with the rise in Rohit Sharma’s stocks. How did that play out?**

There was a storm that was built up from outside the team. These two (Kohli and Sharma) have a lot of healthy respect for each other and there has been a constant dialogue going on. For us to do well, a team needs to be in good harmony to achieve. And it was.

**And, what’s your take on Rahul Dravid? And the new bowling coach Paras Mhambrey?**

Dravid has been fabulous and is the right man to take over from Shastri. And Paras is good and has a great working relationship with Dravid. I am sure they will do a great job. I would always be available in case he wants to pick my mind on something.

**Finally, players take stumps, balls, and stuff as memorabilia. What souvenirs do you have from this tenure?**

Autographed shirts. As a bowling coach, I should have pulled my weight and grabbed a few balls! (Laughs) But I didn’t. Shirts and happy memories of all the bowlers and players doing so well. What more can I ask?

## SOUTHGATE SIGNS NEW CONTRACT

England coach Gareth Southgate has signed a new contract through to the end of 2024, the Football Association said on Monday. “It remains an incredible privilege to lead this team,” said Southgate, who is one of England’s most successful coaches after leading the team to the World Cup semi-finals in 2018 and the European Championship final this year.

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## Bharat, Ek Khoj

From changing Shami’s run-up, giving feedback to Bumrah, listening to Ashwin; Bharat Arun talks about the one-on-one sessions that changed India’s bowling unit



**MOHAMMED SHAMI ‘FINDING OPTIMAL RUNNING SPEED’**

HE IS a rhythm bowler and it was clear that his entire bowling depends on the kind of run-up he generates. It wasn’t about just running in fast. You run in fast enough so that you are absolutely balanced at the moment of delivery at the crease. It was finding what’s the optimal running speed. We explained the importance of this to Shami. This can’t happen if he doesn’t trust and is willing to do the hard

work. He was. There were people who had told him - ‘don’t change anything, work with what got you here’ - which is sound advice, of course, but where is the growth unless you try? He has one of the best seam positions in the world. With such a great natural release position where the seam is upright through the air, he gets more movement off the wicket than in the air which makes him dangerous. The batsmen have less time and they don’t know which way it’s going to move.

**ISHANT SHARMA ‘HIS BOWLING NEEDED A SMALL TWEAK’**

HE WASN’T making the batsmen play as much as possible. It was just a small tweak – the angle at which he approached the stumps. It primarily came from the way he held the ball. If you see, the way his fingers sit on the ball is different from most seamers. He had it at an angle, slanted, dictated by his wrist position. That would make him push the ball away (from the right- hander) before his natural in-dippers would get the ball in. But he would end up pushing it a bit too outside off-stump. He was releasing from close to the stumps. So, we made him deliver from the centre of the box which gave him a better angle for his in-dippers, which made the batsmen play him a lot more.

**KULDEEP YADAV ‘HE NEEDS MORE VIGOUR THROUGH THE CREASE’**

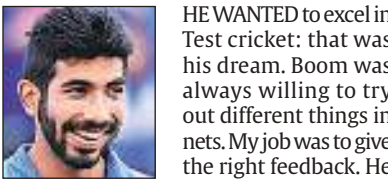
HIS PEAK hasn’t come in my tenure, yes, but the kind of work we have put and importantly he is putting, means he is on the right path. He is young (26), and the future is still out there. All I want from him is to get more vigour through the crease. Getting that vigour is a combination of working more on the bowling and getting fitter. Vigour doesn’t mean firing it quicker. Once you get that vigour through the crease, the body comes fully into the action, you get more fizz. Remember the ball he bowled in the 2019 World Cup to dismiss Babar Azam? It had everything. A spinner really matures when he is 27-28 and if he maintains fitness after that, he has 10 years of a career.

**JASPRIT BUMRAH ‘ALWAYS TRYING NEW THINGS’**



**R ASHWIN ‘NOT AFRAID TO COME OUT OF COMFORT ZONE’**

THE BEST thing about Ashwin is, he isn’t afraid to come out of his comfort zone at all. In Australia this time, he loaded up in front of the face, almost. It helped him stay upright and generate more over-spin. He would do little things: lean forward at release, weight in front, when he wants to bowl slower without making it obvious with his arm-speed. He would arch back after loading when he wanted more dip and turn.



HE WANTED to excel in Test cricket: that was his dream. Boom was always willing to try out different things in nets. My job was to give the right feedback. He is extremely intelligent and a very quick learner. He naturally wanted to know why certain things are happening with the ball - my job was to empower that knowledge. He learnt how to adjust to different lengths on different pitches. We would talk during sessions, breaks, and I knew with him that it wouldn’t be overburdening him at all. He is someone who likes to have that knowledge.

**RAVINDRA JADEJA ‘HE IS A BOON’**

JADEJA IS a boon to India. Since the 2018 tour of England, he has matured beautifully as a batsman. His bowling has a lovely rhythm, a banker bowler now, and if there is a little help on the wicket, he is very dangerous. And we all know what energy he brings on to the field. A beautiful package, on the whole.

**MOHAMMED SIRAJ ‘LINE AND LENGTH IS ASSET’**

I WAS extremely happy to see him do well as I knew the kind of hunger he had when playing for Hyderabad. His passion is quite something. The biggest asset is line and length. You tell him the plan, give him the length to bowl on a particular pitch and the line and you can rest assured that he will do it ball after ball. He looked as if he belonged there even in his first Test. Good enough to win matches.

## FINISHING IN STYLE

# Shahrukh does star turn for TN, hits last-ball six to win Mushtaq Ali title

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‘STAY DEEP in the crease and wait for the yorker. If he misses, you will definitely hit a big one,’ was the Tamil Nadu dugout’s message for Shahrukh Khan with 16 needed from the last over of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy final. On the first two deliveries Shahrukh faced – the third and the fifth of the over – Kamataka left-arm seamer Prateek Jain was more or less on target. But on the last ball, with five needed, he wasn’t and Shahrukh sent it soaring over deep square leg before being engulfed by jubilant teammates.

In January, too, Shahrukh had hit the winning runs for Tamil Nadu in the 2020-21 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy final against Baroda, although that chase was nowhere near as close, completed with two overs to spare. Days later, Punjab Kings would win a bidding war with Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Capitals to buy Shahrukh for Rs 5.25 crore.

The word ‘finisher’ has stuck to him, and why won’t it when he can hit last-ball sixes to

win national tournament finals. But during his maiden Indian Premier League stint, Shahrukh had to clarify that he could play the “normal” game too. After all, in the 2019-20 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy final – Tamil Nadu and Karnataka seem to make it all the time – he had actually opened the innings.

That same month, December 2019, he had gone for a Rajasthan Royals selection trial but hadn’t made it. “This set of boys wanted to DESPERATELY be part of IPL,” Dinesh Karthik, who led Tamil Nadu in the previous two SMAT finals, wrote as part of a tweet on Monday.

“It was a blessing in disguise for Shahrukh. That is what I had told him then. He went to multiple (IPL) selection trials but was not selected,” Tamil Nadu assistant coach Ramaswamy Prasanna told The Indian Express.

“I always kept telling him that you first win games for Tamil Nadu, and then people will recognise you. There was a time where he was getting runs for Tamil Nadu but was not winning games. He started doing that a couple of years back and ultimately got what he deserved last season [at the IPL auction.]”



M Shahrukh Khan hit a last-ball six to lead Tamil Nadu past Karnataka in the Syed Mushtaq Ali final in New Delhi on Monday.

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Shahrukh went from opener to finisher as a result of a complete role change, and has revelled in it. So much so that Prasanna said that the Tamil Nadu dugout was confident of their

chances even when the asking rate was galloping because they had complete faith in Shahrukh. “He has the skill level to get 50 or 60 in the last four overs. He has been working pre-

cisely for this for the past three years,” Prasanna said. “We always tell him that ‘this is your role, you will be playing this situation, so be match ready’. And exactly that situation happened this afternoon and he delivered.”

Role-play Karthik and Prasanna have had key roles in getting Shahrukh attuned to his role. “We have been practising in such a way that the situational awareness is there for him.”

Prasanna, a former Tamil Nadu batsman, was Shahrukh’s first captain in first-division cricket in Chennai when the latter was around 15. “When I first saw him, he was happy-go-lucky. Now he has come to the realisation that he has everything in him to play at the next level. Even then, he had that flair when he batted in the nets. He would tonk the best of club bowlers. He had the natural ability to hit fast bowlers.

“And he has evolved to play the slow bowlers well too. Now he has evolved to the stage where he believes he can win matches from any situation.”

The Tamil Nadu team management has tried to create pressure situations for Shahrukh

in the nets. It is not only about getting a 20-ball 40 or a 15-ball 35. He has been told he has to stay in the middle long enough to win the game for his side.

“Whenever we practise, the role assigned to him is always difficult. More often than not, he gets home in the match simulations. Some might think the assigned target is impossible, but he keeps it simple.

“We try to put pressure on him in match simulations too. We make sure he faces M Ashwin - he can be a bit vulnerable against a leg-spinner. We always give him the best we have. We have Natarajan who is one of the best in the country at the death, we have M Ashwin and R Sai Kishore, two of the best spinners in the shorter formats. “We also sledge him during match simulations, I personally do that,” Prasanna jokes. “We make sure there are enough people around him to sledge him.”

All the work behind the scenes has helped Shahrukh mature to the extent that he doesn’t get overexcited when he aces tough chases. “He was composed after the final. It was one more win for him. This is the level to which he has developed.”