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The ex-Mumbai police chief leaves after questioning on Thursday. *Ganesh Shirsekar*

SAGAR RAJPUT & JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 25

DAYS AFTER he was given protection from arrest by the Supreme Court, former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh appeared before the Crime Branch in Mumbai Thursday in connection with an extortion case registered against him.

Senior police officers told The Indian Express that Singh arrived in Mumbai from Chandigarh on a morning flight and approached the Crime Branch Unit XI's office at Kandivali at around 11.30 am "without prior intimation" in his official vehicle.

"As per Supreme Court directions, I joined the probe today. I will be cooperating with the
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'UNUSUAL CONSTELLATION OF MUTATIONS'

New S Africa variant triggers alert in India

Centre instructs states to look out for flyers from SA, Botswana, Hong Kong

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

HOURS AFTER South African authorities announced they had detected a new variant of the novel coronavirus with a "very unusual constellation" of mutations, the Union Health Ministry on Thursday directed states to rigorously screen and test travellers coming from or transiting through three countries in which the variant had been confirmed — South Africa, Botswana, and Hong Kong.

In a communication to all states and Union Territories, Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said India's National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has informed the government that "multiple cases of a Covid-19 variant B.1.1529 have been reported in Botswana (3 cases), South Africa (6 cases) and



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SOUTH AFRICAN scientists have expressed concern over the mutations, but a realistic assessment will rest on wider genome sequencing studies. South Africa has requested an urgent sitting of a WHO working group on virus evolution on Friday to discuss the variant.

Hong Kong (1 case)".

"This variant is reported to have a significantly high number of mutations, and thus, has serious public health implications for the country, in view of
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Why no to booster shot, Delhi HC asks Centre**SOFI AHSAN**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE DELHI High Court on Thursday said the decision on administering booster doses of the Covid-19 vaccine should not be based on economics, and directed the Centre to apprise the court of its stand on this issue.

The court asked why shots to boost waning immune response were not being made available in India when other countries such as the United States and those in Europe were permitting and encouraging such inoculation. It asked the Centre to submit a timeline of the proposed
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Jewar airport: PM says will change west UP, Yogi flays 'Jinnah backers'**AMIL BHATNAGAR**
JEWAR, NOVEMBER 25

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Jewar International Airport on Thursday, saying the project would bring "huge benefits" to crores of people in western Uttar Pradesh and the national capital region (NCR).

The multi-runway airport, the first phase of which is expected to begin operations in 2024, will be the second airport to serve the national capital and its neighbourhood. It will have the capacity to serve 12 million



PM Modi with Scindia, Adityanath and Keshav Maurya at the foundation-laying ceremony of the airport. *Gajendra Yadav*

passengers every year after the completion of phase 1; this will be increased in subsequent

phases depending on the growth of passenger traffic, reaching
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Meghalaya Cong MLAs join TMC, say: Made rounds of Delhi, can't fight BJP like this**SOURAV ROY BARMAN**
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

A DAY after announcing that they were leaving the Congress, 12 of the party's 17 MLAs in Meghalaya said they were merging with the Trinamool Congress, while regretting that they had failed to "prevail upon the leadership" despite multiple trips to Delhi. The TMC has now emerged as the main Opposition party in the Assembly, replacing the Congress.

Addressing a press conference in Shillong, Mukul Sangma, who was Meghalaya chief minister from 2010 to 2018, said the Congress had failed "to respond to the call of duty" as the largest player in the Opposition. "I am sorry to say that in spite of all our efforts and endeavours, it (a solution) seems to be elusive... We tried our best to prevail upon the leadership and kept on making trips after trips to Delhi, which should have been the other way round. But even after that we failed to prevail upon the
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Winter Session chill: Cong, TMC in Opp boycott of Constitution Day event today**MANOJ CG**
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

SETTING THE stage for a stormy Winter Session of Parliament from Monday, several Opposition parties, including the Congress and Trinamool Congress, have decided to boy-

cott the Constitution Day event to be addressed by President Ram Nath Kovind in the Central Hall of Parliament Friday.

The coordinated move came even as the Congress decided to reach out to all like-minded parties to ensure Opposition unity in Parliament. Other Opposition parties, including RJD, DMK and

the Left, are also expected to stay away from the event.

At a meeting Thursday of the Congress parliamentary strategy group, chaired by Sonia Gandhi, some leaders referred to the Trinamool's aggressive poaching of its leaders. But sources said the party president told floor
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Booked by CBI for fraud, he is now president of Amarinder's new party

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ANCHOR**MANAMAN SINGH CHHINA**
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 25

THE PUNJAB Lok Congress, the new party formed by former state chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh, has named as its president a Chandigarh resident facing at least two cases of fraud being



Amarinder Singh at Patiala Municipal Corporation office, Thursday. *Harmeet Sodhi*

probed by the CBI — and whose house was raided by the agency as recently as October 29.

According to registration documents submitted to the Election Commission by the Punjab Lok Congress, its president is Sukhinder Singh, a resident of House No.3 in Chandigarh's upscale Sector 5.

In 2019, Sukhinder was named in a CBI FIR as chairman of International Mega Food Park Ltd, and booked along with his

wife and son, Kanwal Sukhinder Singh and Simarinder Singh, in connection with an alleged case of bank fraud worth Rs 33 crore.

In a separate case last month, the CBI booked International Fresh Farm Products (India) Ltd in Chandigarh, along with two other companies in Panipat, for allegedly causing a loss of Rs 16.80 crore to Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and UCO Bank.
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Authorities in Botswana reported four cases of B.1.1.529 in





AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

FORM L-1A-A-RA REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 - Policyholders' Account (Technical Account) (₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	For the Half Year ended September 30, 2021							For the Half Year ended September 30, 2020						
	Total	Non-linked			Linked			Total	Non-linked			Linked		
		Individual		Group	Individual		Group		Individual		Group	Individual		Group
		Life	Pension		Life	Pension			Life	Pension		Life	Pension	
PREMIUMS EARNED - Net														
(a) Premium	2,85,533	1,91,014	7,658	42,630	43,047	52	1,132	2,22,200	1,52,864	5,582	21,841	41,635	67	211
(b) Reinsurance ceded	(18,158)	(3,211)	-	(14,501)	(446)	-	-	(9,890)	(2,537)	-	(6,857)	(496)	-	-
(c) Reinsurance accepted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUB-TOTAL	2,67,375	1,87,803	7,658	28,129	42,601	52	1,132	2,12,310	1,50,327	5,582	14,984	41,139	67	211
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS														
(a) Interest, Dividends & Rent – Gross	86,257	71,062	1,424	3,613	9,507	65	586	72,069	59,831	928	2,952	7,763	51	544
(b) Profit on sale / redemption of investments	59,704	11,755	-	398	47,076	318	157	25,848	2,066	-	78	22,920	269	515
(c) (Loss on sale / redemption of investments)	(11,957)	(189)	-	-	(11,183)	(78)	(507)	(14,081)	(354)	-	-	(13,649)	(57)	(21)
(d) Transfer/Gain on revaluation/ change in fair value	69,775	(145)	-	-	67,982	693	1,245	77,865	(386)	-	-	77,506	734	11
(e) Amortisation of premium/discount on investments	955	(460)	1	79	1,319	1	15	888	(439)	(6)	(51)	1,369	2	13
OTHER INCOME														
(a) Interest on policy loans	545	545	-	-	-	-	-	326	326	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Miscellaneous income	75	57	1	6	11	-	-	128	88	6	18	16	-	-
Contribution from Shareholders' A/c														
(a) Towards Excess Expenses of Management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Others	19,470	-	330	19,140	-	-	-	4,990	4,674	310	-	-	6	-
SUB-TOTAL	2,24,824	82,625	1,756	23,236	1,14,712	999	1,496	1,68,033	65,806	1,238	2,997	95,925	1,005	1,062
TOTAL (A)	4,92,199	2,70,428	9,414	51,365	1,57,313	1,051	2,628	3,80,343	2,16,133	6,820	17,981	1,37,064	1,072	1,273
COMMISSION	15,647	13,467	142	1,128	910	-	-	11,209	9,204	94	663	1,248	-	-
OPERATING EXPENSES RELATED TO INSURANCE BUSINESS	50,899	42,211	427	4,969	3,280	4	8	44,683	35,175	398	2,777	6,322	4	7
Provision for doubtful debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bad Debts written off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for Tax	780	780	-	-	-	-	-	1,856	1,837	-	19	-	-	-
Provisions (other than taxation)														
(a) For diminution in the value of investments (Net)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Advances & Recoveries	241	130	2	93	16	-	-	169	111	5	32	22	-	(1)
Goods and Services Tax on ULIP Charges	2,185	-	-	-	2,172	1	12	2,129	-	-	-	2,118	1	10
TOTAL (B)	69,752	56,588	571	6,190	6,378	5	20	60,046	46,327	497	3,491	9,710	5	16
BENEFIT PAID (Net)	1,48,204	53,803	1,035	37,268	54,659	513	926	1,04,723	34,390	279	10,436	58,514	494	610
Interim Bonuses Paid	250	226	23	1	-	-	-	199	196	3	-	-	-	-
Change in valuation of liability in respect of life policies														
(a) Gross	1,68,192	1,40,996	7,395	19,690	111	-	-	1,51,866	1,40,873	5,191	5,328	475	-	(1)
(b) Amount ceded in Reinsurance	(7,432)	(1,191)	-	(6,183)	(58)	-	-	(19,047)	(15,581)	-	(3,272)	(194)	-	-
(c) Amount accepted in Reinsurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Fund Reserve for Linked Policies	77,948	-	-	-	75,841	481	1,626	63,715	-	-	-	62,559	573	583
(e) Fund for Discontinued Policies	17,830	-	-	-	17,830	-	-	3,763	-	-	-	3,763	-	-
TOTAL (C)	4,04,992	1,93,834	8,453	50,776	1,48,383	994	2,552	3,05,219	1,59,878	5,473	12,492	1,25,117	1,067	1,192
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) (D) = (A) - (B) - (C)	17,455	20,006	390	(5,601)	2,552	52	56	15,078	9,928	850	1,998	2,237	-	65
Amount transferred from Shareholders' Account (Non-Technical Account)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION														
APPROPRIATIONS														
Transfer to Shareholders' Account	2,818	5,893	-	(5,735)	2,552	52	56	4,187	-	-	1,885	2,237	-	65
Transfer to Other Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance being Funds for Future Appropriations	14,637	14,113	390	134	-	-	-	10,891	9,928	850	113	-	-	-
Total	17,455	20,006	390	(5,601)	2,552	52	56	15,078	9,928	850	1,998	2,237	-	65

FORM L-2A-A-P&L

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Shareholders' Account (Non-technical Account) (₹ In Lakhs)

Particulars	For the Half Year Ended September 30, 2021	For the Half Year Ended September 30, 2020
Amounts transferred from the Policyholders Account (Technical Account)	2,818	4,187
Income From Investments		
(a) Interest, Dividends & Rent – Gross	5,112	4,974
(b) Profit on sale/redemption of investments	1,823	81
(c) (Loss on sale/ redemption of investments)	-	(80)
(d) Amortisation of Premium / Discount on Investments	(46)	(131)
Other Income	-	-
TOTAL (A)	9,707	9,031
Expense other than those directly related to the insurance business	271	670
Contribution to Policyholders' A/c		
(a) Towards Excess Expenses of Management	-	-
(b) Others	19,470	4,990
Interest on subordinated debt	-	-
Expenses towards CSR activities	29	60
Penalties	-	-
Bad debts written off	-	-
Amount Transferred to Policyholders' Account	-	-
Provisions (Other than taxation)		
(a) For diminution in the value of investments (Net)	-	-
(b) Provision for doubtful debts	-	-
(c) Others	-	-
TOTAL (B)	19,770	5,720
Profit/ (Loss) before tax	(10,063)	3,311
Provision for Taxation	-	482
Profit / (Loss) after tax	(10,063)	2,829
APPROPRIATIONS		
(a) Balance at the beginning of the year.	(60,067)	(70,176)
(b) Interim dividends paid	-	-
(c) Final dividend paid	-	-
(e) Transfer to reserves/ other accounts	-	-
Profit / (Loss) carried to the Balance Sheet	(70,130)	(67,347)

FORM L-3A-A-BS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 (₹ In Lakhs)

Particulars	As at September, 2021	As at September, 2020
SOURCES OF FUNDS		
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS:		
Share Capital	2,01,288	2,01,288
Share Application Money Pending Allotment	-	-
Reserves and Surplus	436	444
Credit/(Debit) Fair Value Change Account	546	(45)
Sub-Total	2,02,270	2,01,687
Borrowings	-	-
Policyholders' Funds:		
Credit/(Debit) Fair Value Change Account	36,412	6,769
Policy Liabilities	21,05,301	17,17,803
Funds for discontinued policies:		
(i) Discontinued on Account of non-payment of premiums	80,607	60,347
(ii) Others	-	-
Insurance Reserves	-	-
Provision for Linked liabilities	7,11,417	5,34,024
Sub-Total	29,33,737	23,18,943
Funds for Future Appropriations		
Linked	-	-
Non-Linked (Non-PAR)	-	-
Non-Linked (PAR)	78,882	55,117
Deferred Tax Liabilities (Net)	-	-
TOTAL	32,14,889	25,75,747
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
INVESTMENTS		
Shareholders'	1,26,529	1,32,393
Policyholders'	22,02,583	17,60,193
Assets held to cover Linked Liabilities	7,92,024	5,94,371
Loans	11,792	6,600
Fixed Assets	11,663	12,028
Deferred Tax Assets (Net)	-	-
Current Assets		
Cash and Bank Balances	7,809	12,156
Advances and Other Assets	1,25,777	98,175
Sub-Total (A)	1,33,586	1,10,331
Current Liabilities	1,24,863	98,398
Provisions	8,555	9,118
Sub-Total (B)	1,33,418	1,07,516
Net Current Assets (C) = (A – B)	168	2,815
Miscellaneous Expenditure (to the extent not written off or adjusted)	-	-
Debit Balance in Profit & Loss Account (Shareholders' Account)	70,130	67,347
Deficit in Revenue Account (Policyholders' A/c)	-	-
TOTAL	32,14,889	25,75,747

FORM L-22A

ANALYTICAL RATIOS

Sl. No.	Particulars	For the Half Year Ended September 30, 2021	For the Half Year Ended September 30, 2020
1	New Business Premium Growth Rate		
	(i) Linked Business	(43.8%)	(31.4%)
	(ii) Non-Linked Business		
	Participating	79.4%	(5.2%)
	Non Participating	45.3%	(11.5%)
2	Percentage of Single Premium (Individual Business) to Total New Business Premium (Individual Business)	10.1%	7.0%
3	Percentage of Linked New Business Premium (Individual Business) to Total New Business Premium (Individual Business)	10.1%	24.6%
4	Net Retention Ratio	93.6%	95.5%
5	Conservation Ratio (Segment wise)		
	(i) Linked Business	88.2%	60.0%
	(ii) Non-Linked Business		
	Participating	90.6%	81.7%
	Non Participating	100.9%	82.5%
6	Expense of Management to Gross Direct Premium Ratio	23.3%	25.2%
7	Commission Ratio (Gross commission and Rewards paid to Gross Premium)	5.5%	5.0%
8	Ratio of Policyholders' Fund to Shareholders' funds	2279.9%	1767.2%
9	Change in net worth (₹ in Lakhs)	(2,192)	10,441
10	Growth in Network	(1.64%)	8.46%
11	Ratio of Surplus to Policyholders' Fund	0.58%	0.64%
12	Profit after tax / Total Income	(2.10%)	0.74%
13	(Total Real Estate + Loans)/(Cash & Invested Assets)	1.4%	1.2%
14	Total Investments/(Capital + Reserves and Surplus)	2371.8%	1850.6%
15	Total Affiliated Investments/(Capital+ Reserves and Surplus)	1.9%	1.9%
16	Investment Yield (Gross and Net)		
	A. With unrealised gains		
	Shareholders' fund	7.15%	10.60%
	Policyholders' fund		
	Non linked		
	Participating	9.55%	11.30%
	Non Participating	7.98%	10.53%
	Linked		
	Non Participating	34.96%	39.86%
	B. With realised gains		
	Shareholders' fund	10.59%	7.89%
	Policyholders' fund		
	Non linked		
	Participating	8.23%	8.12%
	Non Participating	9.79%	7.78%
	Linked		
	Non Participating	15.41%	5.82%
17	Persistency Ratio - Premium Basis (Regular Premium / Limited Premium Payment under Individual category)		
	For 13th month	77.86%	76.13%
	For 25th month	63.03%	61.75%
	For 37th month	54.87%	57.19%
	For 49th month	53.51%	47.52%
	For 61st month	40.04%	32.62%
	Persistency Ratio - Number of Policy Basis (Regular Premium / Limited Premium Payment under Individual category)		
	For 13th month	76.42%	75.75%
	For 25th month	65.15%	62.50%
	For 37th month	56.13%	55.48%
	For 49th month	51.71%	47.27%
	For 61st month	41.25%	35.40%
18	NPA Ratio		
	Policyholders' Funds		
	Gross NPA Ratio	0.03%	0.49%
	Net NPA Ratio	0.00%	0.12%
	Shareholders' Funds		
	Gross NPA Ratio	0.00%	0.00%
	Net NPA Ratio	0.00%	0.00%
19	Solvency Ratio	180%	197%
20	Debt Equity Ratio	NA	NA
21	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	NA	NA
22	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	NA	NA
23	Average ticket size in Rs. - Individual premium (Non-Single)	54,856	50,117

Notes:
1) This disclosure is made in accordance with IRDAI/F&A/CIR/MISC/256/09/2021 dated September 30, 2021.
2) The audited accounts for the half year ended September 30, 2021 have been approved in the meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 24, 2021.
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COP 26 deal closed but ‘not enough’

By ANGUS MCNEICE

Negotiators agreed on a climate deal at the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties, or COP 26, in Glasgow on Nov 13, after last-minute concessions on coal pushed the agreement over the line.

The adoption of the Glasgow Climate Pact included historic progress, including the completion of Article 6 of the 2015 Paris Agreement, which concerns the development of carbon markets.

Zhao Yingmin, China's vice-minister of ecology and environment, said the pact "will help kick-start a new journey of global efforts to tackle climate change".

"The new global deal, especially the finalisation of the rulebook of the Paris Agreement, bears great significance for defending multilateralism and the implementation of the Paris Agreement," Zhao said.

The conference, which started on Nov 1 and ended a day late on Nov 13, delivered some notable deals on deforestation, fossil fuel subsidies, coal and methane reduction, as well as engagement with the private and financial sector. China and the United States also inspired COP 26 with a welcome joint declaration on climate change announced on Nov 10.

Wang Yi, a senior scientific adviser in China's delegation, said the declaration helped bring about a broader consensus.

"China and the US played a very



Technicians check wind power turbine blades at a new energy equipment manufacturer in Handan, Hebei province. JIN HAOYUAN / XINHUA

important role to push the final outcome. A consensus between these big countries promoted the final multilateral co-operation," Wang said.

"Some countries expressed disappointment, of course, but I think in the future we should continue to build upon this result."

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who hosted this year's conference, said there is still "a huge amount more to do in the coming years".

"But today's agreement is a big step forward and, critically, we have the first ever international agreement to phase down coal and a road map to limit global warming to 1.5 C," he said, referring to the target laid out in the Paris deal to keep average global temperatures to within 2 and 1.5 C this century.

After weeks of mediation, COP 26 President Alok Sharma was visibly

emotional when he announced the Glasgow pact. A key line in the text, pertaining to coal, was watered down for the second time to get the deal done.

"I think we can credibly say that 1.5 C is alive. But its pulse is weak," Sharma said.

Sharma said that a "gulf remained" between what countries have promised on emissions reductions and what is needed to meet Paris goals, though he said he remained hopeful that future conferences could make meaningful progress.

Before the agreement was finalised, representatives from several countries including China said that the text was not perfect but they had no intention to reopen it.

An initial draft had called for nations to "phase out coal" projects this decade, and this language was

changed to "phase down", after opposition from Indian negotiators, who said that it was unjust for rich nations to require the phasing out of fossil fuels in developing nations that are in the midst of industrialisation and urbanisation.

Bhupender Yadav, India's environment minister, asked on Nov 13: "How can anyone expect that developing countries can make promises about phasing out coal and fossil fuel subsidies when developing countries have still to deal with their development agenda and poverty eradication?"

Wang said the coal phase down "reflects not only China's but also the world's concerns and interests" and Zhao supported this perspective.

"The current global warming has been caused mainly by industrialisation in the past 200 years, mainly involving developed countries," Zhao said.

"This historical responsibility has been clarified by the Paris Agreement, hence the 'common but differentiated responsibilities'. Developed countries, therefore, must take the lead to cut emissions instead of requiring developing countries to stop consuming coal; it is unfair."

Zhao said rich countries "must implement their pledges of funding and technology support for the developing countries".

"Only in this way can all countries jointly push forward the process of coping with climate change," he said.

Fresh initiative poised to boost global growth

Countries join Xi's call for rolling out inclusive vision to advance prosperity. **Zhang Yunbi** reports

First put forward by President Xi Jinping in September, a fresh Chinese solution for tackling countries' bottlenecks in growth — the Global Development Initiative — is rapidly winning support across the globe.

In particular, the initiative has won acclaim in a number of developing countries in regions including Asia, Africa and Oceania.

"The United Nations stands ready to support its implementation and provide technical assistance," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Oct 24, the eve of the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the People's Republic of China's lawful seat at the UN.

During a virtual meeting with Xi on Oct 25, the UN chief said the vision is of great and positive importance in promoting global equality and balanced, sustainable development.

The initiative is the latest powerful tool added to Beijing's policy toolbox for fixing common challenges in the pandemic era, and behind its popularity are countries endorsing the Communist Party of China's consistent, century-long efforts to help advance global peace, unity, shared growth and justice, senior officials and experts said.

"Development is a master key to addressing all problems, and also the common will of people in countries all over the world," China's State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said of the initiative's worldwide popularity when speaking to reporters on Oct 31.

Xi unveiled the initiative while addressing the general debate of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Sept 21 via video link.

The initiative calls for concerted action in six aspects: prioritising development, a people-centred approach, benefits for all, innovation-driven development, harmony between man and nature, and a commitment to results-oriented actions.

"We must revitalise the economy, pursue more robust, greener and more balanced global development, and work together to steer global development towards a new stage of balanced, co-ordinated and inclusive growth," he said.

Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev told Xi that he highly appreciates and firmly supports the people-centred philosophy and the initiative.

The initiative will help accelerate the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, diplomatic envoys of Association of Southeast Asian Nations member states based in China said at a meeting with Wang Yi on Nov 14.

The recently issued communique of the sixth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee listed "maintaining a global vision" as one of the 10 aspects of the Party's valuable historical experience explored and accumulated over the past 100 years.

Dong Guanpeng, a professor and dean at Communication University of China's School of Government and Public Affairs, noted that the initiative "is a remarkable continuation of the CPC's lasting efforts over the past 100 years in 'maintaining a global vision' and looking to benefit more countries and their peoples".

Xi's vision on global development has convinced countries that "moving on and improving people's

livelihoods proves to be a premium choice" at a time when global growth has been hamstrung by protectionism, moves against globalisation and the COVID-19 pandemic, Dong said.

"The initiative is of great theoretical value as it constitutes a powerful development theory representing developing countries, helping to break the monopoly of developed countries in defining development. In practice, it will further boost the influence of developing countries and benefit them considerably in the long run as it develops," Dong added.

During a videoconference on Oct 25 with the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, Essam Sharaf, former Egyptian prime minister, said that the initiative is perfectly timed, and it shows China's great sense of duty as a major country as the gap between developing and developed countries is widening.

As the world and the UN are seeking a robust, sustained impetus for the global economy, the initiative "represents China's strong belief in development as a shared goal of mankind and the same direction the world should work for", said Su Xiaohui, deputy director of the China Institute of International Studies' Department of American Studies.

At the first session of the G20 Rome Summit on Oct 30, Xi further elaborated on the initiative and called for its synergy with the UN's

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

He underscored China's goal to make global development more equitable, effective and inclusive so that "no country will be left behind".

The initiative "takes care of countries' dire needs in reality"

and "offers fresh ideas, methods and impetus for tackling their problems and growth", said Chen Xulong, a professor of multilateral diplomacy and UN reform studies at the University of International Business and Economics' School of International Relations.

The initiative "is the latest theoretical brainchild of China's major country diplomacy as guided by Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy, and it epitomises what a major country and a major political party should do", he said.

"It is a continuation of Beijing's efforts in building a new type of international relations and a community with a shared future for mankind," Chen added.

The initiative "will co-ordinate with and improve its efficacy simultaneously with other initiatives including the Belt and Road Initiative," Chinese Ambassador to Georgia Li Yan said when introducing the initiative to local media on Oct 28.

The initiative will also synergise with Agenda 2063 of the African Union and the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and will build consensus and pool together the strengths of multilateral co-operation mechanisms such as the UN, the G20 and BRICS, according to officials including Wang Yi.

As one of the initial steps taken by Beijing to realise the initiative, the China International Development Co-operation Agency signed a memorandum of understanding with the UN Industrial Development Organization on Oct 28 at a virtual ceremony, with the aim of helping developing countries achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Winds of change blow for shopping festival

By HE WEI

In past years, the Singles Day shopping festival on Nov 11 has been a celebration of consumerism in China, with eye-catching discounts, star-studded sales promotions and impressive revenue figures championing the power of spending.

This year things were different. Instead of astonishing sales figures, the main considerations for the gala, started by the e-commerce company Alibaba Group 12 years ago, were inclusive growth and eco-friendliness.

Sales growth was recorded, but at a slower pace. The 24-hour sales figure, or gross merchandise volume in e-commerce terms, was 540.3 billion yuan (Rs 6.29 trillion), 8.45 per cent more than last year. In previous years, sales growth of between 20 per cent and 50 per cent had been recorded.

Jason Yu, general manager of the consultancy Kantar Worldpanel and an expert on China's consumer market, said that this year e-commerce platforms focused on reporting category-based revenue changes in order to assess consumption trends.

However, the passion for the festival is here to stay because it is a pivotal event in unleashing consumers' potential to spend more and pursue quality lifestyles, he said.

Yu's remarks are supported by

the results of a survey conducted by the global consultancy Bain & Co. Of about 3,000 people asked about their attitude towards this year's festival, 52 per cent said they planned to spend more than last year, while only 8 per cent said they were slashing their budgets.

As the festival has grown to become an international event, global labels have long cashed in, with the sales list topped by companies such as the cosmetics manufacturer L'Oreal Group and the computer company Apple.

Newcomers are looking to the event to make themselves more relevant to the Chinese market.

At this year's event, the upscale extreme weather clothing brand Canada Goose debuted its footwear collection before the global launch, a move aimed at celebrating local culture, said the company's president and chief executive, Dani Reiss.

Cao Lei, director of e-commerce at the consultancy Internet Economy Institute, said: "Nov 11 is increasingly becoming a retail encyclopedia and a compass, providing a clue to the latest and bite-sized consumer insights. Interest in individualistic, original designs is quickly gaining momentum."

This momentum is producing opportunities for small- and medium-sized companies in the customer-to-manufacturing market.



An employee works at a warehouse owned by Cainiao Network in Guadalajara, Spain. MENG DINGBO / XINHUA

Gu Liang, founder of Warm Studio, a Chinese designer handbag brand, said, "We estimate that we sold 70,000 bags in this year's festival, tripling last year's record." This estimate included presales that started on Oct 20, Gu said.

"Rising orders are also helping our manufacturing partners. We've mobilised about 1,000 workers and about two-thirds of production capacity to meet orders generated from the festival."

Alibaba has launched its "going green initiative", with the volume of parcels generated during the festival posing a potential threat to the environment.

The company distributed 100 million yuan worth of green vouchers to more than 2.5 million customers who bought

merchandise that have lower carbon emissions in their production.

Cainiao Network, the logistics arm of Alibaba Group, also seized the environmental initiative, saying it had contributed to reducing carbon emissions by 18,000 metric tonnes by using electronic delivery sheets, recycled and reused parcels, and algorithms to optimise delivery routes.

The festival also painted a rosy picture of sales growth in rural areas.

Sales of agricultural produce from the 12 relatively less-developed provinces in western China rose 20 per cent at this year's festival. One hundred and sixty poor counties realised revenue growth of 44.2 per cent for all items sold on Alibaba's e-commerce platforms.



Visitors check out the demonstration zone for pharmaceutical and healthcare players during the fourth China International Import Expo in Shanghai on Nov 9.
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Expo a key channel for global trade collaboration

International imports show in Shanghai a premier platform for companies worldwide to showcase their latest products and services.
China Daily reports

One hundred and twenty thousand cans of pine nuts from Afghanistan, along with a dazzling array of imported products from more than 20 countries and regions, were sold out within minutes in livestreams at the fourth China International Import Expo, which was held from Nov 5 to 10 in Shanghai.

While the small pine nuts whetted the appetite of Chinese consumers, they also offered a vivid example of how China facilitates trade and drives economic development globally, especially for developing countries, industry experts said.

On the night of Nov 6, e-commerce livestreamers partnered with presenters from CCTV and Xinhua News Agency to conduct several special livestreaming sessions, selling imported goods from 20 countries and regions including Indonesia, Serbia, Slovenia and South Africa.

"It vividly showed that China, with its huge market and economic vitality, has brought broad development opportunities for countries worldwide, especially for developing countries," said Zhou Mi,



Visitors are attracted to an intelligent robot writing Chinese characters at the expo in Shanghai on Nov 5.

a senior researcher at the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Co-operation.

"The stable development of the Chinese market is not only to achieve the country's own development goals, but can also create more value for the world."

In a report last month the International Monetary Fund said aggregate output of emerging markets and developing economies (excluding China) was expected to remain 5.5 per cent below the pre-pandemic forecast in 2024.

Liu Qing, vice-dean of the National Academy of Development and Strategy of Renmin University of China in Beijing, said broadening access to opportunities in China has provided a way out for many emerging markets.

"China's vast domestic consumer market, its pivotal role in global supply chains and unswerving advocacy of opening-up offer other emerging markets a key export destination in the harsher

environment of globalisation."

During this year's expo the State Development and Investment Corp signed import contracts with 19 foreign companies worth a record total of \$1 billion (Rs 74 billion). The company bought commodities including barley, cotton, manganese ore and edible oils from 15 economies, including Argentina, Benin, Russia, Ukraine and Uruguay.

This year's expo also proved to be a premier platform for companies worldwide to showcase their latest products and services.

A total of 422 new products, technologies and services were featured during the expo, a record high, said Sun Chenghai, deputy director of the CIIE Bureau.

The medical equipment and healthcare products exhibition area had 135 technology and product debuts, the most out of all the other areas.

One of the most high-profile exhibits was from the Swiss pharmaceutical company Novartis,

a first-in-class hyperlipemia therapy called Inclisiran that reduces cholesterol levels. Patients need only two doses of Inclisiran a year.

Another notable global debut among healthcare exhibits was the PET/CT scanner Biograph Vision Quadra by Siemens Healthineers. The device can perform whole-body dynamic scanning within 15 seconds. Its super wide field of view and ultra-high sensitivity also ensure that no cancer cells go undetected, its maker said.

Carbon neutrality and green development was also a major theme of the expo this year, and service provider EY launched a carbon management tool kit at the exhibition. The kit can help companies keep up to date with carbon prices and trends in reaching carbon neutrality and help tailor paths to green development.

The six-day CIIE attracted nearly 480,000 professional visitors. The total exhibition area at this year's edition was a record 366,000 square metres, up 6,000 sq m from a year earlier.

A total of 281 Fortune 500 companies and industry leaders attended this year's exhibition, with 40 joining the CIIE for the first time and another 120 taking part in the exhibition for the fourth consecutive year.

Affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the value of intended deals reached at this year's CIIE totalled \$70.72 billion, down 2.6 per cent year-on-year.

Up to 150,000 sq m of exhibition area has already been booked for next year's expo, a considerable increase in sign-up rate compared to last year, said Sun.

Indian-China ties cement for BRICS

By SWARAN SINGH

The first two decades of the 21st century have witnessed tectonic transformations. Modern technology has resulted in an exponential growth in mutual awareness and empowerment of increasingly interdependent global citizens.

The Westphalian state system of the last 372 years is having to increasingly reckon with the unfolding spectre of non-state actors such as transnational organisations (both governmental and non-governmental), multinational corporations and terrorist networks.

Moving beyond their historical preoccupation with enhancing the destructive capabilities of their armed forces, states now need to ensure the productivity and prosperity that constitute critical components of national power. National security is inclusive of development. Power is being replaced by influence. The conventional understanding of power — so-called hard power — is being supplemented by soft power, smart power and sharp power; all undergirded by human resources, technologies and financial leverage.

This has changed the global hierarchy, producing new clusters of power in international relations. For example, while the economic rise of the then West Germany and Japan in the 1970s — in the midst of the Cold War — did not make them great powers, the economic rise of China since the 1990s — coinciding with the collapse of the Soviet Union — has given Beijing enormous system-shaping leverage. This explains how emerging economies have come to be as celebrated as a new category of influencers in international decision-making processes and structures.

Early to appreciate these structural changes, Jim O'Neill, former chief economist at Goldman Sachs, published two papers: One in November 2001 titled "The World Needs Better Economic BRICs" and another in 2003 titled "Dreaming with BRICs: The Path to 2050". These papers outlined how the emerging economies of Brazil, Russia, India and China promised continued high growth rates, better per-dollar returns for investors and projected their expanding share in global governance.

For the first 10 years of the 21st century, BRIC growth trajectories held true to these projections. This resulted in their coming together after their 2009 Yekaterinburg summit. The fact that this coincided with the onset of the global economic slowdown in 2008 and inclusion of South Africa in 2010 to make it BRICS made their continued economic rise even more noticeable.

However, this also witnessed their individual growth trajectories drifting away from prophesied patterns.

More recently, the COVID-19 pandemic has further expanded China's lead over the remaining BRICS members. China's GDP crossed 100 trillion yuan (Rs 1,166 trillion) in 2020. It is two-and-half times bigger than that of the rest of the BRICS. But BRICS have so far held together; and their combined GDP of \$20.34 trillion (Rs 1,514 trillion) is edging past US GDP of \$21.43 trillion. The question is: Can BRICS hold together any longer or is it losing shine to other forums.

The onus for keeping BRICS alive and together lies primarily with China and India — the two largest BRICS economies. This makes strong China-India relations a prerequisite for the future of BRICS. What holds promise is that the reverse is equally true: The success of BRICS carries direct positive spinoffs for their relationship. This gives hope for the future of BRICS.

China and India remain economically most engaged in an otherwise disjointed BRICS. Brazil and South Africa are geographically distant, with very different priorities while China, India and Russia have their own divergences and differences.

This is why they have evolved a unique strategy for each BRICS summit, preceding each with over 50 pentagonal preparatory meetings among their academics, think tanks, journalists, business and sports persons, advisors, officials and senior ministers. These interactions aim at creating ground level constituencies for an organic evolution of strong foundations for the BRICS forum.

With the pandemic hopefully receding into the background, most economies are today expecting to enter a new phase of V- or U-shaped economic recovery. This period has seen China and India set new records in vaccinating their people, as well as producing and supplying vaccines, medicines, materials and equipment to fight against the virus and provide humanitarian aid around the world. It is also marked by Chinese active pharmaceutical ingredients supporting India as the Pharmacy of the World.

This stability in China-India relations promises BRICS coming together to devise innovative strategies to stay on course.

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Biomass grows as viable energy source

By LIU YUKUN and ZHENG XIN

Do kitchen leftovers and pet droppings always belong in the garbage? Surprisingly, such organic waste may soon be an important energy source to heat your home or power your car.

Organic matter such as vegetable scraps, wood and animal waste is classified as biomass, and can be used as an energy source to produce electricity or heat through burning, bacterial decay, fermentation or conversion to gas or liquid fuel.

The development of biomass energy is being sped up in China, where it is becoming a focus for investment as the country intensifies its effort to produce clean energy and cut reliance on fossil fuels under the country's green commitments.

Use of biomass to produce electric energy during the first half of this

year was the equivalent of 78 billion kilowatt-hours, 26.6 per cent higher than in the same period last year, the National Energy Administration said. Newly installed capacity for biomass power generation reached 3.67 million kW during this period.

Last year China said it would reach peak carbon emissions by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2060.

During this year's annual meeting of the country's top legislative and political advisory bodies, China reiterated its strong commitment to green power. It said it planned to reduce energy consumption per unit of GDP by 13.5 per cent and carbon dioxide emissions per unit of GDP by 18 per cent during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-25).

Zhang Dayong, secretary-general of the Biomass Energy Industry Promotion Association, said

China's green goals provide many opportunities for growth of clean sources of energy such as biomass.

As a carbon-neutral fuel, biomass releases the same amount of carbon into the atmosphere when burned as it absorbed during the biomass sources' life cycle, Zhang said.

"If equipped with carbon capture and storage technology, the process of turning biomass into energy can achieve negative emissions."

A recent report by the biomass association says that about 3.49 billion metric tonnes of biomass is produced in China each year, which can potentially produce the energy equivalent of about 460 million tonnes of coal, but with far fewer emissions. It predicts that with the industry's rapid development, China's annual production of biomass will reach nearly 3.8 billion



An employee of a power generation company checks moisture content of biomass materials in Huaibei, Anhui province, in March. LI XIN / FOR CHINA DAILY

tonnes by 2030 and more than 5.3 billion tonnes by 2060.

Despite plentiful biomass material in China, only a small portion is turned into energy, and the share of biomass in the energy mix remains relatively low compared with other renewable energy sources, the association report says.

Zhang said efforts are needed to set up a unified industry standard in terms of emissions when burning biomass, a mechanism for biomass collection, storage and transportation, and regulations for biomass fuel processing factories, now lacking in the industry and thus hindering its development.

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Vocational college prepares students for a bright future

School combines higher education with short-term job training.
Yuan Shenggao reports

August should be part of summer vacation for students in China, a time they are reunited with their families.

But Mingyi, a student from the Tibet Vocational Technical College based in Lhasa, capital of Southwest China's Tibet autonomous region, instead spent the month competing in a national vocational skills contest in Taiyuan in North China's Shanxi province.

When the anchorman of the live contest asked what she felt like at that moment, Mingyi's answer was somewhat unexpected.

"I haven't been at home for a long time," she said. "I miss my family and my hometown."

She immediately realised that her answer came as a result of being nervous.

"There's such a big crowd here. I'm excited and nervous," Mingyi said. "Although I can't be together with my family, I'm happy here because it's my biggest dream to attend this national vocational skills contest."

Mingyi is from Nagchu, one of the least-developed regions in Tibet.

Thanks to Tibet's campaign to relieve poverty, she said her family has risen out of poverty by raising yaks. This advancement also made possible her studies at the Tibet Vocational Technical College to learn professional skills and develop a promising future career.

And it was the college that offered her an opportunity to attend this long-awaited vocational skills contest.

She was learning baking at the college, when her hard work and fast-improving abilities attracted the attention of the school's authorities. The authorities then recommended that she attend the contest on behalf of the Tibet autonomous region.

In the face of the camera and a big audience on the site, Mingyi gave a brief introduction of herself.

"Hello, everyone. I'm Mingyi from Nagchu, Tibet. I'm a student from the Tibet Vocational Technical College and I will make a piece of book-shaped cake for you."

But Mingyi did not earn a prize in



From top: Students learn welding at the Tibet Vocational Technical College; Students of the school pose for a photo when attending a national vocational skills contest. PHOTOS PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

this contest, which consisted of over 400 candidates.

"It's a pity that I was not awarded," Mingyi said. "It means that there are many people doing a better job than me. I must keep studying hard at college and strive for a prize next time."

Mingyi said she loves the experience of travelling around.

"The trip from Nagchu to Lhasa allowed me to experience a world outside my hometown and the journey from Lhasa to Taiyuan made me believe there are broader possibilities for my life. Those possibilities are offered by my college."

The Tibet Vocational Technical College in Lhasa, a new school established in December 2018, is one of the largest and most comprehensive institutions for vocational education in the autonomous region.

When its construction was still underway, the school held an inauguration ceremony on Sept 25, 2019, at its temporary campus site in Yamda township, Lhasa. There, it welcomed more than 400 new students.

Cai Shoukuan, head of the school, said the college is an institution

offering both regular higher-education programmes as well as short-term vocational training programmes.

With six departments offering 37 programmes, the college will have an enrolment of 3,000 students in regular higher-education programmes when its construction is fully completed. The school is also expected to train more than 10,000 students a year with its short-term programmes.

The college adopts an educational model highlighting co-operation between the college and employers. It has also developed a number of "order-oriented" programmes to help graduates accurately identify their employers.

One recent development in this college-employer collaboration is an agreement signed with the Tibet Forest Firefighting Brigade on Sept 8.

According to the agreement, the Tibet Vocational Technical College would establish a training base for the brigade, offering training service for the brigade.

The brigade also promised to hire graduates from the college, according to the agreement.

Phurbu Tsering, a student in the

college's automobile maintenance programme, said the agreement is good news to him. "We are offered a new channel of employment," he said.

For a fledgling school, its construction and development have also won support from institutions and professionals from across the country.

Qu Changjiang and Xiao Peng are two vocational training experts from Beijing. They went to the college for an assistance mission in July 2019, before the school's official inauguration.

In the two months before its inauguration, the two experts had devoted their energy to drafting regulations for the school's management. When the school opened on Sept 25, they again shifted their focus to teaching in their own courses.

Wang Dutian is a teacher from a vocational college in Huai'an, Jiangsu province.

He started his assistance mission at the Tibet Vocational Technical College in June 2019. When his mission was due one and half a year later, he asked for an extension for another year and a half.

Wang said the extension was not an easy decision to make because there are still a number of challenges he has to face.

"One thing is the altitude sickness," Wang said. "Although we have gradually accustomed to the local environment, the lower content of oxygen still causes some health problems."

He added that the other challenge is his homesickness. "This is something that can grow with time, especially when I spoke to my wife and two children on the phone," Wang said.

He said there are two reasons to make him stay.

"The school is still in its stage of early development," Wang said. "I hope to continue devoting my experience in vocational education to assisting its growth."

Another reason is that his attachment to the students has grown stronger as he has discovered that passion of Tibetan children.

"I like to visit the students in their dormitories," Wang said. "Every time I visit, a number of students call me 'father'."

He explained that "they called me so because I'm of the same age of their parents and they said they sense a fatherly care from me".

"To be called a father is the most rewarding thing in this school so far from my hometown," Wang said.



Residents in Gar county work in a garment factory that was established to receive surplus rural labourers in the county and its neighbourhood.

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More jobs offered with skill training

By YUAN SHENGGAO

Norbu Dondrup, a resident of Gyashing township in Kongpo'gyada county in the Tibet autonomous region, became impoverished in 2012-13 after his mother contracted a serious illness.

He tried to improve his livelihood but failed because of lacking the required skills.

Learning of his situation, officials at the poverty-reduction offices of Nyingchi city, which administers Kongpo'gyada county, offered a helping hand. They offered him an opportunity for training in Lhasa as a security guard.

When the training concluded, Norbu Dondrup found a job in the People's Hospital of Nyingchi.

"Thanks to the government, I found a good job and earned enough money to improve the financial situation for my family," Norbu Dondrup said.

Like Norbu Dondrup, more rural residents in the Tibet autonomous region are looking at vocational training as an important means to help them find new jobs and improve livelihoods.

Chogyal is a resident in Nyangdoi township in Gyalze county. He was a member of an impoverished family before 2016.

He learned from his fellow villagers that there were various training courses organised by the government of Shigatse, which administers Gyalze county, to help rural residents to master skills for new jobs.

Chogyal recognised this was a good opportunity to change his fate and improve his livelihood. He joined a training class in Shigatse in 2017 and got a welder's license a few months later.

He founded a small firm in 2018 offering welding services for local construction sites. Seeing revenue increase steadily for his firm, he

encouraged more of his fellow villagers, especially those from impoverished families, to learn welding and join him.

Chogyal later put forward an application to the local government to take him off the list of impoverished residents.

"The government helped me a lot several years ago when I was on the list. Now I have an adequate income to raise me high above the poverty line. It's my turn to help others," Chogyal said.

Namgya Tsering used to be an impoverished farmer in Nar township in Samdrubze district, Shigatse. With the help of the local government, he received training in operating construction machinery.

Based on his experience in the industry for several years, he later established a construction company himself. Currently his annual net profit from the business is more than 250,000 yuan (Rs 2.9 million) a year.

"Now that I am lifted out poverty, I'm planning to create more jobs for locals, help them improve their income," Namgya Tsering said.

Chophel is the Party secretary of Burtra village in Saga county. To meet the growing demand of the labour market, he opened a labour service company helping local residents find new jobs in and outside the county.

His company has established extensive co-operation with construction, home services and catering companies in the neighbourhood. It has helped 115 people find jobs and their average per capita monthly income has surpassed 4,000 yuan.

In addition, the company has co-operated with local vocational schools to offer training to 34 residents, equipping them with such skills as cooking and construction machine operating.

Programme helps flying dream come true

By YUAN SHENGGAO

Jangra Yeshe, a girl from an family of herders in Damxung county, the Tibet autonomous region, did not expect she would live a life different from other children in her neighbourhood.

Life was simple throughout her childhood. After attending school, she did jobs such as sheep herding and shearing.

While herding on the grassland, she loved to fly paper planes.

"I hope some day I can fly a real aircraft and see our grassland from the sky," Jangra Yeshe used to say.

Her dream came true five years ago, with the help of a poverty-relieving programme launched by a local general aviation company.

At the end of 2016, when she studied at Lhasa's No. 2 Secondary Vocational and Technical School, Jangra Yeshe received a call from the Lhasa-based Snow Eagle General Aviation. The organisation made her dreams come true when it selected her as one of several pilots from poverty-stricken families.

She later learned that she was among the 28 winners selected by Snow Eagle General Aviation from a greater number of candidates,

as part of the company's poverty-reduction efforts.

Sixteen of the students would take courses for pilots and 12 for crew members, Jangra Yeshe said.

Funded by Nanjing, Jiangsu-based Ruoe General Aviation Development Group, Snow Eagle was founded in 2016 in Lhasa.

With business covering short-distance transportation, emergency rescue and sightseeing, Snow Eagle is one of the first general aviation companies for high-altitude plateau operations in China.

"I couldn't believe I would have a chance to receive training for a pilot," Jangra Yeshe said.

Jangra Yeshe said she departed from Lhasa for Nanjing on Jan 12, 2017. The journey consisted of a train trip from Lhasa to Golmud in Qinghai province and an air trip from Golmud to Nanjing.

"That was my first time travelling by plane. I was so excited in imagining how cool it is to fly a helicopter myself," Jangra Yeshe said.

Once arriving at the Ruoe General Aviation training school in Suzhou, Jiangsu province, she found that learning to fly is a far more arduous task than she expected.

"During the first month at the

training school, we spent a lot of time on studying the basic theories for flying and doing exercises," Jangra Yeshe said.

Helicopter training started on Feb 24, 2017.

"Flying a helicopter is much more difficult than flying other aircrafts because all the operations are manual," the girl said.

She added that positioning from the air is even harder. "You need to circle around again and again to position yourself accurately. The practice makes you very uncomfortable."

The girl said she encountered her biggest challenge in her training during a flying test.

"I was flying alone for a three-hour trip from Suzhou to Yangzhou, another city in Jiangsu. The ground positioning system malfunctioned during the process, which made me extremely nervous."

"Fortunately the system quickly returned to normal," she said.

After 150 hours of flying training, the girl said she became capable of responding to many kinds of emergency.

"Even without GPS, I can fly guided by my eyesight and land safely," Jangra Yeshe said.

After obtaining licenses for flying

a helicopter in March 2018, she started her career as a pilot in Snow Eagle.

"The training programme and the job as a helicopter pilot have brought fundamental changes to me and my family," Jangra Yeshe said.

She said she currently has a monthly salary of more than 10,000 yuan (Rs 116,600).

"In the first month, I gave most of the money to my parents, leaving only 600 yuan for myself," Jangra Yeshe said.

She said she hoped to buy an apartment in Lhasa and live together with her parents.

"It's too cold to live in my old house in Damxung county in the winter. It should be more comfortable in Lhasa where centralised heating is installed in residences," she said.

She said her parents and neighbours have expressed their pride in her since she became a pilot.

"Once I flew a helicopter back to Damxung on a mission, the villagers praised me as a fairy flying into the blue sky and the pride of Damxung," she said.

Pema Yangzom, a girl from Chushul county, is another beneficiary of the Snow Eagle programme. She was trained as an aeroplane crew member.



Jangra Yeshe, from an impoverished family of herders in Damxung county, is a licensed helicopter pilot at Lhasa-based Snow Eagle General Aviation.

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"I brought with me only 800 yuan when I arrived at the training school in Suzhou. Now I earn 8,000 yuan a month," Pema Yangzom said.

She also expected to buy an apartment in Lhasa and live together with her grandmother.

"Thanks to the efforts of the government and the business community in poverty reduction, I'm offered a good opportunity to change my destiny and that of my family," Pema Yangzom said. "I will work harder and make greater contributions to society."

According to Sumtsen, an executive of Snow Eagle, the company has employed more than New Delhi

110 staff members, with 75 per cent of them being residents of Tibet.

"The Qinghai-Tibet Plateau was once known as a 'no-fly zone' and it was extremely difficult to fly helicopters there."

Now the first group of young Tibetans has flown civilian helicopters to the Mount Qomolangma base camp after professional and intensive training," Sumtsen said. "We will continue our efforts in poverty reduction and train more local professionals to better serve the socioeconomic development of Tibet and help more young people realise their dreams."

Welcome mat is out in the global village

Beijing’s state-of-the-art Winter Olympics accommodation is ready to open its doors to the world’s athletes. **Sun Xiaochen** reports

Smart, cosy and accessible, Beijing’s Winter Olympic Village has all the elements needed to provide athletes with a safe and comfortable home away from home during next year’s Games.

As promised in its bid submission, Beijing’s commitment to hosting an “athlete-centred” Games has materialised in a big way, with 20 residential buildings, all furnished and decorated to a high standard and fitted with fresh-air ventilation systems, completed this month well before the opening ceremony on Feb 4.

The village, north of the city centre against the backdrop of the Bird’s Nest, the main stadium for the 2008 Summer Games, covers 330,000 square metres and is the largest of three official residential areas built for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The others are mountain villages in Yanqing district and in the co-host city of Zhangjiakou, Hebei province.

The Beijing village underwent an operational test recently, with all facilities, services and COVID-19 control and prevention measures evaluated. The village will initiate a trial run on Jan 23 before officially opening on Jan 27.

“We are trying to make the village a safe and comfortable home for every athlete and official where they can enjoy themselves and be as relaxed as possible and experience some of the cultural characteristics of the host city at the same time,” said Yang Jingfeng, deputy director of resident services for the village operations team.

The layout of the village’s residential area draws inspiration from traditional quadrangle courtyards in Beijing, with apartment buildings surrounding a central garden.

From a bird’s-eye view, the two largest courtyards in the village cut a pattern similar to a famous Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) painting



The Big Air Shougang will host the big air freestyle skiing and snowboarding competitions of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games. Inspired by the Mogao Grottoes fresco *Flying Apsaras*, the ramp has been designed to resemble a ribbon floating in the air. GAO ZEHONG / FOR CHINA DAILY

depicting people enjoying outdoor activities on ice.

In the village plaza, exhibition sites will accommodate Chinese cultural displays and traditional Chinese medicine promotions during the Games.

“It’s very important that we make the village special enough that athletes from all over the world recognise it is Beijing, it is China, once they settle in,” Yang said.

The village’s reception centre, to the west of the residential zone, was rebuilt on the site of an abandoned factory, with its main structure, walls and beams reused to create a large space for security checks,



Beijing’s Winter Olympic Village covers 330,000 square metres and comprises 20 residential buildings. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

body temperature monitoring, accreditation services, check-in and media operations.

Facilitated by 5G internet and artificial intelligence technology, self-navigating robots have been tested to provide concierge services, refreshments and disinfection in the lobby.

The village’s owner, Beijing Investment Group Co, said all the permanent buildings within the complex have passed the highest three-star certification for green construction with the recycling of materials, energy saving and environmental protection given priority

throughout the development.

The internal decoration of the apartment buildings has also met the globally recognised WELL Building Standard, paying extra attention to residents’ health through careful consideration of air quality, water, lighting and space.

A smart housing control system has been installed in each of the apartments, allowing athletes and officials, especially para-sports athletes, to control lights, air conditioners and curtains in their rooms by using a phone app.

The system also features self-adjusting functions to keep room temperature and brightness within a comfortable range to avoid unnecessary energy consumption, said Li Bin, a staff member of the village operations team.

“The smart system was developed especially to cater to the needs of all the Paralympic athletes. With service robots also to be deployed in the residential area, para-sports athletes can use a smartphone app to navigate through the village, where barrier-free facilities have been installed.”

During the Paralympic Winter Games, which run from March 4 to 13, the Beijing village will provide 1,040 beds to accommodate a smaller group of residents.

In every bedroom an emergency button is positioned just above a night stand, and the indoor wardrobe has a push-open door. Each bathroom features non-slip flooring, a toilet with handrails on both sides and a roll-in shower.

As with Games competition venues, the Olympic Village will be transformed to serve residential and commercial functions in the local community.

Qu Chen, a project manager with Beijing Investment Group, said that Beijing will offer the village as public rental housing to young professionals after the Olympics.

Following the 2008 Games, the Olympic Village apartments were sold on the residential market.

Courage is the real beauty

By WANG QIAN

She looked stunning on the catwalk. This was not just because of her beauty or the clothes she was wearing. She also seemed to radiate an inner strength. She is not even a professional model, but her one-minute catwalk had racked up more than 160 million views on the micro-blogging platform Sina Weibo by Oct 26.

When Niu Yu strutted confidently down the catwalk at Shanghai Fashion Week last month, she did it with her artificial leg in full view, and in that single action she combined beauty with courage.

“It is a really big breakthrough for me to stand on a stage,” Niu said.

“Losing a leg doesn’t mean losing my passion for life.”

Everyone has their own beauty, she said.

The 24-year-old is a photographer in Chengdu, Sichuan province, who, at the age of 11, lost her right leg, which was amputated just above the knee, in the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake. It took her more than 10 years to accept her new body image.

Having faced prejudice against the physically challenged, as well as negative and hurtful comments, Niu found her own way to challenge outdated stereotypes.

One of her latest videos showed her walking along Chunxi Road, Chengdu’s busiest commercial street, in September, with her prosthetic leg lit up with LEDs. The shining limb made it impossible for passersby not to stare.

“My prosthesis is a badge of survival and courage, of my fight for life in hospital,” she said. “It is a part of me and not something to be hidden.”

She wanted to tell those who are physically impaired and stuck at home to walk out on the street and



Niu Yu finishes running the half marathon marking the 10th anniversary of the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY



Niu Yu

enjoy the sunshine, she said.

Her optimistic attitude towards life has warmed the hearts of social media users. Some said that in her they see “a bright, sunny and wholesome girl”.

Thirteen years ago Niu was buried under the ruins of her school in Beichuan Qiang autonomous county for three days following the 8.0-magnitude earthquake. Her right leg was so badly damaged it had to be amputated above the knee. When doctors suggested amputating the other leg, fearing a gangrenous infection, her father begged on his knees for them not to.

Having more than 30 operations to remove the dead, damaged and infected tissue, and staying in hospital for more than three months, her left leg was finally

saved. Niu learned to stand on one leg and move with the use of the prosthesis.

Her trauma caused her to doubt herself. She became introverted and refused to take a subway by herself or dine out alone. Every time she went outside, she would tape sponge to her prosthetic leg and wear long trousers to hide her disability, while constantly fearing that her gait would give her away.

The turning point came in 2018, the 10th anniversary of the earthquake, when she registered to run a half marathon organised by the Wenchuan county government. Niu wore shorts in the event, showing her prosthetic leg in public.

She finished the 21-kilometre marathon in 3 hours and 53 minutes, at times almost walking. But the time did not matter. It was her way to thank those who helped Wenchuan recover from the earthquake and tell the world that it was all in the past. The present and the future now demanded her attention.

Since the race, Niu has begun to embrace herself for who she is.

She keeps reminding herself that the journey of life is short and every fleeting moment counts.

She knows that it is not what she is missing that defines her, but what she has got — courage and confidence.

“When children see people like me walking on the street, I hope that, in their eyes, we can be the superheroes, representing power and courage,” Niu said.

Now she works as a photographer in Chengdu, and she got there her way. Some shots require the photographer to squat, a position ruled out by her artificial leg. Instead, she lies on the ground to click the shutter.

“Nobody can define you, but yourself,” she said.

Tea tourism revives village

By YANG FEIYUE

The tea terraces resembled giant shining steps, glowing under the heavy autumn sun, as the green tea plants that adorned them sprouted tender shoots in the town of Liubao in late October.

It was right after Frost’s Descent, the 18th of 24 solar terms, fell on Oct 23. Locals were busy harvesting the leaves. This was an auspicious time for the ritual. The fragrance of the leaves is considered to be at its sharpest due to the temperature difference between day and night at this time of the year, as well as little rainwater.

It was not just farmers who were shuttling among the trees; visitors were also exploring the rural charm of the town that sits in Cangwu county, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region.

The visitors usually bring a sense of activity to the normally quiet town, the local authority says. Many do what the locals do: carry a bamboo basket on their shoulders and pick tea leaves. Naturally, they pose for pictures against the backdrop of the looming terraces and the clear blue sky.

At the end of the day travellers can refresh themselves with the tea, learning to fry and roll the leaves the old-fashioned way, while



A couple from Iran pick tea leaves in a tea garden in Liubao town, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

the aroma spills from heated pots and permeates the air.

Kosima Weber Liu, from Germany, visited the town in October and was impressed by the tea there.

“I had only heard of the tea-making processes before, but I got to experience what it was like to roast tea myself,” she said.

“I felt I’ve been to a special, mystical place in China.”

Liubao town has been known for its dark tea that, for 1,500 years, has been a brew to savour. It has ideal conditions for tea production, with an equilibrium of humidity, sunshine, soil and an elevation about 600 metres above sea level.

Liubao tea is considered one of the best in China and was served in tribute to Emperor Jiaqing during the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911).

It was also used as a herbal medicine to counter hot and humid conditions when Chinese people emigrated to Southeast Asia in the late 19th century.

Liubao tea can be produced from spring to autumn. Although the leaves from early spring are considered the most tender and thus top quality, they carry a unique flavour when harvested in late fall.

The local government has been developing integration of tea and tourism over the years.

“With more tourists, New Delhi

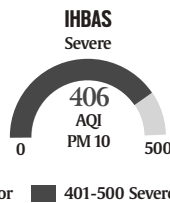
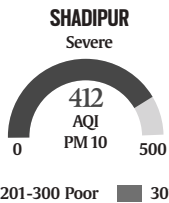
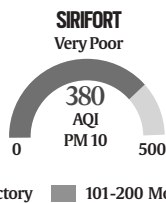
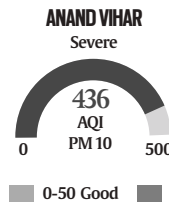
‘agritainment’ that combines accommodation, farming and tea-picking experiences has taken off,” said Cao Zhang, Party secretary of Liubao town.

In the village of Dazhong, southeast of Liubao, locals were encouraged to develop tea gardens under a programme that brings together business, co-operative oversight and rural households. The village received 150,000 visitors during this year’s Spring Festival, and it is part of the rural revitalisation belt that the Liubao government has been striving to build.

The goal is to develop a distinctive tea street, rural homestays and green tea parks for sightseeing, and create unique scenery, with villages displaying different characteristics, Cao said.

The Liubao tea museum gives visitors a comprehensive taste of what is involved in bringing in the refreshing beverage to one’s cup. Khani Fariba and Ishtiaq Ahmed, a couple from Iran, were surprised by the romance associated with the tea during their visit to the museum.

In the first part of the 20th century, residents would gift Liubao tea and salt to a bride to symbolise long-lasting affection, because tea originates from the mountain and salt comes from the ocean.



FORECAST: Nov 26
Mainly clear sky.
Shallow fog in the morning.

MAX: 28
2.5°C below normal

MIN: 11
0.3°C below normal

AQI TO DIP OVER NEXT TWO DAYS

Workers hit by construction ban to get Rs 5,000 each

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

A DAY after the Supreme Court told the Delhi government to continue its ban on construction and demolition, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the government will transfer Rs 5,000 each into the accounts of workers to help them tide over financial hardship caused by it.

On Monday, the government had lifted a nearly week-long ban on construction and demolition because of rising pollution levels in the city — the AQI had dipped to the 'severe' range in the whole of NCR last week. The Supreme Court, however, told the government to continue the ban, and that it would review the situation on Monday.

"We follow all directions and observations made by the Supreme Court. We have banned construction again in Delhi today as per orders. Construction activity has been prohibited in Delhi for many days now. I have given orders that Rs 5,000 each be transferred into the accounts of construction workers. We will also compensate for the loss they have suffered in minimum wages. We will set up special camps to register those workers who are not in the records yet," Kejriwal said.

Delhi's air quality on Thursday was in the 'very poor' range (AQI of 400). According to



Thursday's AQI was 'very poor'; the CM said special camps will be set up to register those workers who are not in the records yet. *Amit Mehra*

the forecast by the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR), air quality is expected to dip further on Friday and by Saturday and could fall in the 'severe' category again after nearly a week.

"Local surface winds are relatively low for the next three days. This reduces dispersion of pollutants, leading to deterioration of air quality... On (November) 29, local surface winds are likely to increase resulting in improvement of air quality within the 'very poor' category. Local emissions and weather are likely to be the dominant factors controlling air quality. Effective fire count is 219 and its percentage share in Delhi's PM 2.5 is 6%," Thursday's analy-

sis stated.

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai, meanwhile, said construction and demolition activities, which do not include plumbing, interior decoration, electric work, and carpentry, will be banned.

"Development work is also important and there was an improvement in the pollution levels in Delhi after the initial ban. We are mentally prepared for everything. If the situation improves, we will consider the prospect of re-opening. If it worsens, we will take necessary actions. Keeping the court's instructions in mind, construction and demolition work in Delhi have been banned once again. For the past



week, because construction and demolition work was halted, construction workers had been facing trouble. The Kejriwal government has now decided to provide financial assistance to these workers. For this, we will work with the Labour Department and prepare an outline," Rai said.

The Delhi government had last year transferred Rs 5,000 into accounts of cab and rickshaw drivers as well as construction workers who had been hit hard because of the pandemic.

Special registration drives have been conducted in the city for construction workers after the Delhi High Court intervened in the issue and it was learnt that the registration of many workers had expired and was not renewed.

In April 2020, there were only about 40,000 registered workers in Delhi, down from over 3 lakh in 2015. After the drives, there are over 2 lakh registered workers now.

Assembly panel summons Kangana Ranaut over her remarks on Sikhs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

DELHI ASSEMBLY'S Committee on Peace and Harmony has issued summons to actor Kangana Ranaut for her comments on Sikhs purportedly made on Instagram. Notices were issued to her on three different addresses — at Pali Hill and Khar — to appear in front of the committee on December 6 at noon.

"The Committee has received multiple complaints eliciting outrageously offensive and derogatory Instagram stories/ posts allegedly published by Ms Kangana Ranaut, the film actress, on her official Instagram account namely @kanganaranaut. According to the complainants, the stories published by Ms Kangana Ranaut on her Instagram account, which has a massive reach and is being followed by around 80 lakh people worldwide, specifically illustrates the instances which hurt religious sentiments of the Sikh community and has a tendency to disturb the peace and harmony of society," a statement issued by the committee said.

"Given the gravity and importance of all these issues in the NCT of Delhi, the committee on 'Peace and Harmony' under the Chairmanship of MLA Raghav Chadha has summoned Ms Kangana Ranaut to appear before the Committee so as to deliberate on the present issue in a more comprehensive and coherent manner. The summons was issued and she has been called to appear on 06.12.2021 at 12 pm," the statement added.

Ranaut had posted a message on Instagram after Prime



Kangana Ranaut (left); panel chairperson Raghav Chadha

Minister Narendra Modi announced last week that the farm laws, which farmers from several states had protested against, would be repealed. Calling protesters "Khalistani terrorists", she had also alluded to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots. An FIR against her was earlier filed in Mumbai.

The Peace and Harmony Committee was formed after the Northeast Delhi riots in 2020, to look into incidents that could disrupt peace. Last week, the committee questioned Facebook officials over hate speech and efforts of the platform to counter it.

While Facebook had gone to court against the summons, the Supreme Court in July refused to quash them but said the committee should not encroach into subjects reserved for the Centre — police and law and order. These subjects are under the Centre in Delhi since it is not a full state but a UT with special powers.

Committee Chairperson Raghav Chadha said the panel was empowered to look into "all such issues, happenings etc that have the potential to cause communal distress and disharmony and to deepen fault lines".

Ranaut's team did not respond to questions regarding the summons.

HC seeks latest status report on riot cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE DELHI High Court Thursday directed the Delhi Police to file the latest status report containing details of all cases registered in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots and steps taken for their investigation.

The division bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh said it will hear on January 28 the petitions registered to the 2020 violence including those seeking an independent SIT probe into the episode and action against political leaders who allegedly gave hate speeches prior to it.

The court passed the order after one of the petitioners said the police report does not disclose the requisite information and an updated status report needs to be filed in the matter.

It was also urged before the court that a date should be given for hearing cases that have remained pending since 2020.

The Delhi Police in a status report told the court that a total of 758 cases were registered and 695 are being investigated by the Northeast Delhi district police. As many as 62 cases were transferred to the Crime Branch and three dedicated SITs have been set up to probe them, said police, adding that one of the cases alleging a larger conspiracy is being investigated by the Special Cell.

Regarding the status of the cases, police said as of October 4, chargesheets have been filed in 361 cases and charges have been framed by the trial courts in 67. Four cases have also been quashed by the High Court and the accused in two cases have been discharged. An ac-



Delhi Police told court 758 cases were registered and 695 are being investigated by NE district police. *Archive*

quittal also has taken place.

Charges are yet to be framed in 287 cases, as per the status report.

Police claimed that all FIRs have been or are being "investigated promptly, diligently and in accordance with law by the Delhi Police".

Rejecting the allegations mentioned in the petitions, it also questioned their reliance on the report prepared by the Delhi Minorities Commission and other fact-finding bodies.

CHANGE OF NAME

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Schools in Gurgaon will reopen today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, NOVEMBER 25

ALL EDUCATIONAL institutions including government and private schools in Gurgaon will reopen Friday, as per directions of the Haryana government. An order dated November 25 by Deputy Commissioner Yash Garg, said all schools — government and private — as well as other educational institutes will open from Friday and will have to follow Covid protocols.

Schools had earlier been closed in Gurgaon, Faridabad,

Sonapat and Jhajjar from November 14 to 17 due to deteriorating air quality in districts around Delhi-NCR. At the time, the government had banned all types of construction and development activities and had also prohibited stubble burning.

On November 17, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) had said all private and government schools, colleges and other educational institutions in Delhi and other NCR cities shall remain closed 'until further orders'. As per CPCB, the AQI in Gurgaon was 334 (very poor) on Thursday.

Govt forms Yamuna Cell for cleaning river

New Delhi: The Delhi government has formed a Yamuna Cleaning Cell, which will include officials of all state government bodies that have a role in cleaning and maintaining the river.

"In order to expedite inter-departmental decision making and execution, we have formed a Yamuna Cleaning Cell (YCC) today, headed by CEO, DJB and representatives of all departments concerned. This will expedite the

Yamuna cleaning process," Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted.

He had last week said that his government will clean the Yamuna before the next assembly polls in 2025. In a meeting held on the issue Thursday, CM said work will be taken up on this front with "same seriousness and mindset which was applied to education and health sectors". **ENS**

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TALENT SPOTTING

EVER SINCE Jitender Singh became Science and Technology Minister, he has had a unique additional duty. Parents who believe their children have exceptional scientific abilities have been visiting him at his residence, with their children. While parents often exaggerate the abilities of their children, the minister was pleasantly surprised when one such candidate was presented before him two months ago — a 15-year-old boy who has been building rudimentary satellites at home in his Jammu village. The minister immediately put the young man in touch with ISRO where he is now being mentored.

RAISING DAY

FOR THE first time in its history, the BSF will be celebrating its Raising Day on the India-Pakistan border. Sources said Home Minister Amit Shah has consented to be the chief guest and will address the personnel on the border in Jaisalmer on December 5. Incidentally, this is also the first time that BSF will be celebrating its Raising Day four days after it is usually celebrated. Sources said this was done to ensure Shah's presence.

PROJECT HARYANA

TRINAMOL CONGRESS on Thursday appointed its Rajya Sabha Deputy leader Sukhendu Sekhar Roy as the state in-charge of the party's Haryana unit. On Tuesday, former Haryana Congress chief Ashok Tanwar had joined the TMC. This will be the TMC's second foray into the state. In 2012, the party had announced plans to expand its base in north India, including Haryana. Former party MP and industrialist K D Singh, whose business interests are currently under the scanner of the Enforcement Directorate, was entrusted with the responsibility of handling the expansion project then.

JAISHANKAR AT SCO COUNCIL MEET

Eye on China's BRI, India stresses on transparency in connectivity projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday said that "any serious connectivity initiative must be transparent and conform to the most basic principle of respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity", in a reference to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Jaishankar made these comments during a virtual address at a meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government on Thursday.

India has been critical of BRI, as the \$50-billion corridor passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Jaishankar also said that repeated attempts to deliberately bring bilateral issues into the SCO violate laid-down principles of the grouping, and such counter-productive acts should be "condemned".

He said India has been taking steps to operationalise Chabahar port in Iran to provide secure and commercially viable access to the sea for Central Asian countries.

India has proposed to include Chabahar port in the framework of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) while reaffirming New Delhi's commitment to "cooperate, plan, invest and build physical and digital connectivity in the SCO region", he said.

The eight-nation Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) has emerged as one of the largest trans-regional international or-



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

ganisations. India and Pakistan became its permanent members in 2017. "India considers the SCO as an important regional group to promote cooperation in various fields based on universally recognised international norms, good governance, rule of law, openness, transparency and equality," Jaishankar said.

"It is unfortunate to note that there have been repeated attempts to deliberately bring bilateral issues into SCO. This violates the well-established principles and norms of the SCO charter," he said.

Pakistan attempted to raise the Kashmir issue at SCO meetings on several occasions in the last few years.

"Such acts are counter-productive to the spirit of consensus and cooperation that define this organization and should be condemned," the External Affairs Minister said.

Talking about economic prosperity, he said India believes that greater connectivity is an economic force-multiplier that has acquired greater salience in the post-Covid era. "However, any serious connectivity initiative must be consultative, transparent and participatory. It must conform to the most basic principle of international law — respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity," he added.

Jaishankar to chair RIC meet today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar, his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will hold talks in the virtual format on Friday. The meeting, being held under the Russia-India-China (RIC) trilateral framework, will be chaired by Jaishankar, MEA said.

"The 18th meeting of the foreign ministers of the Russian Federation, Republic of India and People's Republic of China will be held in digital video-conference format on November 26," it said. "The foreign ministers are expected to discuss further strengthening of RIC trilateral cooperation, including exchange of views on various regional and international issues of importance," the MEA said.

Centre tells SC it will revisit Rs 8 lakh EWS income norm

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THE CENTRE Thursday told the Supreme Court that it will revisit the criteria that fixes a limit of Rs 8 lakh in annual income to determine Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for the purpose of extending reservation benefits.

This was conveyed by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to a bench, headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud, which had earlier asked the Centre to explain the criteria it had employed to arrive at the figure. "In the matter, I have instructions to say that the Government has decided to revisit the criteria. We will formulate a committee and take a fresh decision within four weeks," Mehta said.

The bench, also comprising Justices Surya Kant and Vikram Nath, is hearing a batch of pleas challenging the July 29 notification of the Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) providing 27

per cent reservation for OBCs and 10 per cent quota to the EWS category in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (All India Quota) for admission to postgraduate courses in medical colleges.

On October 21, the apex court had pointed out that Rs 8 lakh was also the limit fixed for the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) quota, and said that people from that community "suffer from social and educational backwardness" but "under the Constitutional scheme, EWS are not socially and educationally backward". Therefore, by having a similar scheme for both, "you are making unequals equals", it had said.

On October 25, the Centre had assured the Supreme Court that counselling for NEET-PG courses will not start until the court decides on the issue. On Thursday, Mehta informed the bench that the counselling will remain on hold during the four weeks when the revision exercise will be undertaken.

Appearing for the petitioners,

Senior Advocate Arvind P Datar stated the admissions for the current academic year had already been delayed and sought to know if the implementation of the quota could be postponed to the next academic year.

The bench asked the Solicitor General if the Government would want to consider the option. "What happens is that we are at the end of November. Suppose you complete it by the end of December and then implementation, etc., and then the terms would begin only sometime in February-March. Two months, the students are losing time. This is something you may want to consider," said Justice Chandrachud.

The Solicitor General responded that the option would be to proceed with the present criteria for the current year. "Deferring a Constitutional amendment should be the last resort," he submitted.

Justice Kant remarked that "EWS is a progressive reservation

but the issue is how it can be implemented". Datar said: "The question is why is Rs 8 lakh a limit for the EWS category," Mehta responded that the Government is "taking a call on this".

Justice Chandrachud said: "If they have to do it, let them do it in a proper way. We don't want to push them in a situation where they do something in an improper way... you know all the problems that we have noticed in our order. Four weeks is not unreasonably long. I am only worried that medical admissions and the medical year are being postponed."

Hearing the petitions earlier, the Supreme Court had asked the Centre to explain what exercise it had undertaken to arrive at the Rs 8-lakh annual income criteria to identify EWS eligible for reservation in medical seats under NEET (AIQ). On October 21, the court had said: "You can't just pull out Rs 8 lakh from anywhere. There must be some data. Sociological, demographic."



Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav at the rally organised by ally Janwadi Party (Socialist) in Lucknow on Thursday. Vishal Srivastav

Foundation of Jewar airport laid only to sell it later, says Akhilesh

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SAMAJWADI PARTY (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday alleged that the Jewar airport in Noida was being built so that the government could sell it later. He made the comments at a rally here on a day Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the international airport.

"They are laying the foundation of the new airport so they can sell it once it is built. If a country sells its public assets, then what will happen to the rights of people? What will the coming generations do? How will they get jobs? Who will give them reservation?" Akhilesh

asked at the rally held at Lucknow's Ramabai Ambedkar Park. The SP's ally Janwadi Party (Socialist), which is headed by Sanjay Singh Chauhan, organised the public meeting.

"There is an airport nearby that was owned by the government, but now it isn't. It has been sold by the government... I read the newspaper and saw that 90,000 chairs have been put, where the PM, CM are going with all the people in the government... I am happy that all the chairs here at Sanjay Singh Chauhan's programme are filled without him being in government. This shows how voting will be done this time."

Akhilesh said, "What are these BJP people doing? On one side, they are building a new air-

port, while selling others. Will you believe them? Who can believe them? The BJP had once given a slogan that those who walk in *hawai chappal* [slippers] will travel in *hawai jahaaz* [aeroplanes]. How many of you have travelled in planes? They have sold aeroplanes and airports too."

Referring to the SP's alliance with smaller parties, Akhilesh said, "The SP has tried to bring all parties together... This is the fight we want to fight, and that is why we have been bringing together everyone... When so many people are with us and we have flags of so many colours, then no other party can have such diversity. The Samajwadis want to create a bouquet of different flowers. These one-coloured people cannot bring development or happiness."

Another BSP MLA quits, Maya links it to case by woman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 25

IN ANOTHER jolt to the BSP, its legislative party leader Shah Alam, alias Guddu Jamali, on Thursday resigned from the party and the state Assembly.

The two-term MLA from Mubarakpur in Azamgarh said he did not intend to join any other party at the moment. "I am mentally disturbed and I have no intention of going to any party right now. I will rest for a few

days," he was quoted as saying by PTI. After his resignation, Mayawati in a statement claimed that Alam had threatened to quit if she did not help him in a police case registered by a woman.

The BSP statement read: "The reason for Alam's resignation is that a girl working in his company has levelled accusations against his character. She has also lodged a police complaint, which is being probed. He himself told me this. After this, he was putting pressure on me to speak to the chief minister and get the matter

closed. He met me regarding this recently. I told him that it was a case by a girl and that it would be good if he doesn't get justice in the probe, he can approach a court."

In his resignation letter, Alam thanked BSP chief Mayawati for giving him an opportunity to serve people and said he would not like to be a "burden" on the party. "With a heavy heart I have to say that in a meeting with you on November 21, I felt that despite my dedication and honesty towards the party, you did not seem satisfied. After thinking

about our conversation during the meeting, I felt that if I was a burden on my leader and party, I would not like that to continue. Hence, I am resigning as the legislative party leader and an MLA as I won the election on a BSP ticket," wrote Alam.

On October 30, six MLAs, suspended from the BSP, switched to the SP. On June 3, Mayawati expelled two prominent leaders Lalji Verma and Ram Achal Rajbhar for "indulging in anti-party activities". Verma and Rajbhar later joined the SP.



In *Sunrise over Ayodhya*, Khurshid equates IS, Hindutva

"Ask people not to buy the book or read it. Otherwise people who are very incensed with Chapter VI should write their own piece... Tell everybody that the book is badly authored, does not serve your valuable time, read something better."

The court earlier questioned the petitioner's argument that

the book violates Article 19(2) of the Constitution. "Article 19(2) empowers the government to place a reasonable restriction. The government has not placed any restraint on the publication," said Justice Varma.

When Choudhary claimed that the book had caused a breach of public peace and this was ongoing, the court asked the counsel to state where this had happened. Choudhary then submitted that "it may be possible, not today but tomorrow, something may happen as the contents are not reasonable". Choudhary later sub-

WINTER SESSION

BJP issues whip to RS MPs, farm laws repeal likely in first week

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

IN AN indication of the government's intent to repeal the three contentious farm laws in the first week of the Winter Session of Parliament, the ruling BJP on Thursday issued a whip for its members in Rajya Sabha to remain present in House to support the government through the day on November 29.

"All BJP MPs in Rajya Sabha are hereby informed that some very important business will be up for discussion and passing in the Rajya Sabha on Monday the 29 November 2021. All members of the BJP in Rajya Sabha are, therefore, requested to be positively present in the House throughout the day on Monday, 29 November and support the government's stand," said the whip issued by Shiv Pratap Shukla, the party's chief whip in the Upper House.

The BJP MPs in Lok Sabha have not received any whip yet. Sources in the government said a whip is likely to be issued for the party MPs in the Lower House members too by Sunday.

The Winter Session begins on November 29 and is scheduled to conclude on December 23.

Asked if the whip for Rajya Sabha indicates the government's move to bring in the Bill to repeal three farm laws in the first week itself, a minister said, "This indicates the government's eagerness to keep the Prime Minister's promise to farmers."

The Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021 is expected to be tabled in the first week itself to repeal the Farmers' Produce Trade and

Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance, Farm Services Act, 2020, and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced last week that the government would repeal the three laws against which farmers of Punjab, Haryana and parts of Uttar Pradesh have been protesting. Punjab and Uttar Pradesh are going to polls early next year. On Wednesday, the Cabinet approved the repeal of the laws.

The move could force the Opposition, which appears to be keen on discussing the controversial Bills on the floor of the House, to keep aside its "disruptions" and join the debates. "And it could strengthen the possibility of an effective session. The government is prepared with its counter strategy against the Opposition's criticism," said a BJP leader.

The government has listed 26 new Bills, including one to create a facilitative framework to produce official digital currency, for the four-week session. The session is also expected to witness introduction of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill to de-license power distribution and the Bills meant to extend tenure of the CBI and ED directors to five years from two years. Both the proposed legislation have already drawn criticism from the Opposition. While the presiding officers of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have convened a meeting of floor leaders of all parties this weekend, the government has also called an all-party meeting on Sunday.

Political consensus is way forward on remote voting, House panel told

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

POLITICAL CONSENSUS is the way forward for introducing remote voting in India, Election Commission of India officials on Thursday told a Parliamentary Standing Committee, it is learnt.

It is learnt that the poll panel officials made a power point presentation before the Standing Committee on Personal, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, which is headed by BJP Rajya Sabha member Sushil Kumar Modi. Officials from the Legislative Department were also present in the meeting.

During the meeting, the officials explained the concept of remote voting and remote voter, international experience of remote voting, current remote voters in India, technology required for remote voting, administrative legal issues and the way forward, it is learnt. They also discussed the problems associated with the implementation of remote voting. Remote voting refers to a mechanism that allows electors to vote from locations other than polling stations assigned to their registered constituencies.

The officials highlighted that remote voting may require legal changes in electoral roll related

provision; polling booth, polling officials and territorial concept; conduct of elections; counting and electoral offences.

It is learnt that the poll panel officials informed the committee that being a matter of importance, the ECI is deliberating the matter on active basis.

It is important that any system of remote voting has to take into account the confidence and acceptability of all the stakeholders of the electoral system — voters, political parties and election machinery, the officials are learnt to have informed the committee while political consensus is the way forward to introduce remote voting.

The standing committee is deliberating on key electoral reforms which have been proposed, including linking of Aadhaar with voter ID. The committee has also decided to take up three other proposed electoral reforms, which include remote voting; action against elected representatives filing false affidavits; and common electoral roll for conducting all elections from village panchayat to Parliament.

The committee has taken up the remote voting issue at a time when the ECI plans to start mapping the population of migrant workers across the country to prepare a roadmap for its introduction.

mitted that "something" has already happened in Nainital on account of the book. The court said, "We are in Delhi!"

In the petition, Jindal reproduced the excerpt from the chapter 'The Saffron Sky', saying, "Sanatan dharma and classical Hinduism known to sages and saints was being pushed aside by a robust version of Hindutva, by all standards a political version similar to the jihadist Islam of groups like ISIS and Boko Haram of recent years."

Arguing that the statement was defamatory towards the en-

tire Hindu community, the petitioner said it was the duty of each and every citizen to try and maintain peace. "Nobody has the right to impinge on the faith of others," he said.

A lower court had earlier refused to stop the publication of Khurshid's book and said that an injunction would lead to hardship for the publishers and also curtail the right of speech and expression of the author. The court had held that an excerpt could not be read in isolation, and the plaintiff can always propagate against the book.

After edible oils, vegetable prices soar

Farmers blame crop loss due to delayed rains and high fuel prices for lower arrivals in mandis

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
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AFTER EDIBLE oils, prices of staple vegetables including onions, tomato, brinjal, cauliflower, bitter gourd, and cabbage, have risen sharply over the last one year. Edible prices, as reported in *The Indian Express* earlier this month, have increased by 15-20 per cent since last year.

In the Madanapalle tomato wholesale market in Andhra Pradesh's Chittoor district, tomato prices soared to Rs 130 a kg; it had touched a high of Rs 100 last in 2016. In the Azadpur mandi in Delhi, its maximum price now is Rs 72 a kg compared with Rs 40 a kg last November.

With elections in five states just a few months away, higher food inflation, especially rising vegetable prices may gain political traction. Prices of most vegetable prices have appreciated by 15-20 per cent across the country, and they are expected to rise fur-

EXPLAINED Prices may rise in the short term

FOOD INFLATION, especially higher prices of vegetables, is almost like a tax on the common person's income. While the pickings next month will likely soften prices, the impact of a cut in diesel prices by the Centre and states, may bring relief. But it may not fully offset the impact of a late monsoon.

ther till the next picking in December.

Farmers and traders attribute the increase in prices to the heavy spell of rains in September and the resultant crop loss.

"On Tuesday, only 90 tonnes of tomatoes arrived in the market. Compared with 400-500 tonnes of the vegetable arriving every day, normal arrival has reduced to 300-350 tonnes," said a trader in Madanapalle, which is one of the largest tomato markets in the country. Retail prices reported by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) shows that most cities are selling the vegetable between Rs

70-80/kg. In places like Bengaluru, tomato prices have doubled to Rs 66 a kg.

The NHB data also reveals a month-over-month price rise in peas, brinjal, bitter gourd, okra, cabbage, and cauliflower as well. Rains in September had affected the kharif onions in Nashik which were to hit the wholesale markets in November. Overall, the price rise in vegetables has been between 20 per cent and 50 per cent with growing centres like Maharashtra, Telangana, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka reporting a slightly lower price rise compared with consuming

sectors like West Bengal, Bihar etc.

After a slightly delayed start, the monsoon this year lagged in July, and picked up post August. September proved to be a wet month with most parts of the country recording extreme rainfall. These rains caused major crop damage reported in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Telangana.

Shriram Ghadave, President of Vegetable Growers Association of India (VGAI) said the September rains were detrimental for vegetable crops. "These are crops which farmers cultivate for a short span of 3-4 months. The rains in September damaged the nursery plantation of tomatoes which was to start yielding in November. Due to the heavy rains, the nursery plantations in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana were damaged and the lower arrivals in wholesale markets is pushing up the retail prices," he said.

Ajit Korade, a farmer who grows vegetables in Phaltan

taluka of Satara district in Maharashtra, blamed last year's lower prices of tomatoes and some other vegetables for weaning away farmers from growing vegetables. "Earlier this year, prices touched rock bottom with farmers selling tomatoes for Rs 2-3/kg. Since then, many farmers have diverted their holding from tomatoes to other crops like soyabean or sugarcane. We feel vegetable price rise will continue for some time," he said.

In Delhi, onion prices have risen Rs 15-20 a kg to Rs 20-25 a kg in just one week. "Delhi primarily gets its supply of onions from Rajasthan, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The wholesale price of onion has risen from Rs 15-20 per kg to Rs 20-25 per kg in the last one week itself. This is due to the rise in diesel prices and unseasonal rains which damaged crops," said Haji Yamin, President of the Okhla Mandi Onion Traders' Association.

WITH INPUTS FROM SOURAV ROY BARMAN IN NEW DELHI



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at an event in Uttar Pradesh's Sitapur district on Thursday. PTI

Rajnath bats for UP CM, says BJP is sensitive to farmers

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USING A cricket analogy, senior BJP leader and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday indicated that his party wants Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to continue and ensure a party victory in the coming Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh.

Referring to a recent photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Adityanath, Singh said the PM appears to be whispering in the CM's ear, "just keep batting Yogi ji and the BJP's win is assured".

Singh was speaking at a meeting of BJP booth-level leaders in Sitapur.

Calling the Centre's decision to repeal the three contentious farm laws an "example of PM Modi's 'badappan' (big-heartedness), Singh said that BJP considers farmers as "God" and can never open fire at them or harass them.

"We consider farmers as God... The three farm laws were cleared by Parliament, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi showed his large heart and decided to repeal them... Our Government cannot order firing on farmers or harass them... Our party is always sensitive towards farmers, that's why our prime minister has repealed the farm laws," he said.

Accusing the Opposition Samajwadi Party of playing "divisive politics" by invoking "Muhammad Ali Jinnah who was responsible for the Partition".

"As elections approach, they (Samajwadi Party) took out the spirit of Jinnah from the bottle. What was the need to talk of someone like him in Uttar Pradesh politics, who was responsible for the division of the country... Even the Muslim community has condemned the SP for this," Singh said, referring to SP chief Akhilesh Yadav's recent remark where he took the name of Jinnah along with Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as those who helped get India freedom.

"Unlike other parties, BJP does not believe in coming to power by dividing the country in the name of caste, creed, and religion," he added.

Singh, who is also the BJP MP from Lucknow, accused the Opposition Congress and SP of ordering firing at farmers and Ram bhakths (devotees of Ram). Calling the previous SP government one of "goons" and "mafia", Singh said that today the same goons and mafia are afraid of chief minister Adityanath.

He also praised Adityanath for "exemplary handling" of the Covid situation.

Sportspersons lock BJP MP in stadium over 'unpaid' reward

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SHAHJAHANPUR, NOV 25

BJP'S SHAHJAHANPUR MP Arun Kumar Sagar was locked inside the stadium premises here on Thursday by local sportspersons who were protesting against the non-payment of promised rewards to their winning teams. With stadium gates locked by the protesting sportspersons, the BJP leader had to stay confined in the stadium premises for some time before being rescued by the police.

During the Shahjahanpur MP's visit to the stadium for a sports event, the protesters raised slogans and tore banners and

posters put up to welcome him, said the police. They also locked the stadium gate from outside for some time. Sagar was escorted out by a police team.

ASP (City) Sanjay Kumar said the police force was sent to the stadium when he received information about the protests there. "The sportspersons were pacified and the MP was taken from there," the ASP said.

Sagar brushed off the incident saying "the sportspersons were enthusiastic". He also denied non-payment of the money, saying, "Those who won got the award."

The protesters alleged that despite the MP's promises their winning teams have not received any money.



IN MEMORY OF PATEL

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot at an event to mark the death anniversary of Congress leader Ahmed Patel at Ankleshwar in Gujarat on Thursday. During his visit, Gehlot flagged 'Covid mismanagement' in Gujarat. "The Covid-19 impact was so horrible that the entire Gujarat government stepped down and was replaced with new ministers recently. This shows Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) and Home Minister (Amit Shah) are afraid of the public mood due to the state's mismanagement of the pandemic in Gujarat," Gehlot told reporters in Surat. PTI

Abani Roy, key Left Front face in UPA-1, dies

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Abani Roy was 84

Parliament and active politics following poor health.

His body was taken to Premachandran's residence where Left leaders paid their last tributes. The cremation took place in the evening.

Expressing her condolences, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee tweeted:


"Deeply pained to hear about the demise of veteran leader and former Rajya Sabha MP Shri Abani Roy. Sincere condolences to his family and loved ones."

Associated with the RSP since the age of 20 in 1959, Roy was the member of its Central Secretariat, besides being the general secretary of the party for a brief period. His first foray into electoral politics was in 1978, when he was elected to the Kolkata Corporation. He entered the Rajya Sabha in 1998 and retired in August 2011. He was part of the top Left leadership that en-

gaged with the Congress-led UPA when the Left parties supported the Manmohan Singh government from outside.

While an RSP loyalist all his life, Roy resigned from the party in 2009 when a section of its leaders objected to his writing to then prime minister Manmohan Singh demanding that the government disallow the deal between Bharti Telecom and South African telecom major MTN.

Roy also wrote to Singh on the dispute between the Ambani brothers — Anil and Mukesh. Roy later withdrew his resignation.



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NIA files charges against Khalistan terrorist Nijjar

New Delhi: The NIA on Thursday filed a chargesheet against proscribed Khalistan terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) in a case of conspiracy to commit terrorist acts against India. Nijjar, from Jalandhar in Punjab, is currently based in Surrey, Canada. "The case pertains to a conspiracy hatched by Hardeep Singh

Nijjar of proscribed terrorist organisation Babbar Khalsa International and others to carry out terrorist acts in India," the NIA said in a statement. "He used to send funds to India...for developing a network of sympathisers for targeted killings in Punjab and was trying to arrange ammunition from his Pakistan-based associates for his nefarious plans." **ENS**

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 35 Yrs., Height: 5'8", Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Cream Colour Shirt & Black Colour Pant, Place of Recovery: Found dead at Gate No. 1, Back Side of MCD Office, Near Barbar Shop, Old Delhi Railway Station.**

In this regard **FIR/DD No. 18A, Dated 21.11.2021** has been lodged at **Police Station, Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi
DP/391/RLY/2021 Ph.: 8750238080, 8750871302

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Email: latha.mdkmscsl@gmail.com

No: HFW/KSMSCL/TND/25Drugs/42/2021-22, Date: 25.11.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: 1. Tender Notification No.HFW/KSMSCL/TND/25Drugs/42/2021-22, Dated: 25.11.2021 (IND-869).
2. Tender Notification No. HFW/KSMSCL/TND/22Drugs/43/2021-Dated: 25.11.2021 (IND-870).

Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KPPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:

1. Tender for Supply of Drugs, Chemical and Miscellaneous items for the year 2020-21.

The tenderers who have registered under e-Procurement department may participate through e-tendering system. Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from 25.11.2021 the eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/- Managing Director, KSMSCL, Bangalore.

DIPR/DDU/AAPL/RO2219/21-22

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SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

ADVERTISEMENT DEPARTMENT
Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Civic Centre (25th Floor), Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, New Delhi-110002, Ph. No. 011-2322-7511

No. CO (Advt.)/SDMC/NIT/2021-22/D-597 Dated:- 25.11.2021

E-TENDER NOTICE, EXTENSION OF DATE AND WITHDRAWAL OF NIT

1. Bids are invited on behalf of Commissioner, SDMC from eligible bidders vide E-Tender Notice No. CO/Advt/E-Tender-15/2021-22/SDMC/NIT/D-596 dated 25.11.2021 for allotment of advertisement rights through Clusters of Unipole sites under the jurisdiction of SDMC on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of three years and further extendable for another period of two years, subject to satisfactory performance of the firm and as decided by the Commissioner, SDMC.

The Last Date of Submission of bids in all above e-tenders is:- 17.12.2021. Till 16.00 Hours. The detailed Tender documents are available on SDMC's website i.e. www.mcdonline.nic.in/www.mcdonline.gov.in and <https://tenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

2. The last date of bid submission of the following NITs/Tenders have been extended due to administrative reasons from earlier dated 29.11.2021 till 1600 hours to 07.12.2021 till 1600 hours (new date & time for bid submission):

Sl. No.: 1. NIT Number: No.CO/Advt/E-Tender-10/2021-22/SDMC/NIT/D-553 dated 03.11.2021. **NIT Subject:** E-Tender for allotment of advertisement rights through designated Unipole clusters under the jurisdiction of SDMC.

Sl. No.: 2. NIT Number: No.CO/Advt/E-Tender-11/2021-22/SDMC/NIT/D-554 dated 03.11.2021. **NIT Subject:** E-Tender for allotment of advertisement rights through LED Screens/Digital Media at various locations under the jurisdiction of SDMC.

Sl. No.: 3. NIT Number: No.CO/Advt/E-Tender-13/2021-22/SDMC/NIT/D-556 dated 03.11.2021. **NIT Subject:** Open e-tender for allotment of advertisement rights through building/wall wraps and led screen on the facade of multilevel car parking at puzzle parking, central market, Lajpat Nagar, Central Zone on monthly license fee basis under the jurisdiction of SDMC.

All the details viz Tender documents and modifications/clarification are available on SDMC's website i.e. www.mcdonline.nic.in/www.mcdonline.gov.in and <https://tenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>

3. The below mentioned NIT/Tender is hereby withdrawn due to administrative reasons:

Sl. No.:1. NIT Number: NIT No.CO/Advt/E-Tender-12/2021-22/ SDMC/NIT/D-555 dated 03.11.2021. **NIT Subject:** E-Tender for allotment of advertisement rights through designated clusters of Public Toilets/Individual Public Toilets under the jurisdiction of SDMC.

This issue with the prior approval of competent authority.

Ro No. 63/DPI/S/2021-22 Commercial Officer, Advertisement Department

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER, BRAHMANI BASIN, SAMAL. PIN-759037.
Tel No. 06760-266333 e-Mail: cebmbs@gmail.com
e-Procurement No.CEBBS-AD-05/2021-22 (Bid Identification No. BBS-AD-ISS-05 of 2021-22)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online tenders are invited for Construction of Instream Storage Structure across River Samakoi near village Santeibhanja on EPC Contract .

Name of Work	Class/EMD /Tender Fee /Period of completion
Construction of Instream Storage Structure across River Samakoi near village Santeibhanja on EPC Contract	(1) Class - Super class or equivalent Bidders. (2) EMD- Only the Bid Security Declaration to be furnished instead of EMD / Bid Security. (3) Tender Fee- Rs 10,000/- to be transferred online (Non Refundable) (4) Period of Completion 24 (Twenty-four) calendar months including monsoon season

A. PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF BIDDING DOCUMENT.	Dt.01.12.2021 from 10.00 AM to Dt.15.01.2022 up to 5.00 PM
B. TIME AND DATE FOR PRE-BID CONFERENCE	Dt. 15.12.2021 at 11.30 AM Office chamber of the CE & BM, Brahmani Basin, Samal. (Virtual Mode)
C. LAST DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS	Dt. 15.01.2022 up to 5.00 PM
D. PLACE OF SALE, RECEIPT OF BIDS	Online through e-procurement.
E. TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF TECHNICAL BID	Dt. 17.01.2022 at 11.30 AM
F. PLACE OF OPENING OF BIDS	Office chamber of the CE& BM. Brahmani Basin, Samal. At/Po- Samal Barrage Township. Dist-Angul, Odisha, India.Pin-759037
G. Further details can be seen from e-procurement portal "https://tendersodisha.gov.in"	

Sd/-
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Brahmani Basin, Samal.
OIPR-32048/11005/2122

Modi brought stability to N-E, time to invest in region: Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE NARENDRA Modi government has established peace and political stability in the North-East to create an atmosphere of investment in the region, Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday.

"Today all governments in the North-East have full majority. The BJP-led Northeast Democratic Alliance (NEDA) is heading all the eight governments in the region. People of the region have accepted Modiji and given 19 of 24 seats in the region to the BJP. Of 498 MLAs in the region, 350 are from NEDA," Shah said, while addressing a gathering of industrialists under the aegis of Indian Chamber of Commerce.

"If any place needs indus-



Amit Shah addresses the session on 'Bharat at 75- Empowering N-E India', in Delhi, Thursday. PTI

trial growth, it will need peace, political stability, and an environment for growth. This is the environment that the BJP government has created in the region in the past seven years," he said. He said development of the east cannot be imagined without the development of the North-

East. Before Independence, he said, the per capita income in Assam was the highest in the country and his government was working to bring it back to that level.

"I am telling you, in 2024 when we go to the people to seek their votes, every capital in the region will be connected to an airport. Earlier, there were only two. Of the eight states, seven are connected with the railways today and several national highways have been built. Between 2014 and 2021, Rs 2,65,513 crore has been spent only on infrastructure. In the past seven years, the budget of the North-East has been doubled," Shah said.

"Please look at the North-East once...I know investments are not made on emotions. But the atmosphere you need for investment has been created there. It is the right time to invest in the North-East," he said.

Maharashtra: Offline classes for junior classes from Dec 1

ALIFIYA KHAN
PUNE, NOVEMBER 25

OFFLINE CLASSES for primary school students will begin in Maharashtra from December 1, state School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad announced on Thursday.

In-person classes for primary school students have not taken place since March 2020, when the first lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic was

announced.

In a meeting on Thursday, the state cabinet took the decision to reopen schools from Class 1 to 4 in rural areas, and from Class 1 to 7 in urban areas from December 1.

The decision came a day after Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope had announced that the state Covid task force for children had approved the reopening of schools for Classes 1 to 7.

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PRESS NIT No. 10/WB-I/2021-22

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/ Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD)	Tender Fee	Date of Release of tender in E-Procurement Solution & Tender ID No.	Last Date/ Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution
01	Construction of 15 MGD effluent pumping station at Pappankalan STP Phase-II under EE(WB)-I (Civil Work)	Rs. 54,79,156/-	Exempted	₹ 1000/-	24.11.2021 2021_DJB_211469_1	20.12.2021 At 03:00 PM

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

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NOTICE BOARD

CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY EVENTS, HONOURS



STUDY TOUR – ONGC

Study tours were organized by ONGC Tripura Asset's oil-field Installation on 11 and 15 November 2021, for around 100 students from Kendriya Vidyalaya, ONGC North Colony, Agartala.



CSR – POWERGRID – NR-I

POWERGRID, under its CSR initiative in Northern Region-I, has provided financial assistance amounting to Rs. 3.5 Crs under a joint CSR support by Power Sector CPSE's towards rehabilitation & restoration of the disaster-stricken state of Uttarakhand.



GANGA CONNECT EXHIBITION - NMCG

The Ganga Connect Exhibition was inaugurated in Oxford, UK. The Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development (OICSD) at Somerville College, Oxford University played host to the exhibition currently going on in the UK.



CONCLAVE & AWARDS – IFCCI CSR

Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Women & Child Development, GOI inaugurated IFCCI's third edition of CSR Conclave & Awards on 24th Nov. 2021 as the Chief Guest & H.E. Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador of France to India attended as the Guest of Honor.



CELEBRATION - INDIANOIL

IndianOil celebrated World Fisheries Day across the country felicitating key stakeholders of the nation's Fisheries sector, including fishing communities & government officials. Stakeholders were also felicitated on behalf of SM Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil.



TRIPARTITE SETTLEMENT – MOIL

In a major development, a tripartite settlement for wage revision of MOIL workers was signed between management of MOIL and the representatives of the recognized union, in presence of Chief Labour Commissioner, Gol.



HOCKEY TOURNAMENT - SBI

SBI, Local Head Office, New Delhi, recently organized the Inter Circle Hockey Tournament, in which 10 Circle teams of the Bank participated. The program was inaugurated by Amitava Chatterjee, CGM, Delhi Circle.



INITIATIVE – MNC KORBA

Municipal Corporation under the guidance of Municipal commissioner Korba, Kuldeep Sharma, constructed a road by reusing plastic waste and adopted an innovative technique to curb the environmental issue caused by plastic.

SHAKTI MILLS GANGRAPE

Death penalty commuted to life term: HC says ‘death puts end to repentance’

OMKARGOKHALE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 25

OBSERVING THAT "death puts end to the concept of repentance, sufferings and mental agony", the Bombay High Court on Thursday commuted to life imprisonment the death penalty given to three men found guilty of gangraping a photojournalist in the abandoned Shakti Mills in central Mumbai on August 22, 2013.

Setting aside the death sentence, the HC observed, "Women are the backbone of every nation and therefore, they deserve their due respect and honour. Honour and respect for women are the marks of a civilised society. It may appear to the public at large that we play a counter majoritarian role. However, the Constitutional courts are bound to take into consideration the judicial mandate not by considering just individual rights or the rights of the criminal, but to follow 'the procedure established by law'."

It added, "We would observe that Section 376E (death penalty for repeat offenders of rape) of the IPC is not a substantive offence, but is a punishment contemplated for repeat offenders... Death puts an end to the whole concept of repentance, any sufferings and mental agony... The statute has not prescribed

mandatory death penalty. Although the offence is barbaric and heinous, it cannot be said at the threshold that the accused deserve only death penalty and nothing less than that."

Section 376E of the IPC was added through the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013, which was introduced following the 2012 Delhi gangrape case.

In March 2014, a sessions court in the city had awarded death sentence to the three men — Vijay Mohan Jadhav, Mohammad Kasim Shaikh Bangali and Mohammed Salim Ansari. The three were also sentenced to life by the same court in another gangrape case, that of a 19-year-old telephone operator inside Shakti Mills in July 2013. The trials in both the cases were held simultaneously and conviction handed out the same day.

Last month, a division bench of Justice Sadhana S Jadhav and Justice Prithviraj K Chavan of the High Court began hearing the death confirmation reference plea by the state government and appeal by the convicts against the trial court order in the case.

Advocates Yug Mohit Chaudhry and Payoshi Roy for the convicts submitted that the trial court order was based on wrong application of Section 376E of the IPC, which provides the death penalty for repeat of-

fenders convicted for offences of rape, gangrape and murder. Chaudhry argued that Section 376E can be applied only if a convict has once undergone sentence and if he or she had opportunity to reform but committed repeated offence, which was not the case in the present matter.

Chaudhry had submitted that the trial was conducted in an unfair manner with inadequate opportunity to the defence to make submissions on framing of charge under Section 376E of IPC and on quantum of sentence. He said the convicts were deprived of basic fundamental rights, pointing to their impoverished backgrounds and young age.

Justice Sadhana Jadhav who authored the 108-page judgement, noted, "The convicts deserve the punishment of rigorous imprisonment for life i.e. the whole of the remainder of their natural life in order to repent for the offence committed by them. The convicts in the present case do not deserve to assimilate with the society, as it would be difficult to survive in a society of such men who look upon women with derision, depravity, contempt and objects of desire..."

The conduct of the accused, and their bold confession to the survivor that she is not the first one to satisfy their lust, is sufficient to hold that there is no scope for 'reformation' or 'rehabilitation'."

CBI special director elected to Interpol committee

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

CBI SPECIAL Director Praveen Sinha was on Thursday elected as a delegate for Asia on the executive committee of the Interpol, capping an "intense" and "well-coordinated" campaign across the world by India, official sources said.

The elections for various positions for the top panel were held at the ongoing 89th Interpol General Assembly in Istanbul. It has 13 members, including the president and three vice presidents, apart from nine delegates. All members come from different countries to keep the geographic balance.

Among the delegates, Sinha will sit with representatives from Sudan, Argentina, China, USA, UK, Kenya, Spain and Turkey. The committee is headed by UAE with vice presidents coming from Nigeria, Brazil and Czech Republic.

"This was a tough election with India running against four other contestants from China, Singapore, Republic of Korea and Jordan for two posts," said a source. Sources in the CBI said earlier two CBI directors have been elected as vice presidents of the committee. "As vice president, you are in charge of a region and represent its interests in the committee. It is an important post. I am not aware of the functions of delegates," a former CBI director said.

Sinha is a 1988 batch IPS officer of the Gujarat cadre. After then CBI director Rishi Kumar Shukla retired in February, Sinha was made the interim director before Subodh Jaiswal was appointed as regular director of the agency in May. He has had two stints in the CBI in the past two decades.



Praveen Sinha, Twitter



AWARD – SAIL

Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines and Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mines recently received 5-star rated awards for sustainable mining practices and all round performance in the Iron Ore category at the 5th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals.



SARFAESI EXPO – CANARA BANK

The Recovery section of Canara Bank Circle Office Delhi organised Mega SARFAESI Expo at New Delhi to give wide publicity to the properties put on auction under SARFAESI Act by the Branches. BM Sharma, ED of the Bank inaugurated the event.



HOCKEY TOURNAMENT-LAL BHADUR SHASTRI

The 31st Lal Bahadur Shastri Hockey Tournament was won by the Indian Railways team. Manju Shastri, daughter-in-law of Lal Bahadur Shastri, gave the cash award of Rs. 25000/- to the max. goal scorer of the tournament Pardeep Singh of IR.

TP-DDL has been honoured with the 'Battery Storage Project of the Year' Award at the 17th Asian Power Awards. The company has been conferred with this award for installing India's first grid-connected Community Energy Storage System at Rani Bagh, New Delhi in association with Nexcharge.

INDIANOIL has supplied 201 TMT, over 90% of the bitumen required, including crumb rubber modified bitumen (CRMB), for the construction of the landmark Purvanchal Express in Uttar Pradesh. The products were manufactured at IndianOil's Mathura and Panipat refineries. IndianOil reiterated its commitment to sustainable development by recycling one lakh discarded tyres for producing CRMB required for the project, thereby reducing 3200 MT (metric tonnes) approx. of CO2 emissions.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
DRM / Electrical, North Western Railway, Jodhpur for & on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tender for the following work. 1. Complete details of tenders can be seen on Website : <http://www.iwreps.gov.in> 2. Date & time of closing of e-tender : 20.12.2021 up to 15.00 Hrs. 3. Date & time of opening of e-tender : After 15.00 Hrs. on 20.12.2021 Tender No. : 14/2021-22 Name of work : Electrical work in connection with provision of interlocking of 19 manned level crossing gates over Jodhpur division NW Railway. Approx Cost of the work (Rs.) : Rs. 45,07,799.45 For detailed information visit <http://www.iwreps.gov.in> 670-DH/21 Please join us on [f](https://www.facebook.com/NWRailways) [i](https://www.instagram.com/NWRailways) [in](https://www.linkedin.com/company/NWRailways) [yt](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNWRailways) /NWRailways

Advisors to CM: Governor seeks report from Rajasthan govt

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 25

RAJASTHAN GOVERNOR Kalraj Mishra has sought a report from the state government over the recent appointment of advisors to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, with the BJP calling them unconstitutional.

The Governor has forwarded a memorandum submitted by Deputy Leader of Opposition Rajendra Rathore to the Chief Secretary seeking a report on the appointments, Raj Bhawan sources said.

Rathore wrote to Mishra on November 22, seeking dismissal of the newly appointed advisors and a ban on the government appointing parliamentary secretaries.

Following the recent reshuffle of his Cabinet, in which he accommodated several loyalists of his rival Sachin Pilot, Gehlot had appointed six MLAs as CM advisors, while about 15 parliamentary secretaries are to be picked soon. Rathore said the MLAs were occupying offices of profit against parliamentary procedure.

Currently, the state has 30 ministers, including Gehlot — the maximum possible for Rajasthan as per the rule limiting the number to 15 per cent of the Assembly strength. Rathore said that by accommodating more MLAs as either advisor or parliamentary secretaries, Gehlot was crossing that limit. The six advisors are on a par with the rank of a minister, and the parliamentary secretaries would enjoy the same privilege, Rathore said.

The BJP leader cited Articles 164 (1A), 191 (1) (A) and 246 of the Constitution, a Supreme Court judgment, as well as verdicts of the High Courts of Sikkim, Hyderabad, Bombay, Himachal Pradesh, etc, "which have clarified the appointments of parliamentary secretaries and the office of profit (Advisor to CM)", he said in the letter. Various high courts have dismissed such appointments as illegal, Rathore wrote. He said the Gehlot government had been facing internal protests "and to quell the rebellion, it is trying to satisfy the disgruntled MLAs by giving away legal and illegal posts".

Incidentally, the BJP government led by Vasundhara Raje that preceded Gehlot's had at least 10 parliamentary secretaries.

Congress state president Govind Singh Dotasra said Rathore was "unnecessarily making a political issue", noting that Leader of Opposition Gulab Chand Kataria and BJP state chief Satish Poonia had not raised the issue. Accusing Rathore of trying to seek personal political mileage, Dotasra said: "Whatever has been done has been done lawfully."

CIVIC POLLS

81% turnout in Tripura, Opp demands fresh elections

DEBRAJ DEB
AGARTALA, NOVEMBER 25

AMID ALLEGATIONS by the Opposition TMC and CPI(M) of largescale violence, the Tripura civic polls on Thursday recorded an estimated turnout of 81.54 per cent.

The ruling BJP claimed the polls were peaceful. The police, in a statement, said "barring some stray incidents in Agartala and Melaghar, no major incident was reported from any part of the state".

"According to preliminary reports, 81.54 per cent votes were cast. We thank all electors, staff engaged in poll duty, candidates and mediapersons since an unhindered election process was conducted," the State Election Commission said at a press conference.

A State Election Commission official said some complaints of violence were filed with different returning officers and district magistrates. "These complaints are being compiled, they will be analysed and investigated," said the official. A police officer said additional security forces were deployed after they received the Supreme Court order — on deployment of more security forces — at 2 pm, "in the spirit of the order".

But the Opposition CPI(M) and TMC alleged that the polls were "reduced to a mockery", and said they would approach the Election Commission and the Supreme Court. The CPI(M) demanded that fresh polls be held in five civic bodies — Agartala, Dharmanagar, Khowai, Belonia and Melaghar municipal councils — and in some wards of Panisagar nagar panchayat, Sabroom nagar panchayat and Sonamura nagar panchayat. The TMC said the entire poll process should be countermanded and fresh elections should be held.

"The State Election Commission completely surrendered before the ruling party. The DGP is a black sheep; under him, the po-



Voters at a polling station in Agartala on Thursday. Abhisek Saha

lice played a biased role. Apart from a small section of police personnel, the rest mostly played a negative role," alleged Tripura Left Front convener Narayan Kar. He said the Supreme Court's directions on the civic polls were disregarded, and additional security forces were not mobilised properly.

Addressing a press conference, Kar said the elections "were reduced to a complete mockery, at the hand of the BJP". He alleged that polling booths were captured in Agartala, Belonia, Dharmanagar, Khowai and Melaghar. Saying that Left Front workers were attacked, he said three candidates and polling agents were critical.

"Out of 51 candidates in Agartala Municipal Corporation, 10 could not cast votes for themselves. This election was held amid terror and fear, reducing the police and other agencies to puppets," said Tripura TMC convener Subal Bhowmik. He said his party

would seek the Supreme Court's intervention to countermand the entire poll process.

Meanwhile, the ruling BJP alleged that its party workers were attacked in at least 100 places. Addressing a press conference, BJP spokesperson Nabendu Bhattacharya said the TMC came to Tripura not to win polls but to spread unrest, on behalf of the CPI(M). Dismissing the allegations of poll violence, he said: "We don't have any reports of undesirable incidents like BJP activists being involved in any disturbance, forced voting or hooliganism... If anyone is involved, our party will take strict action".

While there were reports of EVMs malfunctioning in some areas, poll panel officials said these were replaced. In its statement, police said there were some complaints of alleged attempts to damage EVMs, threats to voters, candidates and polling agents, which were resolved through "timely intervention".

Send 2 more companies of CAPF to state: SC to Centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday directed the Union Home Ministry to provide additional two companies of any Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) "as expeditiously as possible" to Tripura to ensure that voting for local body polls in the state, which began earlier in the day, remain free and fair.

The bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud, Surya Kant and Vikram Nath asked Tripura's Director General of Police (DGP) and Home Secretary to "immediately review if there is any additional requirement of further deployment, over and above the above direction and if so, communicate it to the Department of Home Affairs of the Government of India for necessary action".

"Any such request having due regard of the statement made by the Solicitor General shall be duly considered," the bench directed.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had assured the court that should a requisition be made for additional paramilitary forces, the Union Home Ministry will respond immediately in a favourable manner.

The court directed the State Election Commission (SEC), the DGP and Home Secretary "to ensure that every polling booth is manned by a sufficient strength of CAPF personnel, bearing in mind sensitivity of the polling station and the need for a requisite number of personnel to guard the polling booths to ensure free and fair elections. The polling officer at each polling booth shall take the help of CAPF personnel, in the event that

any exigency arises."

The court ordered, "Necessary arrangements would also be made for deploying an adequate number of CAPF personnel to ensure the safety of ballots and to facilitate an unhindered counting of votes..." The bench was hearing a plea by opposition Trinamool Congress and CPI(M), seeking the court's intervention to ensure free and fair elections in Tripura.

On being told that there were not enough CCTV cameras, the court directed that "in the absence of installation of adequate number of CCTV cameras, both electronic and print media should have unhindered access for full reporting and coverage of the election process". It asked the state DGP, SEC and Home Secretary to issue orders to all polling officers and other personnel concerned to give effect to this.

Senior advocates Gopal Shankaranarayanan and P V Surendranath, appearing for TMC and CPI(M), respectively, told the court that there was violence against their party cadre and incidents of outsiders barging into polling booths.

On November 23, the SC, while rejecting TMC's prayer to postpone the polls, had directed the state DGP and IGP to hold a joint meeting with the State Election Commissioner by Wednesday morning to assess availability of sufficient CAPF strength to be deployed for the elections.

On Thursday, senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani, appearing for Tripura, told the bench that the meeting led to a request to the MHA for two additional battalions since there may be an emergency. He said two companies of BSF was allotted to the state on immediate basis.

Protests in Kerala as woman kills self over ‘police inaction’

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 25

PROTESTS ARE erupting in Kerala over the alleged dowry death of a 21-year-old law student in Ernakulam district after police reportedly failed to act upon her complaint even as the State Women's Commission said on Thursday there were many complaints against the former station house officer who has now been relieved from service following charges of misconduct. The commission has also sought a report from the police department in this connection.

P Sathede devi, chairperson of the Women's Commission, told the media in Kozhikode that the manner in which the officer handled complaints has given rise to many complaints.

Mofiya Parveen allegedly died by suicide at her residence on Monday, hours after she returned from a local police station where an officer allegedly insulted her instead of acting upon her complaint against husband Muhammed Suhail, and her parents-in-law. Parveen left a suicide note blaming her in-laws as well as the local station house officer C L Sudheer. The victim had moved a harassment complaint against her husband and his fam-

ily 25 days before her suicide, but the police registered the case only a day after her death.

"On Monday, when we were called to the police station, Suhail insulted my daughter in front of the police inspector. She could not tolerate the humiliation and slapped him. At that, the police inspector called my daughter a lunatic. His reaction broke my daughter, who told me later that she did not expect justice from police which called her as a lunatic," Dilshad alleged.

Police on Thursday arrested Suhail and his parents on charges of dowry death (IPC 304-B) and related charges of abetting the suicide. Provoked by the government failure to take ac-

tion against the police inspector, who was transferred to state police headquarters in the wake of the furore, Congress demanded that the officer be booked for abetting suicide.

Hundreds of Congress workers marched to the Ernakulam rural SP office demanding action against the officer. Students of Al Azhar Law College, Thodupuzha, where Parveen studied, joined the protest. Scores of students were taken into custody, but were released after police action was flayed. Congress is also organising a women's night-walk on Thursday night at various centres in the state, highlighting the police failure to act upon women's complaints.

Opposition Leader VD Satheesan said the incident showed that the government is shielding criminal elements in the police who are close to the CPI(M). Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan is supporting the officer and it sends out a wrong message to society, he alleged.

Parveen and Suhail became friends on social media and got married in April this year. Her father Dilshad said Suhail was unemployed, but used to harass Parveen for money. The youth demanded Rs 40 lakh, claiming to invest in film production, which Dilshad could not provide. Parveen, in her suicide note also reportedly regretted having married Suhail.

‘Important to minimize carbon footprint, but India can’t shed coal for next 25 yrs...’

A spike in demand recently saw thermal power plants running out of coal, which is still the predominant source of energy in India. What structural issues led to the crisis? Given the global push for renewables, what is the future of coal in India? PARTHA SARATHI BHATTACHARYYA, former chairman and managing director of Coal India, explained some important issues around the present and the future of the sector

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On the recent shortage of coal for thermal power plants:

The problem of coal shortage during the monsoon months is not uncommon. That has happened in the past. Two factors have made it different this time. One is the very sudden increase in thermal power consumption. From the 5-6 per cent growth that we have been managing over the last many years, we suddenly find a 9-10 per cent kind of growth — 17-18 percent over the same period of 2019 — so that is a little bit of a spike. Two, which is perhaps a bigger problem, is that about 20-25 per cent of the coal used is imported, and prices have suddenly shot through the roof. That was primarily because of imports by China, and if China sneezes the world will have fever. Prices went upwards and there was a halt in imports that were supposed to come [to India]... That added to the domestic coal demand, and the demand-supply gap.

Also, the roots of the crisis lie three-four years in the past. A sort of complacency had set in, thermal power plants were witnessing PLFs (plant load factors: ratio of energy produced to generating capacity) as low as 52, 53, 54 per cent. They were finding it difficult even to service their debts. But they had no choice, because renewable [energy] was given a priority in offtake... Power stations were merit order dispatch [in which] an absolutely excellent, top-class power station at a distance may not find its place just because of the transport cost. And the Indian transport cost, particularly the railway tariff, is completely out of the system and the highest in the world... The thermal power circuit has continued to work at a low PLF... because coal is being pushed on them [and] they don't seem to be very keen on paying for coal in time. The stock that they were supposed to maintain, they left it on Coal India...

On the Coal India side, with a 1 per cent de-growth for two successive years, stocks went to record highs, rising by 25 million tonnes... In that kind of situation, Coal India is neither in a position to enforce cash-and-carry nor to bring sense into



Partha Sarathi Bhattacharyya (left) was in conversation over Zoom with Karunjit Singh of *The Indian Express*. Video grabs

the whole system... When a jerk comes, a complacent system takes time to react. That broadly is the reason for what happened. But fortunately, the bad period is behind us, the monsoon is over. We are in the good months. And the coming 4-5 months are going to be good.

On preventing other, similar crises in the future:

CEA (Central Electricity Authority) is prescribing the number of days stock; CEA can have a regulatory mechanism to see that the particular stock is maintained.

(Thermal) gencos should pay for coal in time; it is basically a cash-and-carry system. Just because coal is easily available it is being thrust on you [even though] you don't need that coal, is not a very favourable thing. The discoms (distribution companies) should be able to realise the market price for whatever power they sell — and whoever needs to be subsidised should be subsidised by the state budget. As long as you don't move into this kind of a model, the problem in some form or the other will keep on coming.

On the stagnation in output faced by Coal India:

The demand of coal for the power stations is very critically determined by one factor, and that is PLF. The average PLF of the country is languishing at 52-53 per cent for the last three years and no sensible effort has been made to improve it, even though do so would have several positive consequences.

Number one, it leads to financial stability in order to do debt servicing and keep some margins, etc. Second, the incremental cost you are in-

curring is only the variable cost of coal; that is the cheapest source of power, and by not allowing the PLF to increase, we are not tapping into the cheapest source. And this actually should be able to address the affordability issue, which is critical, because we are a low per-capita-income country.

We have seen PLFs of 79-80 per cent in 2007 and 2008. Now it has dropped; we have created capacities that we are not utilising. As a result, we are actually denying ourselves low-cost power. We should take the PLFs of existing power plants as high as possible.

Coal companies will have to have adequate extra capacity built into the system [so] they can move certain things... For example, when the demand was low, actually they did, and that's the reason they have been able to manage this [situation]... They did advance shipping, more of overburden, kept a certain amount of coal exposed, didn't produce, but they could fall back upon that coal during this crisis... As a result, they have been able to achieve an off-take growth of about 19 per cent over last year, drawn from stock as well as from production. 15-16 million tonnes of extra production has happened during this period as compared to last year...

On diversifying into areas like solar energy and fertilisers:

If the demand from the power sector is not going to come up — this year is different, but the last three years that was the situation — and the company has to grow, then where does that coal go?

For that coal to be used effectively, one way could be coal gasification, alternative use of coal. We have always used coal as a fuel for power, we have never considered the feedstock character of

coal, that coal can also be a feedstock for producing chemicals, fertilisers, ammonia... We are very strongly married to the power sector [but] now the marriage is breaking, power has other partners, renewables are coming in. So therefore, coal has an opportunity, other kinds of avenues. I think that is the right thing to do for coal India. But at the same time... coal to chemicals, coal to ammonia, and ammonia to fertiliser is normal... China does it, South Africa does it, and it's a good thing to do because all these items are import-dependent...

Also, I would say solar is for everybody. Anybody can get into solar, and solar is definitely a complement to energy. Coal will eventually get phased out, [but] the company will have to continue... so [it] will have to take a strategy of diversifying into various areas, which are not unrelated but it makes sense where you have returns, where you can build core competence...

On the impact of high dividend payouts to the government:

If there is no demand, then creation of capacity becomes sunk cost at least till demand recovers. Coal India is a reasonably debt-free company and has immense debt-contracting capacity if it really wants to do something fast, but during that period, what do you do with the resources that you generate? The biggest shareholder is the government; [when] the government takes a call that it wants to use this money for something, you can't always say no, but if you have clear plans of investing money in your projects, definitely you should put it to the government...

I don't think CIL has really suffered very heavily because of money being taken out. But at the

same time, the dividend payout has to be within the norms of the company law. It cannot be more than the distributable profits for the year, the payout ratio should be reasonable. If you are giving a target of the company going to 1 billion [tonnes of coal production] you leave some money, even if the company doesn't have clear plans for that...

On carbon capture to make coal use more palatable:

The best thing that Coal India can do is to help or support low-emission power generation. For that what it should be doing is washing its coal, and today we don't have the washeries of yesterday where a huge amount of water was consumed. Today we have western-class washeries where water consumption is just incremental. The initial water you put in and then you require only some incremental top-ups... They are power-efficient, water-efficient, yield-efficient, so we should try to promote these technologies... We don't have too much good coal [and] with open-cast mining, that coal becomes further bad, so washing is the only solution.

On the future of coal in India as the world pushes for renewables:

If India has to develop it has to have more power, it has to generate that power, and that is not possible without depending on coal. Coal has to be there, particularly for the base load. Now tomorrow, let us say storage costs come down (a lot). And solar plus storage is the cheapest. Even in that situation, how much share of the total requirement can solar meet, even if the share increases, the power demand also increases faster? If you ask these questions I'm quite sure you will come to the conclusion that much of this will have to be borne by coal, and that's the reason coal-based power will have to continue for quite some time in this country.

Yes, it is important to see that the carbon footprint is minimized... Washing could be one approach, you use lesser quantity of coal, you do some technological innovation at the user's end and see that requirement is reduced... You use coal in a more sustainable manner, produce coal in a more sustainable manner, move coal in a more sustainable manner. These are the things that you can definitely do, but you can't shed away coal in the next 25, 30, 40 years.

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BEYOND A CRITICAL POINT WITHIN A FINITE SPACE, FREEDOM DIMINISHES AS NUMBERS INCREASE.

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THE RIGHT NUMBERS

Fertility rate going below replacement level is an achievement of family planning programme

THE RESULTS OF the latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), released on Wednesday, affirm the heartening tendency, noticed since the 1980s, of a decline in the rate of population growth across the country. On an average, a woman in India was likely to bear 2.7 children in her lifetime according to the NFHS 2005-2006. The number fell to 2.2 in 2015-2016. NFHS-5 shows that this average has come down to 2. This means that the country has attained a major demographic milestone. India's total fertility rate (TFR) has dropped below what the United Nations Population Council deems the "replacement level". An average of less than 2.1 children per woman indicates that a generation is not producing enough children to replace itself. In other words, the NFHS-5 indicates that the country has taken the first step towards an outright reduction in population. This is a notable achievement for the country's family planning programme and a resounding repudiation of politicians and policymakers who have, of late, been crying hoarse about population explosion.

A 9 per cent increase in the use of modern contraception, compared to the last survey, indicates the family planning programme's increased reach. This is also attested by the fact that 62 per cent of the respondents reported that they had received information on side effects of contraceptives from grass roots-level officials, especially those working with the Mission Parivar Vikas. Launched in 2016, the programme's stated objective is to give special attention to 146 high fertility districts in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand. It's unfortunate, however, that the bogey of population explosion has found takers among sections of the government in at least four of these states. Despite their varying political affiliation, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Rajasthan's former Health Minister Raghu Sharma seem to believe that a growing population is putting the "country's resources under strain". UP Chief Minister Adityanath has also described "rising population as a hurdle in development". The Madhya Pradesh government has also lent its voice to this clamour.

There is much that is sobering about the NFHS survey, especially the fact that 57 per cent of women of reproductive age in the country are anaemic — up from the 53 per cent in 2015-2016. The percentage of anaemic children has also risen. In recent months, other studies have indicated that the pandemic period has taken a disproportionately high toll on the well-being of women and children, and aggravated nutritional and educational deficiencies. The experience of the Southern states shows that declining fertility rates are not just the function of family planning programmes but also have direct links with empowering women. It's this development deficit that planners and policymakers must plug.

CONGRESS AS TARGET

TMC's proactive acquisitions reinforce the image of a rudderless Congress, its disenchanting ranks

AFTER THE INDIAN National Congress (INC) split in 1969, the faction that rebelled against the official group emerged as the claimant to the legacy of the party that led the independence struggle. In a short span of time, Indira Gandhi, who walked out of the official INC, became the face of the Congress whereas the Congress (Organisation) led by the party's old guard faded away. In recent times in many states, splinter groups of the Congress have walked away with the vote base and legacy of India's Grand Old Party. For example, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) in West Bengal, YSR Congress in Andhra Pradesh, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) in Maharashtra are essentially regional Congresses that have drawn their leaders, cadres and even social agendas from the old INC. Their growth has been at the expense of the official Congress. As their leaders develop national ambitions, the Sonia Gandhi-led Congress will feel the squeeze. The split in Meghalaya Congress legislative party and the outflow of Congress leaders in Tripura, Goa etc into the TMC suggests a churn within the Congress.

Her spectacular win in West Bengal assembly elections has pitchforked TMC chief Mamata Banerjee into national imagination as a potential leader of the Opposition. The disarray in the Congress since Rahul Gandhi quit as party president after the 2019 general election has influenced many Congressmen and opposition figures to discover a steely leader in Mamata. Two factors have aided the rise of TMC outside West Bengal. One, the failure of the Congress leadership, namely the Gandhis, to address the organisational stasis, enervise the cadre and lead the charge against the ruling dispensation. Two, the question mark over the Gandhis' ability to pose an electoral challenge to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In his press conference after leaving the Congress, the rebel group leader, Mukul Sangma, a two-time CM of Meghalaya, indicated that he visited the Delhi leadership multiple times to resolve issues within the party but failed to find redress. Clearly, the party now seems to lack efficient managers and interlocutors to engage with disgruntled leaders and workers. Since the advent of the party high command in the 1970s, Congressmen have looked up to it not just for leadership, but also for guidance and patronage. Independent-minded leaders float their own out-fits and leave the Congress whereas others rally behind more charismatic leaders.

True, the Congress showed imagination in replacing Amarinder Singh with Charanjit Singh Channi as CM in Punjab and in installing a more inclusive ministry in Rajasthan. However, these interventions look like firefighting measures rather than a coherent narrative of revival. Barring Sangma, none of the new entrants to the TMC are crowd-pullers, of course. But the exits from the Congress underline that the party needs to work harder on what is its value proposition.

DICTIONARY DEFINITION

NFT is Collins Dictionary's word of the year. But what does it mean?

BACK IN THE days before the internet, this is how a dictionary worked: You read or hear a word you did not know the meaning of, looked it up, and voila! The light of new knowledge poured into your mind. A wonderful side-effect of this exercise was the discovery of new words as you browsed. Now, there is no browsing — even curiosity is customised, one searchable term at a time. But even the most basic purpose of the dictionary — to tell people what a word means — lies in tatters. Collins Dictionary's "Word of the Year" for 2021 is "NFT" — an abbreviation that stands for "non-fungible token". The reason for its selection is reportedly the "meteoric" rise in its use over the last year. NFT is indeed one of the most popular bits of fintech babble that has graced the page and screen and its competition was words like "crypto" and "metaverse". But what is a non-fungible token? An NFT, according to Collins Dictionary, is a "unique digital certificate, registered in a blockchain, that is used to record ownership of an asset such as an artwork or a collectible".

Digital artworks have been selling for exorbitant amounts in recent months and NFTs seem to have something to do with that. However, the dictionary definition leaves one none the wiser as to what they actually are. Money? Authentication certificates for art works? A digital medium of exchange? The answer is likely a bit of all of the above. It seems that an abbreviation is the word of the year because of its popularity — the obsolete dictionary seems to want to ride the popularity of the tech wave to boost its publicity. Unfortunately, the ubiquity of the term is only matched by the opacity of its meaning — something Collins doesn't help with. No worries, though. After all, you can always google it.



D PARTHASARATHY AND SURYAKANT WAGHMORE

THE RECENT SUPREME Court judgment directing one of India's Institutions of Eminence, IIT Bombay, to allot a seat in the BTEch programme to Prince Jaibir Singh, a Dalit student from Ghaziabad, starkly brings out how India's premier institutions signal a lack of empathy, a formal bureaucratic rationality that has little understanding of India's social divisions and infrastructural inequities, and a lack of imagination when it comes to fulfilling their constitutional obligations towards social justice. No wonder, the judges of the Supreme Court chose to exercise their constitutional powers to ensure "complete justice". The phrase itself can be traced back to B R Ambedkar's distinction between "formal" and "substantive" equality, and his stress on the role of the state to both equalise opportunities and ensure better representation for the most marginalised. In turn, this distinction goes back to the fear expressed by the German sociologist Max Weber regarding the decline of substantive rationality, and the dominance of formal rationality as a consequence of the bureaucratisation of modern societies. For Weber, as for Ambedkar, substantive rationality and substantive equality ensure complete justice, an imagination and comprehension of which is often sorely lacking in the best of our institutions. When formal rationality becomes fused with the ignorance and arrogance of caste Hindu practices, bureaucracy becomes both hostile and cruel.

For Prince Jaibir Singh, the failure of our institutions to provide alternative options of cash, cheque or other instruments, or allow for late payment with or without a fine is the most disabling effect of institutional hostility to Dalits and other disadvantaged groups. Behind this failure is a deep disinterest in taking affirmative action policies seriously, a lack of capacity to think through ways of providing quality education while also advancing the goals of inclusion. Equally, this instance reflects a buying in into the illusory inclusion of digital India sloganeering rather than a critical academic perspective on addressing social realities. These stem from a belief in technical solutions, and taking for granted positions of privilege.

Students like Prince already have to struggle through initial layers of barriers in the form of coaching classes, before they get through

Prince Jaibir Singh's case highlights institutional apathy towards those from marginalised groups at IITs

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SHIVANI NAIK

THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC Committee, headed by Thomas Bach, has informed the world that Chinese tennis star Peng Shuai is "safe and well". The Wimbledon and French Open doubles champion had accused a former senior Chinese government official of forcing her to have sex, without consent. The social media post that made this public was taken down by Chinese authorities. Peng too disappeared. China's foreign ministry spokesperson, Zhao Lijian, hoped that the "malicious hyping, let alone politicisation" of the episode would cease after the "video call with the IOC president Bach". The IOC had been turned into a prop, its credibility serving as a hired alibi to be trotted out every time Peng got mentioned.

An editorial in the pro-government newspaper *Global Times* predicted that "ideological conflicts between China and the West would escalate before the Winter Olympics". China reckoned this was a cynical western conspiracy to imperil the Games. The IOC's shameful framing of the issue came in the statement: "Nevertheless, she will continue to be involved in tennis, the sport she loves so much." As if the magic of sports, of serves and volleys, of steering young Chinese players towards Slams success, could erase Peng's trauma.

This was not the first time that the IOC bought into its own myth that "sports cures everything", while showing scant regard for

A SHAM AND A SHAME

By ignoring Peng Shuai's trauma, Olympic committee has revealed its priorities

one of its own. By diminishing Peng's allegations by not even acknowledging them and losing an opportunity to explain consent to young athletes who remain vulnerable to sexual predators due to power imbalances in sporting ecosystems, the IOC had strapped on its blinkers.

At stake for the IOC are the Winter Games in Beijing and Zhangjiakou in February. CGTN cited Chinese ambitions of generating 1 trillion yuan (\$146 billion), building 650 skating rinks and 800 ski resorts, and growing its winter recreation sector. For the IOC, it is another commercial high-stakes adventure. No stranger to existing in bubbles, the IOC prizes the fittest human bodies, while staying oblivious to human rights.

The embarrassing 1936 Games when Nazi Germany brazenly used sports for its fascist propaganda ought to have disabused the IOC of all notions of the Olympics being about fun, fitness and friendship. The Tlatelolco massacre ahead of the Mexico 1968 Games saw protestors shot dead by government forces, days before the opening ceremony. China's mistreatment of Uighurs and the crushing of freedoms in Tibet and Hong Kong and Russia's abysmal record on LGBTQ+ rights, have been ignored.

Such is the history of the IOC's closeness with authoritarian regimes that build them grand ice castles and enormous sporting arenas shaped like nests, that Bach's promise to Peng, that he will catch up with her over dinner when he's in Beijing, is a signal that the show must go on — while refusing to address her grave allegations.

dates and Government of India orders regarding the roster system and the provision of relaxations tend to be flouted quite blatantly. Illegitimate limits are set to the number of faculty to be recruited under the Mission Mode. Exceptional candidates who have applied are not recommended under the general category, and the competition for these positions is made tougher than for general candidates.

The top-down decision making is reflected in the design and implementation of the shortlisting criteria and screening procedures, and there appears to be a lot of arbitrariness in interpreting and implementing national guidelines for reservations in faculty positions across different institutions. The online process of screening, interviewing, recruitment seminars, and faculty interaction is stressful, and it is not clear why the process cannot be made more relaxed and friendly for the candidates, now that pandemic related restrictions are substantially relaxed. At the same time, the large number of applications, especially from candidates with exceptional quality, attests to the faith that these candidates have in the state to ensure social justice.

Many of these candidates with high-quality publications have hesitated to apply in response to the usual rolling advertisements available at IITs. By creating numerical criteria (as low as 49 in some cases), ignoring matters of quality and promise, and failing to relax some of the technical criteria, effectively the CHEIs may ensure that the good quality candidates are filtered out and candidates with lesser qualifications are recruited, leading to a self-fulfilling prophecy of substantiating existing prejudices about the "merit" of the "reserved" category candidates.

Ultimately whether it is the case of Prince Jaibir Singh or the improper implementation of MMR, what is evident is the lack of interest in promoting quality, and a conscious and unwitting strategy to shore up existing privileges and hierarchies. The "complete justice" that the Supreme Court urges needs far more critical investments across IITs in thinking about principles of substantive equality and substantive rationality.

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But like the transparent, double-glass facades of the Olympic House at Lausanne, built to keep out the din of the nearby motorway, shutting out inconvenient political noise is ingrained in the organisation. Don't expect it to question Paris or Los Angeles — the next set of hosts — about the hate crimes or gun violence that kill ordinary folk in France and the US.

Bach would have been a witness to how the passage of time has reflected in women's sport and the self-assertion of athletes, from Nadia Comaneci to Simone Biles. He was at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, winning a gold medal as a fencer. It wouldn't have escaped him that the IOC's Article 50 shunting protests by athletes to outside the field of play, or the "human rights clause" scribbled into the hosting rights contract in 2017, are changes moving at a glacial pace.

Young athletes' patience with the ornate, insular baronships that head sports administration is shortening with each passing Games.

The Women's Tennis Association has dug its heels in to ensure that Peng can speak freely and that her torment is addressed. This has little to do with the Winter Games conundrum. Last heard, tennis had grass, clay and hard courts, and didn't need to be played on thin ice.

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NOVEMBER 26, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

EC'S POWERS

UNION LAW MINISTER P Shiv Shankar said that the government intended to amend the powers of the Election Commission to nullify an election. He explained in the Rajya Sabha that the postponement of the Garhwal byelection had arisen out of the Election Commissioner's ruling in June annulling the earlier poll on grounds that the presence of police force from outside the state vitiated matters. Shiv Shankar said that the maintenance of law and order during polls was not the concern of the EC earlier. But in view of the ruling in June, the matter had acquired a new dimension. The UP government was

right in hesitating to ask from police outside the state. "It was case of once bitten, twice shy," the minister said.

UPROAR ON MANDAL

QUESTION HOUR IN Lok Sabha saw a display of temper by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, the members of Opposition and treasury benches. It stemmed from the insistence of Opposition members that the government give a firm date for tabling the Mandal Commission Report. Home Minister Zail Singh took the stand that the report could only be tabled when it was accompanied by a memorandum on action taken on it.

WRANGLE OVER ONIONS

THE RAJYA SABHA witnessed the strange spectacle of Opposition members symbolically vying with each other in offering money for the supply of onions as the Government claimed that the price of the commodity in the capital had come down to Rs 1.50 a kg. When Pilloo Mody offered to buy onions at Rs 100 a kg if the rate specified by the government was correct, Rameswar Singh walked up to the podium offering to buy onions for Rs 1,000. Birendra Singh, Union Agriculture Minister, stuck to his guns and said he was prepared to supply the commodity at the rate specified by him.

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Are we ready to tell new stories?

No act of terror should be given the power to break us: 13 years after 26/11, as we see a glimmer in the pandemic dark, this remains the promise we need to renew



AMITABH BACHCHAN

EACH YEAR WE count, now it's 13 years later, and the dark night that stretched over three long days is still vivid in our collective memory. That was also the terrorists' aim, the vividness was part of their design. The strike on Mumbai, November 26, 2008, played out as slow-motion mayhem, targeting its landmarks, while audiences watched the terrible spectacle, live and uninterrupted, on TV. Mumbai had been attacked before, but not like this. This was a choreographed sequence of strikes, using hand-held weapons, by 10 terrorists who had come in by the sea. This time, Ground Zero was not a place, it was an arc. It was horror made for the age of the instantaneous spectacle, it foreshadowed the era where we define ourselves by our constant posts of image, text and video.

It stretched from the five-star hotels, Taj and Trident, frequented by the city's glittering elites, to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus railway station, from where, over the years, hundreds and thousands of Indians, men and women, have poured into Mumbai, as if pulled by a magnet, carrying with them a hope and a dream.

They come from states like Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat, Karnataka and Rajasthan, and Bihar.

Just in case we forgot, we saw many of them during the pandemic, rushing back home in fear. Many of them are returning, coming back, as they always do, to remake their lives, and in doing so, to remake Mumbai, our Mumbai.

This was before we went live in our lives and yet, over the 60 hours of non-stop media coverage of the siege, the TV cameras had yoked themselves to the Taj Hotel.

But 26/11 was spectacular, most of all, because it was a strike on the city of the common Indian, man, woman and child.

It brought to a stunned halt a bustling urban sprawl, where the first instinct is to move and move on, to survive and succeed, entertain and perform, tell a gripping story.

In the immediate aftermath of 26/11, India acted with remarkable sobriety and restraint. Despite immense pressure, it did not give in to the temptation of military retaliation against Pakistan—even as the capture of Mohammad Ajmal Kasab and the revelations of David Headley stripped Pakistan's military-ISI establishment of the alibi of non-state actors beyond its control, and left it no fig leaf. India gave a normal legal trial, and accorded due process to the one surviving attacker, even though evidence of his guilt had been splashed large on all our TV screens. We made it clear: Those who had died in the attack, the bravehearts defending us, had sacrificed their lives for the nation and its commitment to justice and the Constitution.

Thirteen years later, the question is, how do we pay the real tribute to the 166 people who died in the 26/11 attacks, in Mumbai, the one they truly deserve? How do we move out of the shadows of that paralysing moment? Are we, who survived in Mumbai and in India, free to



C R Sasikumar

tell new stories?

The reality is that 26/11 has had a long after-life, and it has got entangled with the tumultuous history that still weighs down the Subcontinent. It is not yet clear that we have skirted all the traps it set for us. The danger was, and it still is, of letting ourselves be defined and deformed by fear, of making suspicion a habit, a guiding force for our institutions, and part of our political common sense.

For the last many years, I have been privileged to join *The Indian Express* and its community of readers in marking this day and each year, we celebrate the spirit of survival and understanding. Each year, I discover that the power of survival is linked to the power of humanity, of our collective commitment that we shall not let the terrorists define who we become.

This time, too.

True, 26/11 brought home the urgent need to shore up our policing systems and shake off the institutional lethargy that had set in on internal security. True, that we have to be lucky every day while the terrorist had to be lucky just once.

And yet, the danger is of letting the language and mantra of security spread and grow, till "we" are locked in constant and mortal combat with "them", till accusation becomes more believable than proof, and only the spectres are clear and present, while everything else is looked upon as uncertain and subject to verification.

The spectres must not be allowed to become more real than the people.

The people must remain heroes and heroines of their own stories, in which the villain can be vanquished with better arguments, and the police inspector comes only in the last scene.

For, the stories we tell can often become larger than us, and they can skip lightly across borders, sometimes riding on cricket, sometimes through film.

In the immediate aftermath of 26/11, India acted with remarkable sobriety and restraint. Despite immense pressure, it did not give in to the temptation of military retaliation against Pakistan—even as the capture of Mohammad Ajmal Kasab and the revelations of David Headley stripped Pakistan's military-ISI establishment of the alibi of non-state actors beyond its control, and left it no fig leaf. India gave a normal legal trial, and accorded due process to the one surviving attacker, even though evidence of his guilt had been splashed large on all our TV screens. We made it clear: Those who had died in the attack, the bravehearts defending us, had sacrificed their lives for the nation and its commitment to justice and the Constitution.



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THE NARENDRA Modi regime started observing Constitution Day every year on November 26 from 2015. Paradoxically, however, it has been contravening the letter and spirit of the Constitution. Take the announcement by PM Modi on November 19 that the government will repeal the three farm laws against which farmers have protested non-violently for over a year. More than 700 farmers have died and disparaging remarks were made against them by the PM, his cabinet colleagues and members of his party. Was it constitutional for the PM to ridicule the farmers by calling them "andolan jeevis," when they were exercising their constitutional right to protest? The PM has even talked of a "foreign destructive ideology" and his colleagues have dubbed the farmers as Khalistanis, Maoists and anti-nationals.

At every step, the government made things difficult for farmers. Trenches were dug to prevent them from moving freely. Union Minister Ajay Mishra's son has been arrested after the Supreme Court expressed its dissatisfaction at the UP government's handling of the Lakhimpur Kheri episode, in which protesters were run over by vehicles, one of which was allegedly driven by Mishra's son.

What does Constitution Day mean in the context of this ghastly murder and the continuance of the minister in office?

In his speech, the PM issued a shallow apology. The announcement could well have been

motivated by the BJP's electoral calculus. The PM's objective could well be to salvage his party's image so that it can win the state elections next year in Punjab, UP, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa. It is undeniable, however, that the farmers' protest, based on B R Ambedkar's electrifying slogan "Educate, Agitate and Organise", has weakened the electoral prospects of those who scoffed at the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. In exercising their rights, the farmers have shown that those ensconced in powerful positions can be humbled. In their victory lies the significance of Constitution Day.

PM Modi's televised speech lacked sincerity. He did not seek forgiveness for the anti-farmer legislations. Instead, he sought an apology for not being able to convince the farmers of the usefulness of the laws. It seems that this was an apology directed at his corporate friends. Nowhere in his speech did he refer to guaranteed MSP for crops. PM Modi did promise to form a committee, comprising experts and farmer representatives, to recommend ways to improve agriculture. There is a possibility that the government-appointed experts may insist on pro-corporate reforms and come into conflict with farmer union representatives. The standoff is likely to continue as the government is bent on implementation of neo-liberal policies in agriculture dictated by international institutions such as the WTO, IMF

and World Bank.

When we are celebrating the 75th year of India's independence, it would be worthwhile to recall one of the important dimensions of Swaraj outlined by Mahatma Gandhi. In *Young India*, on January 29, 1925, he wrote, "Real Swaraj will come not by the acquisition of authority by a few but by the acquisition of the capacity by all to resist authority when it is abused. In other words, Swaraj is to be obtained by education of the masses to a sense of their capacity to regulate and control authority." This idea of Swaraj got expression in the Constitution. Parliamentary democracy, part of the basic structure of the Constitution, mandates that the government is accountable to the legislature which represents the sovereign will of the people. India, being a Union of states, is best governed in the spirit of federalism. The Modi government has, however, not adhered to federal principles and attempted to centralise power.

This multidimensional exercise of power led several state assemblies to pass resolutions against the farm laws. The non-violent farmers' movement has emerged as a shining example of peoples' capacity to temper the Modi government's majoritarian arrogance.

The farmers' movement emerged unitedly across the country with the support of trade unions, agricultural labourers, women, youth, students, civil society organisations and polit-

ical parties. The country witnessed the unity of peasantry and working classes from both the formal and informal sectors. The recent remark of National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval that civil society is the "new frontier of war" says much about the perceptions of those occupying high posts sanctioned by the Constitution. The NSA's pronouncement goes against the phrase, "We the People who adopted, enacted and gave to ourselves the Constitution".

The attack on civil society is a war on people. When protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act erupted in UP, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath made a shocking statement that he and his government would take revenge. Doesn't this mean challenging the Constitution that provides the right to protest?

The protesting farmers represented not only their interests but also the larger cause of defending the Constitution, democracy and secularism. They have called the bluff of the Modi government's polarised politics. Their victory is as much a victory Ambedkar's vision anchored in his slogan, "Educate, Agitate and Organise", as for the Constitution itself, its basic structure and constitutional morality. While celebrating Constitution Day, we should remember this victory.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The Chinese mainland is already fully prepared in many ways to deal with possible reactions from the US. It has created huge pressure on the US which wants to intervene with high intensity in the Taiwan Straits."

—GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

A little mercy

Acknowledging the link between mental health and death penalty can help build a more compassionate justice system



VIKRAM PATEL

THERE ARE many reasons why the death penalty should have no place in any society, not least because it violates the fundamental right to life. The argument that it may deter violent crime is countered by the observations that murder rates declined in ten out of eleven countries which had abolished capital punishment in recent years. The most egregious aspect of the death penalty is the widespread evidence of miscarriage of justice which occurs even in the most robust judicial systems, leading to the real threat of an irreversible punishment being inflicted on an innocent person.

India has a chequered history with the death penalty. For many years, until the execution of Dhananjay Chatterjee in 2004 for the rape and murder of a minor girl, the country was a de facto abolitionist state. Since then, nearly 500 prisoners have been sentenced to death row, nine individuals have been executed since 2014, and there has been a legislative expansion of the death penalty, in particular for crimes of sexual violence.

Against this background, the release of the Deathworthy report last month on the relationship between being sentenced to death and mental health, calls upon our society to revisit its ambivalent stance on the death penalty. The report is the result of NLU Delhi's Project 39A, under the guidance of mental health professionals from NIMHANS, Bangalore. The study involved the interview of 88 death row prisoners and their families. Its findings can be summarised in two broad ways: First, what are the origins of the violent behaviours which led to the criminal acts and second, how might living on death row affect the mental health of the prisoner.

Adverse childhood experiences are the most important determinants of poor educational attainment, violent behaviours and mental health problems. This association has been demonstrated in diverse contexts and has a clearly defined biological mechanism. The lack of nurturing environments and the exposure to toxic stress, that is, when a child experiences intense, frequent or prolonged adversity such as emotional abuse or neglect, directly impacts the development of a healthy brain architecture which is most sensitive to environmental influences in the early years of life. These influences lead to a range of psychological difficulties in young adulthood, such as impulsivity and low frustration tolerance, which are precursors to violent behaviour and antisocial acts.

The Deathworthy report provides empirical evidence that a high proportion of death row prisoners have been exposed to adverse childhood experiences. More than half the prisoners had experienced verbal and physical abuse as children, and the vast majority had experienced parental neglect and grown up in a "disturbed family environment". Seventy-three prisoners had ex-

perienced at least three adverse childhood experiences and 56 prisoners had experienced at least three traumatic experiences, such as a serious accident or a life-threatening injury. In short, this was an extremely vulnerable group of persons who had been exposed to many risk factors which could explain the increased likelihood of poor mental health and violent behaviour.

The second observation is, perhaps, less surprising: Two-thirds of the prisoners were diagnosed with a current episode of mental illness, in particular depression. About half were assessed to be at "risk" of suicide. Undoubtedly, this suffering is the direct consequence of living with the fear of an imminent, violent death. More shockingly, a significant number of prisoners had evidence of cognitive impairment, often due to head injuries. Nine of these individuals were found to have an intellectual disability. This implies that these individuals had deficits in mental functioning which are well-recognised for influencing the capabilities to make responsible decisions and observe social norms. Yet, in none of their cases was their disability brought to the attention of the courts.

From a narrow legal lens, the report indicates the need for courts to ensure a more searching inquiry into the lives of death row prisoners, particularly the mitigating factors which help humanise the perpetrator, generating empathy and understanding for what is undeniably a horrific act of violence, and creating the possibility of compassion in passing judgement. Even if trauma, cognitive impairment and adverse childhood experiences have not found their rightful place in our legal lexicon, they do hold relevance in determining whether a person is so blameworthy as to be sentenced to death. The report also raises the question of whether the harrowing mental suffering consequent to the death penalty is in itself a violation of the rights of even the most despised members of our society. In the case of intellectual disability, the choice of action is even more stark: The imposition of the death sentence on persons with intellectual disability is prohibited under international law, and jurisprudence in India must align at least with this basic principle.

Ultimately, the Deathworthy report provides a sobering, if not entirely unsurprising picture of the devastating disadvantages experienced by death row prisoners which may have played a critical role in mediating their violent acts and the mental health-related pain and suffering consequent to living on death row. Together, these two observations provide compelling evidence to drive the final nail into the coffin of this form of punishment, by far the cruelest act a state can inflict on a citizen. Indeed, the death penalty is counter to the judgement of the Supreme Court which, in 2014, declared mental illness grounds for commuting a sentence of death. If there is an indictment to be made, then it has to be of our society which causes so many children to be exposed to toxic levels of deprivation and the failures of child and adolescent mental health services to detect and intervene early in the trajectory of mental health problems.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LAW EXISTS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Save her childhood' (IE, November 25). Taking a cue from how the author has described the plight of the harried girl child in India, it is only apt to make a comparative analysis with one of our neighbours. Reported as recently as this month was the plight of nine-year old Parwana Malik who, in the backdrop of the pulverised economic conditions in Afghanistan since the Taliban's takeover, was sold off and forcibly betrothed to a 55-year old man for \$2,200 by her father. Parwana's 12-year old sister too met with the same fate a few months ago (though I humbly request the readers to not allude such appalling un-Islamic incidents to the apparently Islamic credentials of Afghanistan). This is not to imply that there's nothing wayward going on in India in this regard, but the fact that we do have a legal framework, albeit warranting reforms, deterring the incidence of child marriages is a silver lining in itself. Though it is necessary to reform society alongside, the importance of legal reforms can not be undermined.

Vinay Saroha, Delhi

QUOTA IRONY

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Plea on quota in IIT recruitment: Top court issues notice' (IE, Nov 25). In an ironic twist, an eight-member committee appointed by the government to suggest measures for effective implementation of reservation for SC/ST/OBC in IITs had instead recommended that the 23 engineering schools

should be exempted from reservations under CEI Act, 2019. And this happened despite the presence of representatives of secretaries of the departments of Social Justice and Empowerment, and Tribal Affairs, in the committee. Secondly, contrary to expectations, instead of SC/ST/OBC, the present petitioner, Sachidanand Pandey, seeking for the implementation of the quota and fair selection in IIT is not from the reserved category. This poses a question to the elite among the reserved groups about their awareness and spirits to fight for their constitutional rights.

LR Murmu, Delhi

RIGHTS MATTER

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Prince at IIT' (IE, November 24). That even the Bombay High Court refused to help a Dalit student named Prince, who was denied admission in the IIT Mumbai for his failure to make the electronic payment, clearly shows that the odds are stacked against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at every level in the caste-ridden Indian ecosystem. Prince must thank his stars that the Supreme Court has come to his rescue—otherwise, his dream to rise in life would have been dashed. This episode shows that when the youth belonging to families on the lowest rung of the society are not knowledgeable—even about something like online payment—they must be aware about their constitutional rights, which regrettably are being gradually denied to them.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

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WEST BENGAL

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Tushar Gandhi

Ahmedabad: A division bench of the Gujarat High Court refused to entertain a PIL by the great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Tushar Gandhi, seeking quashing of the notification on the Gandhi Ashram Precinct Development Project. This came after the Gujarat government gave an undertaking that the existing one acre on which the ashram stood, would not be disturbed and the project would preserve Gandhian ethos. Advocate General Kamal Trivedi, appearing for the state, opposed the PIL as the matter was taken up for hearing by an HC division bench.

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WEST BENGAL

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Kolkata: The State Election Commission (SEC) on Thursday notified the election to the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) and skipped the notification for Howrah civic polls, which was earlier proposed to be held on the same day – December 19. There is uncertainty over the Howrah civic polls date as the matter has reached the High Court. Objections have been raised that the state government constituted a new municipality covering 16 wards of erstwhile Bally Municipality from the Howrah Municipal Corporation just ahead of the polls.

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MAHARASHTRA

Anna Hazare
undergoes
angiography

Pune: Activist Anna Hazare, 84, has been admitted to a Pune clinic, where an angiography was performed on him on Thursday. His health is said to be stable and the procedure was undertaken after he complained of mild chest pain. According to officials of Ruby Hall Clinic, Hazare was evaluated by a team of experts and an ECG showed minor changes. “The angiogram revealed a minor blockage in his coronary artery,” said a doctor.

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JODHPUR

Police: Open jail
inmate booked
for raping minor
daughter; flees

JODHPUR POLICE have booked a convict for allegedly raping his minor daughter while living in an open jail, police said Thursday. According to the police, the man, who is in his early thirties, was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder and was living in an open jail in Jodhpur. They said he is currently absconding. “Prima facie, it appears that the incident is from a month-and-a-half ago. The accused, who is from Sirohi district, was living in the Jodhpur open jail with his family while serving a life sentence. Around a month-and-a-half back, his wife went away with her father. But the accused didn’t let his daughter go with them. Around 3-4 days ago, he dropped his daughter at the house of his in-laws, where his wife is living. Thereafter, the girl said her father had raped her,” said the SHO of the police station where the case was lodged. The SHO said that initially, a zero FIR was lodged in Sirohi district by the wife of the accused, which was then transferred to the police station in Jodhpur. “The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment three years back over a murder. Several of his relatives are also in jail regarding the same case. We have registered a case on Wednesday under section 376 (rape) and 344 (wrongful confinement for ten or more days) of the IPC and under sections of the POCSO Act,” he said.

NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH SURVEY-5

Jump in women using bank accounts, phones

47% births in pvt facilities through C-section: data

PRANAV MUKUL & SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

ALL 14 states surveyed in the second phase of National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5) reported a significant jump over the last five years in the number of women having a bank account that they themselves use.

The all-India figures show close to 80% women now have a bank account that they use — from 53 per cent in 2015-16 to 78.6 per cent in 2019-21.

The findings, along with data on women owning a house or land, and those owning mobile phones, offer significant insights into economic and social status of women, and their role in decision-making, in Indian households.

While the low tariffs since late 2016 saw mobile phone use among women surging across states, Haryana and Chandigarh saw a drop in the share of women owning a mobile phone that they used themselves. In Haryana, for example, at 50.4% in 2020-2021, a smaller proportion of women used mobile phones, a slight dip from 50.5% in 2015-16. The Union

territory of Chandigarh also saw a decline in the percentage of women owning mobile phones — from 74.2% in 2015-16 to 70% now.

The all-India figure for phone use among women went up from 45.9% in 2015-16 to 54% in 2019-21.

The data show that among the 14 states, barring MP, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Delhi NCT and Puducherry, land/ house ownership among women went up.

Punjab and Uttar Pradesh bucked the trend witnessed in large agrarian states of low land ownership among women. In Punjab, for example, among the women surveyed, 63.5% owned a house or a land (alone or jointly) in 2020-21, compared to 32.1% in 2015-16. In Uttar Pradesh, another large agrarian state, the share of women owning land/house went up — from 34.2% in 2015-16 to 51.9% in 2020-21.

But in MP and Rajasthan, the other two big agrarian states, land/house ownership among women either fell or failed to show much improvement. In MP, 39.9% of the women surveyed owned a house or a land in 2020-21, compared to 43.5% in 2015-16. In Rajasthan, the number was 26.6%

for 2020-21, a marginal improvement from 24.1% in 2015-16.

On the metric of women having bank accounts that they themselves use, there’s been a pronounced surge, with MP, Jharkhand, Odisha, Puducherry, and Punjab topping the list. In MP, the percentage of women having a bank account increased to 74.7% in 2020-21 from 37.3% in 2015-16, while in Jharkhand it increased to 79.6% from 45.1% in 2013-16, the survey showed.

Bankers and researchers attribute the jump in bank account use to the role of the account opening drive carried out under PM Jan Dhan Yojana over the last seven years, which enabled women and households to come within the banking fold. “The significant jump in women having a bank account (more than 80%)... is a reflection of the growing women empowerment and thereby a say in the household’s financial decision-making. Interestingly, more than half of the Jan Dhan accounts have been opened by women and even more than half of the workers on the recently launched E-Shram portal are women,” said Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, SBI.

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, NOVEMBER 25

NEARLY 47.4 per cent deliveries at private health institutions in the country were through the Caesarean section, according to data from the fifth round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), up from 40.9 per cent in the last survey (2015-16).

Overall, there has been a four-point rise in the number of C-sections in the last five years in the country. Against 17.2% C-section births (NFHS-4), the fifth round of NFHS pegs the figure at 21.5%.

The rise in C-section births is not just limited to private healthcare facilities but shows a 3% rise in public health facilities as well. Across public health facilities, the percentage of C-section births is 14.3, against 11.9% in the last survey.

According to NFHS-5, overall percentage of C-section births in the last five years has shown a

EXPLAINED

What WHO recommends

THE WORLD Health Organization recommends that Caesarean deliveries should not exceed 10-15 per cent of all deliveries in any country.

rise in Haryana (11.7% to 19.5%), Jharkhand, (9.9% to 12.8%) Madhya Pradesh (8.6% to 12.1%) and Odisha (13.8% to 21.6%), Punjab (24.6% to 38.5%), Tamil Nadu (34.1% to 44.9%), Uttar Pradesh (9.4% to 13.7%), Uttarakhand (13.1% to 20.4%), Kerala (35.8% to 38.9%), Maharashtra (20.1% to 25.4%), Goa (31.4% to 39.5%), Gujarat (18.4% to 21%).

Delhi has shown a slight dip from 26.7% to 23.6% in C-section births; as does Mizoram (12.7% to 10.8%) and Nagaland (5.8% to 5.2%).

BSF personnel among 5 held, Jharkhand police say supplied arms to Maoists, terror groups

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE JHARKHAND Police Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) said on Thursday that a serving BSF head constable and a retired BSF personnel were among five persons arrested for allegedly supplying arms and ammunitions to CPI(Maoist) cadres and “organised terror gangs” across the country.

This comes less than a fortnight after the ATS arrested a CRPF personnel and three others for allegedly supplying arms and ammunition to banned ultra outfits and others.

Identifying the BSF head constable as Kartik Behra, a resident of Jharkhand, police claimed to have recovered “pilfered” ammunition, magazines and detonators from the BSF’s 116 Battalion compound in Ferozepur, Punjab, where he was posted. The retired BSF personnel, Arun Kumar Singh, a residing of Bihar, was also posted with 116 Battalion earlier, police said.

The three others who have been arrested — Kumar Gurlal, Shivial Dhawal Singh Chauhan and Hirila Guman Singh -- are from Madhya Pradesh.

“We have been conducting

raids to ascertain the nexus of supply chains, inter-state gangs’ channels, transactions in Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Maharashtra and Bihar among others areas. A big network has come to the fore, which supplies arms and ammunition such as INSAS, AK-47 and 9 mm rifles to terrorist organisations,” said Jharkhand IG (Operations) Amol Venukant Homkar.

ATS SP Prashant Anand said the seizures included 14 semi-automatic pistols. “The arms are mostly countrymade, but most of the ammunition is pilfered from security forces.. We are investigating the role of other BSF personnel,” he said.

Asked if investigations had revealed inter-forces coordination, Homkar said it was still a matter of investigation.

Police sources said they were also probing if documents had been fudged in order to pilfer the ammunition. “We are looking for false documentation of firing of rounds during an operation... In addition, the supplies have also come from the BSF camps in Jodhpur and Jaisalmer... We suspect the involvement of more paramilitary personnel,” said a source.

Day after encounter, J&K DGP says some ‘looking at killers as innocent’

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 25

A DAY after three militants were killed in an encounter in Srinagar’s Rambagh area, J&K DGP Dilbag Singh on Thursday took a swipe at those questioning the police action, saying some have started “looking at killers as innocent”.

Replying to a question on PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti’s statement questioning the encounter, he said, “There are people in civil society who somehow understand the reality, but try to say something which is away from the reality. There are many people who are on social media who are trying to cast aspersions on the killing of the terrorists.”

“Unfortunately, there are people who have started looking at the killers as innocent people,” the DGP said.

The militants who were killed were identified as Mehran Yaseen Shalla from Srinagar, and Manzoor Ahmad Mir and Arafat Ahmad Shiekh from Pulwama.



DGP Singh said while Mehran was involved in the killings of many civilians, including school principal Supinder Kour and teacher Deepak Chand on October 7, Manzoor and Arafat had been working as over ground workers for Abbas Sheikh, the slain chief commander of The Resistance Front, an affiliate of Lashkar-e-Toiba.

“Mehran is the one who had been providing all kind of logistic support to Abbas when he was active in Srinagar city and elsewhere. He is responsible along with his associates for the killing of police sub inspector Arshad Ahmad, a grenade attack on June 26 last at Barbarshah in which one innocent civilian was killed, besides the killing of Imran Ali Sheikh, a resident of Srinagar,” the DGP said, adding to the list the killing of Kour and Chand.

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ASSAM AND Mizoram on Thursday decided to “try to increase” the fencing along their inter-state border, which saw violence that claimed the lives of five Assam Police personnel and a civilian last July.

Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga described his about two-hour-long meeting with Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma as “cordial”.

The two chief ministers met to resolve their boundary disputes apparently following an intervention of the Union Home Ministry, officials said. Assam and Mizoram share a 164-km-long border.

“We had a very good meeting. We are like brothers. Tomorrow we will meet the Union Home Minister (Amit Shah) together. We will try to increase our fencing all along the border,” Zoramthanga told reporters after the meeting.

However, Sarma said they did not discuss anything except enjoying the dinner together. “We enjoyed the dinner together since we are good friends. We will meet the home minister tomorrow. Nothing discussed today,” Sarma said.

Zoramthanga also said he was looking forward to many more of such “progressive meetings”. “Thank you for your warm hospitable reception Shri @himantabiswa ji and Shri @ATULB-ORAZ ji. Cordial discussions on various developmental topic for



Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and Mizoram CM Zoramthanga meet in New Delhi. PTI

the welfare of Northeast India was discussed. Looking forward to many more progressive meeting,” Zoramthanga tweeted with the hashtag #peace.

He also tagged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in his tweet. Atul Bora is Assam’s border affairs minister.

According to an official, the Centre wants a peaceful resolution of the border dispute between Assam and Mizoram and the Home Minister is believed to

be in regular touch with the two chief ministers.

On July 26, five Assam Police personnel and a civilian were killed and over 50 others, including a superintendent of police, were injured when the Mizoram Police opened fire on a team of the Assam officials following clashes along the two states’ border. Following the violence, both Assam and Mizoram Police registered separate cases naming each other’s political leaders and police and civil officials.

Bhagwat: Solution to pain of Partition is undoing it

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THE ONLY solution to the pain of Partition lies in undoing it, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Thursday.

“If we want to become a strong nation and contribute in the world’s welfare, the Hindu society will have to become capable. *Bharat ke vibhajan ki peeda ka samadhan, vibhajan ko nirst karne mein hi hai* (the solution to the pain of Partition is in undoing it),” the RSS quoted Bhagwat as saying at a book launch event in Noida.

The book, ‘*Vibhajan Kalin Bharat ke Sakshi*’ (The Witnesses of Partition-era India), has been written by Krishnanand Sagar.

“The RSS chief also said this is India of 2021 and not of 1947. Partition has happened once, it won’t happen again. Those who



think that way will face partition themselves,” the RSS statement said. Bhagwat said all should read history and accept its truth, according to the statement.

“Indian ideology is about taking everyone along. It is not about claiming to be right and proving others wrong,” he said. “Contrary to this, the thought process of Islamic extremists is to prove others wrong and claim themselves to be right. This was the main reason for struggle in the past.”

The programme was presided over by retired judge of Allahabad High Court Shambhu Nath Srivastav. The RSS statement said he discussed the genocide of the Hindus till date.

ZAKIA JAFRI PLEA ON GODHRA RIOTS

Absurd to say train burning orchestrated by Hindu groups: SIT to SC

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THE SUPREME Court-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT), which inquired into the 2002 post-Godhra riots in Gujarat, on Thursday termed as “absurd” the contention that burning of coach S-6 of Sabarmati Express train that led to the riots was “orchestrated” by Hindutva groups.

“The allegation is (that) even

before the incident, there were arms pile-up before February 27. It boggles my mind. Say I am a radical Hindu member of VHP and I am keeping arms on February 25 without knowing the date of the train burning incident, that makes no sense,” senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the SIT, told a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar.

“Or you are saying this train burning was also orchestrated? That can’t be (true), because the



train was delayed by five hours and was only going to stop for two minutes,” he submitted. “They could not have known... It’s absurd...”

“Either they knew the train will be five hours late and the other side will attack and they will have the material to attack

back... It’s wild,” he said.

The court is hearing an appeal by Zakia Jafri, wife of former Congress MP Ahsan Jafri who was killed in the riots, challenging an appeal challenging the October 5, 2017 Gujarat High Court order upholding the Ahmedabad Metropolitan Magistrate Court’s decision to accept the SIT’s closure report, which gave a clean chit to then Gujarat CM Narendra Modi and 63 others in riots-related cases. Rohatgi said Jafri had first

filed her complaint in 2006. “By the time she had gone to HC in 2007, petitioner no. 2 Teesta Setalvad had joined. The HC said she (Setalvad) had no role and was not entitled to maintain any proceedings in this respect.”

He said SC’s direction to SIT to “look into” Jafri’s complaint was “clear and guarded”. The arguments remained inconclusive and will continue on December 1.

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In Karnataka MLC polls, scrap dealer-turned-realtor is wealthiest candidate with assets worth Rs 1,744 cr

KIRAN PARASHAR
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 25

HE IS a former scrap dealer who claims his luck changed after finding gold in the Kolar fields. Now, Yusuf Sharif is the wealthiest candidate in the forthcoming Council elections in Karnataka — and in the state’s electoral history — declaring assets worth around Rs 1,744 crore.

Sharif, also known as Scrap Babu and Gujuri Babu, is the Congress MLC candidate for Bengaluru Urban. The assets declared by the 54-year-old realtor far outstrip those of the other 121 candidates for the 25 seats heading to the polls.

The declaration also puts him

ahead of the likes of Priya Krishna, a former Congress MLA from Bengaluru who declared assets worth Rs 1,020 crore ahead of the 2018 Assembly polls, former Congress MLA and current BJP MLC N Nagaraj who declared Rs 1,010 crore, and Karnataka Congress chief D K Shivakumar who declared Rs 841.72 crore in 2018.

Hailing from the Kolar gold fields (KGF) region, he studied till class five in a government school. Sharif, who has two wives and five children, declared movable assets worth Rs 97.98 crore movable and immovable assets worth Rs 1,643.59 crore in his own name.

His first wife has Rs 98.96 lakh of movable and Rs 1.30



crore of immovable assets. The second spouse has Rs 32.22 lakh of movable assets. The rest is in the name of his children. He has liabilities of Rs 67.24 crore. Sharif claims his fortunes

THE REST OF THE RICH LIST	
Besides Sharif, these are the richest candidates in the MLC polls	
Yechareddy Satish BJP	₹137 cr
B Somashekar CONGRESS	₹116 cr
HM Ramesh Gowda JD(S)	₹89 cr
Appaji Gowda JD(S)	₹88 cr
BC Manju BJP	₹70 cr

turned in the early 2000s after he won a bid for 21 mill tanks in KGF. In a recent interview, Sharif said he participated in the in 2001 auction after pooling around Rs 7 lakh.

The rest of the story, at least in Sharif’s telling, is this: He found 13 kg of gold in the abandoned purifying tanks he had bought. Using the newfound wealth, he began buying property and factories through government and court auctions — which have since accrued value in Bengaluru’s real estate boom.

Critics, however, accuse him of acquiring the gold through muscle power. Sharif has denied the allegations.

“I have seen poverty and have led a rich lifestyle. I had a success-

ful life as a businessman and it is time to give back to society. I have retired from business and would be doing whatever I can for society,” Sharif told *The Indian Express*.

Sharif made national headlines in August when his Rs 2.01-crore (according to affidavit) Rolls Royce car — which he bought second hand from actor Amitabh Bachchan — was seized by RTO officials for road tax violation. The Income Tax department also searched his premises over alleged tax evasion of Rs 13.43 crores.

Sharif faces four pending criminal cases — three of which, he claims, were based on allegations made during his time developing property for his real estate business.

No fight with Health minister, says Goa CM

Panaji: Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Thursday dismissed reports of differences between him and state Health Minister Vishwajit Rane.

Addressing party workers in Rane’s Assembly constituency Valpoi, Sawant said, “Some political parties repeatedly say there are fights between me and Vishwajit... It is they who say it; there are no fights...”

The alleged differences had become conspicuous at the onset of the second Covid-19 wave in April. The two had made conflicting statements regarding steps to be taken. In May, Rane had also said that there needs to be a High Court-monitored inquiry into the dip in oxygen supply to Covid-19 patients in Goa Medical College and Hospital.

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17 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 58,795.09 ▲ 454.10 (0.78%) NIFTY: 17,536.25 ▲ 121.20 (0.70%) NIKKEI: 29,499.28 ▲ 196.62 HANG SENG: 24,740.16 ▲ 54.66 FTSE: 7,296.40 ▲ 10.08 DAX: 15,907.72 ▲ 29.33

International market data till 1900 IST

'NEED RETHINK OF INTERNET GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE'

Vaishnaw: Must define responsibility for online content

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

INDIA MUST "clearly define" the responsibility for the content being put out on social media platforms as there is an "implicit trust" of the word on internet, IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

"There is implicit in the written word. If we read something, we start believing it. Who is going to take responsibility for that content? It is very important because the young minds would be very easily tempted to believe what is the written word. Whether that content is on a social media platform or on a website, it should be clearly defined so that it becomes part of the society as an acceptable form," the Minister said.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the first India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF 2021), Vaishnaw said that a "fundamental rethink of the entire governance structure of internet" was needed. "...the way content is consumed, the way the internet is accessed. The languages in which the internet is accessed, the machines, the modes in which the internet is accessed, everything has changed.

EXPLAINED

Focus on key issues

THE IT Minister's statement brings into focus key issues around the internet — be its access, openness or safety. The accountability of large players on the internet to their consumers, or the emerging threat of online user harm and criminality are all issues that have to be debated and discussed.

So, with these fundamental changes, we certainly need a fundamental rethink of the entire governance structure of the internet," Vaishnaw said.

Laying emphasis on understanding the social impact of disruptions in business models due to the advent of e-commerce, the minister said that though it has many benefits, but it also has certain things which need to be mitigated. "The way e-commerce has disrupted the entire business world, the way so many other in-

dustries are getting disrupted, that has a social impact, a social cost... It has many benefits, but it also has certain things which need to be mitigated. So, that is again something we as a society will have to think about, because that leaves out so many people, who are less able to cope with the changes... how do we bring those persons into the mainstream," he said.

Vaishnaw also said that since all systems today were driven by digital technology and internet was the fundamental medium through which all this happened, it was important to build fundamental structures within the governance system itself so that cybersecurity became a "central part" of development.

Speaking following the inauguration, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said that global future of internet must be India led with the internet ecosystem and innovation capabilities that the country had.

"It is extremely important that we, as a nation, carefully shape the future of internet, carefully shape policies and regulation, rights and responsibilities around the internet going forward," he said.

Cryptocurrency: How the needle moved from ban to regulation

PRANAVMUKUL
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

IN LESS THAN two years, there has been a discernible shift in the Centre's stance on cryptocurrencies — to potentially define these virtual currencies as financial assets and to stop short of a full ban on their circulation — based mostly on two specific triggers: the Supreme Court order of March 2020 that reversed the Reserve Bank of India's move to cut the money supply to crypto exchanges, and the exponential increase in investment flows into crypto assets post the judgment.

The change in the government's stand is evident from the title and scope of the new legislation — The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021 — which is distinctly different from the earlier Banning of Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2019 recommended a couple of years back by an inter-ministerial committee comprising representatives from the Finance Ministry's Department of Economics Affairs, Information Technology ministry, SEBI and the RBI, but ultimately ended up not being introduced by the government in Parliament.

While the older Bill sought to impose a complete ban on all crypto-related activities including mining, buying, holding, selling, and dealing, the new one, in contrast, will look to make a clear dis-

inction when it comes to its oft used categorisation as a currency — with the definitional clarity expected to have a clear bearing on the regulatory aspect. In not treating these financial assets as currencies, indications are that the Centre is aiming to address some of the macroeconomic risks posed by cryptocurrencies that were repeatedly flagged by the central bank in recent weeks, both verbally and in writing.

On Tuesday, the government announced it would introduce the new Bill in Parliament during the upcoming winter session. It said the Bill has been listed to be taken up for introduction, consideration and passing during the session for the purpose of creating "a facilitative framework for creation of the official digital currency to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India". "The Bill also seeks to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies in India, however, it allows for certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency and its uses," it added.

However, multiple developments occurred in the run up to the announcement are likely to have shaped the Centre's stance. During the last one month, the debate on cryptocurrencies gained momentum with a Prime Minister-chaired meeting on November 13 having arrived at a consensus that future steps by the government in the field of cryptocurrency will be "progressive and forward-looking", following which, on November 15, the Parliamentary Standing

THE DISTINCTION



Reuters file

■ While the older Bill sought to impose a ban on all crypto-related activities, the new one will look to make a clear distinction when it comes to its oft used categorisation as a currency

Committee on Finance met key stakeholders of cryptocurrency space in India. Last Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking at the Sydney Dialogue, identified cryptocurrencies as one of the key areas where democracies should work together.

The progression in the government taking up the cryptocurrency debate came after the central bank formally raised its concerns with the virtual currencies with the highest levels in New Delhi. Its concerns included the various advertisements that were being run by crypto trading platforms, and implications of allowing cryptocurrencies on aspects such as money laundering, terror financing, and even potentially undermining RBI's monetary policy.

This fresh stance is in stark contrast to that taken back in 2019 through the Bill that proposed to

prohibit mining, holding, selling, trade, issuance, disposal or use of cryptocurrency in the country. That Bill had also proposed that mining, holding, selling, issuing, transferring or use of cryptocurrency be made punishable with a fine or imprisonment of up to 10 years, or both. This bill was based on a report submitted by an inter-ministerial committee headed by the Department of Economic Affairs in 2019, which had recommended that all private cryptocurrencies, except any cryptocurrency issued by the State, be banned in India. The committee had also endorsed the stand taken by the RBI in 2018 to "eliminate the interface of institutions regulated by the RBI from cryptocurrencies" and seemed to build on it. In April 2018, the RBI, through a circular, prohibited all banks from dealing with virtual currencies effectively, cutting off the money supply of platforms facilitating access to these digital assets. The circular was challenged by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) in the Supreme Court, and in March 2020, the apex court overturned the ban paving the way for start-up to operate exchanges and trading platforms.

In the 180-page judgment issued by a three-judge bench led by Justice Rohinton F. Nariman, the court set aside the RBI circular on grounds of "proportionality". It pointed out that the 2019 bill had not become law, the position as on date was that virtual currencies (VCs) were not banned. "...but the

trading in VCs and the functioning of VC exchanges are sent to comatose by the impugned Circular by disconnecting their lifeline namely, the interface with the regular banking sector," it said. "What is worse is that this has been done (i) despite RBI not finding anything wrong about the way in which these exchanges function and (ii) despite the fact that VCs are not banned".

In the aftermath of the Supreme Court order, cryptocurrency exchanges and trading platforms started mushrooming across the country. This was despite several large banks and financial technology players not allowing the use of their infrastructure to such platforms. Currently, cryptocurrency exchanges in India operate with the support of a handful of banks and one major e-wallet issuer. In 2021 alone, cryptocurrency exchanges and trading platforms have raised close to half a billion dollars from marquee venture capital and private equity investment firms, with number of investors of the half a decade old Indian crypto industry having grown to 15 million, by conservative estimates, around 60 per cent of the investor numbers in the mutual funds industry, which is nearly six decades old.

Notably, even as both the government and the RBI were on the same page with respect to the functioning of cryptocurrency platforms, they were in favour of use of the underlying blockchain technology. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

COVID WATCH
VACCINATION

For 66.7 cr jabs, ADB greenlights \$1.5-billion loan

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE ASIAN Development Bank (ADB) on Thursday approved a \$1.5 billion loan to India to help the government purchase vaccines against Covid-19. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank is expected to co-finance an additional \$500 million for the project. The loan from ADB will fund at least 66.7 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses for an estimated 31.7 crore people.

"It will support India's National Deployment and Vaccination Plan which aims to fully vaccinate 944.7 million people aged 18 years old and above, accounting for 68.9% of the population. Priority groups include health care and front-line workers, senior citizens, and those aged 45–59 years with comorbidities," ADB said in a statement. "(the) support will help the government protect its citizens from further



Vaccine camp, New Delhi. The AIIB is expected to co-finance an additional \$500 million. File

transmission of this disease and save lives," said ADB president Masatsugu Asakawa.

Vaccines are critical in overcoming the intertwined health, social, and economic impacts of the pandemic, including rejuvenating economic activities, sustaining health services, restoration of livelihoods, and reopening of educational institutions, with renewed focus on social and human development priorities, Asakawa said.

FM pushes for faster cargo release, refunds

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 25

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday urged the Customs department for stronger administration and coordination of functions to achieve "zero daily assessment pendency" and faster release of cargo.

Sitharaman who undertook a day-long review of the Customs activities at Nhava Sheva in Raigad district of Maharashtra, off the Mumbai coast, also laid thrust on consistent processing of export incentive schemes like RoDTEP (Remission of Duties & Taxes on Export Products) and RoSCTL

(Rebate of State & Central Taxes and Levies) and timely disposal of refunds and drawback payable.

The FM was accompanied by Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj and CBIC Chairman M Ajith Kumar on the day-long visit to Nhava Sheva.

The Minister also asked the officers to speed up disposal of hazardous goods and desired that quasi-judicial process, if any, be carried out in a manner to achieve disposal within three months of imports.

To further boost trade facilitation, Sitharaman initiated the setting up of a Customs Examination Facility for on-wheel factory sealed export containers at JNPT's Centralized Parking Plaza itself.



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and other officials at Nhava Sheva, Raigad district, Maharashtra. via @cbic_india Twitter

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Kanton logistics

New Delhi: The country needs to cut logistics and power costs to become a major manufacturing-exporting nation and become part of the global value chain, NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said Thursday. "...it's very, very critical that the cost of power and cost of logistics that is transportation is rapidly brought down," Kant said at a virtual event co-organised by CUTS International and Institute for Studies in Industrial Development. **ENS**

ESIC scheme

New Delhi: Around 13.37 lakh new members joined ESIC-run scheme in September.

BMW EVs

New Delhi: BMW said it will launch 3 electric vehicles in next 6 months. **PTI**

EX-BUREAUCRAT EAS SARMA WRITES TO PM

'Plan to give Mumbai High field to pvt sector weakening of ONGC'

New Delhi: The Oil Ministry's proposal to strip ONGC of its main oil and gas producing fields of Mumbai High and Bassein in western offshore is a "systematic weakening" of state-owned firm, former bureaucrat EAS Sarma has written to the Prime Minister.

In the letter to PM Narendra Modi, former secretary to the government of India, said instead of "weakening" ONGC, the government should adopt a conscious strategy to strengthen its ability and should be given sufficient functional autonomy instead of forcing it to buy debt-laden firms or pay high dividends. "The latest decision of the government to ask ONGC to hive off the majority stake in the Mumbai High/Bassein-Satellite Fields seems to be a part of an ill-advised (well-orchestrated) strategy to cripple ONGC as the mascot of India's self-reliance in the field of hydrocarbons. "Is it a part of a larger plan to divest public equity in ONGC, as has been the case with many strategic PSUs of late? The government's real intentions, in this case, raise serious public concern," he wrote on November 23. **PTI**

Power units: Panel for stable gas price

New Delhi: The government has set up a committee to work out steps needed to make natural gas available to power plants at "reasonably stable prices", Oil Secretary Tarun Kapoor said. **PTI**

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'RIL, Aramco nix deal amid valuation differences'

REUTERS
NEW DELHI/DUBAI, NOV 25

RELANCE INDUSTRIES and Saudi Aramco have called off a deal for the state oil giant to buy a stake in the oil-to-chemicals business of the Indian conglomerate due to valuation concerns, sources with knowledge of the matter said.

Talks broke down over how much Reliance's oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business should be valued as the world seeks to move away from fossil fuels and reduce emissions, they said. Valuations of refining and petrochemical assets have gone down especially after the recent COP26 climate talks, a second source said.

Despite this, Reliance had stuck to the \$75 billion valuation for the O2C business made in 2019, he said.

'Pvt credit can be \$89 billion opportunity in next 5 years'

Non-bank lenders and credit funds can invest up to \$89 billion in performing private credit delivering returns of over 12 %, in next five years, an EY report said

Stressed asset investment opportunities over next 5 years, emanating from existing stock of unresolved NPAs, fresh credit defaults, and special situation opportunities can be worth \$25 billion



there is a void for private credit providers to capture

Source: EY/PTI

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NOTICE INVITING E - TENDER

CONCOR invites E-Tender in single pocket system of tendering for following.

Tender No.	CONIA-III/Tech/RST/TYRE/2021
Name of Work	Supply of Tubeless Tyre Size 18.00x25, 40 Ply rating, E4 with "O"-Rings for Industrial/Port application (for RST Tyres) supported by manufacturer certification.
Quantity	205 Nos.
Estimated Cost	Rs. 200.78 Lakhs (inclusive of GST as applicable)
Delivery Schedule	60 days from the date of issue of Purchase order.
Cost of Tender Document	Rs. 1120/- inclusive of GST @ 12% through e-payment
Tender processing Fee (Non-refundable)	Rs. 4720/- (inclusive all taxes and duties) through e-payment.
Date of sale of Tender (online)	From 26.11.2021 after 16.00 hrs. to 20.12.2021 upto 16.00 hrs.
Date & time of tender submission	On or before 20.12.2021 Up to 18.00 hrs.
Date & time of tender opening	21.12.2021 at 11.30 hrs.

For financial eligibility criteria, experience with respect to similar nature of item supply, Please refer to detailed tender notice available on website www.concorindia.com, but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL only. Further, Corrigendum / Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website www.concorindia.com, www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL and Central Procurement Portal (CPP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.

Group General Manager/Technical/Area-II Phone no.: 011-41222530.

NMDC Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)

NMDC Iron & Steel Plant, Post - Nagarnagar (Bastar) C.G. Pin - 494001
Email : srinivaspratap@nmdc.co.in; wshirwale@nmdc.co.in; rameshvatwani@nmdc.co.in; ganadrasa@nmdc.co.in; CIN:L13100TG1958G01001674; GSTIN: 22AAACN7325A323

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY

NMDC Iron & Steel Plant, Nagarnagar, invites sealed tenders in two bid system with last date & time for submission of offers as 24-12-2021 by 02:30 PM for the following :

Name of Work : Design, Supplying, testing, commissioning and Operation and maintenance of 100 KLD STP based on MBBR Technology including RCC Civil building at Studio Type Apartment (Ph I) in Village Dhanpunji, Jagdalpur Distt Bastar, C.G. - Reg. Tender No. & Date : NSP/CONTRACTS/M&C/169/100 KLD STP/2021/254, Dated : 26-11-2021.

Tender documents can be obtained from office of the HOD (M&C), NMDC Iron Steel Plant, Nagarnagar or can be downloaded from websites www.nmdc.co.in or www.eprocure.gov.in in tender section.

GM (Materials & Contracts)

NMDC Limited
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

Yashraj Bhawan, 103-311/A, Castle Hill, Macab Tank, Hyderabad-500028
CIN:L13100TG1958G01001674.

CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

Tender Enquiry No: HO/Contracts/NSP/Rail Assets/793 Dated: 26/11/2021

NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites online bids from experienced domestic bidders for Operation & Maintenance of Locomotives, Loco & Wagon Repair Shed, Tracks, Traffic Operations, Signaling & Telecommunication system and General Electricals for service buildings and yard lighting for a period of 2 years for 3.0 MTPA Integrated Steel Plant at Nagarnagar, near Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh state

The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and / or downloaded from - NMDC website: <https://www.nmdc.co.in> Central Public Procurement portal (CPP PORTAL): <https://www.eprocure.gov.in/> epublish/app and MSTC portal <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocure/nmdc/> from 26/11/2021 to 27/12/2021.

For accessing the bid document from MSTC portal, bidders to visit MSTC website and search Tender Event No. NMDC/HO/70/21-22/ET/326

The Bidders, on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website / CPP Portal / MSTC websites for corrigendum, if any, at a future date. For further clarification, the following can be contacted:

Chief General Manager (Contracts), NMDC Limited, Hyderabad, Fax No. +91-040-23534746, Tel No. +91-040-23532800, email: steelcontracts@nmdc.co.in

Chief General Manager (Contracts)

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e-Procurement Tender Notice (Paper Notification)

TSSPDCL intends to float tenders for procurement of (a) 11 KV 400A (Conv) Double Break AB Switches (b) 15 Mtrs Span Poles (c) Portable Relay Testing Kils (d) 33 KV 1Ph 1Ph Pts, 10 VA Burden 0.2 class on e-procurement platform and (e) Auction of scrap materials on e-auction platform.

For further details of each item above, please visit www.tssouthernpower.com.

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Phone: 040-23431319, 1035, 1033, 1026, 1360

Sd/-
(U. BALA SWAMY)
CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&M)

R.O. No.-18143-PP/CL/ADVT/2021-22 Date: 25-11-2021

Office of The Additional Chief Engineer, PHED, Region-Kota

E-Notice Inviting Bid No. 79 to 82/2021-22

Bids for works under JMM are invited from interested bidders upto 13-12-2021, 18:00 Hours. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the <http://www.eprocure.telanganagov.in>. <http://www.eprocure.telanganagov.in> and departmental website details mentioned below.

NIT.No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs. Lacs)	Date & time for online downloading/ submission of bid
79/21-22	Work of Reorganisation & Retrofitting of PWS Khatoli, tehsil peepalpa to provided FHCT including one year defect liability period of SVS under JMM in the jurisdiction of PHED District Div. Kota, Distt. Kota UBN No. PHE 2122WSOB09675	498.91	
80/21-22	Work of Reorganisation & Retrofitting of PWS Genta, tehsil peepalpa to provided FHCT including one year defect liability period of SVS under JMM in the jurisdiction of PHED District Div. Kota, Distt. Kota UBN No. PHE 2122WSOB09676	303.42	
81/2021-22	Work of Reorganisation & Retrofitting of PWS Karwad, tehsil peepalpa to provided FHCT including one year defect liability period of SVS under JMM in the jurisdiction of PHED District Div. Kota, Distt. Kota UBN No. PHE 2122WSOB09677	257.86	From 23.11.2021 10.00 AM to 13.12.2021 upto 06.00 PM
82/21-22	Work of Reorganisation & Retrofitting of PWS Ayana, tehsil peepalpa to provided FHCT including one year defect liability period of SVS under JMM in the jurisdiction of PHED District Div. Kota, Distt. Kota UBN No. PHE 2122WSOB09678	343.60	

Sd/-
(Maheesh Jangid)
Additional Chief Engineer, PHED, Region, Kota

DIPR/C/11848/2021

U.P. JAL VIDYUT NIGAM LIMITED
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Shakti Bhawan Extn., 12th Floor, Ashok Marg, Lucknow-226001

E-Tender Notice No. 05/EE/Design/2021-22


Online e-Tenders in two parts are invited from manufacturers for "Supply Erection, Testing & Commissioning of computerized control numerical protection & monitoring system, digital excitation system & digital governing system for 3x24 MW Units of Khara hydro project alongwith retrofitting of annunciation system including dismantling & shifting of existing systems from respective units at Khara Hydro Electric Project, District Saharanpur (U.P.)" as detailed below.

- Cost of Tender inclusive of GST @ 18% (Rs.) : Rs. 5900/-
- Earnest Money (Rs.) : Rs. 9,00,000/-
- Date of Opening (Part-I) : 05.01.2022 (at 14.30 hrs).
- Last date for submission of e-bids online : 03.01.2022 (upto 14.00 hrs.)

Part-I of the e-bid shall contain uploaded techno-commercial bid along with documents in support of deposition of tender fee & earnest money (EMD). If EMD is submitted in form of BG then the original copy of same shall be submitted along with hardcopy of techno-commercial bid documents. Part-II shall contain price bid. Tender can be downloaded from and uploaded on e-procurement website: www.etender.up.nic.in. Last date for submission of hardcopy of techno-commercial bids shall be 05.01.2022 (upto 12:00 hrs.). Date of opening of price bid shall be intimated later. Undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. Bidders should keep themselves updated in regard to publication of corrigendum (if any) by visiting e-procurement portal regularly. If the date of opening will be a holiday, the tender shall be opened on next working day at the same time.

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Bid Identification No. 15P/Store/109/2021/25756
Date : 25.11.2021

Government of Uttarakhand "e" procurement e-tender Notice

1. Name of the Work:
 (i) Supply of Digital Mobile X-Ray Machine (Mobile Dr System) for various Hospital of Uttarakhand under Quantity contract.
 as per details given in tender notice on <https://uktenders.gov.in> portal.
2. Date & time of availability of bid : **25.11.2021 at 5:00 P.M.**
 documents in the portal
3. Last Date and Time for receipt : **09.12.2021 at 3:00 P.M.**
 of bids in the portal
4. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting the Bid : Director General, MH & FW Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
5. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website [**https://uktenders.gov.in**](https://uktenders.gov.in)
6. Portal Registration : The contractor/bidder intending to participate in the bid is required to register in the portal using his/her active personal/official email id as his/her Login id and attach his/her valid digital signature certificate (DSC) to his/her unique login id.
 For any other queries the bidders are asked to contact through e-mail cmsd.uj@gmail.com

Director General

Government of Maharashtra

**PUBLIC WORKS (South) DIVISION,
PUNE-411001**

Phone No. 020/26121765 **Web:** mahapwd.gov.in &
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e-Tender Notice No. 43 for 2021-2022


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
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- A. B. BHOSALE,
Executive Engineer
Public Works (South) Division,
Pune-411001

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Bid Identification no :- 4410 / निविदा (गद)खेल / 238		Dated : 25.11.2021	
S. N.	Name of works	Estimated Cost	Period of Completion
1.	DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AT H.N.B. SPORTS STADIUM, ALMORA.	382.88 (Including G.S.T)	12 months
2.	CONSTRUCTION OF BADMINTION HALL (M.P.H) AT BHIMTAL, NAINITAL.	234.72 (Including G.S.T)	12 months
3.	Name and Address of officer inviting the Bid:-	General Manager (Garh), Construction Wing, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, 403/1 Indra Nagar, Dehradun	
4.	Date and Time of Availability of bid documents in the portal:-	26/11/2021 -17.00 Hrs.	
5.	Pre Bid Meeting	30/11/2021 -15.00 Hrs.	
6.	Last Date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal:-	10/12/2021 -17.00 Hrs.	
Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website.			
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal " https://uktenders.gov.in "			
General Manager (Garhwal)			



कार्यालय पर्यावरण अभियन्ता, नगर निगम, बरेली

ई-निविदा आमन्त्रण सूचना

दिनांक 25-11-2021

प्रपत्रांक 187/एन.आई.टी./पर्या.अधि./2021-22

नगर निगम, बरेली द्वारा सथरापुर ए.डब्ल्यू.एम. प्लांट थल पर प्रसंस्कृत संयंत्र स्थापन एवं प्लांट के संचालन कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जा रही है। इस संघर्ष में Procurement, Construction, Operations & Maintenance of SWM Plant (500 TPD) at Sathrapur का कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र उन्नत प्रदर्शन की ई-प्रक्रियाओं की वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> व नगर निगम की वेबसाइट www.nagamgambareilly.com पर देखी जा सकती है।

शारदादेश सं.-4848/नी-5-2018-4705/2018 नगर विकास अनुभाग-5 लखनऊ दिनांक 10 दिसम्बर, 2018 के क्रम में निविदा शुल्क-GST ऑनलाईन आर.टी.जी.एस्. के माध्यम से E-TENDER BNN/NAGAR NIGAM BAREILLY के माध्यम से नगर निगम कोष में नगर निगम बरेली के खाला सं.-3647000100980707 (एफ.ई.आर.एन.सी. कोड-PUNB03647000 पंजाब नेशनल बैंक में जमा किया जाना अनिवार्य होगा। जिसकी रकम कापी टेण्डर अपलोड करते समय अपलोड करनी होगी। जमानत राशि बी.जी./ एफ.डी.आर. के माध्यम से देय होगा तथा एफ.डी.आर. नगर आवृत्त नगर निगम बरेली की जमा बचका होगी, अन्य शर्तें एवं विवरण निम्नवत् उक्त वेबसाइट पर देखी जा सकती है। ई-निविदाएं निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

Critical dates and time		
1	upload/publishing of the NIT Document date & time	27/11/2021 (15.00 hrs)
2	BID starting date & time	29/11/2021 (12.00 hrs)
3	Pre BID meeting & Technical Presentation	08/12/2021 (12.00 hrs)
4	Bid Closing date & Time	15/12/2011 (15.00 hrs)
5	Technical BID Opening date & time	16/12/2011 (12.00 hrs)
6	Financial BID opening date & time	after Technical Evaluation

ई-निविदा लिंक एवं ई-पोर्टल <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिये उक्त वेबसाइट पर देखी जा सकती है। तथा अतिरिक्त जानकारी हेतु मो. 7055519614/ 7905-773377 एवं sanjeev.pmnait@gmail.com पर सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं।

हस्ता./-

पर्यावरण अभियन्ता

नगर निगम, बरेली

 **CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED**
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Tamil Nadu)
Admin Building, CMRL Depot, Poonamallee High Road,
Koyambode, Chennai - 600 107, India.



E-TENDER NOTICE

File No: CMRL/CON/PHASE-II/CORRIDOR3/CP08-EV-01/RT-01/2021 Dated: 26/11/2021

NIT NO: CMRL/CON/PHASE-II/CORRIDOR3/CP08-EV-01/RT-01/2021

e-procurement tender

International Competitive Bidding

E-TENDER NO : CMRL/CON/PHASE-II/CORRIDOR3/CP08-EV-01/RT-01/2021

CMRL invites digitally signed tender through e-procurement portal from reputed, experienced, financially sound, eligible applicants, who fulfil the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender through International Competitive Bidding under Single Stage Two Envelope (Technical & Financial) system for the works as detailed below:

"CONSTRUCTION OF ELEVATED VIADUCT (APPROXIMATE LENGTH - 10 KM) INCLUDING ELEVATED RAMP AND TEN (10) ELEVATED METRO STATIONS AT NEHRU NAGAR, KANDANCHAVADI, PERUNGUDI, THORAIPAKKAM, METTUKUPPAM, PTC COLONY, OKKIYAMPET, KARAPAKKAM, OKKIYAM THORAIPAKKAM AND SHOLINGANALLUR"

For further details, please visit e-procurement website:
<http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>
www.chennaiametrorail.org

DIPR/3626/Tender/2021

Director (Projects)

"சேனாலை கடத்து கட்டுவதில் அண்டிசீதும், எதுதனை பரிந்து எரித்தும் மலப்பேயும்"



YASH


General public is hereby informed that this boy namely Yash S/o Sanjay R/o Phulwari Children Home for Boys-1, Alipur, Delhi **Age** : 15 years **Height** : 5'7", **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Face** : Long, **Build** : Medium, wearing school dress, grey pant, sky blue colour shirt, school bag and black colour shoes in feet, has been missing since 13.10.2021 at about 01:00 P.M. from his house. In this regard FIR No. 846/2021 dated 13.10.2021 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Alipur, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing boy may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
 Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
 Fax: 24368639
 Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO: P.S. Alipur, Delhi
Ph. : 011-27202290

DP/1402/ON/21



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERMAMPUR
 (E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287)

Q-1003
E-Mail/E-subject

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

Bid Identification No. Online Tender/ 19-2021-22/BPR

Identification No	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender/ 19-2021-22/ BPR	Road Works under PERIODICAL MAINTENANCE	02 No.	From Rs. 248.71 lakhs to Rs. 349.12 Lakhs	"B" Class, "A" Class & * Special Class as applicable	04 (Four) Calendar Month as provided

Procurement Officer

Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Bermampur

Bid Identification No

Online Tender/ 19-2021-22/BPR

Availability of tender online for bidding

From	To
29.11.2021 at 10.00 A.M.	13.12.2021 upto 3.00 P.M.

(i) No EMD is required as per O.M. No. 8943 Dt. 18.03.2021 of Finance Department, Govt of Odisha. But Bid Security declaration should be furnished by the bidders as mentioned in the DTCN.

(ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.

Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website:-
www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
R.W. Circle, Bermampur
 OIPR-25071/11/0019/2122

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer,
Mechanical Workshop, North Eastern
Railway, Gorakhpur for & on behalf
of President of India Invites "OPEN"
E-Tender through online (e-tendering)
for the following work:

Tender Notice No.: EL-MWS-GKP-2021-22-12
Tender Notice No. & Description of Work: EL-MWS-GKP-2021-22-12,
Provision of 2x1000 KVA Compact sub-
station with allies works in Connection
with "Improvement in Infrastructure of
Work Centre for Rolling Stock
Maintenance Workshop" Under
Umbrella work 2018-19 (PH-42) in
Mechanical workshop, Gorakhpur.
Approx. Value: ₹ 1,70,46,541.94,
Completion Period from the date of issue
of acceptance letter-06 Months.

- E-tender online will be submitted
upto 11:00 hrs. on dated 15-12-2021.
- For full details and submission of bid
please see the Indian Railway IREPS
official website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (WS)
CPRO/VDI/46-66 Gorakhpur

Against any passenger emergency complaint
No. 19239, No. 19739, 19745

**Never travel on
roof and foot boards.**

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice Date: 17/12/2021
Commercial Department
For & on behalf of President of India Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, West Central Railway, Kota invites open-E-tender for CQ-450-CA-Kota Goods Shed Canteen-104-2021 dated 17.12.2021. This tender will open on 13/12/2021 at 15.30. For this tender any offer received manually will not be accepted, only e-tenders will be considered. **Tender No. : CQ-450-CA-Kota Goods Shed Canteen-104-2021** dated 17.12.2021, **Name of work : KOTA GOODS SHED CANTEN TENDER IN KOTA DIVISION FOR A PERIOD OF 03 YEARS. Estimated Value of Tender : ₹ 65.885/-**. **EMD : ₹4000/-**. **Time & Date for closure for submission of E-tender document :** 13.12.2021 upto 15.00 hrs through online Website www.iraps.gov.in. Only Tenderer must have class III DIGITAL SIGNATURE & registration on IRCT's portal. Only registered tenderers will be able to bid and all the important mandatory documents need to be uploaded after the time of e-tendering. Complete details and information for this tender is available on www.iraps.gov.in.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager,
West Central Railway, Kota

कोरोना का भयाना है, सावधान
ये चेतावनी लगाना है

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY





E-TENDER NOTICE


**Water Vending Machine
allotment contract**



**Tender Notice No. C-454/Tender/
WVM/Cluster-I Dated 23.11.2021**


**Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager,
N.W.R.I., Jaipur** on behalf of the
President of India invites Tender under
two packet system for the purpose of
allotment of Water Vending Machines at
'A1', 'A' & 'B' category stations under
Cluster-I over Jaipur Division for the
period as mentioned in the enclosed
documents. The date of submission and
opening of Tender and detail of the
earned money and Cost of tender form
are as under :- **1 Name of the work :**
Allotment of Water Vending Machines at
'A1', 'A' & 'B' category stations under Two
packet system under Cluster-I over
Jaipur Division. **2 Approved cost of
the work :** Earned Contract **3 Period of
completion :** Five (05) years **4
Reserve Price (in Rs.) :** Rs.
1,57,79,500/- (Rs. One Crore Fifty Seven
Lacs Seventy Nine Thousand Five
Hundred only) for the period of five years
5. Earnest money to be deposited : Rs.
7,89,000/- (Rs. Seven lacs Eighty Nine
Thousand only) shall be accepted only
online net banking or gateway payment
facilities only. **6 Cost of tender
documents (Non Refundable) :** Rs.
6,000/- (Rs. Six thousand only) non-
refundable, cost of tender) shall be
accepted only online net banking or
gateway payment facilities only. **7 Date and time
of submission of tender :** 20.12.2021
(Up to 15.00 Hrs.) through online
www.irps.gov.in only **8 Authority and
place for submission of tender cost &
Tender Security (EMD), required
clarifications (if any) and seeking
clarifications on tender documents :**
Through online www.irps.gov.in only **9
Website particulars :** www.irps.gov.in
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<div style="text-align: center;">  Office of the Executive Engineer Road Construction Department, Road Division, Chaibasa. </div>	
<u>E-Procurement Notice</u>	
E-tender Reference No. : RCD/CHAIBASA/895 Date : 25.11.2021	
1.	Name of Work IRQP work of Manjhaon- Noamundi via Jaintgar Road from Km 0.00 to 29.00 (Total Length-26.60 KM) under Road Division, Chaibasa.
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.) Rs. 15,65,17,196.00 (Rupees Fifteen Crore Sixty Five Lac Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six) Only
3.	Time of Completion 6 (Six) Months
4.	Date of Publication of Tender On Website 04.12.2021 at 11.30 AM
5.	Last date/Time for receipt of bids. 22.12.2021 Up to 3.00 P.M.
6.	Last date/Time of receipt of cost of bidding document and Bid security 24.12.2021 Up to 12.00 P.M.
7.	Date of Opening of Bid 24.12.2021 at 03:30 P.M.
8.	Name & address of office Inviting tender Office of the Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Chaibasa
9.	Contact no. of Procurement Officer 9934323979
10.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell 0651-2401010

	OFFICE OF THE EX. ENG. (E&M) HP-II DELHI JAL BOARD; GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI HAIDERPUR WATER WORKS, DELHI-110085 Tel No. 011-27552446-47, Email ID: eeemhp2.djb@nic.in	
"STOP CORONA: WEAR MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"		
SHORT PRESS NIT NO. 07 (2021-22)/(EE(E&M)HP-II)		



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
7th CIRCLE PUBLIC WORK DEPARTMENT
GOPESHWAR



e-mail- sepwdgope@rediffmail.com

S.N. 6882/03 Bhawan-07/2021

Dated 24.11.2021

National Competitive Bidding (e-Tendering)

Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, Public Works Department, Gopeshwar on behalf of "Governor of Uttarakhand" invites through e- tendering (Two Bid System) for the construction of following work. All detail information relating to tender shall be available on <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> form dated 14.12.2021.

S. N.	Name of Work	Amount of Bid Security (Rs. Lakhs)	Validity of tender	Cost of Tender Document	Completion Period (in months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	Under Honorable Chief Minister announcement no 333/2020 Construction of 8 suite of guest house and type 3 & type 1 in block Gairsain of Karanprayag assembly constituency of Chamoli district.	18.00	120 Days	5000 + G.S.T	18 Month	Registration in Category A/A+ for Building Work Under State/ Govt. of India/ any Govt. undertaking

Before opening of Bid upto 3.00 P.M., following documents must be submitted physically to this office along with On-Line submission of the same:-

1. F.D.R. of Earnest money which must be pledge in the name of Executive Engineer, CD, P.W.D., Gairsain.
2. Demand Draft of tender cost and GST Separately payable to Executive Engineer, CD, P.W.D. Gairsain.
3. Rs. 100.00 Non-judicial Stamp paper duly signed and affixed Rs. 1.00 Revenue ticket for Bid Validity.
4. Required Category Registration Copy of contractor.

Note:

1. Earnest money must be of financial Year 2021-22.
2. Disposal of tender will be done as per the provisions of Uttarakhand Government Latest Government Order.
3. The above tender is being invited in anticipation of approval.

Sd/-
(Er. Mukesh Parmar)
Superintending Engineer
7th Circle, P.W.D., Gopeshwar

<div> <div></div> <div> NORTHERN RAILWAY QUOTATION NOTICE </div> </div>						
File No. CIID/Tender (SLRs)/Temporary/2021					Dated: 24.11.2021	
The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites sealed Quotations from Registered Railway leaseholders (Registered in Delhi Division) for the contract of temporary leasing of SLR/SLRD space in the following trains originating from various stations over Delhi Division for 90 days, to be opened on 03.12.2021 as per Railway Board Letter No. 2021/TC (FM)/10/11 dated 16. 11.2021. The details are as under:-						
S. No.	Train No.	From	To	Comptt.	CC	RP Per day (in ₹)
1.	12463	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	JU (Jodhpur Jn.)	FSLR	3.9	Wednesday 10444
2.	22482	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	JU (Jodhpur Jn.)	FI	04	Daily 10888
3.	22482	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	JU (Jodhpur Jn.)	FI	04	Daily 10888
4.	22482	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	JU (Jodhpur Jn.)	RI	04	Daily 10888
5.	22463	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	BKN (Bikaner Jn.)	FSLR	3.9	Friday, Sunday 11495
6.	20938	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	PBR (Porbandar)	FI	04	Monday, Thursday 14665
7.	20938	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	PBR (Porbandar)	RI	04	Monday, Thursday 14665
8.	22401	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	UHP (Udhampur)	FSLR	3.9	Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 10776
9.	19338	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	INDB (Indore Jn.)	FSLR	3.9	Monday 15334
10.	12986	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	JP (Jaipur)	FSLR	3.9	Daily 6445
11.	12916	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	ADI (Ahmedabad Jn.)	FSLR	3.9	Daily 15334
12.	22806	ANVT (Anand Vihar (T.))	BBS (Bhubaneswar)	FI	3.9	Monday 26554
13.	22806	ANVT (Anand Vihar (T.))	BBS (Bhubaneswar)	FI	3.9	Monday 26554
14.	22806	ANVT (Anand Vihar (T.))	BBS (Bhubaneswar)	RI	3.9	Monday 26554
15.	12826	ANVT (Anand Vihar (T.))	RNC (Ranchi)	FSLR	3.9	Wednesday & Saturday 20145
16.	15280	ANVT (Anand Vihar (T.))	SHC (Saharsa Jn.)	FSLR	3.9	Monday 18751
17.	12017	NDLS (New Delhi)	DDN (Dehradun)	FSLR	3.9	Daily 8199
18.	12628	NDLS (New Delhi)	SBC (KSR Bengaluru)	FSLR	3.9	Daily 31799
19.	12452	NDLS (New Delhi)	CNB (Kanpur Central)	FSLR	3.9	Daily 8205
20.	12562	NDLS (New Delhi)	JYG (Jaynagar)	FSLR	3.9	Daily 19448
21.	12616	NDLS (New Delhi)	MAS (MGR Chennai Central)	FSLR	3.9	Daily 29456
22.	12398	NDLS (New Delhi)	GAYA (Gaya Jn.)	FSLR	3.9	Daily 16055
23.	12286	NZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	SC (Secunderabad Jn.)	FSLR	3.9	Monday & Friday 30780
24.	12708	NZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	TPY (Tirupati)	FSLR	3.9	Wednesday, Friday & Sunday 30885
25.	12630	NZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	YPR (Yesvantpur Jn.)	FSLR	3.9	Wednesday & Friday 33364

*Applicable due Taxes will be extra.

In addition to above Reserve price, GST as applicable on date (presently @ 5%) and TDC @ 2% or as applicable over the Railway Freight has to be paid by the successful bidders.

Date and Time for submission of Quotation:- From 11:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs. on 03.12.2021 & to be opened immediately after 15:00 hrs.

For the information and obtaining Quotation forms, interested bidders may kindly contact to the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, DRM Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi From 26.11.2021 to 02.12.2021 on any working day between 09:30 hrs. to 18:00 hrs. and on 03.12.2021 upto 11:00 hrs. The drafts submitted for Earnest Money deposit and Quotation Cost, both, should be in favour of "Sr. Divisional Finance Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi" and must be prepared from the bidders own bank account and in case any information is found false/otherwise, Railway Administration shall be at liberty to initiate any penal action, including termination as deemed fit at a later date also. All interested bidders shall read and follow & abide by all the terms and conditions of the bid documents. It is pertinent to mention that NIT for the long 5 year contracts of these above mentioned SLRs has already been published on 24. 11. 2021.

Relevant information/documents are also available and can be downloaded from the official website of Railways i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

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New Delhi



2379/21

Joint development of Railway Station

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. KIR/Engg./J-31 of 2021, dated: 23-11-2021. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Work: A/N: New Jaipur 1: Brief Description of Work:** At New Jaipur 1: Joint development of Railway Station in association with Ministry of Tourism, Improvement of facade and passenger circulating area. Tender value: Rs. 17,64,74,108.01. E-tenders will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 23-12-2021 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 23-12-2021. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tenders will be available upto 15:00 hrs. of 23-12-2021 in website www.irps.gov.in

North Eastern Frontier Railway, Kolkata

800004 DURGAMCHANDI WITH A STAGE

CENTRAL RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No. :
DRMWNGP-52-2021 of 22/11/2021

Src. No.1 A) Proposed TBR from A-1) In Irtasi-Amia section Total = 0.985 Kms B-1) In Amia-Narher section Total = 1.530 Kms C-1) Total = 0.862 Kms in Nagpur-Wardha section Total = 1.621 Km Total = 27.672 Kms in Sewagram-Balharash section, E-1) Total = 15.011 Kms in Wardha-Badnera section F-1) Total: Kms 7.813 Kms in Wuni- Rajur section. Grand Total = 53.973 Kms in Nagpur Division. B) Proposal for repairs of side drains in between Wardha-Badnera section. C) Proposal for repairs of side drains in Majri-Balharash upto UP DP road and Majri-Pimpalkhuti Single line section. D) Proposal for repairs of side drains in between Majri-Pimpalkhuti section. **Approximate Cost : ₹ 64.25,989.68.**

Src. No.2 A) Proposed TRR (P) (G. Total Kms = 12.933 Kms) B) Proposed TRR (G. Total = 123.163 Kms). C) Proposed TRR (R) (G. Total = +181.996 Kms) under DEN (South) Nagpur jurisdiction. D) Proposal for repairs of road (12 nos.) and dead end (19 nos.) in between Majri to Balharash section. E) Proposal for fixing land boundary post, cess repair and repairs of sand hump (8 nos.) and dead end (2 nos.) in between Wardha-Badnera section. F) Proposal for fixing land boundary post and repairs of sand hump (38 nos.) and dead end (22 nos.) in between Sewagram-Badnera section. Majri-Pimpalkhuti section. **Approximate Cost : ₹ 66.38,39,113.34.**

Src.No.3 Repairs to Foot Over Bridge and Cover Over Platform steel structure, floor slab, railings, protective screen etc at PF No. 1 to PF No. 8 at Nagpur Station. **Approximate Cost : ₹ 66.94,047/- . Date & Time of Closing of Tender :** 15/12/2021 at 15:00 hrs. Details on Railway website www.rail.gov.in

DRM (W), Nagpur

RailMadad Helpline 139

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I,kawalpreet kaur,Wo-Ashwani kumarH.No-T-63, Indira-colony Narela Delhi-110040, changed my name to kawal Preet Kaur. 0040593374-1

I,hitherto Known as PRAGYA TEWARI,W/o Rishindra Mishra, G201 Nilamber Bellissimo, Nr.Navrachna Uni, Vasna Bhayli-Road, Vadodra, Gujarat, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PRAGYA MISHRA. 0040593372-2

I,YASMIN/YASMIN HUSSAIN W/O MOHAMED HUSSAIN BANGLAPURA R/O FLATNO.5, DELHI GOVERNMENT-FLATS, SECTOR-11,ROHINI,DELHI-110085.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO YASMEEN. 0040593378-1

I,Vinati Mishra, W/O,Kanhaiya Chaubey, R/O-Flat-242,Tower-1b,Golflinks Apartments, Nh-24,Ghaziabad-201002, have changed my name to Vinati Chaubey, for all purposes. 0040593378-3

I,VIRENDRA SHARMA,S/o Panch dev Sharma, Address-112A, Gali.No-8, Lajwanti Garden south-west delhi-110046. Changed my name to VIRENDER SHARMA. 0040593372-4

I,Tarun Madaan S/o Tulsí Dass Madaan R/O D-146, Pushpanjali-Enclave Pitampura,Delhi-110034, changed my minor daughter's name Tanaya Madaan to Tanaaya Madaan. 0040593372-7

I,Sudhir Kumar Chadha S/o-Yog Raj Chadha R/O-AE-32, 1st-Floor,Tagore Garden,Delhi-27, have Changed my name to Sudhir Chadha. 0040593372-9

I,Sudha Sharma,W/O Rajesh Bhardwaj R/O,WZ-24/1,KH.No-32,Ground-Floor, Village-Keshopur, Vikaspuri,West Delhi-110018,Have Changed my name to Sudha Bhardwaj. 0040593383-3

I,Shyam Sunder S/O Jai Narain Goel R/O 126, Rajdhani Enclave Pitampura,Delhi Changed Name To Shyam Sunder Goel. 0040593378-4

I,Shiv Sharan S/o-Bheem Sain Arora R/O-BG-7/128, Ground-Floor,Paschim Vihar,New Delhi, have changed my name to Shiv Sharan Arora. 0040593374-3

I,Shashi Rawat,D/o-Mehrbhan Singh,born on 15Nov1971,R/o-213-A, Pocket-F, GTB-Enclave, Delhi-110093, declare that Shashi, and Shashi Rawat,are one, and same,person, shall hereafter be known,as Shashi Rawat. 0040593374-2

I,Shahrulkh Shams,S/o-Mohd Shamsbad,R/o-F-39/28, Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, Abul-Fazal Enclave-II,New Delhi-110025,inform that my father's name on my educational documents has wrongly mentioned as Shamsbad Alam instead of Mohd Shamsbad. 40593372-7

I,SURINDER SINGH PARMAR S/O SWARN SINGH PARMAR,H.NO-5473/4, STREET.No-72, 3RD-FLOOR, REGAR PURA,KAROL-BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005,have changed my name to SURINDER SINGH, permanently. 0040593374-6

I,Ravi S/O Rakesh,R/O VPO Bhaproda Jhajjar Haryana-124501, have changed my name to Ravi Kumar. 0040593372-3

I,Raju W/O-Jatin Aggarwal R/O-House No-5075,Parkar Residency, Near-Parkar Mall,Sector-62,Kundi(55), Sonipat Haryana-131028,Have Changed,My Name To Radhika Aggarwal,For All,Future Purposes. 0040593372-8

I,Rajni Sharma alias Dhruvi Sharma, R/O Pawan Sharma, W/o Parikshit Sharma R/o-A-45,Duggal-Colony, Khanpur, New Delhi-110062,have changed my name to Dhruvi Sharma,for all purposes. 0040593374-7

I,RAMAN KUMAR NAGAR S/O OM PRAKASH NAGAR,R/o 202, JM Royal Park,Ramprastha Green,Sector-9, Vaishali, Ghaziabad(UP) have changed my name to RAMAN NAGAR. 0040593378-8

I,RAJIV GUPTA,S/O RISHI PRAKASH GUPTA,HOUSE.NO-F-20, GROUND-FLOOR,SUNCITY, SECTOR-54, GURGAON, SECTOR-56,HARYANA-122011, have changed my name to RAJIV CHAND GUPTA. 0040593378-9

I,Phoolan Devi, wife of Late(215778 Sergeant)Ved Prakash Khurana resident of WZ-1851(First-Floor),Muitani Mohalla,Rani Bagh, Shakur Basti, Delhi-110034,have changed my name from Phoolan Devi to Phoola Rani for future,reference. 0040593372-10

I, Yash Kandpal S/O Kishore Kandpal, R/o H.No.- 202, Konark Enclave, Gurgaon Cinema, Sector- 17E, Vasundhra, Gaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201012. Declare that Name of My Mother has been wrongly written as Kiran Kandpal in my 10th class Marksheat. The actual name of My Mother is Kavita Kandpal, which may be amended accordingly. 0070762744-1

I,Pankaj Adlakha, R/o.Flat.No. CTB003, Tower-B,Ground-Floor Phase-5,DLF-Crest Golf-Course-Road Sector-52, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122011, have changed my Son name, from Samar Adlakha to Samarth Adlakha. 40593372-6

I,PHOOL WATI, W/O,HOSHIYAR SINGH, ADD-FLAT.NO.C-26/A2, STREET.NO-9 SADH-NAGAR PALAM-COLONY, SOUTH WEST-DELHI-110045,changed my name to PHULWATI, for all,future purposes 0040593383-1

I,NAMRATA W/O-SUNIL SONI R/O 1/A/2,SECOND-FLOOR, NIRANKARI COLONY, NEAR-SANT NIRANKARI BHAWAN, DELHI-110009,have changed my name to NAMRTA SONI. 0040593374-8

I,Meetu Goyal W/O Shyam Sunder Goel R/O 126, Rajdhani Enclave Pitampura, Delhi Changed Name To Meetu Goel. 0040593378-5

I,MOHAMMED HUSSAIN BANGLAPURA S/O PATTANI SABJAN R/O FLATNO.5,DELHI GOVERNMENT-FLATS, SECTOR-11,ROHINI,DELHI-110085.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHAMED HUSSAIN BANGLAPURA. 0040593378-2

I,Jaspal singh s/o-Gurdayal Singh R/O-F-5/8 Malviya-Nagar New-Delhi-110017,have changed my name minor son Prabhjyot Singh to Prabhjot singh. 0040593372-5

I,Inderpreet Singh,S/o Baljeet Singh,R/O B-226,First-Floor Saraswati Vihar Pitampura Delhi-110034,changed my name to Inderpreet Singh Juneja. 0040593378-6

I,HARJIT KAUR PARMAR W/O SURINDER SINGH, H.NO-5473/4, STREET. NO-72, 3RD-FLOOR, REGAR-PURA,KAROL-BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005, have changed my name to HARJIT KAUR, permanently. 0040593374-5

I,Gurchran Singh S/o Sh.Jagat Singh,R/O G-2, Vishnu-Garden, New-Delhi -110018,have changed my name to GURCHARAN SINGH. 0040593372-1

I,Dilip Gautam,S/o-Dil Bahadur, R/O-H.No.D-701, Pratap-Vihar, Part-2, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-86,inform that mine, name Dilip Singh, wrongly written,in my License,instead of Dilip Gautam 0040593374-9

I,Birham Dutt Tyagi,S/O Rambhaji,R/O WZ-23D, Keshopuri- Village, Vikaspuri, West Delhi-110018,Have Changed my name to Braham Dutt Tyagi. 0040593378-11

I,Babli D/o R.L.Singh W/O-PAVITAR SINGH R/O-3B/10, Block-3B,Ramesh Nagar, N.Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Remandeep Kaur. 0040593374-4

I,AREEB IMRAN,S/O AHMAD FARHAN SHERWANI R/O-47, PARK-END, VIKAS-MARG, DELHI-110092,have changed my name to AREEB IMRAN SHERWANI. 0040593378-10

I, Yajat Gupta S/O Subodh Kumar Gupta, R/o House No -205 , Sector 45, Gurgaon , Haryana - 122003, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Yajatt Gupta. 0070762728-1

I, Vishal Khanna s/o Subhash Khanna, R/o H.No.1, Road No.11, Punjabi Bagh Extension, New Delhi-110026 have changed my name to Vishhal Khanna, for all purposes 0040593355-1

I, Tikam Chand S/O Sant Ram Das, R/O 199, Narendra, Hirwani Lane, Jatepur Nttri, Gorakhpur, Uttar Padesh - 273015, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Om Prakash Hirwani. 0070762733-1

I, Sushil Kumar S/O Birendra Kumar,R/O Bela, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand-8254061-I have changed the name of my minor Son Ayaan Verma aged about 3 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Adhiraj Verma. 0070762741-1

I, Siddhant S/O Chandra Prakash Singh, R/o S 29/431 B -15, Mehta Nagar Colony, Shivpur, Tarna, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - 221003, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Siddhant Singh 0070762735-1

I, Sangam Bharati S/O Vaishya Siddheshwar Nath, R/o 3701, DLF City 4, Gurgaon, Haryana-122009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sangam Gupta. 0070762743-1

I, Rupesh Malhora s/o Late Mohan Malhotra, R/o F-10B, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Rupesh Malhotra, permanently. 0040593291-1

I, Ravi S/O Om Prakash, R/O Ward No. 24, H.No.1942, Naipura, Loni Dehat, Ghaziabad, U.P.have changed my name from Ravi to Rabi Kumar vide Affidavit dated 18.11.2021 before Notary Public in Delhi due to mismatch in various documents. 0040593310-8

I, Rajendra Kumar alias Rajender Kumar alias R.K. Agarwal S/O Ramavtar Agarwal, R/o Flat No- 404, Kisna Grandeur, 3-3-77, Qutubiguda, Behind Reliance Digital, Kachiguda, Himayathnagar, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500027, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rajender Kumar Agarwal. 0070762742-1

I, Ratan Lal Balmiki S/O Juman Lal, R/O H.No.31, Gali No.1, New Karhera Colony, Ghaziabad, U.P. have changed my name from Ratan Lal Balmiki to Ratan Lal vide Affidavit dated 18.11.2021 before Notary Ghaziabad. 0040593310-10

I, Ram Sharan Parasram S/O Paras Ram R/o Flat No. 4Y, 1002 AWHO, Gurjinder Vihar Greater Noida U.P. have changed my name to Ram Sharan Verma for all future purposes. 0070762725-1

I, Rajeev Kumar Ram Sharan S/O Ram Sharan Verma R/o Flat No. 4Y, 1002 AWHO, Gurjinder Vihar Greater Noida U.P. have changed my name to Rajeev Verma for all future purposes. 0070762722-1

I, TARUN BAGHEL S/O RAJ KUMAR BAGHEL R/O House No.41, Paschim Marg Vasant Vihar New Delhi-110057 have changed my name to TARUN KUMAR. 0040593359-1

I, Rachna Singha D/o Vijay Jindal R/O Singha-29, Road-77, West Punjabi Bagh, Delhi have changed my name as Rachna Singla permanently. 0040593364-1

I, ROTASH S/O Shri MAHENDER born on 22 June 1978, R/O 1/6116, Ground Floor, Gali No.1, Old 1334, Plot No.20, KH.No.372, East Rohtash Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi 110032, have Changed my name to ROHTASH. Permanently. 0040593331-1

I, Preeti Verma W/O Manoj Kumar Verma, R/O 117/805, M Block, Kakadeo Rawatpur Gaon, Rawatpur, Kanpur Nagar, U.P.-208019, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Priyanka Verma. 0070762711-1

I, Pinkee Kumari D/O Brij Bhushan Singh, R/o Vill-Bagoian Post- Madansath, Mansath, Saran, Bihar-841201. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Aarti Singh Vidhi. 70762737-1

I, PREM CHANDRA, S/O KANHAIYA LAL R/O 204, PUSPA APARTMENT, PHASE-2, VIKAS NAGAR, SECTOR-2, NEAR LEKHAJI PANNA, VIKAS NAGAR, SO LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH, 226022, has changed my name PREM CHAND VAISH to PREM CHANDRA for all Future Purposes. 40593362-1

I, Manje Kamat, S/O Nandlal Kamat, R/o Ward no.12, Lalganj, Supaul, Bihar-852137, inform that in ESIC IP No 2121732604, my Name & DOB has wrongly mentioned in ESIC. Maje Kamat instead of Manje Kamat & DOB 1/3/1986 instead of 1/1/1982. That I declare Manje Kamat & Maje Kamat One & same person. 0040593329-1

I, MOHD ASRAR S/O MOHD ABBAS, R/O B-7/10, MIG FLATS, SARAJ KHALIL, SADAR BAZAR, DELHI-110006, declares that I will hereinafter be known by my newly assumed name as ASRAR AHMED for all purpose. 0040593353-1

I, Kuldeep S/O Om Prakash, R/O Ward No. 24, H.No.1942, Naipura, Loni Dehat, Ghaziabad, U.P.have changed my name from Kuldeep to Kuldid Kumar vide Affidavit dated 18.11.2021 before Notary Public in Delhi due to mismatch in various documents. 0040593310-9

I, Ishwar Singh S/O Surajbhan R/O Kharak Gagar (14), Hadwa, Jind, Safidon, Haryana-126113, that name of my wife has been wrongly written as Anita Kumari in my Army Service Record. The actual name of my wife is Neeta Devi 0070762703-1

I, Isha D/O Rohtash, R/o House No -200, Nasirpur Bangar (210), Sonipat, Haryana- 131001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Isha Shota. 0070762732-1

I, Harsimar Singh S/o Narinder Pal Singh R/o-C-7/214,Keshav Puram Delhi-110035,have changed my name to Harsimar Singh Talwar, for all purposes 0040593343-1

I, DEEPIKA SAHI D/O RAVINDRA SINGH RAWAT R/O FLAT NO-1236 SECTOR-A POCKET-A VASANT KUNJ NEW DELHI-110070 have changed my name to DEEPIKA RAWAT 0040593359-2

I, Baby Jyothi D/O Om Prakash, R/O Ward No.24, H.No.1942, Naipura, Loni Dehat, Ghaziabad, U.P.have changed my name from Baby Jyothi to Jyothi vide Affidavit dated 18.11.2021 before Notary Public in Delhi due to mismatch in various documents. 0070762699-1

I,SUSHILA DEVI W/O,HARI SHANKER SAH,ADD-274,IST-FLR,GALL.NO-4,SHANKAR-MARG MANDAWALI EAST DELHI-110092.Changed my name to RAMAWATI DEVI. 0040593382-2

I,SushmaRani Chaujar w/o Umesh Kumar Chaujar, R/O plot no.12-A, Flat no. O-603, Jaipuria Sunrise Greens, Ahinsa Khand II, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad-201014 has changed my name to Sushma Chaujar for the future correspondences. 0040593370-1

I Priya Garg R/o LCG 01 Pha Court Green The Laburnum Condominium Complex Sector 28 Gurgaon 122001 have changed my minor childs name aged 17 years from Taavish Jain to Taavishh Jain 0070762709-1

I Mukesh Gandhi S/O Suresh Chand R/O Village Ismailpur, PO-Bihariagarh, Chutmalpur, Saharanpur, UP-247662, have changed my name to Mukesh Kamboj 0070762700-1

I HARENDRA KUMAR S/O LATE DALGIR SINGH R/O VILL.-Haldona Tugulpur Greater Noida U.P. I have changed my name HARINDER SINGH for all purposes. 0070762712-1

I Guddu S/O Rohan singh R/O R-58 b maharani enclave hastals uttman nagar west Delhi 110059 have changed my name to Vinod Singh 0040593371-1

I Akhilesh Kumar S/O, Amarjeet Singh Bhartiya R/O Flat No-07,alims.apartment, Sector 21d, Faridabad, Haryana-121012, have changed my name to Akhilesh Singh Bhartiya 0040593205-1

LOST & FOUND

I Rajnish Sharma S/o Sh.J.C.Sharma R/O 96-C, Second Floor, MIG, Jhang Co-op. G.H.S Ltd., Plot No.40, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have lost my Original Allotment cum Possession Letter of above said flat. Finders may contact at Mobile No. 9650774545. 0040593310-11

I,Sushil Kumar S/O Sh. Puran Singh R/O A-1/45A/4, Sector-6, Rohini,Delhi-110085 has lost my DDA Demand Letter No.40912, Possession letter vide DDA file No 3311/45 J2004/TBHS- 04/ MD-2004 with convince Deed of Flat no - 126, 1st Floor, Madipur, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110063 finder contact-81789 19012 0040593378-12

MULTIPLE VACANCIES

Requires: instructors Electrician on contract basis, W/S Cal & Sc., Employability Skill (Part time basis) Qualifications: NTC/Diploma/ Degree in appropriate trade. Application with Bi-Data should reach Principal CRPF ITC RAF 103 Bn. Campus Biharipur, Delhi-110090 within 10 days. 0040593328-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
MY CLIENTS RAJNI MITTAL W/O SH. ASHOK MITTAL & ASHOK MITTAL S/O LATE SH. CHIRANJALI LAL MITTAL, BOTH R/O H.NO.21, ROAD NO. 60, SECOND FLOOR, WEST PUNJABI BAGH, NEW DELHI-110026 HAVE SEVERED ALL THEIR RELATIONS & DISOWNED THEIR SON ANKIT MITTAL & DAUGHTER IN LAW SHIKHA GUPTA D/O V.K. GUPTA FROM ALL THEIR MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES DUE TO THEIR DISOBEDIENT, QUARRELsome, HOSTILE & CRUEL BEHAVIOR. MY CLIENTS SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTS OF ANKIT MITTAL & SHIKHA GUPTA IN FUTURE IN ANY MANNER. Sd/- (ARUN KUMAR RATHI) ADVOCATE ENRL. NO. D-953/1997(R) Ch. No. 801, LAWYERS CHAMBERS BLOCK, ROHINI COURT, DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Mrs Babita Garg UDIAI NO.7365728839 is the sole owner of property bearing no. B-685/686 shahbad dairy Delhi 42 which was rented to Mr. Hari Shanker Nishad (Mis NISHAD ENTERPRISES) however, the tenancy period has expired & hence, property shall be vacated. My client will not be held liable for any of the performance by the said tenant & anyone who involve my client's name in this regard, will held liable for legal proceeding at his own risk & cost. DEVRAJ AGGARWAL, ADVOCATE Ch. No. 704, Western Wing, Ti's Hazari Court,Delhi-54 No. No. 9810081751

"PUBLIC NOTICE"
"My clients (1) Sh. Pramod Kumar Premi S/o Sh. Naubat Ram (2) Smt. Sumitra Devi W/o Sh. Pramod Kumar Premi both R/o House No. C-30, Neb Sarai, IGNOU, New Delhi-110068, have severed their relationship with their son, Pramod Kumar Premi from their movable and immovable properties and severed all their relations with him due to his misbehaviour and misconduct and whosoever deals with him shall be held responsible themselves in all manner whatsoever." NISHANT BHARDWAJ (Advocate) Ch. No. 161, Padfala House Court, New Delhi-110001

"PUBLIC NOTICE"
"I) Original registered sale deed registered as document No.2665, Additional Book No.1, Volume No.8477, Page No.72, dated 3.5.2006 registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Gurugram in favour of Shri Roshan Lal since deceased) with copies of Register Intkal in favour of Shri Amit, Shri Sumit and Shri Balbir Singh in respect of land area measuring 1 Acre 2 Kanal 13 Marla in Rectangle No.62, Killa 9/1 (4K-18M), 9/2/1 (2K-18M), situated at Badshahpur, Gurugram, Haryana; and (ii) Original registered sale deed registered as document No.2663, Additional Book NO.1, Volume No.8477 page No.74, dated 3.5.2006, registered in the office Sub Registrar, Gurugram in favour of Shri Roshan Lal since deceased) with copies of Register Intkal in favour of Shri Amit, Shri Sumit and Shri Balbir Singh in respect of land area measuring 1 Acre 2 Kanal 18 Marla in Rectangle No.62, Killa 9/1 (4K-18M), 9/2/1 (2K-18M), situated at Badshahpur, Gurugram, Haryana; and (iii) Original registered sale deed registered as document No.2663, Additional Book NO.1, Volume No.8477 page No.74, dated 3.5.2006, registered in the office Sub Registrar, Gurugram in favour of Shri Roshan Lal since deceased) with copies of Register Intkal in favour of Shri Amit, Shri Sumit and Shri Balbir Singh in respect of land area measuring 1 Acre 2 Kanal 18 Marla in Rectangle No.62, Killa 9/1 (4K-18M), 9/2/1 (2K-18M), situated at Badshahpur, Gurugram, Haryana; 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मानगो नगर निगम का कार्यालय, जमशेदपुर

Request for Proposal /E-Procurement Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. UDD/MMC/05/2021-22 Date :- 24.11.2021

मानगो नगर निगम अन्तर्गत Development of Green Area/Plantation Drives including play ground development at Mango Gandhi Maidan हेतु इच्छुक व्यक्ति / फर्म / कम्पनी / संस्था से प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित किया जा रहा है।

Sl. No.	Decription	अधिकतम अनुमानित राशि (लाख में)	अग्रघन की राशि (लाख में)	विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्यावकी
1	Development of Green Area/ Plantation Drives including play ground development at Mango Gandhi Maidan	350.00	7.00	10000.00	12 माह
3	वेबसाईट पर RFP अपलोड करने की तिथि		01.12.2021 अपराह्न 03:00 बजे		
4	दावा/आपत्ति/जानकारी प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि		09.12.2021 (कार्यालय अक्की में)		
5	Pre-bid meeting		10.12.2021 अपराह्न 12:30 बजे		
6	RFP प्राप्त करने अंतिम तिथि		27.12.2021 अपराह्न 04:00 बजे		
7	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रघन की राशि आदि काजाजत कार्यालय में जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि		28.12.2021 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे		
8	तकनिकी BID खोलने की तिथि		29.12.2021 अपराह्न 03:00 बजे		
9	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम	कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, मानगो नगर निगम, जमशेदपुर।			
10	E-mail	mangonotifiedarea@gmail.com			
11	ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का हेलप लाईन नम्बर	8709006752, 9852572356,			

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<http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है।

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कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी,
मानगो नगर निगम, जमशेदपुर

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत्त भीलवाड़ा

क्रमांक : टीएम/एफ.81/2021-22/4514
NIB Code: PWD122WSOB10651, PWD122WSOB10652, PWD122WSOB10653, PWD122WSOB10654, PWD122WSOB10655, PWD122WSOB10656, PWD122WSOB10657, PWD122WSOB10658, PWD122WSOB10659, PWD122WSOB10660, PWD122WSOB10661

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से आर.आई.डी.एफ.-27 की सदस्यों पर डामरीकरण का कार्य के लिए उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राजस्थान सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/दाक एवम् दूर संचार विभाग / रेल्वे में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के 'ए' एवं 'ए' एवं 'बी' श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से (उनकी समझता के अनुसार) निर्यात प्रपत्र में ई-टेंडरिंग प्रक्रिया द्वारा ऑन लाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

निविदा का कार्य	आर.आई.डी.एफ.-27 की सदस्यों पर डामरीकरण का कार्य (11 पैकेज)
निविदा की कुल लागत	रु. 2174.23 लाख
बिरोहर कीमत (रुपयों में)	संयुक्त शासन सचिव राजस्थान सरकार वित्त (सामान्य वित्तीय एवं लेखा निगम) विभाग के परिपत्र क्रमांक एफ.ए.2(1) वित्त/जीएफटी-ए/एकीकृत/2017 दिनांक 23.12.2020 अनुसार।
ऑन लाईन निविदा फॉर्म अपलोड की तारीख	निविदा दिनांक 16.11.2021 (संमेलन) प्रातः 9.30 बजे से 06.12.2021 (संमेलन) सां. 6.00 बजे तक।
ऑन लाईन निविदा फॉर्म डाउनलोड/मिलने या निविदा दिनांक 16.11.2021 (संमेलन) प्रातः 9.30 बजे से 06.12.2021 (संमेलन) सां. 6.00 बजे तक।	
ऑन लाईन निविदा खोलने की तारीख	निविदा दिनांक 08.12.2021 (बुधवार) दोपहर 03.00 बजे से
निविदा खोलने का स्थान	निविदाई कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता सा.नि.वि. वृत्त भीलवाड़ा द्वारा खोली जायेगी।
निविदादाता को निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क धरोहर राशि एवं प्रोसेसिंग फीज जमा करने हेतु।	शासन सचिव वित्त (बजट) विभाग राजस्थान जयपुर के परिपत्र क्रमांक प. 6(5) वित्त/साविते/2018 जयपुर दिनांक 27.04.2020 के अनुसार निविदादाता को निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क एवं प्रोसेसिंग फीज का जमा करना आवश्यक है। बिड रिस्क्डिटे हेतु संयुक्त शासन सचिव, राजस्थान सरकार वित्त (सामान्य वित्तीय एवं लेखा निगम) विभाग के परिपत्र क्रमांक एफ.ए.2(1) वित्त/जीएफटी-ए/एकीकृत/2017 दिनांक 23.12.2020 की पालना किया जाना सुनिश्चित करें।
ई-ग्रास चालान एवं बिड रिस्क्डिटे	सम्बन्धित अधीक्षण अभियंता कार्यालय में दिनांक 07.12.2021 को सां. 03.00 बजे तक एवं अधीक्षण अभियंता वृत्त डिस्ट्रिक्ट नट्याग की मूल प्रति जमा करना

ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त विवरण वेब साईट <http://diip.rajasthan.gov.in/tender.asp> व <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> व <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेब साईट <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।

DIPR/C/11793/2021

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सरायकेला

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई- निविदा सूचना संख्या – RDD/SD/SKELLA/03/2021-22


1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में)	अग्रघन की राशि (लाख में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	सरायकेला-खरसावती जिला के कुआई प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत पोडाडीह और सोसोकोड़ा के बीच सोना नाला पर पुल निर्माण।	3,20,89,000.00	6,42,000.00	10,000.00	18 महीना

- वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 30.11.2021
- ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 30.11.2021 से दिनांक 14.12.2021 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
- ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सरायकेला / मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफओ एफओ पीओ भवन, धुर्वा, राँची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि एवं Affidavit जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय 15.12.2021 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक
- निविदा खोलने का स्थान – मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफओ एफओ पीओ भवन, धुर्वा, राँची
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 17.12.2021 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे
- निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सरायकेला
- ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 9431349277 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
- निविदा शुल्क राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निर्गत ड्राफ्ट या बैकर्स चेक जो कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सरायकेला के पदनाम से देय हो देना होगा।
- प्राक्कलित राशि घट बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रघन की राशि देय होगी।

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Press Note
NIT No. 02 (2021-22)

S. No.	PARTICULARS	ESTIMATED COST/ EARNEST MONEY	DATE OF RELEASE OF TENDER IN E-PROCUREMENT SOLUTION	TENDER FEES	LAST DATE/TIME OF RECEIPT OF TENDER THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SOLUTION
1.	CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR THE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF DSTPS, WWPS AT MOHAMMADPUR MAJRI AND PROVIDING & LAYING SEWER LINES ALONG WITH OTHER F&I/ 4/2020- PPD, ASSOCIATED/ APPURTENANT WORK ON DESIGN, DNB ENDORSEMENT BUILD AND OPERATE (DBO) BASIS No. DJB/ 2020-21/ IN PART OF KANJAHAWALA GROUP OF COLONIES IN DELHI	Lump Sum EMD 3,76,260/- (Exempted vide office of F&I/ 4/ 2020- PPD, dated 12.11.2020 and allied DNB endorsement No. DJB/ 2020-21/ Misc. -II (PTI) 971 dated 23.12.2020)	TENDER ID:- 2021_DJB_211531_1 dated 24/11/2021	1500/-	Last date and time for tender download : 24.12.2021 upto 3:00 P.M. Last date and time for online submission of tender : 24.12.2021 upto 3:00 P.M. Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting : 30.11.2021 at 3:00 PM Date and Time for opening of Part A (Financial Bid) : 24.12.2021 at 3:15 P.M. Date / Time for opening of Part B (Financial Bid) : After completion of scrutiny of the received Technical Bids

Press Note
NIT No. 03 (2021-22)

S. No.	PARTICULARS	ESTIMATED COST/ EARNEST MONEY	DATE OF RELEASE OF TENDER IN E-PROCUREMENT SOLUTION	TENDER FEES	LAST DATE/TIME OF RECEIPT OF TENDER THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SOLUTION
1.	Consultancy service for the work of 3,11,248/- construction of 4 nos of DSTPS, WWPS (Exempted vide office of F&I/ 4/ 2020- PPD, dated 12.11.2020 and allied DNB endorsement No. DJB/ 2020-21/ Misc. -II (PTI) 971 dated 23.12.2020)	Lump Sum EMD 5,60,744/- (Exempted vide office of F&I/ 4/ 2020- PPD, dated 12.11.2020 and allied DNB endorsement No. DJB/ 2020-21/ Misc. -II (PTI) 971 dated 23.12.2020)	TENDER ID:- 2021_DJB_211531_1 dated 24/11/2021	1500/-	Last date and time for tender download : 24.12.2021 upto 3:00 P.M. Last date and time for online submission of tender : 24.12.2021 upto 3:00 P.M. Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting : 30.11.2021 at 3:00 PM Date and Time for opening of Part A (Financial Bid) : 24.12.2021 at 3:15 P.M. Date / Time for opening of Part B (Financial Bid) : After completion of scrutiny of the received Technical Bids

Press Note
NIT No. 04 (2021-22)

S. No.	PARTICULARS	ESTIMATED COST/ EARNEST MONEY	DATE OF RELEASE OF TENDER IN E-PROCUREMENT SOLUTION	TENDER FEES	LAST DATE/TIME OF RECEIPT OF TENDER THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SOLUTION
1.	Consultancy service for the work of 5,60,744/- construction of 6 nos of DSTPS, WWPS (Exempted vide office of F&I/ 4/ 2020- PPD, dated 12.11.2020 and allied DNB endorsement No. DJB/ 2020-21/ Misc. -II (PTI) 971 dated 23.12.2020)	Lump Sum EMD 5,60,744/- (Exempted vide office of F&I/ 4/ 2020- PPD, dated 12.11.2020 and allied DNB endorsement No. DJB/ 2020-21/ Misc. -II (PTI) 971 dated 23.12.2020)	TENDER ID:- 2021_DJB_211532_1 dated 24/11/2021	1500/-	Last date and time for tender download : 24.12.2021 upto 3:00 P.M. Last date and time for online submission of tender : 24.12.2021 upto 3:00 P.M. Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting : 30.11.2021 at 3:00 PM Date and Time for opening of Part A (Financial Bid) : 24.12.2021 at 3:15 P.M. Date / Time for opening of Part B (Financial Bid) : After completion of scrutiny of the received Technical Bids

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Advt. No. J.S.V. 659/(2021-22)

Sd/- (Horender Kumar)


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EXTENSION NOTICE

The dates for e-tender notice No. 9 of 2021-22 floated for holding of exhibitions outside UT are hereby extended as per follows:-
Last date for deposition of bids 30.11.2021 (3.00 P.M.)
Date of opening of Technical Bids on 01.12.2021 (11.00 A.M.)
Date of opening of Financial bids 02.12.2021 (2.00 P.M.)
The details of the tender document is available on the website www.jktenders.gov.in

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No: DHMK/P&E/338/21
Dated: 22.11.2021. DIPK-13526



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e-Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Full Video Endoscopy System and accessories for two years i.e. 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 for various Government organizations in the State. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 06/12/2021 (11:30AM) through Video Conferencing. Last date for online e-bid submission is 28/12/2021 (upto 02:30 PM) and shall be opened on 29/12/2021 at 2:30 PM. Detailed Tender Document containing Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions are available on HPSEDC website www.hpsecd.in and <https://hptenders.gov.in>.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE SRINAGAR KASHMIR
Tel-0194-2474234 Fax -2482032 – email:- kashflori@rediffmail.com
Subject: - Extension No.04.

In view of no response, the last date for submission of bids invited vide this office e-Tender Notice No.20 of 2021 dated.10.09.2021 for **Outsourcing of entry ticketing system of Akad Park** is hereby extended as per the details given below :-

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	23/11/2021 from 04:15 PM to 07/12/2021 upto 2:00 PM
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3.	Bid submission End Date	07/12/2021 upto 2:00 PM
4.	Date & time of Opening of Tenders	11/12/2021 at 2:00 PM

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By Order
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No:-DFK/GS-564/4635-37 Dated: -23/11/2021.
DIPK-13505
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In view of no response, the last date for submission of bids invited vide this office e-Tender Notice No.22 of 2021 dated.11.09.2021 for Outsourcing of entry ticketing system of Poshwan Park, Pahalgam is hereby extended as per the details given below:

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2.	Bid submission Start Date	23.11.2021 from 04.30 P.M.
3.	Bid submission End Date	07.12.2021 upto 02.00 P.M.
4.	Date & time of Opening of Tenders	11.12.2021 at 02.00 P.M.

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3.	Bid submission End Date	07/12/2021 up to 2:00 PM
4.	Date & time of Opening of Tenders	11/12/2021 at 2:00 PM

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SIRAJ

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102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कवहरी रोड, राँची

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ई-निविदा संख्या:- 86/2021-22/RWD/KHUNTI
दिनांक :- 24.11.2021

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द्वितीय आमंत्रण

1. विभाग का नाम – पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड राँची
2. विधानमंडला का पदनाम एवं पता – कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, गुमला
3. वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय – 26/11/2021 के पूर्वाह्न 11.00 ब



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INS Vela, and India's larger plan for building submarines



Navy officers on INS Vela after it was commissioned at the naval dockyard in Mumbai on Thursday.
Pradip Das

INS Vela, the fourth submarine in Project 75 (P75) of the Indian Navy, was commissioned on Thursday by Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh at the naval dockyard. It will be the second addition to the Navy's fleet of warships after INS Vishakapatnam, commissioned on Sunday.

THE PROJECT: Conceptualised for the acquisition for 25 submarines during the 1K Gujral regime, P75 has evolved into a 30-year plan for building submarines. In 2005, India and France signed a \$3.75-billion contract for building six Scorpene class submarines, the executing companies being Mazgaon Docks Ltd and DCNS (now Naval Group) of France.

The first of the six subs, *INS Kalvari*, was commissioned five years behind schedule, in 2017. The next two were *INS Khanderi* and *INS Karanj*. After Vela, sea trials are ongoing for *Vagir* while the sixth, *Vagsheer*, is under construction. The sea trials of Vela were delayed due to Covid-19, which in turn delayed its commissioning.

WHAT'S ON VELA: Vela will be commissioned into the Navy's Western Command, and will be based in Mumbai. It is named after a decom-

missioned submarine, *Vela*, which served from 1973 to 2010. The earlier *Vela* belonged to Foxtrot class.

Naval sources said the newly commissioned *Vela* can take up to eight officers and 35 men. It is 67.5 m long and 12.3 m high. The beam measures 6.2 m. It can reach a top speed of 20 knots when submerged and a surface top speed of 11 knots.

Vela has four MTU 12V 396 SE84 diesel engines and 360 battery cells, and a silent Permanently Magnetised Propulsion Motor. The hull, fin and hydroplanes are designed for minimum underwater resistance.

FIREPOWER: Vela is equipped with a C303 anti-torpedo countermeasure system, and can carry up to 18 torpedoes or Exocet anti-ship missiles, or 30 mines in place of torpedoes.

Vela is a diesel-electric powered attack submarine, designed to act as "sea denial" as well as "access denial" warfare to the adversary. The submarine can engage in offensive operations across the entire spectrum of naval warfare, including anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, mine laying and area surveillance.

THIS WORD MEANS

BLACK FRIDAY

Start of Christmas shopping the day after Thanksgiving. When did the tradition begin?

BLACK FRIDAY this year falls on November 26. Observed the day after Thanksgiving, it is a pre-Christmas occasion when both online and offline stores offer discounts.

The *Oxford Learner's Dictionaries* define 'Black Friday' as "the day after Thanksgiving in the US, the first day of traditional Christmas shopping, when stores have special offers to attract consumers".

ORIGINS: Thanksgiving has been observed in the US since 1789 when President George Washington issued a proclamation declaring Thursday, November 26, 1789, as a holiday of "sincere and humble thanks". Since 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln made it a nationwide holiday, Thanksgiving has been commemorated on the fourth Thursday of November every year.

Black Friday came to be associated with Thanksgiving since around the middle of the 20th century. Initially, shoppers in the US were offered attractive discounts; the

concept has now spread to much of the rest of the world, including India where e-commerce companies such as Amazon and Flipkart offer individual Black Friday sales.

According to one theory, the term Black Friday originated in the 1960s when Philadelphia police officers complained about a 'black' Friday when the streets were clogged with traffic. According to another theory, it is believed to symbolise the US gold market crash of 1869.

CRITICISM: Critics see Black Friday as a symbol of over-consumption, when people end up buying products they don't need, adding to waste generation and the carbon footprint.

About two years ago, activists in France staged 'Black Friday' protests against Amazon.

Around the same time, France's then environment minister Delphine Batho proposed a "Stop Black Friday" amendment as part of an anti-waste Bill.

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IN A setback to depositors of the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank, the Reserve Bank of India, in its draft scheme of amalgamation of the bank with Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd (USFB), has placed multiple restrictions on access to deposits beyond Rs 5 lakh that depositors can receive from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC). Also, no interest will be payable on interest-bearing deposits in the transferor bank (PMC Bank) for five years.

The RBI has, however, invited suggestions and objections until December 10 from mem-

bers, depositors and other creditors of the transferor bank and transferee bank (USFB).

What is the scheme?

The scheme of arrangement states that depositors of PMC Bank will receive up to Rs 5 lakh (depending upon the balance in their account) from DICGC in accordance with the rules. However, those with higher deposits in PMC Bank will face restrictions. Retail depositors will have access to additional amounts up to Rs 50,000 at the end of two years from the appointed date, up to Rs 1 lakh at the end of the third year, up to Rs 3 lakh after four years, and up to Rs 5.5 lakh after five years.

Beyond this, they will receive no amount for the next four years. Only after 10 years will they receive the rest of their deposit.

What are the restrictions on interest?

After March 31, 2021, interest shall not accrue on any interest-bearing deposit with the transferor bank for five years. In respect of balance in any current account or any other non-

interest bearing account, no interest shall be payable. An interest of 2.75% per year shall be paid on retail deposits of the transferor bank, which shall remain outstanding after five years from the appointed date.

What happens to other deposits?

From the appointed date, 80% of the uninsured deposits outstanding to the credit of each institutional depositor of the transferor bank shall be converted into Perpetual Non-Cumulative Preference Shares (PNCPS) of USFB with a dividend of 1% per annum payable annually. At the end of 10 years, the transferee bank may consider additional benefits for such PNCPS holders, either in the form of a step-up in coupon rate or a call option, after getting RBI approval.

The remaining 20% of the institutional deposits will be converted into equity warrants of USFB at a price of Rs 1 per warrant. These will further be converted into equity shares of USFB at the time of the Initial Public Offer.

In respect of every other liability of the



Under the first stage of the SPR project, underground rock caverns with total storage of 5.33 MMT have been commissioned in Visakhapatnam (1.33 MMT), Mangalore (1.5 MMT), and Padur in Karnataka (2.5 MMT). *ISPR*

GLOBAL CRUDE RESERVES

US: The Department of Energy's Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) is the world's largest emergency storage that can hold up to 727 million barrels, which is reported to be about 85% full. If completely filled, the SPR could theoretically replace about 60 days of oil imports.

JAPAN: Second largest emergency supply with a reported capacity of close to 600 million barrels. The SPR is composed of state-controlled reserves at 11 locations totalling 324 million barrels, and private reserves of 129 million barrels.

CHINA: The Chinese Strategic Petroleum Reserve consists of a government-controlled strategic reserve complemented by mandated commercial reserves. Planned state reserves of 475 million barrels plus planned enterprise reserves of 209 million barrels are expected to provide around 90 days of consumption.

EU: According to the Council Directive of December 20, 1968, all 27 members must have a strategic petroleum reserves equal to at least 90 days average daily internal consumption.

sure that crude oil prices remain under control," an official said. Saudi and Russia are the largest oil producers in the OPEC+ group, which has indicated it may revisit its plans to gradually increase production in the light of releases from strategic reserves.

OPEC+, which controls about half the world's oil output, had cut production by 10 million barrels a day in April 2020 when prices fell below \$20 per barrel as global demand collapsed due to lockdowns. The cartel has been accused of being slow to restore production levels despite a sharp increase in crude prices in 2021. Even after a scheduled increase in pro-

duction of 400,000 barrels per day in December, the output of OPEC+ will still be lower than the reference levels of member countries by nearly 5.4 million barrels per day.

How have high crude oil prices impacted India?

High global prices have contributed to consumers paying record high prices for petrol and diesel across the country. In Delhi, petrol is retailing at Rs 104.0 per litre, and diesel at Rs 86.7 per litre, up 27 per cent and 21 per cent respectively from a year ago. Consumers are facing prices that are significantly higher than those

Why Jaya's property matters in TN politics

ARUN JANARDHANAN

CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 25

THE MADRAS High Court on Wednesday set aside the acquisition of late chief minister J Jayalalithaa's residence, Veda Nilayam, in Chennai's Poes Garden. The previous AIADMK government had wanted to convert it into a state-run museum. There is already a memorial complex for Jayalalithaa in Marina Beach; the court questioned the necessity for another one. The order saves at least Rs 67.90 crore, which the government had deposited in the Chennai civil court for acquiring Veda Nilayam.

The acquisition plan

The idea of converting Veda Nilayam into a museum emerged out of apprehensions that it would end up in the possession of V K Sasikala, Jayalalithaa's aide. CM E K Palaniswami and his camp, Sasikala's loyalists-turned-rivals, feared she would re-establish

her political clout after her release from prison in Bengaluru. She is already building a huge mansion near Veda Nilayam, and the AIADMK feared she would also try to buy Veda Nilayam, which is not only part of Jayalalithaa's legacy but also a symbol of the power Sasikala enjoyed when Jayalalithaa was alive.

The government issued an ordinance issued in May 2020 — a time when the state was under a total lockdown. The plan was challenged legally as Deepa and Deepak, legal heirs and the children of Jayalalithaa's late brother, had been kept in the dark.

Under the government's plan, the ownership of assets in the building would have been transferred to the Puratchi Thalaivi Dr J Jayalalithaa Memorial Foundation headed by CM Palaniswami. Out of the Rs 67.90 crore deposited by the government in the civil court on July 25, Rs 36.90 crore was meant to be paid towards income tax and wealth tax arrears that Jayalalithaa had reportedly owed.

In January 2021, the High Court did not stop

the government from converting the property into a museum, but issued an order preventing the government from opening it for public view. On Wednesday, the court directed the government to return the keys of Veda Nilayam to Deepa and Deepak within three weeks.

The assets

The property was bought by Jayalalithaa's mother, who too was an actress. It has two mango trees, a jackfruit tree and five coconut and banana trees. Inside the three-storey building are 10,438 dresses, cloth materials, 8,376 books, 38 air-conditioners, up to 4kg gold and 601 kg silver, 11 television sets, 10 refrigerators, 29 telephones and mobile phones, 394 mementos, 65 suitcases and 108 cosmetic and six clocks, according to a government audit.

Families of Jaya, Sasikala

Deepa, 44, eldest daughter of Jayalalithaa's late brother Jayakumar, had stayed away from her aunt since her father's death in 1995.

Among the reasons were the growing clout of Sasikala and her family members, and Jayalalithaa's decision to adopt V N Sudhakaran, Sasikala's nephew, as her foster son. They grew so distant that Jayalalithaa did not visit Deepa when her mother died in 2013. Deepa last met Jayalalithaa in 2002. Her younger brother Deepak, however, maintained links with Poes Garden and Sasikala's family, especially her late husband Natarajan.

With the court having quashed the acquisition and returned the property to Deepa and Deepak, the question everyone is asking is when Sasikala would buy it from the legal heirs. This is where she had lived with Jayalalithaa from the mid-1980s, except for a brief period in 2011 when Jayalalithaa drove her out over a dispute. Eventually, she returned.

Many members of Sasikala's family fell out of favour with Jayalalithaa, including Sasikala's nephew T T V Dhinakaran. Only with Ilavarasi, wife of Sasikala's late brother, did Jayalalithaa maintain close ties.

EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY

For PMC Bank depositors, restrictions on access to funds, interest

transferor bank, USFB shall pay only the principal amounts, as and when due, to the creditors in terms of agreements entered between them prior to the appointed date.

What happened at PMC Bank?

After a fraud was detected, in September 2019, inspections showed complete erosion of capital and substantial deposit erosion of the bank. The RBI issued 'All Inclusive Directions' to the bank under Section 35A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (10 of 1949) with effect from close of business of September 23, 2019 to protect the interest of the depositors. It also superseded the bank's board of directors on September 23, 2019 and appointed an administrator in its place. RBI then decided to prepare a scheme of amalgamation.

In February 2021, Centrum Financial Services Ltd as promoters, along with Resilient Innovation Pvt. Ltd as 'joint investor', expressed interest in acquiring PMC Bank through a suitable amalgamation scheme

with a new small finance bank to be registered. On October 12, the RBI granted a licence to USFB Ltd, and it started transacting business from November 1. USFB has been set up with capital of about Rs 1,100 crore, with provisions for further infusion of capital.

What does it mean for fixed deposits?

Unlike equity and bond investors, bank depositors enjoy the highest levels of safety on their funds. However, there is an element of risk: If the bank collapses, there can be a delay in redeeming their FDs, they may not be able to withdraw beyond Rs 5 lakh, or they may face a write-down in certain cases. In recent times, depositors have faced trouble in getting immediate access to their funds in PMC, Yes Bank and Lakshmi Vilas Bank.

While the RBI puts in withdrawal restrictions to get time to stitch together a resolution plan for the failing bank, it can shake depositors' faith in the banking system. To ensure funds are safe, a depositor with, say, Rs 15 lakh can park Rs 5 lakh each in three

banks, giving full safety to the entire amount. For those with higher deposits, it's better to put the money in large banks, as they usually have a more effective risk culture.

What about deposit insurance?

Currently, in the unlikely event of a bank failing, a depositor can claim a maximum Rs 5 lakh per account as insurance cover. The cover is provided by the DICGC. Depositors with more than Rs 5 lakh have no legal recourse to recover funds if a bank collapses. Deposits in public and private sector banks, local area banks, small finance banks, regional rural banks, cooperative banks, Indian branches of foreign banks and payments banks are all insured by the DICGC. The premium is paid by banks to the DICGC, and is not to be passed on to depositors. Banks currently pay a minimum of 12 paise on every Rs 100 worth deposits to the DICGC as premium for the insurance cover.

Last year, the government raised the insurance amount to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 1 lakh.



USA

MACY'S THANKSGIVING PARADE RETURNS

Crimped by the coronavirus pandemic last year, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade returned Thursday in full, though with precautions. Balloons, floats, marching bands, clowns and performers — and, of course, Santa Claus — once again wended through 4 km of Manhattan streets, instead of being confined to one block or sometimes pre-taped last year.

TOPOF THE WORLD



Major General Ahmed Naser al-Raisi

TURKEY

Interpol elects UAE official as president

INTERPOL ON Thursday elected a contentious official from the United Arab Emirates as its new president during its annual General Assembly held in Istanbul. Major General Ahmed Naser al-Raisi, inspector general at the UAE's interior ministry and a member of Interpol's executive committee, was elected for a four-year term, the global policing body said. He has been accused by rights groups of involvement in torture and arbitrary detentions in the UAE. The vote for president was being closely watched since the first-ever Chinese president of the body, Meng Hongwei, vanished midway through his four-year term on a return trip to China in 2018. It subsequently emerged that he had been detained and accused of bribery and other alleged crimes. **AP**

RUSSIA

Coal mine fire in Siberia kills 11, dozens trapped

A FIRE at a coal mine in Russia's Siberia killed 11 people and injured more than 40 others on Thursday, with dozens of others still trapped, authorities said. Efforts to rescue those trapped in the mine were halted Thursday afternoon because of an explosion threat, and rescuers were rushed out of the mine, administrators of the mine told Interfax news agency. The blaze took place in the Kemerovo region of Siberia. Russia's state Tass news agency reported that coal dust caught fire, and that smoke quickly filled the Litsvyazhnaya mine through the ventilation system. **AP**

Russia probes Netflix over LGBT content

RUSSIA IS investigating Netflix after its public commissioner for protecting families accused the streaming company of violating Russian law on "gay propaganda", the Vedomosti daily reported. The commissioner, Olga Baranets, complained to the Interior Ministry that Netflix was in breach of a law that bans disseminating "propaganda on non-traditional sexual relations" among those under the age of 18 when broadcasting LGBT-themed series with a 16+ label. **REUTERS**

Pak's citizenry database compromised: security agency

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 25

PAKISTAN'S MAIN citizenry database has been compromised, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) informed a Parliament panel on Thursday, adding that the breach so far has been used to only issue illegal mobile SIM cards.

The FIA made the disclosure on the National Database and Registration Authority's (Nadra) data breach while briefing Pakistan's National Assembly Standing Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication.

"Nadra's data has been compromised, it has been hacked," said FIA's Cybercrime Wing Chief, Additional Director Tariq, while adding that fake SIM cards were being sold after stealing the biometric data of the registration body.

Nadra has the sole prerogative of issuing national identity cards and passports to the citizens of Pakistan after recording their data.

During the briefing to the Parliament panel, Tariq said 13,000 fake SIMs were seized during a crackdown in Faisalabad region.

Separately, Chairman of Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, Retd Major General Amir Azeem Bajwa, said no mobile phone company was allowed to sell SIMs door-to-door and get the thumb impression which is needed for getting a SIM card.

He said people's thumbprints were taken using "illegal methods", adding that the thumbprint system was now being phased out. **PTI**

UN to 'graduate' Bangladesh, Nepal to bloc of developing nations

DHAKA: The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted a resolution to graduate three nations, including Bangladesh and Nepal, from the least developed country (LDC) category to the developing country grouping, a major milestone demonstrating the countries' development progress.

The UNGA adopted the resolution at its 76th session. The three countries that got clearance for graduation are Bangladesh, Nepal and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

"The three countries will graduate from the LDC category after an exceptionally extended preparatory period of five years... to enable them to prepare for graduation while planning for a post-Covid-19 recovery..." the UN said in a statement on Wednesday. **PTI**

Italy takes in Nat Geo's green-eyed 'Afghan Girl'

REUTERS
ROME, NOVEMBER 25

ITALY HAS given safe haven to Sharbat Gula, the green-eyed "Afghan Girl" whose 1985 photo in *National Geographic* became a symbol of her country's wars, Prime Minister Mario Draghi's office said on Thursday.

The government intervened after Gula asked for help to leave Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover of the country in August, a statement said, adding that her

PARIS ACCUSES LONDON OF 'BAD IMMIGRATION MANAGEMENT'

France beefs up sea rescue work, spars with Britain after 27 migrants die at sea

LAYLI FOROUDI & LUCIEN LIBERT
DUNKIRK, NOVEMBER 25

FRANCE SAID on Thursday it will beef up the surveillance of its northern shores, but migrants huddling in makeshift camps said neither that nor a tragic drowning the day before would stop them from trying to cross the Channel to Britain.

Seventeen men, seven women and three teenagers died Wednesday when their dinghy deflated in the Channel, one of many such risky journeys attempted in rickety, overloaded boats by people fleeing poverty and war in Afghanistan, Iraq and beyond.

The deaths deepened animosity between Britain and France, already at odds over Brexit, with Prime Minister Boris Johnson saying France was at fault and French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin ac-



A group of migrants wait on a holding bus after being brought in to Dover, England, on Thursday. **AP**

cusing Britain of "bad immigration management".

With relations fraught over Brexit and immigration, much of the focus on Thursday was on who should bear responsibility, even if both sides vowed to seek joint solutions.

President Emmanuel Macron defended Paris's actions but said France was merely a

transit country for many migrants and more European cooperation was needed to tackle illegal immigration.

"I will... say very clearly that our security forces are mobilised day and night," Macron said during a visit to Croatia, promising "maximum mobilisation" of French forces, with reservists and drones watching the coast. **REUTERS**



Rohingya refugees arrive at Bangladesh's Chittagong boat club to board vessels that take them to Bhasan Char island. **AP**

Bangladesh sends hundreds more Rohingya refugees to remote island

JULHAS ALAM
DHAKA, NOVEMBER 25

BANGLADESH ON Thursday began relocating hundreds of Rohingya refugees to an island in the Bay of Bengal, despite ongoing concerns from rights groups over the conditions on the vulnerable low-lying island and that no refugees should be sent forcibly.

The Rohingyas are a Muslim ethnic group, over 700,000 of whom fled persecution and violence in neighboring Myanmar in August 2017. Bangladesh has been sheltering

1.1 million of the refugees in crowded camps near its coast.

A UN-sponsored investigation in 2018 recommended the prosecution of Myanmar's top military commanders on charges of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity for the violence against the Rohingyas.

A senior Bangladeshi official overseeing the relocation, Mohammad Shamsud Douza, said that a navy ship would take 379 refugees from Chattogram city to the Bhasan Char Island which lies off the country's southeastern coast.

"They are going there volun-

tarily. All the 379 refugees have chosen to live there for a better and secure life," he told **AP**. "Authorities will take care of everything—from food to medicine," he added.

The government began sending Rohingya refugees to the island eleven months ago, and says it can now accommodate up to 100,000.

Douza said a total of 1,500 refugees would be transported to the island in phases over the next few weeks. Previously, about 19,000 refugees were relocated to the island from Cox's Bazar where more than 1 million Rohingya refugees from Myanmar live in crowded camps. **AP**

E Increasing bids to cross Channel

THIS YEAR has seen more attempts by migrants from West Asia and Africa to cross the Channel by boat, according to data cited by officials. Experts say this does not necessarily show an increase in the number of migrants trying to get to the UK, but a change in the way they travel. Authorities have stepped up their crackdown on the smuggling of migrants into the UK on trucks, causing an increase in the number of attempts by migrant to cross the Channel using small boats. In October 2019, as many as 39 migrants were found dead in a truck that had taken them to UK from Europe.

British Sikh teen stabbed to death in London robbery

London: Scotland Yard officers launched a murder investigation on Thursday following the fatal stabbing of a British Sikh teenager on a west London street.

The victim was identified as 16-year-old Ashmeet Singh.

The Metropolitan Police said they were called to Raleigh Road in Southall on Wednesday night to reports of a stabbing and attended along with paramedics from London Ambulance Service (LAS).

"Despite the efforts of emergency services, he died at the scene a short time later," the Met Police said.

Social media footage shows police officers battling in vain to save the victim's life in a front garden. According to the *Evening Standard*, Singh's friends fear the British Sikh boy was attacked for a fake Gucci bag he always carried with him.

"I knew him, he was a good guy. His friends are all saying he was stabbed over this Gucci bag, it wasn't even real..." a local shopkeeper was quoted as saying by the newspaper. **PTI**

ICC cuts Islamist radical's sentence in Timbuktu case

The Hague: International Criminal Court appeals judges have cut by two years the sentence of an Islamist radical who pleaded guilty to overseeing the destruction of historic mausoleums in the Malian desert city of Timbuktu, the court announced Thursday.

Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi, a former teacher, was sentenced to nine years in 2016 for the war crime of intentionally attacking buildings of a religious and historical character. He pleaded guilty and expressed remorse for his role in the destruction of nine mausoleums and a mosque door by pickaxe-wielding rebels in June and July of 2012.

He is now set to complete his sentence on Sept 18, 2022.

The panel of judges cited as a reason for cutting his sentence Al Mahdi's cooperation with prosecutors. Mali had opposed any reduction, arguing that "the people of Mali... have not fully healed from the wounds caused by the misdeeds" he committed. **AP**

EU regulator approves first Covid shot for 5-11 year olds

MIKE CORDER & MARIA CHENG
THE HAGUE, NOVEMBER 25

THE EUROPEAN Union's drug regulator on Thursday authorised Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine for use on children from 5 to 11 years old, clearing the way for shots to be administered to millions of elementary school pupils amid a new wave of infections sweeping across the continent.

It is the first time the European Medicines Agency has cleared a Covid-19 vaccine for use in young children.

The agency said it "recommended granting an extension of indication for the Covid-19 vaccine Comirnaty to include use in children aged 5 to 11."

After evaluating a study of the vaccine in more than 2,000 children, the EMA estimated that the vaccine was about 90% effective in preventing symptomatic Covid-19 in young children and said the most common side effects were pain at the injection site, headaches, muscle pain and chills. The agency said the two-dose regimen should be given to children three weeks apart.

At least one country facing spiking infections didn't wait for the EMA approval. Authorities in the Austrian capital, Vienna, already have begun vaccinating the 5 to 11 age group. Europe is currently at the epicenter of the pandemic and the World Health Organization has warned the continent could see deaths top 2 million by the spring unless urgent measures are taken.

The EMA green light for the vaccine developed by Pfizer and German company BioNTech has to be rubber-stamped by the EU's executive branch, the European Commission, before health authorities in member states can begin administering shots.

Earlier this week, Germany's health minister Jens Spahn said shipping of vaccines for younger children in the EU would begin on Dec. 20.

The US signed off on Pfizer's kids-sized shots earlier this

US court finds three guilty of murdering Ahmaud Arbery

THE NEW YORK TIMES
BRUNSWICK (GEORGIA), NOV 25

THREE WHITE men were found guilty of murder and other charges on Wednesday for the pursuit and fatal shooting of Ahmaud Arbery, a 25-year-old Black man, in a case that, together with the killing of George Floyd, helped inspire the racial justice protests in the US last year.

The three defendants — Travis McMichael, 35; his father, Gregory McMichael, 65; and their neighbour William Bryan, 52 — face sentences of up to life in prison. The men have also been indicted on separate federal charges, including hate crimes and attempted kidnapping, and are expected to stand trial in



The European Medicines Agency authorised the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for the 5-11 age group. **AP file**

German Covid deaths pass 100,000 mark

Berlin: Germany crossed the threshold of 100,000 Covid-19-related deaths on Thursday with a surge in infections posing a challenge for the new government. Another 351 people have died from coronavirus, bringing the total since the start of the pandemic to 100,119, data from the Robert Koch Institute for infectious diseases showed. The number of new daily cases hit a new record of 75,961. "The day on which we must mourn 100,000 victims of the coronavirus is a sad one," outgoing Chancellor Angela Merkel said. **REUTERS**

month, followed by other countries including Canada.

Pfizer tested a dose that is a third of the amount given to adults for elementary school-age children. Even with the smaller shot, children who are 5 to 11 years old developed coronavirus-fighting antibody levels just as strong as teenagers and young adults getting the regular-strength shots, Dr. Bill Gruber, a Pfizer senior vice president, told **AP** in September.

But the studies done on Pfizer's vaccine in children haven't been big enough to detect any rare side effects from the second dose, like the chest and heart inflammation that has been seen in mostly male older teens and young adults. **AP**

HE IS SET TO TAKE OFFICE AS GERMANY'S NEW CHANCELLOR NEXT MONTH

He convinced voters he would be like Merkel. But who is Olaf Scholz?

KATRIN BENNHOLD
BERLIN, NOVEMBER 25

OLAF SCHOLZ succeeded in his campaign to become the next chancellor of Germany primarily by convincing voters that he would be very much like the towering and long-serving figure he will replace: Angela Merkel.

Terse, well-briefed and abstaining from any gesture of triumph, Scholz not only sounded like the outgoing conservative chancellor, he perfected the art of embodying her aura of stability and calm to the point of holding his hands together in her signature diamond shape.

"He's like a soccer player who studied videos of another player and changed his game," said Robin Alexander, a political observer. "From temperament and political style all the way down to facial expression, Scholz now channels Merkel. If Scholz was a woman, he would wear pantsuits."

As Scholz unveiled his new government Wednesday and prepares to take office next month, one question for Germany and for the whole of Europe and the world is, can he deliver and fill Merkel's very big shoes?

Rarely has a German leader come into office with so many burning crises.

As soon as he is sworn in as

chancellor in early December, Scholz will have to deal with a surging pandemic, tensions at the Polish-Belarusian border, a Russian president mobilising troops on Ukraine's eastern border, a more confrontational China and a less dependable US.

"The pressure is huge," said Jana Puglierin of the European Council on Foreign Relations. "The new government is taking office in a situation that has been heating up on multiple fronts. And when it comes to foreign policy, Olaf Scholz remains a bit of an enigma."

Indeed, which Scholz will show up as chancellor in two weeks is a matter of intense speculation. A lifelong Social Democrat,



Scholz on election night in September. **AP**

Scholz, 63, has been a familiar face in German politics for more than two decades and served in two governments led by Merkel's Christian Democratic Party, most recently as her finance minister.

But he has also been some-

thing of a political chameleon, a pragmatic politician who straddles left and right so easily it is at times hard to know where he stands.

Born in Osnabrück, northern Germany, Scholz grew up in Hamburg, the city he would later

run as mayor. His grandfather was a railway man; his parents worked in textiles. He and his brothers were the first in his family to go to university.

He was still in high school when he joined the Social Democrats. A fiery young Socialist, he spent a decade as a labour lawyer defending workers threatened by factory closures. Then, as secretary-general of his party under the last centre-left administration of Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, he defended painful labour market reforms with a machinelike efficiency that earned him the nickname "Scholzo-mat".

When he was first elected into Parliament, he sat with the left

wing of his party. Today, he is considered to be to the right of much of its base — not unlike President Joe Biden in the US, with whom he is sometimes compared.

But like with Biden, some see some leftist reflexes.

Scholz lost his party's leadership contest to a pair of leftists two years ago but surprised and impressed some of his fiercest critics in his own party when he pulled out a "bazooka" of hundreds of billions of euros in state aid to help struggling workers and businesses during the pandemic.

Some hope that this — and his election campaign theme centered on respect for the working classes — was proof that

the youthful idealist who melted into a post-ideological centrist might be turning more radical again in his 60s.

"The bazooka was a big moment," said Kevin Kühnert, an outspoken left-winger and one of the Social Democrats' deputy leaders. "It was the belated peace with his party. And it was the beginning of a deeper social transformation he's hoping for."

Scholz, who reportedly lost 12 kg and stopped drinking alcohol before the election, has long been underestimated. He has always played a long game. His ambition to become chancellor dates back to 2011, according to a close ally. **NYT**

City beat PSG, both reach CL knockouts

MANCHESTER: Fresh from scoring Manchester City's winner, Gabriel Jesus surely would not have intended to have a dig at Paris Saint-Germain. Even if the striker's comment after City's 2-1 win Wednesday — as both teams advanced in the Champions League — did cut to the heart of the contrasts in their performances. "We have a lot of players who can help the team," he said. "Everyone wants to give good balls to other players. Nobody is selfish."

PSG had its 11 players on the field at the Etihad Stadium — with Lionel Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappé leading the attack — but it didn't always seem there was a complete team out there.

"They have a lot of quality," City manager Pep Guardiola said. "We try to keep the players far away from the goal."

It was the less glamorous Brazilian attacker on the scoresheet rather than Neymar in the chill of Manchester. Brought off the bench in the second half to give City a No. 9, Gabriel Jesus completed the City comeback with a scuffed shot after being teed up by Bernardo Silva.

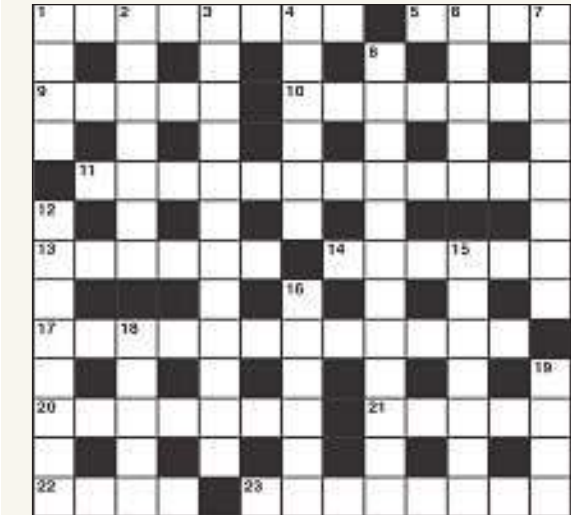
"We attack well in the spaces and the quality from Bernardo," Guardiola said. "When you talk about the right technique, it is that. The right tempo and doing it in the right moment to give your team-mate the best chance to score the goal."

City clinched top spot in Group A and a meeting with a runner-up in the round of 16 in February. "It was a bit frustrating in the first half," Silva said, "because it felt like we were controlling the game, we felt like we were pressing high, winning the ball, having the possession but it felt like we were not scoring again." The clash of the competition's wealthiest teams, who are yet to win European football's top prize, fully came to life in the 50th minute when Mbappé put PSG ahead after an interchange between Messi and Neymar.

But the attacking dominance by City that defined the first half saw Raheem Sterling's outstretched left foot nudge in a cross from Kyle Walker to equalize before the winner came in the 76th. "After the goal we conceded at the beginning of the second half, the team had a great reaction," Silva said. **AP**

RESULTS			
Sheriff	0 3	Real Madrid	
Liverpool	2 0	Porto	
Man City	2 1	PSG	
Club Brugge	0 5	RB Leipzig	
Atletico Madrid	0 1	Milan	
Sporting	3 1	Dortmund	

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- ACROSS
- 1 Dance band instruments (8)
- 5 They're laid unevenly (4)
- 9 An animal or bird that runs from left to right (5)
- 10 A help or a hindrance in the works (7)
- 11 It won't keep you fully occupied (4-4,4)
- 13 Fighting a lawsuit (6)
- 14 Formal proposal to put it back in a month's time (6)
- 17 Sporting event that has its ups and downs (12)
- 20 Observe slight upset; not the reverse (7)
- 21 Willing to go on to the end of the story (5)
- 22 Bringer of love and life? (4)
- 23 It brings about a military rising (8)
- DOWN
- 1 Grip in which possessions are carried aboard (4)
- 2 Run into some of the defence (7)
- 3 Contenders in the high jump (12)
- 4 Bit of a bloomer letting it slip out (6)
- 6 Wild dog in Australia (5)
- 7 Unproductive but impressive (8)
- 8 Don't take legal action for nothing (4,2,6)
- 12 Every year one may await its return with added interest (8)
- 15 Invest in a unit of the open market (7)
- 16 Cut over a quarter? That's serious (6)
- 18 Presley lives anew (5)
- 19 Instrument that doesn't ring true? (4)

Solutions Crossword 4595: Across: 1 Singapore, 8 Filed, 9 Baptist, 10 Morose, 11 Defect, 12 Initials, 15 Dispense, 18 Botany, 20 Roller, 21 Auditor, 22 Nitre, 23 To a degree. Down: 2 Irate, 3 Gather, 4 Position, 5 Effort, 6 Also-ran, 7 Adversity, 11 Deodorant, 13 Icebound, 14 Isolate, 16 Eylet, 17 String, 19 Noose.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Face the facts of ____ what you are, for that is what ____ what you are. - Soren Kierkegaard (5...7)

HVAEE	HOCHIN
AEINS	ELOGGG

SOLUTION: HVAEE: ANISE, HOCHIN: BOCCLE
Answer: Face the facts of being what you are, for that is what changes what you are. - Soren Kierkegaard

JUNIOR WORLD CUP

Glimpse of the future: India's drag-flickers shine

Next generation of penalty corner specialists step up in 13-1 win over Canada

MIHIR VASAVDA
BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 25

ONE ALLOWS the ball to fly into the net. The other generates so much pace that the ball zooms past the goalkeeper in mid-flight. And the third lets it kiss the surface and thud into the board.

Three set-piece specialists, three different styles, same result.

If the Junior World Cup is a glimpse into the future, then India's penalty corner routines seem to be in safe hands going forward. In Arajjeet Singh Hundal, Sanjay Kumar and Sharda Nand Tiwari, the junior team has three cracking penalty corner takers, with Abhishek Lakra being the fourth option.

Seven out of the 13 goals India scored against a hapless Canada in the second group game came from corners. The facile 13-1 win brought the defending champions' campaign back on track after losing to France on Wednesday. But it was the performance of the penalty corner experts that stood out.

Chief coach Graham Reid would have been taking notes, given that the retirements of Rupinder Pal Singh and Birendra Lakra have opened up two positions in the senior team. On Thursday, Hundal and Sharda Nand stepped up when Sanjay — who has been India's go-to man in the first two games — wasn't on the pitch. And he's been remarkably consistent.

Decade-old routine

He's scored a hat-trick on consecutive days and in both games, he's followed the same routine: a pass gets injected from the baseline, Maninder Singh stops on the top of the 'D' and Sanjay flicks it powerfully, but never higher than knee-length, into the goal.

Sanjay and Maninder, who also had his name on the score sheet on Thursday, have been pulling off this drill for almost 10 years. Sanjay moved from Hisar to the Chandigarh Hockey and Football Academy in 2010, where Maninder joined him a year later.

"We have been playing together for 10 years now, so some of the moves we make on the field are purely based on instinct," Maninder says. The duo has been together from their academy days to sub-junior teams and now the Junior World Cup side. Against France and Canada, they didn't need to even look up to find each other, and in penalty corners, they were seamless. "It helps, playing together for such a long time. It is not like we exclusively practice short corner routines but



Arajjeet Singh Hundal in action on Thursday. Hockey India

RESULTS			
Argentina	14	0	Egypt
Netherlands	12	5	Korea
Spain	17	0	United States
France	7	1	Poland
Canada	1	13	India
TODAY'S FIXTURES			
■	South Africa	vs	Chile
■	Korea	vs	United States
■	Spain	vs	Netherlands
■	Argentina	vs	Germany
■	Malaysia	vs	Belgium

since we know each other's habits, it becomes easier," Sanjay adds. Sanjay's calm defending along with strong drag-flicks, which he attributes to the tips received from national team star Harmanpreet Singh, and Maninder's ability to hustle defences have been among the highlights of India's first two matches.

But from the team point of view, India will be relieved just to return to winning ways, given how little the margin of error is.

Team gelling together

For all the talk about speed and skill, dribbles and drag-flicks, it's remarkable how something as basic, and critical, as communication is taken for granted. Against France in their opening game, it felt like 11 strangers wearing an India jersey had taken the field. Their

silence was deafening, and mysterious. Most of these players have been together for at least three-four years. Some, like Sanjay and Maninder, have played together for almost half their life. So have the trio from Tej Bahadur Singh's Academy in Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh — Rahul Rajbhar, Vishnu Kant Singh and Uttam Singh, the latter scoring two goals in two matches.

On Thursday, the decibel level from the Indian team was a big noticeable change. Goalkeepers Prashant Chauhan and Pawan, who played alternate quarters, made sure the team kept the structure and barked out instructions to the defenders whether to go long or play the ball short. The defenders were constantly talking to the midfielders, warning them if there was a man-on or if they were venturing out of position. And the midfielders would let the forwards know when to time the forward run and when to track back.

When someone erred, they weren't shy to give them a mouthful. And there were a few such moments, especially when someone would miss-trap or concede possession cheaply. Canada weren't skillful and sharp enough to punish India, who will still need to beat Poland to qualify for the quarterfinals. The defeat to France means the best India can do in the group stage is finish second, which will mean a possible quarterfinal against Belgium.

The European team, whose senior compatriots recently won gold at the Tokyo Olympics, won't be as kind as Canada and will pounce on the slightest of mistakes the hosts make. And India won't get a dozen opportunities, as they did against Canada.

Cariappa: lighter, fitter and closer to the target

ABHISHEK PUROHIT
NOVEMBER 25

"I was lost. I was depressed. I thought my cricket is over."

KC Cariappa had gone from debuting in IPL 2015 for Kolkata Knight Riders with a price tag of 2.4 crore to not getting a single game for Karnataka since March 2019. He had lost motivation to work on his fitness and his weight had ballooned to 95 kg, at least 10-12 kilos extra even for his six-foot frame.

"I had been dropped from the Karnataka side after doing well. That was playing on my mind," Cariappa, who also represents Bank of Baroda, says. "Mushtaq Ali has been the main tournament for me and I was not getting the chance. I was unsold in the IPL also."

"After having played so much cricket in the heat, you won't go and just work in bank. That motivation won't come."

Then the 27-year-old got a call from Rajasthan Royals head of cricket Zubin Bharucha asking him to come for a trial. "They told me we have been seeing your bowling from the time you were picked for KKR in 2015."

The spinner did enough at the trial to be bought for his base price of Rs 20 lakh in the IPL auction in February. But there was no way he was getting a game with the state of his fitness. That is when the motivation switch flicked again and the turnaround began.

"His skinfold reading was around 123-125 when we started. After the Mushtaq Ali tournament, it was 80," said RR and now Karnataka strength and conditioning coach AT Rajamani Prabhu. Skinfold is a test to measure body fat. A reading over 130 is considered poor for athletes, 100-plus is below average.

In the recent Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, Cariappa not only made his Karnataka comeback, he was also their highest wicket-taker in their run to the final, with 12 strikes at an economy-rate of only 5.63.

He was also Karnataka's most economical bowler in their 2018-2019 SMAT title win — 10 wickets, economy 5.02 — but had been ignored since.

He says his parents were the main source of support when he was worrying that his career was finished. "My parents told me that cricket is your first preference, so you give your best. You perform well, then also if they don't pick you, then it is their loss."

Once RR had picked him, Rajamani saw that Cariappa's speed and agility wasn't too bad.

"He is a really strong guy, a natural athlete," Rajamani says. "The main thing was to reduce the fat. So we made changes in his diet."

More than totally avoiding specific foods,



Karnataka spinner KC Cariappa.

such as white rice for instance, Rajamani says it is about moderation. "I never tell anyone to stop anything. Whichever food they like, if we tell them to stop, they will not stop it. I only tell them to be careful."

Nutritionist Divya KP, who has been consulting with Cariappa from the IPL, says they had to work through some limitations.

"During IPL season, you have late-night matches, then you come back to the hotel and your dinners are around 1 or 2am. There were the usual cheat meals and all, but overall I'd say we were able to stick to around 80 percent of his plan. From morning to evening, whatever he was eating, he had to report to me."

Within three months, Cariappa lost 6-7 kg. During the pandemic's second-wave lockdown, he bought equipment so that he could work out at home. Rajamani took government permission to send his trainers across the state border from Chennai to Bengaluru to work with the Karnataka players, including Cariappa.

Finally, after all the effort behind the scenes, the moment of reckoning arrived at the start of this month. Karnataka's first SMAT group game was against Mumbai.

Cariappa was understandably nervous the morning of the game. He also knew, however, that a good performance against Mumbai would not go unnoticed. "They had a strong team. Ajinkya Rahane, Prithvi Shaw, Shivam Dube. I was thinking I should take two wickets at least, that I should take Prithvi Shaw's wicket."

He would go on to open the bowling for Karnataka and dismiss Rahane, Shaw and Dube — the latter two were bowled — for figures of 4-0-26-3. In the final against Tamil Nadu, he removed opener NJagadeesan and skipper Vijay Shankar to return 4-0-23-2.

Cariappa has seen the high of the crores straight out of near anonymity, and the low of near anonymity staring at him again. And he's come through it to have another shot.

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Relations with children should have improved. If there are still questions to be answered, then it may be that you've been looking in the wrong direction. Try a spot of lateral thinking. What I mean is that the solutions may lie in the most unlikely areas.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
The current phase in the lunar month is always slightly tense, but you could be surprised at how well things turn out in the end. Your whole approach will soon be vindicated, possibly when children or younger relations finally realise how right you have been.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You're not out of the woods yet so keep your guard up. It is difficult to see whether you have been battling at work or at home, but it may be both. In this case, you should aim for a well-earned rest over the coming few days. Hopefully, a pressing commitment can be shelved.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
A stunning relationship between the Sun and Jupiter suggests a moment of supreme creativity, probably affecting financial matters, foreign contacts and ethical questions, not to mention educational possibilities. It goes without saying that benefits may accrue in all these areas.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Hopefully the way is now much clearer as far as monetary issues are concerned. If you have to rectify a financial situation, or any other personal matter, spare a little time for the finer points. Plus, you're closer to the resolution of a personal dilemma than you feared, but not necessarily in the manner you thought.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
If you need proof that you are on the right track, try asking close companions. People you live or work with day in and day out may have difficulty finding exactly the right words but, even when they're not telling the whole truth, you know what they really mean.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
No doubt you are a mite confused. This is just as it should be, for the planets

favour all things mysterious and unknown. However, they are also keeping you hard at work, so there is no time to muddle around. If a partner tries meddling in matters which are none of their business, then you'll be forced to redefine your boundaries.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Let things take their own course and you'll save yourself all sorts of trouble. If you have a mind for your own survival, you'll leave strangers, partners, friends, lovers and acquaintances to solve their own silly quibbles. Don't let them hold you back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
You may have taken a moderate battering, but I think it's now safe to lift your head above the trenches. You may even make a few moves behind the scenes which will set you up for future prosperity. Don't bank on quick profits though, for initial impressions are bound to be misleading.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Seldom have you been in such a strong position to name your price or dictate your terms. For once you have both the facts and their deeper implications at your disposal, which means you're one step ahead of everyone else. It's all a question of finding the right way to say what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
You may soon find yourself back to square one over a financial or professional matter. Actually this is a good thing, and you should also make it your goal to get back to the roots in your emotional life. Once you've established a sense of certainty, then you'll be free to experiment.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
You should now begin a new emotional journey and enjoy a process of unravelling your deepest motives. Someone close may have tried your patience, but I don't think you should concern yourself with this any longer. Ultimately, they need to recognise their own problems before anyone else can help them.

I'd like him (Arsene Wenger) to be much closer personally to me because it would be a great help for the club. Things take time and he has to dictate those timings."

MIKEL ARTETA - ON WENGER'S POSSIBLE RETURN TO ARSENAL

BRIEFLY

Sathiyar enters RD 32 of TT Worlds

Houston: India's G Sathiyar progressed to the men's singles third round at the World Table Tennis Championships with a 4-0 win over Russia's Vladimir Sidorenko . The world number 37 from India defeated his 179th-ranked opponent 11-9, 11-9, 11-8, 11-6 in the round of

64. Sathiyar next faces world number 17 Aruna Quadri of Nigeria in the round of 32. India's top-ranked player, world number 30 Sharath Kamal, had a suffered a disappointing opening round loss on Tuesday. However, Sharath can still make an impact in the men's doubles alongside Sathiyar and in mixed doubles alongside Archana Kamath. Sharath and Archana entered the round of 32 with a 3-0 win over Algeria's Sami Kherouf and Katia Kessaci. PTI

Sindhu sails into Indonesia quarters

Bali: Top Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and B Sai Praneeth progressed to the quarterfinals but former champion Kidambi Srikanth made an early exit in the second round of the Indonesia Open Super 1000 tournament here on Thursday. Two-time Olympic medalist Sindhu hardly broke a sweat to win the second round clash 21-12 21-18 against world No. 26 Germany's Yvonne Li in 37 minutes at the USD 850,000 event. In the women's singles quarterfinals, the reigning world champion, seeded third, will face South Korea's Sim Yujin. Praneeth staved off a spirited fight from France's world No. 70 Christo Popov, claiming a 21-17 14-21 21-19 win in a gruelling match that lasted an hour and 23 minutes. The world No. 16 Indian will meet Olympic champion and former world no No. Viktor Axelsen of Denmark next. PTI

Olympic gold medallist Gebrselassie ready to join war against rebels

Addis Ababa: Ethiopian Olympic gold medallist and national hero Haile Gebrselassie pledged on Wednesday to join the fight against rebellious forces in his country, after the prime minister said he had gone to direct the war from the front lines. The 48-year-old retired champion, who set 27 long distance running records, told Reuters that he felt compelled to join up because Ethiopia's existence was under threat. Haile, his lithe, athletic frame dressed in business attire, said he believed sport was about "peace and love". But he defended his decision to join the fight against rebellious Tigrayan forces and their allies, who last month threatened to march on the capital Addis Ababa. "What would you do when the existence of a country is at stake? You just put down everything. Alas, nothing will bind you. I am sorry!" REUTERS

Iyer: OK Tested

Debutant's unbeaten 75 off 136 helps India reach 258 for 4 on Day 1; Ravindra Jadeja batting on 50

SANDIPG

KANPUR, NOVEMBER 25

KANPUR IS a city obsessed with heroes. In the precincts of the railway station, there still hangs the billboards of Amitabh Bachan from the movie Coolie, which was shot in the city. At the entrance to the city, a large poster of Neeraj Chopra winks.

Almost every crumbling red-tiled wall in the city has a familiar heroic face peering at you. But, at the Green Park, it seemed like a day of nearly heroes, before debutant Shreyas Iyer burst forth as the new Indian batting hero, pouncing into the act like a knight in times of a crisis and stealing the limelight on a sunny but balmy day.

Iyer joined Ajinkya Rahane at the departure of Cheteshwar Pujara, for a laboured 26 off 88 balls. Shubman Gill had made a stroke-filled 52. But India had slipped to 103/3 after lunch. Iyer adequately illustrated his judgement and adaptability to this level of cricket.

Though Ajinkya Rahane perished midway through a cruising partnership, Iyer continued India's recovery act with a defiant, unbeaten 75, ensuring that the team ended the day on a rosy total of 258/4, one that seems already daunting on a pitch with variance in bounce on the very first day.

Iyer's was an innings of two halves. The second half was racy and exciting; the first was tentative and fortuitous. But it's the virtues that he exhibited in the first part that might nourish his Test career to bloom. Understandably, his nerves frayed, manifesting in leaden feet and hard hands at the start. Fifth ball of his innings, with not a run on his ledger, he looked to loft Ajaz Patel out of Kanpur, but was fortunate that the resultant edge just eluded a back-peddalling Kane Williamson at long-on. Shortly, he played and missed a few Kyle Jamieson balls, tentatively stabbing at the ball. But he did survive through that time of tumult. Rahane deserves a bit of credit in shepherding him. Every time, he was beaten or stroked a crisp stroke straight to the fielder, he would walk up to him and allay his worries. Like an obedient disciple, he would keep nodding his head.

He then steeled himself to not even imagine attempting an impetuous stroke. He wore a web of caution around him, attempting nothing silly, even if New Zealand tempted him with half volleys outside the off-stumps and width. But he resisted the temptations, even though Rahane began to expand, and eventually misjudged the bounce of a Jamieson ball and chopped it onto the stumps. This was the best Rahane had looked in recent times, but for that moment of indiscretion that pushed India to 145/4.

But Iyer remained unswayed. There is a certain way you expect Iyer to bat, based largely on how he bats in white-ball cricket. There is a streak of insouciance about him, a sprinkling of flashiness that borders on recklessness. His percentage strokes are the slashes over covers, the swipes past point, the upper cuts and slogs.

But he tore all those perceptions, thus demonstrating that he has other gears in his saddle, the stomach for a fight, the mind for attrition and a sense of opportunism.

He seemed to come into the Test match with a vivid grasp of this format's requirements, with a sense of game awareness a lot of cricketers take years to develop. Iyer the red-ball batsman seemed antithetical to Iyer the T20 batsman.

He was quick to eradicate his mistakes too. So, after he was squared up by off-spinner Will Somerville's away-spinner, he narrowed his stance, and looked to play him from a more side-on position. When facing Jamieson, he cut down his shuffle, so as not to get caught on the move, if he curled one viciously back into him, enhancing the lbw risk. As the nerves eased out, his hands became less stiff and his feet discovered its rhythm. He also didn't let those close calls—the edge that fell short of Williamson, the dropped leg-side catch or the outrageously close lbw—gnaw at him, a testimony to his temperament.

Just at this time, New Zealand exposed their own debutant Rachin Ravindra to him. Iyer relished the opportunity of facing a rookie part-time spinner, and took him on. In a typical old-fashioned subcontinental method, once a trademark of the Mumbai school of batsmanship, he danced down the track and lofted him over extra-cover. He was unabashed in using his feet to to left-arm spinners and smear them over cover. Most batsmen, even those from the subcontinent, prefer hitting from the crease these days.

He then stepped out and carved Patel over extra-cover, and when he dropped the length ever so slightly, late-cut him off the stumps, much like his coach Rahul Dravid in his pomp.

Later in the innings, an even better shot was executed against Patel, this time charging down the track and cracking him against the turn over mid-wicket. The Kanpur crowd reserved their most piercing applause for this stroke. Towards the end of the day, applause of simi-lar decibels reverberated in the stadium, as Ravindra Jadeja shed his inhibitions, exploiting the fatigue of New Zealand's bowlers.

It was not a long, hot day in the sun, but it was a day when they had come so close to grabbing the honours, but failed to. He brutalised Somerville over mid-wicket, after blasting Jamieson through covers. But like Iyer, he was watchful early on in their unbroken association of 113 runs. A potentially match-defining alliance. The Green Park crowd instantly fell in love with Iyer, with chants of "Iyer, Iyer..." filling the crisp evening air. Iyer waved his bat at them when he walked back, and they went delirious, thronging the walls that demarcates the open stands from the pavilion. Kanpur has discovered a new hero to adorn its walls.

SCORECARD: India 1st Innings: Mayank Agarwal c Tom Blundell b Jamieson 13, Shubman Gill b Jamieson 52, Cheteshwar Pujara c Tom Blundell b Southee 26, Ajinkya Rahane b Jamieson 35, Shreyas Iyer batting 75, Ravindra Jadeja batting 50
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-1, nb-4) 7
Total: 258/4 in 84 overs
Fall of wickets: 21-1, 82-2, 106-3, 145-4
Bowling: Tim Southee 16.4-3-43-1, Kyle Jamieson 15.2-6-47-3, Ajaz Patel 21-6-78-0, William Somerville 24-2-60-0, Rachin Ravindra 7-1-28-0.



Shubman Gill made a stroke-filled 52.

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Shreyas Iyer adequately illustrated his judgement and adaptability to this level of cricket in his unbeaten knock of 75 runs.

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Swing, seam, and reverse swing: Jamieson's bag of tricks fox batters

SANDIPG

KANPUR, NOVEMBER 25

KYLE JAMIESON invokes a familiar dread in the mind of India's batsmen. The beanpole seamer had harassed them in Wellington and Christchurch; haunted them in Southampton; and in the latest exhibition of his seemingly limitless prowess, bitten them at their backyard in Kanpur too, ticking a large box in his resume, the resourcefulness to be a lethal force in Asia.

Every overseas bowler, no matter how successful he has been in his own terrain, comes with question marks on his effectiveness in Asian climes. They are often judged by that yardstick too - the inverse of Asian spinners producing match-winning spells abroad. Even more so for someone from New Zealand. Even some of their finest swing-seam bowling mavericks, like Tim Southee, Trent Boult and Neil Wagner, have struggled to replicate their genius in India, a reason the country remains an unconquered peak for them. But what they could not, Jamieson could in an exemplary exhibition of precise seam bowling in his first Test match in Asia, looking more like a seasoned virtuoso than a first-timer.

Most of the success stories of foreign pace bowlers involve extreme pace or reverse swing. Dale Steyn and James Anderson for instance, Jamieson barely nudges 140kph. That he could reverse-swing became evident only on Thursday. But what he has is the ability to procure swing and seam, both subtle and noticeable, conventional and reverse, control and discipline. The ball that Mayank Agarwal nicked behind was a conventional out-swing, his stock ball. But Agarwal was wait-



Kyle Jamieson dismissed Mayank Agarwal, Shubman Gill, and Ajinkya Rahane on Day One.

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ing for inward seam movement, and hence was sucked into the half-defensive prod.

Similarly, Shubman Gill was expecting conventional inward seam movement, he got a reverse-swinging corker that moved devilishly into him. He stood stupefied. "I didn't expect the ball to reverse that early in the game," Gill later admitted. Here, thus, is a bowler who could bowl the same ball in different ways. He could make the ball move into the right-hander with orthodox seam as well as reverse seam. He could swing the ball away, as well as seam the ball away. He could seam the ball into the right-hander as well as reverse-swing the ball into him. In his post-lunch spell, he resorted to both, muddling the batsmen's mind.

Like all good seamers, he attains these with minor changes in his release and wrists positions. Watch how loosely he holds the ball. It allows a wrist flick for more rotation. The ones that move noticeably are propelled with a more vigorous snap of the wrists than the ones that are not. He uses swing as a spinner does

variations. Sometimes he tilts the wrists more, sometimes less. With the dexterity of a piano player, he works his fingers over the ball to produce his whims.

Point of impact

Fuse his mastery of seam manipulation with height and command of length, he turns into a behemoth of a fast bowler. The ball is released from such a towering height, accentuated by his high-arm release, that even from a good length, the ball takes off more than it does with shorter bowlers. The point of impact is much higher on the bat, a reason batsmen are hesitant to commit fully forward when facing him. The height makes him even more difficult to negotiate on a surface with variable bounce, as was the Green Park pitch. Ajinkya Rahane will confess. A lot of Jamieson's balls had arrived at hip height, but the one he dragged on barely crossed over his waist. The variance of bounce is more pronounced than shorter bowlers.

Equally praiseworthy is his control over lengths. Most bowlers have a preferred operating length; Jamieson's is good length, but he is equally comfortable bowling fuller, like the Gill ball that was quite full. He could bowl short too, uncomfortably into the body. Gill would again acknowledge, as Jamieson had subjected him to a short ball barrage in the World Test Championship final. That his three wickets of the day were of different lengths underlines the point—Agarwal with a good length ball, Gill with a full one and Rahane with a back-of-length one.

In all there is little that he can't do. So consummate that batsmen should be thankful that he is spared of lightning pace. He would, then, have been nigh unplayable.

Magnus vs Nepo: A battle of contrasting styles and personalities



SURYA SEKHAR GANGULY

MY FIRST exposure to the World Chess Championship was when I started working with (Viswanathan) Anand before his match against (Vladimir) Kramnik in 2008. Before that I absolutely had no idea about what kind of preparation was needed. I remember when I first started working, our day started at around 11 O' Clock in the morning and ended at 1 O' Clock at night. I was completely taken aback to start with. But gradually I got used to the routine.

In chess, the higher you go up the ladder, the more you focus on the opening. Too many variations in openings are not ideal at a lower level, but at the highest level, it becomes imperative. Different teams carry different ambiances to a world championship. Anand was never bossy, he would never say stuff like 'I need the work done in another three days'... Our work atmosphere was very light. Most of the time we even played music.

Every player has his own team and a certain work ethic. For Magnus (Carlsen), taking time off from chess and playing another sport is very important. Even during a tournament, he plays football or basketball outside chess. It's sort of compulsory for his team. Anand, on the other hand, preferred

to have light gym sessions.

I don't have much idea about how (Ian) Nepomniachtchi (nicknamed Nepo by Americans) prepares for a tournament like the world championship. But from whatever I know, he is not a fitness freak like Magnus.

Even after the match starts, seconds become very important, for the role comes with a lot of responsibility. It's about doing work and analysing a move for a player which can determine the outcome of a world championship. The rival camp is also doing the same thing, so you have to be aware of that also. And it's not only about suggesting a move, because the psychological aspects also become very important.

From that perspective, seconds need to play the role of a motivator as well. Like, at times, our job was to remind Anand that 'you are Anand'. Pressure can do all sorts of things to you. If you lose a game, you might lose confidence a bit. This kind of a relationship develops gradually. Like if I work with Anand today, I will not hesitate to tell him if I feel something needs to be corrected. That relationship you develop over 15 years of working together. But, if I work with Magnus or Nepo's team now, I will be a tad hesitant.

The work you do in the lead-up, the preparation part, you basically work on different openings and fix the match strategy. You give the player different positions, you play training games with him. You work on the end-game. For us, the process started eight months prior to the world championship. We took the odd breaks, but it was very challenging. Later, we decided that it wasn't a very healthy process, especially for long-term training. It was perfectly fine for the last one month (be-

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fore the match) or a fortnight. So for the (Veselin) Topalov match, we used to wrap up around 10 pm.

Tricks, tactics and more

Technical play is not Nepo's strongest aspect and I am talking about the absolute elite level here. His main strength is his imagination, tactics and tricks. He is very slippery, attested by his win record from completely losing positions. He revels in taking risks. Magnus' game, on the other hand, is more of technique. He is wonderfully solid. So this world championship will see a big clash of styles. At the end of the day, Magnus is still much stronger, a clear favourite. But there's a feeling that if the match goes deep, draws pile up and the score stays

level, Nepo's chances will increase.

See, every player knows that irrespective of his preparation and how meticulous that might be, he could face a completely new position on the board real time. Permutations and combinations are so high that you can't cover everything. A part of a player's preparation focuses on knowing the type/pattern of a new position that might arise. Mind, Nepo is one player who has a plus score over Magnus. At U-10 or U-12 level, Nepo had beaten Magnus twice in the classical format. He doubled that at elite tournaments later. So there was a time when head-to-head between the two stood at 4-0 in favour of Nepo in the classical format. Only recently, did Magnus win his first match against Nepo. So at the mo-

ment, Nepo leads 4-1. But I don't think this will give him a psychological upper hand in the summit clash. Magnus would cover this with his greater match experience and also, the better player always starts as a favourite.

I think what separates Magnus from the rest is that he never plays a rash game. His biggest strength is not his preparation. He looks to wear down his opponents, the more moves you play in a game, the better his chances become. To me, he is the greatest end-game player in the history of chess. His energy is also a factor here.

This basically comes from his involvement in other sports like football. I have never seen Magnus finishing off a game very quickly, getting the better of his opponent in the opening. Players like (Garry) Kasparov, Anand and (Levon) Aronian put in a great deal of effort in their preparations for openings. But Magnus' whole approach is like he doesn't want to beat his opponent in the opening. Rather he prefers to take a position quickly to put his opponent under pressure. He prefers slow burn.

I have played against both Magnus and Nepo. Against Nepo, I have played two matches in classical format and a few rapid and blitz. Against Magnus, I have played one rapid and two classical. When I played against Nepo, he tried to outplay me in the opening, using different tricks. Whereas Magnus always let the game flow, after taking a favourable position.

Against Nepo, I was completely tricked at the European Championship. Then, at the world team event, I had a position where I was staring at victory. But he countered that by playing superfast and employing more tricks. I had a one-piece advantage over him in that

game and on computer evaluation I was +2; a completely winning position. Against that, his moves were not necessarily the best ones if you go by the book/computer, but his moves were the best in terms of psychology. He knew he was playing against a human and his whole approach was to create a complete mess on the board.

It led to crazy complications; his every move giving his opponent different options. The game ended in a draw and I faced the same outcomes against him at the World Rapid and World Blitz also. It's very difficult to win against him from a winning position. On the other hand, when he gets a better position on the board, he sweeps it.

If you ask me what's the best way to counter Nepo; a lot of time he would play bluffs, his body language would betray the actual state of the game... It's important not to take the bait and give him a counter.

As for Magnus, it's nigh-on impossible to find any weakness. But if you can upset his rhythm, if you can create a position on the board by making moves that would defy logic – this is exactly Nepo's strength – then you might have a chance.

Sport evolves and the beauty of greatness is that it stays ahead of its time. It was true for (Bobby) Fischer, Kasparov, Anand and every legend of the game. Magnus is a genius, well ahead of his time.

Grandmaster Surya Sekhar Ganguly was one of Viswanathan Anand's seconds and assisted him in winning the World Championship matches against Vladimir Kramnik and Veselin Topalov. He spoke to Shamik Chakrabarty.



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“Known for its myriad benefits, milk is an absolute essential in our daily diet owing to its nutrient-rich content that serves the total energy requirements of both adults and children. At Mother Dairy, it is our endeavour to keep contributing to the co-operative movement, serve our farmers and drive in rural prosperity as envisioned by our founder — Dr. Verghese Kurien — The Milk Man of India and Father of White Revolution”, says Manish Bandlish, Managing Director, Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Pvt. Ltd.

What makes Milk a complete food in itself?

There is no denying the fact that milk is a wholesome food. It contains almost all necessary macro and micro-nutrients such as fat, lactose, protein, calcium, vitamins and minerals. Milk is a good source of some of the immunity-boosting nutrients such as lactose, casein and whey protein. Thus, it helps in fighting against wide range of pathogens irrespective of their antigenic make-up. Milk is also a good source of micro-elements such as zinc and selenium, which have antioxidant effects, and helps in boosting the immune system. In addition, milk fat has essential fatty acids, which help in cognitive development.

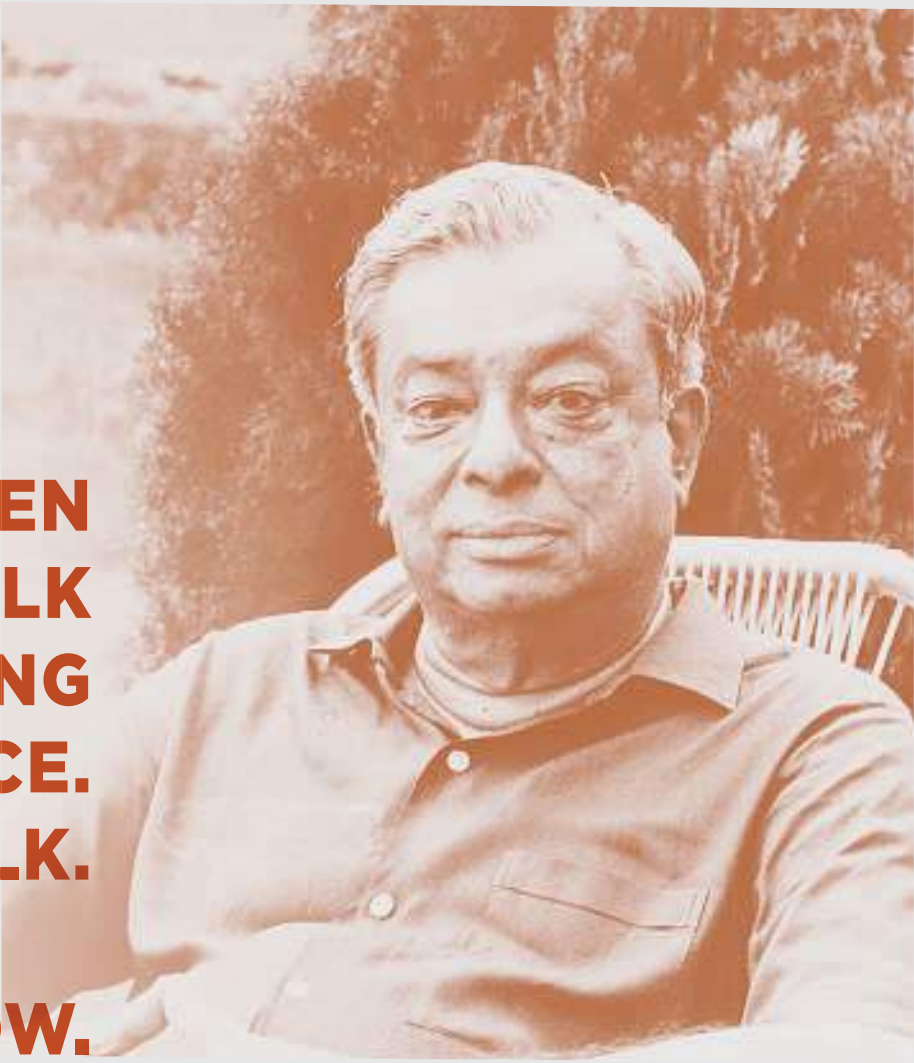
Consider this, one glassful of milk gives around 8 grams of carbohydrate, 4-6 grams of fat and 3-5 grams of protein. Presence of such rich nutrients serves the energy requirements of both adults and children. On the other hand, presence of minerals in milk such as calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, apart from the ones mentioned earlier, are extremely essential for our bone structure, teeth and overall body development. For example, there's hardly any other better source of calcium than milk. In fact, there are not too many food options that will give you so many nutrients in one go, and hence, milk is considered to be a complete and a wholesome food in itself.

In recent times, what are the various activities conducted by Mother Dairy to create awareness regarding the consumption of milk?

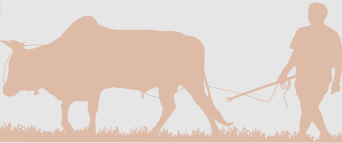
Mother Dairy's efforts are fundamentally linked towards increasing the value share of farmers which is directly proportional to the consumption of milk. In the recent times, our communication narratives have highlighted safety and purity as well as nutrition and immunity. The safety and nutrition approach has been effectively captured in our recent campaigns, which convey 'boond boond mein shudhta' and how Mother



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