



MBA student gangraped in Mysuru, is critical

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A 23-year-old MBA student was allegedly gangraped by four or five unidentified persons when she was returning from a forested area with a male friend in Mysuru on Tuesday night.

The woman, who is critical, is yet to give her statement to the police. Police have obtained a statement from her friend who was also assaulted by the group.

The incident took place around 8 pm in the Tippayyanakere region, in Lalithadripura area of Mysuru, police sources said. The woman has been identified as a student from outside Karnataka who was studying in Mysuru.

According to police sources, four or five persons were involved in the incident.

A senior police officer said the accused were drunk when they spotted the couple on an isolated route to Chamundi Hills. At first, they allegedly tried to rob the couple, but later took the woman to another spot and sexually assaulted her. A case has been registered at the Alanahalli

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MLAs reiterate call for Capt's removal; Baghel says some trying to destabilise govt

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THE CONGRESS is once again battling to contain rebellions threatening its governments in both Punjab and Chhattisgarh, despite the high command stepping in.

In Punjab, ministers and MLAs seeking Chief Minister Amarinder Singh's removal reiterated their demand Wednesday, despite the Congress asserting that there was

no question of doing so. In Chhattisgarh, fresh from a peace-making meeting with Rahul Gandhi in Delhi, CM Bhupesh Baghel again took potshots at rival T S Singh Deo

Four Punjab Congress ministers and three MLAs met the party's state in-charge Harish Rawat in Dehradun Wednesday to seek Amarinder's removal. Rawat, who said before the meeting that the 2022 Assembly elections would be fought under Amarinder, is learnt to have told them the CM would remain

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EXPLAINED**Loss after poll win**

LEFT WITH a handful of governments across the country, the problems in Punjab and Chhattisgarh are bad news for the Congress. Both are states that had been won decisively by its CMs, and the high command's failure to have its say is instructive.

Govt clears all 9 names sent by Collegium for SC, now one vacancy

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

THE CENTRE is learnt to have cleared all the nine names recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium for appointment to the top court, which currently has 24 judges against a sanctioned strength of 35.

Highly placed sources told *The Indian Express* that the recommendations have been "processed, approved and forwarded to the President for issuance of warrants of appointment". "If all goes well, the Supreme Court may see near full

strength by early next week," the sources added.

The Supreme Court Collegium, comprising Chief Justice N V Ramana and Justices U U Lalit, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and L Nageswara Rao, had on August 17 recommended nine names, including eight High Court judges and an advocate, for elevation to the apex court.

The nine nominated by it were four High Court Chief Justices — Vikram Nath (Gujarat), A S Oka (Karnataka), Hima Kohli (Telangana) and J K Maheshwari (Sikkim) — four High Court

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Afghan woman MP says flew to Delhi last week, deported

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
MUMBAI, AUGUST 25

A WOMAN member of the Afghan parliament has said she was deported from New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on August 20, five days after the fall of Kabul to the Taliban.

Rangina Kargar, member of the Wolesi Jirga where she represents the Faryab province, said she arrived at the IGI Airport early August 20 from Istanbul on a Fly Dubai flight. She holds a

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Rangina Kargar

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Stubble burning cases on farmers to be dropped, their fines waived: Yogi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 25

CALLING IT a major relief to the farmers, the Uttar Pradesh government on Wednesday announced to withdraw the cases filed against farmers due to the stubble burning and waived the fine imposed on them.

Making the announcement following his interaction with farmers, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also instructed officials not to disconnect the power supply to a "single farmer" due to arrears in their electricity bills. The chief minister said that a one-time settlement scheme will be introduced for farmers so that they do not have to pay interest or penalty on the pending electricity bills.

"The government will withdraw the cases registered against the farmers due to stubble burning and the decision will be taken on refund of fine," said the CM.

During his interaction, Adityanath also claimed that before the new cane crushing season, all the previous payments that are pending since 2010 will be made.

"We will work to make sure timely payments are made as well as to increase the price of sugarcane. The decision will be communicated to all the concerned stakeholders so that the farmers are not misguided," he said.

The CM also said that unlike

the Opposition parties who "use farmers to satisfy their political interests", the BJP under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked in a planned and phased manner to uplift the condition of farmers in the country since 2014.

"Our government has worked with the goal to double the income of farmers," the chief minister said.

"The Covid-19 pandemic today has grappled the entire world. However, the farmers have faced it bravely. The sugar mills continued to function even during the Covid period and the farmers continued to produce food grains," said the CM.

Calling a pro-farmer stance of his government, Adityanath said that from 2007 to 2016, only Rs 95,000 crores were paid to the farmers for their sugarcane. "Everything was due for 96 months since 2010. But between 2017-2021, over 45.74 lakh sugarcane farmers in Uttar Pradesh have been paid a record cane price payment of more than Rs 1,40,000 crore," the chief minister said.

While fixing the date for the start of the new crushing season, the CM said that on the demand of the farmers, sugar mills would start operating in the western districts from October 20, while in the central region from October 25. Similarly, the sugar mills in the eastern region will start operating from the first week of November, he said.

UP govt objects to plea by rape-accused BSP MP seeking further probe

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 25

THE STATE prosecution has raised an objection to Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MP Atul Rai filing an application seeking direction for further investigation in the case filed against him at the Lanka police station in Varanasi. The case pertains to the alleged rape of a 24-year-old woman, who set herself on fire claiming inaction on her complaint against the legislator and succumbed to her burns while under treatment in the national capital.

An MP from Ghosi Lok Sabha seat of Uttar Pradesh, Rai has been lodged in jail since June, 2019. The victim, along with his 27-year-old friend and a student of Delhi University, set herself on fire outside the Supreme Court on August 16. Her male friend died on Saturday.

Before setting themselves on fire the same day, they recorded a Facebook live wherein the woman said she had lodged a rape case against the BSP MP and accused police of supporting him. She further

alleged that senior police officers from Uttar Pradesh were not acting on their complaint.

Varanasi police, which investigated the rape case, had filed a chargesheet against Rai in a Special MP/MLA court in Prayagraj. The case has gone to trial and nine prosecution witnesses, including her male friend who also died in Delhi, have been examined.

An application seeking direction for further investigation into the case has been filed by the accused MP through his lawyer before the Prayagraj court where the case is being heard.

District Government Counsel, Prayagraj, Gulab Chandra Agrihari said, the application seeking direction for further investigation into the case was filed stating that the MP is innocent and has been falsely implicated because of political reasons.

"Last week, the prosecution filed an objection to Atul Rai's application stating there is enough evidence against the MP and a chargesheet has been filed against him. The application was to delay the case," Agrihari said.

Police reformer says proud of son's promotion as BSF chief

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

"I AM very happy" was Prakash Singh's reaction after his son Pankaj Singh was on Wednesday appointed as the director general of the Border Security Force, a post held by him nearly three decades back.

This is for the first time that a son is stepping into the shoes of

his father in the central paramilitary forces, said an elated 85-year-old Prakash Singh while his son was receiving congratulatory messages from people on his promotion as the BSF chief.

Prakash Singh, a 1959-batch IPS officer, had retired from the BSF in 1994.

He is at present Chairman of the Police Foundation and Institute, a multi-disciplinary think-tank dedicated to work for

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police station and efforts are being made to nab the accused, said a police officer.

The woman has been admitted to a hospital in Mysuru, police said.

"These cases are very sensitive. We cannot reveal too many details. An FIR has been registered. We will know how the attack happened when we get a statement from the victim. Meanwhile, her friend has given a statement and we have filed an FIR on the basis of that," said Mysuru Police Commissioner Chandragupta.

"We have set up special teams for investigation. We are looking at all angles. An incident has occurred and we want to probe it effectively," he said.

"They are both students. At around 7.30 pm yesterday, they went to the forest region near the helipad. Some people who were following them have done this. At around 1.30 am, they got admitted to a hospital. In the morning, a memo was received from the hospital. An FIR has been registered. Further inquiries are on. I have directed the police to take it very seriously. No arrests have been made until now. We have sent an ADGP to Mysuru," said State Home Minister Arega Jnanendra. He said he is scheduled to visit Mysuru on Thursday.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who is in Delhi, said he had directed Director General of Police Praveen Sood to find the accused at the earliest. "A case has been registered. I have told the DGP that whoever has perpetrated this should be identified and stringent action should be taken against them," he said.

Afghan woman MP says flew to Delhi last week, deported

diplomatic/official passport which facilitates visa-free travel under a reciprocal arrangement

with India.

A day earlier, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had underlined that India's focus would be to preserve its historical relationship with Afghanistan and its people.

Kargar, who has been a parliamentarian since 2010, told The Indian Express that she had travelled many times to India on the same passport in the past. She said she used to be waved through earlier, but this time, immigration officials asked her to wait. She said they told her they had to consult their superiors.

After two hours, she was sent back by the same airline to Istanbul via Dubai. "They deported me, I was treated as a criminal. I was not given my passport in Dubai. It was given back to me only in Istanbul," 36-year-old Kargar said.

"It was not good what they did to me. The situation has changed in Kabul and I hope the Indian government helps Afghan women," she said.

She said no reason was given for the deportation, but "it was probably related to the changed political situation in Kabul,

maybe security".

A source in the Ministry of External Affairs said they were not aware of the incident involving Kargar.

Two days after she was deported, India welcomed two Afghan Sikh MPs, Narinder Singh Khalsa and Anarkali Kaur Honaryar -- Honaryar is the first Sikh woman to have entered the Indian parliament. Unlike Kargar, they arrived on evacuation flights arranged by Delhi.

"Those flights were meant for Indians and Afghan Indians, not Afghans," Kargar said.

She said she had a doctor's appointment at 11 am at a South Delhi hospital on the day of her arrival, and had an August 22 return ticket to Istanbul. She was travelling alone while her husband Fahim and four children were in Istanbul. Fahim Kargar is chief of staff in the Wolesi Jirga, and the family arrived in Istanbul at the end of July.

"I never expected this from Gandhiji's India. We are always friends with India, we have strategic relations with India, we have historic relations with India. But in this situation, they

have treated a woman and a member of Parliament like this. They told me at the airport, 'sorry, we cannot do anything for you'," Kargar said.

A Turkmen born in Mazar-e-Sharif in 1985, she is not affiliated to any political party and describes herself as a women's rights activist. She said she could not return to Kabul because "the situation has changed", and in any case, as there are no flights home, she will remain in Istanbul and "wait to see what happens, wait for Taliban to make the government, see if they allow women to sit in parliament".

Govt clears all 9 names sent by Collegium for SC

judges Justices B V Nagarathna (Karnataka), M M Sundresh (Madras), C T Ravikumar (Kerala) and Bela M Trivedi (Gujarat), and Senior Advocate PS Narasimha.

The Indian Express first reported on the Collegium's choices on August 18.

In a first, the list included three women judges, of whom Justice Nagarathna could go on to become the country's first woman Chief Justice, though for just over a month -- from September 25 to October 29, 2027. Besides her, Gujarat Chief Justice Nath and Senior Advocate Narasimha also have a chance to become the Chief Justice of India, also with short tenures.

If he becomes Chief Justice of India, Narasimha, who also served as Additional Solicitor General, would only be the second direct appointee occupying the top post.

The daughter of former CJI E S Venkataramaiah, Justice Nagarathna practised commercial law in Bengaluru before being appointed as Additional Judge of the Karnataka High Court in 2008. She is currently the second most senior judge in the High Court.

On August 17, when the Collegium met, the Supreme Court had nine vacancies. With the retirement of Justice Navin Sinha on August 18, this has gone up to 10.

TN BJP expels YouTube, associate over explicit video of senior leader

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CHENNAI, AUGUST 25

THE TAMIL Nadu BJP Wednesday expelled a YouTube -- who had uploaded an explicit video of a senior state leader -- and his associate for "expressing views" against the party.

Party state general secretary Karu Nagarajan announced that Madan Ravichandran and his associate Venba were removed from the party's primary membership. He asked party workers to sever ties with them.

Ravichandran had Tuesday uploaded the video purportedly showing the then state general

BJP TN general secretary KT Raghavan (standing) was the alleged subject of the video

secretary KT Raghavan in an explicit video call with a woman. Raghavan then quit his post.

"YouTuber Madan Ravichandran and his associate Venba, who had expressed

views contrary to the BJP's ideologies, have been removed from the party's primary membership," Nagarajan said.

Both of them called on BJP state chief K Annamalai and assured cooperation to a committee to probe allegations of sexual harassment against party members, Nagarajan said.

Raghavan denied his involvement in the video and claimed it was meant to tarnish his image.

Claiming he could not take action against Raghavan without Ravichandran furnishing more details, Annamalai announced the constitution of a panel to probe sexual harassment allegations against party members.

Rajkot royal family member moves court over property

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RAJKOT, AUGUST 25

A BITTER dispute has broken out in the Rajkot royal family over the ancestral property worth hundreds of crores with one of the members moving court.

Ambalika Devi, the sister of Mandhatahsinh Jadeja, who is the 17th king of the over 400-year-old erstwhile princely state of Rajkot in Gujarat, has filed a suit in the city civil court against the release deed and the will of her father Manoharsinh Jadeja, her lawyer Ketan Sindhava said on Wednesday.

She has challenged the release deed which construed that she had relinquished her right on inheritance property.

Ambalika Devi, who lives in Jhansi, has claimed she was made to sign a release deed by her brother Mandhatahsinh Jadeja in 2019 when she visited Rajkot following her father's death, "by keeping her in the dark and ill-informed", he said.

She has challenged the 2013 will of her father, that her brother produced before deputy collector in 2019 to allegedly mutate the entry in revenue

Mandhatahsinh Jadeja. File

records, and has sought a direction from the court to declare the release deed as null and void, Sindhava said.

Based on the will and the release deed, which are under challenge, the petitioner's brother had allegedly initiated mutation entry in the revenue department to make him the sole owner of the property, the lawyer said.

"The will of her father Manoharsinh Jadeja, the former finance minister (of Gujarat), is unregistered. The opposing party even tried to tamper with the will," he claimed.

"A year after Manoharsinh passed away in 2018, his son

duped my client by making her sign a release deed in the name of an ancestral temple. We have challenged this as well," the lawyer said.

On Tuesday, Rajkot Deputy Collector Charansinh Gohil rejected the mutation entry on the basis of the objection raised by Ambalika Devi.

As per her lawyer, the deputy collector said the order of the civil court will be binding on both the parties.

However, Mandhatahsinh Jadeja's advocate Nirav Doshi claimed his client's sister was paid Rs 1.5 crore as per the will which she had accepted in the presence of her husband and two sons.

She had signed a registered release deed that she will have no right on the ancestral property which was duly signed by her, Doshi said. Her husband and two sons are also witnesses to the deed that she signed in 2019, he claimed.

"We have produced all the documentary evidence in the court, and the matter is next likely to come up for hearing in the court of additional senior civil judge L D Wagh on August 31," he said.

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SURPRISE VISITOR

BJP HEADQUARTERS had a surprise visitor on Wednesday – famous playback singer Anuradha Paudwal. The Padma award winner visited the party office to express her desire to do some social work in Kedarnath, where infrastructure work worth more than Rs 100 crore is in progress. Paudwal met BJP general secretary Arun Singh and head of national media cell Anil Baluni, who belongs to Uttarakhand. She apparently wanted the BJP leaders' support in getting clearances for the social activities she intends to do in the temple surroundings. While BJP leaders swore that Paudwal, famous for her devotional songs, is an ardent devotee of Kedarnath temple and wanted to be associated with it, many believe there could be more to it, with elections round the corner in the state.

NOT IN SYNC

AT A time when the BJP is targeting Punjab Congress and its leaders, Union Minister Hardeep Puri's word of appreciation for Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and state Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu has become a talking point. On Tuesday, BJP deputed its spokesperson Sambit Patra to hit out at Amarinder and Sidhu, but Puri was asked to comment on the Punjab Congress. However, Puri reacted with a word of appreciation for both and refused to comment on the ongoing tussle in the state Congress leadership. BJP insiders were wondering whether Puri was not informed about the party line on the issue.

RAKHI BONDING

UNION MINISTER of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Sanjeev Balyan has been unwell and was recently admitted to AIIMS in Delhi. According to reports, he was diagnosed with dengue. On Sunday, Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani is learned to have dropped by to see him at the hospital. It was Raksha Bandhan, and Irani is learned to visited Balyan to tie a rakhi.

Uddhav used similar language but faced no action, says Rane

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STEPPING UP his attack on the Shiv Sena a day after he was released on bail following his arrest over remarks in which he threatened to slap Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, Union Minister Narayan Rane claimed that Sena leaders, including Thackeray, had made similar remarks in the past, and that no action was taken against them.

Addressing a press conference at his Juhu home in Mumbai Wednesday, Rane alleged that a Maharashtra minister had a role in the death – he called it murder – of Disha Salian, former manager of actor Sushant Singh Rajput who died six days later in June 2020. He said he will take legal recourse to ensure that the minister is arrested.

Rane was released on bail Tuesday night by a court in Mahad after being arrested for remarks he made before reporters Monday. "It is shameful that the Chief Minister does not know the year of Independence. He leaned back to enquire about the count of years of Independence during his speech. Had I been there, I would have given (him) a tight slap," he had told reporters.

On Wednesday, addressing the press, Rane said: "What is it that I have said that has made them so angry? I am not going to repeat here what I said earlier. If some event has occurred in the past and I have just spoken about it, how does it qualify as being a crime. I want to ask if Shiv Sena leaders never ever spoke such words in the past."

He then narrated three incidents in which he claimed that Thackeray had used similar lan-



Narayan Rane in Mumbai on Wednesday. *Ganesh Shirsekar*

guage. "The CM in August said that anyone who speaks aggressively about Shiv Sena Bhavan, his face should be smashed. He directly ordered people to attack. Is that not a crime?" Rane said.

He alleged that Thackeray made a statement about Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in which he spoke of beating him with slippers. He also said that during a discussion in the Assembly, Thackeray had used unparliamentary language while speaking about his discussions with BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

"I had said that only those who are not proud of this country will not remember major national events of our country. I have immense pride in the country and could not bear what he (Thackeray) had said... I said what I did because of my love and admiration for the country. I said what I did so that no one else would repeat or speak this way again," Rane said.

He alleged that a minister in the Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi government had a role in the Disha Salian incident.

"There is no law and order in the state... Which minister was present during the Disha Salian in-

cident? Why is that not being investigated? There are many such women. Pooja Chavan also had to face the same fate. We are not going to keep silent. We will ensure that the minister involved is arrested. We will follow up on this issue in a democratic fashion and approach the court. We will see who saves him," he said.

Salian (28) died on June 8, 2020 after falling off the 14th floor of a residential building in Malad, Mumbai. The Mumbai Police registered an Accidental Death Report (ADR), but Rane was one of the first BJP leaders to allege that she was murdered.

Pooja Chavan, a resident of Pari Vajinath in Beed district, died after falling from the balcony of a flat in Pune's Hadapsar area in February this year. Several photos and audio clips surfaced, allegedly linking her to Sanjay Rathod, a state minister, who then resigned.

Reacting to a video clip of state minister Anil Parab ordering police officers to arrest him without delay, Rane said he will take legal recourse against Parab. "I will file a case in court against Anil Parab... consultations with legal experts are underway," he said.

Arrested midway through his

SAAMANA EDITORIAL SLAMS RANE OVER 'SLAP' REMARK AGAINST CM

Mumbai: Defending the action against Union minister Narayan Rane, the Shiv Sena said had anyone made similar comments against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, they would have been put behind bars with sedition charges. "Considering Rane's past records, the PM and Home Minister Amit Shah should take his statement seriously. Had anyone made a similar statement about the PM, he would have been put behind bars with sedition charges slapped. Rane's offence is of similar kind," read an editorial titled *Balloon with Holes* in Sena mouthpiece Saamana. **ENS**

Jan Ashirwad Yatra in Konkan, Rane said the remaining leg of his Yatra will commence Friday.

A total of 10 FIRs were registered against him across Maharashtra over his alleged remarks against Thackeray.

On Wednesday morning, he approached the Bombay High Court, seeking that the FIRs be quashed. The state government told the High Court that no coercive action will be taken against him till September 17.

Nashik police have written to Rane to appear before them on September 2 for questioning.

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India makes e-visa must for Afghans, cancels visas issued earlier

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

INDIA ON Wednesday cancelled all visas issued to Afghan nationals earlier and said only electronic visas would be accepted.

"Owing to the prevailing security situation in Afghanistan and streamlining of the visa process by introduction of the e-Emergency X-Misc visa, it has been decided that all Afghan nationals henceforth must travel to India only on e-visa," said a statement issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

"Keeping in view some reports that certain passports of Afghan nationals have been misplaced, previously issued visas to all Afghan nationals, who are presently not in India, stand invalidated with immediate effect. Afghan nationals wishing to travel to India may apply for e-visa at www.indianvisaonline.gov.in," it added.

The statement comes a day after the Taliban announced that

they would give no further extension to the August 31 deadline for American forces to leave Kabul. The Kabul airport is currently secured by American forces. Assuring Afghan nationals of security and saying there would be no reprisals for having worked with American or other foreign forces, the Taliban said they would not allow Afghans to cross pickets in Kabul to reach the airport.

India has been evacuating its citizens working in Afghanistan and Afghan nationals fleeing Taliban rule. Over a week ago, India announced e-visa facility for Afghans in the Emergency X-Misc category, which will be valid for six months.

Earlier e-visa facility was not available to Afghans. Afghanistan also came under the Prior Reference Category (PRC) of countries for grant of visa, which means Afghan nationals have to be cleared by MHA for any visit. Others in this category include Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani origin and stateless persons.



Outside the Kabul airport. *Twitter/david_martinon via Reuters*

US Indo-Pacific Command head shares concerns over China military build-up

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

ON A three-day visit to India, Commander of America's Indo-Pacific Command Admiral John Aquilino noted Wednesday that China's military build-up is the largest by a country since the Second World War, and that the lack of clarity over its intent causes concern.

Speaking at an event organised by the Observer Research Foundation, also attended by Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, Aquilino, in reply to a question on China acquiring more nuclear arsenal, said he didn't specifically look at that threat. "What I would look at is the entire Chinese way forward with regard to military expansion... the largest military build-up in history since WW2, both conventional and nuclear, in all domains."

Apart from Rawat, Aquilino met Army Chief General M M Naravane, Air Chief Marshal R K S Bhaduria, Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during the course of the day.

"We continue to see that words from the PLA (China's army) do not always match the deeds. It is one of the reasons that we are concerned," Aquilino said, adding "the real question is not why, but what they intend to

do with" their military might.

Pointing out the deterrent capability of nuclear arsenal, Rawat said India was "concerned about what is happening anywhere in the region" and developing capabilities accordingly, and that not just China, "even our western neighbour (Pakistan) has nuclear weapon systems".

Rawat also asserted that India remained confident of "dealing with both the adversaries" in the conventional domain, adding that nuclear weapons "will only come into being if your conventional deterrence fails". He also talked about developing Naval strength as China works on aircraft carriers, adding Beijing would try to foray beyond its immediate waters due to its aspirations of being a global power.

Acknowledging China's growing naval capabilities, Aquilino mentioned cyber threat as another area of concern.

Saying "coordination across Quad nations, at least from a military perspective, happens every day", Aquilino said partnership with India was "critical because we are like-minded nations", and shared values for a rules-based international order.

Calling Indo-Pacific region the "most consequential region for our future", he said it had "the most challenging security concerns" due to threats to freedom of navigation for all.

NEW DELHI GETS RESCUE SOS FROM ITS FORMER EMPLOYEES IN KABUL MISSION

‘We are more scared of Pakistanis among the Taliban...they’ll target us’

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

BETWEEN 200 and 250 Afghans who were employed in various capacities in the Indian mission and at residences of officials in Kabul before the Taliban takeover are desperately looking towards India to rescue them. However, with most of them not in possession of their passports, a possible exit from Afghanistan appears bleak.

India is not accepting Afghans without passports, unlike some other countries.

A former Afghan employee at India's Kabul mission told *The Indian Express* that they have formed a group and have been constantly emailing officials at India's foreign office in Delhi. "We have been assured help, but as yet there is no sign of anything happening. People are really anxious as the Taliban have given US forces a deadline of August 31 to leave. We do not know if we will be able to fly out after that," said the employee, who did not wish to be identified for the fear of being targeted by the Taliban.

Sources in the Ministry of External Affairs said the newly created Afghanistan cell is looking at all the requests, and will process them after conducting "due diligence" on visa applications.



Afghan nationals protest outside the UN High Commissioner for Refugees office in Delhi on Wednesday to urge the international community to help Afghan refugees. *Reuters/Anushree Fadnavis*

With the passport office closed and the Taliban expressing displeasure over various countries evacuating Afghans, their hopes of exiting the country getting dimmer by the day.

On Wednesday, the Indian government announced it was cancelling all visas issued to Afghans earlier – before the India mission closed down in Afghanistan – and asked them

travel only one-visas following reports that many of them had misplaced their passports after having been granted visa.

"India is not granting visa to Afghans who do not have passports. The majority of us who were working in the Indian mission do not have passports. Those who do, do not have passports for their families. Now the passport office here is shut. We do not know

when it will reopen. As and when it does, we do not know how it will function under the Taliban," the former employee said. "Both America and Australia are evacuating Afghans who worked for them based on Taskira [a local identity document], but India is not."

For the former employees, life is increasingly getting difficult in Kabul with most of them leaving their homes and hiding with rela-

tives despite the Taliban's assurance that no one would be targeted for having worked earlier with foreign forces.

"Taliban have been saying don't be scared and that no one will be harmed. We believe them to an extent as the city has remained peaceful after takeover. But we are more scared of Pakistanis among the Taliban. We know for sure they will target us. We are all in hiding, staying with our relatives elsewhere," the former employee said.

According to the former employee, normal business activities have not resumed in Kabul even as the city is facing shortage of essentials, with supply lines having been disrupted.

"Banks are closed, schools are closed, so are the markets. Only shops in alleys and streets are functioning. People have no jobs and no money, even as prices are constantly rising. A five-litre container of [edible oil] that cost Rs 500 before the Taliban came, now costs Rs 750. A sack of flour that cost Rs 1,600, now costs Rs 2,200. We are barely surviving on the cash we had in hand before the city was shut," says the father of five.

The employee said he and others had been petitioning Indian mission officials for the past three months for a way out of Afghanistan. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**



The meeting in Delhi. *PTI*

India, Brazil and S Africa NSAs talk cross-border terror at meet

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TOP SECURITY officials of India, Brazil and South Africa on Wednesday said terrorism, particularly cross-border terror activity carried out through state sponsorship, continues to be the most potent threat to global peace and security, in a veiled reference to Pakistan.

The issue figured at a virtual meeting of National Security Advisers of the IBSA hosted by NSA Ajit Doval. The IBSA (India, Brazil, South Africa) has emerged as a key tripartite grouping for the promotion of cooperation in a range of areas. It was the first meeting of the NSAs of the member states. The meeting was convened as part of preparations for the next IBSA Summit. India is the current chair of the IBSA.

"Participants agreed that terrorism, in particular, cross-border terrorism undertaken through state sponsorship, continues to be the most potent threat to global peace and security and must be fought through united efforts," the MEA said in a statement. It said the three countries also resolved to enhance cooperation in intelligence sharing, exchange of best practices, and focus on capacity building. The meeting identified maritime security as an important area of future cooperation.

"It was agreed to strengthen mechanisms to combat piracy and drug and human trafficking and ensure the security of sea lanes of communication and energy and sustainable exploitation of marine resources, including fishing," the MEA said. It said the next round of the trilateral 'IBSAMAR' maritime exercise will be held at the earliest.

Meanwhile, External Affairs minister S Jaishankar spoke to his counterparts from UK and Saudi Arabia and discussed the situation in Afghanistan.

It's same Taliban, India ready for any terror fallout: CDS Rawat

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

EVEN AS India has been playing it cautious and has not been overly critical of the new Taliban regime in Afghanistan, Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat Wednesday said the Taliban were the same as 20 years ago. He also expressed apprehension that terror activity from Afghanistan could "overflow into India", while underlining that India was prepared for that.

He was speaking at an event organised by private think tank Observer Research Foundation, also attended by the commander of America's Indo-Pacific Command, Admiral John C Aquilino.

The pace of Taliban's capture of Afghanistan had surprised India, Rawat said, with Delhi expecting it a couple of months down the line. However, he added, "Everything that has happened, was something that had been anticipated. Only the timelines have changed... From the Indian perspective we were anticipating a Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. We were concerned about how the terrorist activity from Afghanistan could overflow into India. To that extent our contingency planning had been ongoing and we are prepared for that."

On the Taliban, the Chief of Defence Staff said, "It is pretty much the same. It is the same Taliban that was there 20 years ago." Saying "news reports and



Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat with the commander of America's Indo-Pacific Command, Admiral John C Aquilino, in New Delhi on Wednesday. *PTI*

reports from expats who have come from there are all telling us the kind of activities that the Taliban are into", he added, "All that has happened is that the partners have now changed. It is the same Taliban with different partners."

Rawat's comments mark the first critical commentary by a senior Indian official on the Taliban. Till now, Indian officials, whether at home or at international fora, have treaded carefully, expressing concern about the situation and the potential threats that can come from Afghanistan, without linking the Taliban to them directly.

Privately, Indian officials have expressed fears that the Taliban's rise might embolden militants looking to attack India, especially

in Kashmir.

On how the Afghanistan situation compared with issues of the Indo-Pacific region, Rawat said they were "in a different plane all together". The Indo-Pacific issue was more about the freedom of navigation in the Indian and Pacific oceans, he said, adding, "The Indo-Pacific and Afghan situation should not be looked at from the same prism... Both pose challenges to security in the region, but they are on two different planes. And those two parallel lines are unlikely to meet."

Rawat added that India had to be prepared to fight all terrorist activities, and was committed to ensuring "a terrorist free environment in this region". "As far as Afghanistan is concerned, we

will make sure that any activity which is likely to flow out of Afghanistan and then find its way into India will be dealt with, in the manner in which we are dealing with terrorism in our country."

Rawat said India would welcome any support from the other Quad nations (the US, Japan, Australia) on this, "in at least identifying the terrorists, and getting some intelligence input to fight this global war on terrorism".

Admiral Aquilino said the US was committed to getting all its citizens and those of its partners out from Afghanistan. "There has been close coordination between India and the Central Command to ensure that our citizens are safe and extracted," he said.

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BRIEFLY



The train derailed near Chhaygaon in Kamrup district. PTI

ASSAM

4 coaches of spl train derail, no casualty

Guwahati: Four coaches of a Howrah-bound special train derailed near Chhaygaon in Kamrup district of Assam on Wednesday, the Northeast Frontier Railway said. No casualties or injuries were reported in the incident, it said. After leaving Guwahati in the afternoon, four coaches of the train derailed in the Guwahati-Goalpara-New Bongaigaon section under the Rangiya Division, Northeast Frontier Railway Chief Public Relations Officer Guneeet Kaur said. "There is no injury and casualty to any passenger." PTI

UTTAR PRADESH

BJP, RSS plan yatra across UP dists for Kalyan

Lucknow: The BJP and RSS, in coordination with the Uttar Pradesh government, are planning to undertake an 'Asthi Kalash Yatra' across the state to disperse the ashes of former CM Kalyan Singh who died in Lucknow on Saturday. Sources said the ashes are likely to be dispersed in Varanasi, Prayagraj as well as the Saryu in Ayodhya. They will be carried in a "rath" from Narora on August 27 to cover several destinations in the poll-bound state, sources said. "All these things are still in planning stage," a senior party leader said. ENS

MAHARASHTRA

BMC approves 304 pleas for Ganesh pandals

Mumbai: Of the 1,288 applications from Ganesh festival organisers, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has approved 304 to erect Ganesh pandals or set up stages on roads and footpaths. As per guidelines for the 11-day festival, slated to be held from September 10, mandals have to restrict the height of Ganpati idols to four feet, while idols worshipped at homes should not be more than two-foot high. Senior civic officials said that a decision on the number of devotees inside a pandal is yet to be taken. ENS

HARYANA

Schools for classes 4 and 5 to open Sept 1

Chandigarh: The Haryana government has decided to open schools for Classes 4 and 5 — both government and private — from September 1. Education Minister Kamwar Pal Gurjar said that classes will be held while strictly following the Covid protocol. The students would be allowed to attend school only with prior permission of their parents. The state had reopened middle, high and senior secondary schools from July. Recently, BJP leader and former minister Sampat Singh had demanded immediate reopening of all schools in Haryana. ENS

Not opposed to withdrawal of cases, but courts should examine, says SC

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SUPREME COURT on Wednesday said it was not against states withdrawing cases, but the exercise should be subject to scrutiny by courts.

"We are not against withdrawal. But it must be examined by the judicial officer, it must be examined by the High Court. And if they agree, it can be withdrawn," Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, heading a three-judge bench, said while hearing a plea regarding setting up of special courts to fast track cases against sitting and former legislators.

The remarks came as Senior Advocate Vijay Hansaria, the Amicus Curiae in the matter, pointed out to the bench, also comprising Justices D Y Chandrachud and Surya Kant, that many states had withdrawn

cases without giving any reason.

Hansaria drew the court's attention to his report, which said the Uttar Pradesh government had withdrawn 77 cases related to the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots. The report, submitted in court on Tuesday, said Karnataka too withdrew 62 cases without assigning any reason but the High Court stayed the process. Tamil Nadu withdrew four cases, Telangana 14 cases and Kerala 36 cases, it said.

On the report saying that no reason had been given for the withdrawal, the CJ observed: "That's the problem. They will simply add one word — that these cases were instituted by earlier government or some official."

"We can't examine each and every case. Let them go to High Court," the CJ said, clarifying that states do have the power to withdraw cases under Section 321 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The court also expressed dis-

pleasure over delay in investigation and trial of cases probed by the CBI and ED.

"We don't want to say anything about investigating agencies as we don't want to lower their morale. They are overburdened. Same with judges. That's why we are restraining ourselves. Otherwise, it [report submitted by the Centre to the Amicus Curiae on status of cases with central agencies against MPs and MLAs] speaks volumes," said CJ Ramana.

The court said the "report is very, very inconclusive". "There is no reason you have given for not filing chargesheet for 10-15 years.... They have not analysed these cases and said what is the reason for delay... In one case, you just attach property and no chargesheet is filed. Particularly the ED not doing anything. Simply attaching properties worth crores of rupees does not serve any purpose."

Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said: "I'm in agreement that wherever there is investigation or trial pending, it has to be expedited." He said the court can find out from the CBI and ED Directors how much additional manpower is required. Mehta agreed to do this.

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The bench said there is no question of priority but also no question of stopping the hearing.

"Just like us, investigative agencies are also suffering because of lack of staff etc. Also, whether small or big case, everyone wants CBI, CBI. These are some of the issues we can't close our eyes to," he said.

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MiG-21 crashes, pilot ejects

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A MiG-21 Bison aircraft of the Indian Air Force crashed in Barmer Wednesday during a training sortie, with the pilot ejecting safely, officials said.

IAF tweeted: "At around 1730 hrs today, an IAF MiG-21 Bison aircraft airborne for a training sortie in the western sector, experienced a technical malfunction after take-off. The pilot ejected safely." The IAF said a Court of Inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the crash.

Barmer SP Anand Sharma said the aircraft crashed in Bhurtiya village under the district's Nagana police station limits. In a video of the crashed aircraft, dark smoke can be seen billowing from the site. "As the aircraft crashed, the sparks also reached a hut, setting it afire. There was no person, livestock or material inside," the SP said.

Pala new chief of Meghalaya Cong

New Delhi: Congress president Sonia Gandhi has appointed Member of Parliament Vincent H Pala as the president of the party's Meghalaya unit.

He will replace Celestine Lyngdoh. "Congress President has also appointed Ampareen Lyngdoh, MLA, Marthon Sangma, MLA, and James Lyngdoh as the working presidents....," a statement said. PTI

Thakur to head Jharkhand Cong

New Delhi: Congress chief Sonia Gandhi Wednesday appointed Rajesh Thakur as the president of the Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee.

He replaces Rameshwar Oraon. "The Congress President has also appointed Geeta Kora, MP, Bandhu Tirkey, MLA, Jaleshwar Mahato and Shahzada Anwar as Working Presidents of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee with immediate effect," a statement said. PTI



CRASH AND BURN: The debris of the IAF MiG-21 Bison fighter that crashed in Barmer, Rajasthan, on Wednesday. ANI

CASTE CENSUS

BJP demands Tejashwi apology on SC/ST remark

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, AUGUST 25

BJP national spokesperson Guru Prakash Paswan Wednesday said Bihar Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav should apologise for "likening" SCs and STs to birds and animals while speaking on the caste census demand after the all-party meeting with the Prime Minister.

On Monday, after the meeting, Tejashwi had asked why there couldn't be a caste census when even "pashu-pakshi" were counted in the country.

Paswan said: "Tejashwi likened SC/ST to birds and animals by drawing comparison. It is demeaning, derogatory and offensive. He must apologise."

RJD spokesperson Mrityunjay Tewari said: "Tejashwi Yadav spoke in a broad context of caste census. Paswan is misinterpreting his statement."

Kushwaha: JD(U) in NDA but there will be conflict if demand not met

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, AUGUST 25

TWO DAYS after an all-party delegation from Bihar led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi to demand a caste census, senior JD(U) leader and former Union minister Upendra Kushwaha Wednesday said his party may be an NDA ally but there will be "conflict" if the demand was not met.

Speaking at a seminar organised by Socialist Thinkers, an apolitical forum, the JD(U) parliamentary board chairman said it would be "dishonest" to not allow caste census, especially when Parliament had unanimously passed a resolution on it in 2010 during the Manmohan Singh government and was assured as much by Union minister Rajnath Singh during NDA-I.

"We take a lot of pride when



Upendra Kushwaha

Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduces himself as one from backward community.. We hope he concedes to the demand of caste census by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Doesn't matter if we are a part of the NDA, there would be *takrav* (conflict) if the demand is not met," Kushwaha said.

He asked when all parties had been unanimous on it and

even some BJP leaders had been demanding it, what had been stopping the central government from allowing the caste census.

Kushwaha said some people would say that some prominent OBC communities — Koeris, Kurmis and Yadavs — had taken maximum advantage of OBC reservation. "That may be true but on what basis are the people saying so. Where is the data? If it is so, we are ready to shed reservation benefits but first let there be census to know this," said Kushwaha, adding that several among the upper castes could have been at a disadvantage as only selected castes made most of power.

JD(U) state vice-president Jitendra Nath said: "It will not be fair to say that there would not be conflict in society. There is conflict but then nothing comes without struggle and conflict... the problem started when caste was decided on the basis of birth."

Scholar-activist behind seminal work on Phule, caste, dead

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS & PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
PUNE, AUGUST 25

ONE OF India's foremost caste scholars, as well as noted author and activist, Dr Gail Omvedt passed away Wednesday after a brief illness at her residence in Kasegaon in Maharashtra's Sangli. The 81-year-old who was born in Minnesota in the US but made India her home had authored books on Dalit politics, women's struggles and anti-caste movements and co-founded the Shramik Mukti Dal with her husband, activist Bharat Patankar.

In 2000, addressing the fourth Dr Ambedkar Memorial

Annual Lecture at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Omvedt had called the leader "India's most significant figure" as it assessed "the past millennium" and laid out "hopes and visions for the new one". "Ambedkar's vision of a new social order can be summed up in the way in which he so often did, with the great slogan of the French Revolution, 'liberty, equality, fraternity'. I would change the final term to 'community' because I think it captures for our gender-concerned times the real meaning of the final term. Liberty, equality and community are the three most important components of a human vision for the new millennium," Omvedt had said.

Throughout her life, she and Patankar worked to alleviate the conditions of the marginalised

and the exploited, including tribals, Dalits, peasants, labourers and women, setting up the Shramik Mukti Dal in the '80s.

Omvedt had studied sociology and got her PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, during the restive 1970s. Deeply involved in student movements, including anti-war protests against the Vietnam War, she developed resistance to all forms of exploitation at this time. She came to India for research as part of her doctoral thesis on non-Brahmin movements in western India, and met here the famous Maharashtrian freedom fighter and social activist, Indumati Patankar, whose son Bharat she would later marry. She took Indian citizenship in 1983.

As part of her work, Omvedt travelled extensively across



GAIL OMVEDT
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Maharashtra, interacting closely with people across caste and class barriers. "Back in those days, she took the effort to come to India and learn Marathi. Leaving behind a life of luxury in the US she spent her whole life in Kasegaon, which proves her dedication to the cause," says Communist leader Ajit Abhyankar.

Omvedt's thesis went on to become a seminal guide for other researchers on anti-Brahmin movements in western India, initiated by the revolutionary efforts of Jyotiba Phule in the 19th century. Abhyankar asserts it was Omvedt who first studied the political implication of Phule's Satyashodhak Samaj, which led to new research in it.

"The assertion of the political identity of the movement was of immense help to the Left movement in the state," he says.

Alongside working with women in Sangli and Satara, her scholarship saw her rising to the board of many research institutes and universities like Savitribai Phule Pune University, the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies and Indira Gandhi National Open University. In re-

Panel won't probe Pegasus row until court hears pending pleas: Bengal to SC

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THE WEST Bengal government Wednesday assured the Supreme Court that the commission of inquiry constituted by it to examine allegations of unauthorised surveillance using Pegasus software will not do anything until the court hears a petition challenging the setting up of the panel as well as other pending petitions seeking probe in the matter.

Appearing for the state government, senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi conveyed this to a bench headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana after the court told him that it will take up all matters together and expected any process to wait until then.

The bench, also comprising Justices D Y Chandrachud and Surya Kant, issued notice on a plea by the NGO Global Village Foundation, which has sought quashing of the July 27 notification issued by West Bengal government, setting up the two-member panel of former Supreme Court judge, Justice Madan B Lokur, and former Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court, Justice Jyotirmay Bhattacharya.

Appearing for the NGO, senior advocate Harish Salve said "it's a neat point of law".

Intervening, the bench asked, "Why don't we hear with other matters?" The court was referring to a batch of petitions already pending before it, seeking independent probe into the allegations.

"You can't have two parallel inquiries. Please see nothing is done in the proceedings there while the court is hearing the matter," Salve said.

Mysuru gets first BJP mayor as Cong-JD(S) alliance crumbles

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, AUGUST 25

IN A first for the BJP since the formation of the Mysuru city corporation, party corporator Sunanda Palanetra was Wednesday elected mayor.

While the BJP has been the single largest party in the council, it had failed to install a mayor from the party on account of the Congress joining hands with the JD(S) to stake a claim to the post of mayor and deputy mayor.

The mayor's post was vacant after a JD(S) candidate supported by the Congress was disqualified by the High Court over a false asset affidavit.

In the 65-member MCC, Sunanda Palanetra secured 26 votes while Congress candidate Shanthakumari got 22 and Ashwini Ananthu of the JD(S) polled 23 votes.

BJP has 23 corporators while the Congress has 19 and 17 are from the JD(S). There are five Independents and one BSP member.

On Wednesday, there was uncertainty due to speculation over whether the JD(S)-Congress alliance was still in existence.



Sunanda Palanetra

According to BJP sources, some party leaders approached S R Mahesh, a JD(S) leader, former minister and MLA on Wednesday seeking support for the BJP candidate. This reportedly tilted the odds in favor of the BJP and Sunanda Palanetra who had missed the mayor's post in the last election — after a BJP-JD(S) tie-up failed to materialise — was elected.

However, BJP minister in-charge of Mysuru district, S T Somashekhar, denied reports of a tacit understanding between the BJP and JD(S) in the mayoral polls.

In February, the election for the mayor's post had caused controversy within the Congress after one faction insisted on staying neutral while another chose to ally with the JD(S) to grab the position.

engage in lively discussions on the political economy of caste-class-ethnic issues determining women's predicaments, property rights of tribal and rural women, need for rural-urban solidarity and support....," says Dr Vibhuti Patel, vice-president, Indian Association for Women's Studies, and a veteran feminist.

In a statement, the Dalit Intellectual Collective called Omvedt "one of modern India's most original thinkers". "She did not let feminists forget that caste and class must be spoken of along with gender at all times."

Omvedt is survived by husband Patankar, daughter Prachi and her husband Tejaswi, and grand-daughter Nia. Her last rites will be performed Thursday, on the Krantiveer Bapuji Patankar Sanstha campus.

Proposal to
rename Miyaganj
gram sabha to
'Mayaganj'
sent to UP govt

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 25


THE UNNAO district administration has written to the Uttar Pradesh government recommending to change the name of Miyaganj block — a gram sabha in the district — to "Mayaganj".

Speaking to mediapersons on Wednesday, Unnao District Magistrate Ravindra Kumar said, "A proposal was presented by Miyaganj gram panchayat to change the name to Mayaganj. The proposal came through the Chief Development Officer and the local SDM. We have forwarded the proposal to the government for further action."

In a letter written to the Panchayati Raj Department of the state, the DM said that proceedings to change the name of the gram sabha were started after a letter from BJP MLA from Safipur, Bamba Lal Diwakar, in this regard.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Diwakar said the idea to change the name came from a speech made by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in the run-up to the 2017 Assembly elections. "During an election rally in 2017, Adityanath ji had said that if there was a BJP government in the state, the name would be Mayaganj and not Miyaganj. Following up on that, I had spoken to the CM about the name change and he had asked me to send a proposal," said Diwakar. "We will wait for it to get finalised," he said.

Meanwhile, Minister of State Rama Shankar Singh Patel made a similar demand for Mirzapur district. "I want Mirzapur to be renamed as Vindhya Dham. With guidance from the chief minister, several tourist places have been renamed," said Patel, a BJP MLA from Marihan constituency in Mirzapur district.



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Director

Rebel Punjab Cong leaders meet
Rawat, plan to reach Delhi today

KANCHAN VASDEV
& LALMANI VERMA
CHANDIGARH, LUCKNOW,
AUGUST 25

THE PUNJAB Congress leaders who called on state party in-charge Harish Rawat in Dehradun Wednesday claimed they had a "very fruitful" three-hour-long meeting with him and that they had informed him about the "quid pro quo of Amarinder Singh with the Akalis" and that the party would lose the elections if he continued as Chief Minister.

Asked about Rawat's statement reported by ANI that the Congress would fight the elections under Amarinder, a source said, "*Kuchh majboorian rahin hongi* (He must have had some compulsions)," A

leader close to the rebel camp added, "Rawat Sahib heard them out very patiently. He told them that the change in CM is in the offing. It is just a matter of time."

The rebel leaders will reportedly seek an appointment with AICC chief Sonia Gandhi next, and are planning to reach Delhi Thursday.

The seven leaders who met Rawat included ministers TRIPT Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Charanjeet Singh Channi and Sukhbinder Sarkaria, and MLAs Barindermeet Pahda, Kulbir Zira and Surjit Dhiman.

Channi said, "In the Congress, there is a procedure. If we are upset due to any reason, we have to meet the general secretary first for approaching the party high

command. For that, we met him (Rawat) today and are satisfied with his assurance... We will follow the decision of the high command."

Rawat claimed to *The Indian Express* that the ongoing developments would not damage the Congress prospects in the elections. "We will resolve the inter-internal issues. Everyone will contest the polls unitedly," Rawat also said he would go to Delhi to meet the high command soon.

Incidentally, among the 34 MLAs who Bajwa claimed had met at his residence Tuesday and demanded Amarinder's removal, three more — Nathu Ram, Satkar Kaur and Kaka Lohgarh — backtracked Wednesday. On Tuesday, the CMO had claimed that seven of the MLAs at the meeting had

vowed support to Amarinder.

Nathu Ram said he never told anyone he wanted the CM replaced. Incidentally, he along with his aide Dhiman were the first two MLAs to raise a banner of revolt against Amarinder, in the second year itself of his government. Satkar Kaur said she had been told the meeting would discuss development works in constituencies. Kaka Lohgarh said he was not among those who had sought the CM's ouster.

Amarinder's wife Preneet Kaur, an MP, criticised the rebels for hurting the party before the polls, while former minister Rana Gurjit Singh accused them of enjoying the perks of power and now complaining.

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Days after para on Mughals deleted, culture
section of govt portal now a photo gallery

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

TWO DAYS after the Information Technology Ministry removed a paragraph on the Mughal Empire from its website, the 'Culture and Heritage' section of knowindia.gov.in has been turned into a photo gallery.

The section, which showcased India's history, tradition, monuments, arts and other activities, was removed Tuesday. It reappeared Wednesday, without any text, displaying merely 30 photographs showcasing dance forms and monuments. Sources told *The Indian Express* that the "corrected text, portraying the actual history" will be floated on the website in a few weeks.

On Monday, a paragraph on the IT Ministry site describing the Mughal Empire as among the "greatest ever" was deleted

when complaints tagging the Ministry of Culture were raised on social media. Even as the Ministry distanced itself from the issue, it also said that it was working with the agencies to "accurately portray the events".

Maintaining that neither was the content generated by any department of it nor had it made any recommendations to the MeITy, the Ministry of Culture had tweeted: "It has been brought to the Ministry's notice about content in Know India website (KnowIndia.gov.in) that misrepresents India's history. The Ministry of Culture does not run this website and is working

with the concerned entities to accurately portray the events."

The paragraph on the Mughals, on the IT Ministry site's Medieval India page, said: "In India, the Mughal Empire was one of the greatest empires ever. The Mughal Empire ruled hundreds of millions of people. India became united under one rule, and had very prosperous cultural and political years during the Mughal rule. There were many

Muslim and Hindu kingdoms split all throughout India until the founders of the Mughal Empire came."

The website is run by the National Informatics Centre, an attached office under the IT Ministry, which provides infrastructure to help support the delivery of government IT services and the initiatives of Digital India.

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Adv. No.: CSJMU/Gen.Admin./NT-01/2021 Date: 25/08/2021
विश्वविद्यालय में नए - शैक्षिक पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। आवेदन पत्र ऑनलाइन माध्यम से प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि 18/09/2021 है तथा सॉलननक के साथ पंजीकृत / स्वीड पोस्ट द्वारा आवेदन पत्र विश्वविद्यालय में प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि 20/09/2021 है। सभी विवरण एवं अद्यतन सूचनाएं विश्वविद्यालय की वेबसाइट www.csjmu.ac.in पर उपलब्ध हैं। कुलसचिव



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AHEAD OF ELECTIONS IN UTTAR PRADESH, PUNJAB

Govt increases sugarcane
FRP to Rs 290 per quintal,
says it is 'highest ever'

KRISHNA KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

MONTHS BEFORE Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, both states with regions where sugarcane is the primary crop, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Wednesday announced the "highest ever" Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane payable by sugar mills for 2021-22 sugar season — at Rs 290 per quintal.

Announcing the new FRP, Union minister Piyush Goyal said the decision will benefit 5 crore sugarcane farmers across the country.

Last year, the FRP was set at Rs 285 per quintal, which was a jump of Rs 10 per quintal from Rs 275 per quintal decided for 2019-20. The sugar season is from October to September every year, and the government announces FRP in advance, which is the minimum price that sugar mills have to pay the farmers.

In a statement, the government said that its "proactive approach to protect interest of farmers is also seen in the decision of no deduction in case of sugar mills where recovery is below 9.5%". Such farmers, it said, "will get Rs 275.50 per quintal for sugarcane in ensuing sugar season 2021-22 in place of Rs 270.75/qlt in current sugar season 2020-21".

Union ministers Piyush Goyal and Anurag Thakur in Delhi. Prem Nath Pandey

The FRP is linked to the basic recovery rate of sugar, and those with a recovery rate higher than 10 per cent get a higher FRP.

Goyal said that when the "recovery increases beyond 10 per cent, then on every point 1 per cent rise, additional Rs 2.90 is paid per quintal. Even if a farmer has less than 9.5 per cent recovery, their FRP will be Rs 275 per quintal".


In the run-up to the Assembly elections early next year, Opposition leaders have been attacking the BJP government of Yogi Adityanath in UP, which has not increased its State Advised Price (SAP) for sugarcane for three years, and it stands at Rs 315 per quintal.

Earlier on Wednesday

Rs 15,000-cr
FDI proposal
gets nod

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday cleared a Rs 15,000-crore FDI proposal of Anchorage Infrastructure Investment Holding Ltd, a subsidiary of Canada-based pension fund, for investment in the infrastructure sector. The Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the FDI proposal specifically for the purpose of investment in infrastructure and the construction-development sectors. PTI

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra tweeted that the "Congress government in Punjab had listened to the farmers and increased the price of sugarcane to Rs 360 per quintal". RLD leader Jayant Chaudhary, who comes from the sugarcane belt of western UP, had also tweeted on Tuesday, posting "Yogi ji wake up", as Punjab had increased the price.



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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
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Sl. No.	Name of Borrower(s)	Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI notice)	Description of the property	Name of Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Date of 13(2) Date of 13(4) under SARFAESI Act	Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold EMD Bid Increment Amount
1.	M/s Subham Rice Mill Prop.: Savita Devi	₹19,44,908.00 as on 03.03.2016 with further interest from 04.03.2016 plus other charges, cost etc.	Equitable Mortgage of residential landed property, Sale Deed No.11475 dated 15.09.2012, Khata No.27, Khesra No.190, Area 10.00 decimal, Thana No.478, Anchal-Rajau in the name of Sri Prahlad Prasad Sah S/o Sri Bodh Narayan Prasad Sah, Mauza-Madhyah. The boundaries of this property are: North-Bodh Narayan Sah, South-Parmeshwar Sah, East-Kaccha Rasta, West-Bodh Narayan Sah. (Property ID for e-auction: SBIN86632301284)	Sri Prahlad Prasad Sah S/o Sri Bodh Narayan Prasad Sah	20.01.2020 16.06.2020	₹3,30,000.00 ₹33,000.00 ₹10,000/-
2.	M/s Jyoti Trust 1. Rishikesh Kumar (Sheltor cum secretary) 2. Jyoti Rani (Trasurer) 3. Deepak Kumar (President) 4. Sweety Kumar (Managing Trustee) & 5. Smt. Deepkriti W/o Sri Raishikesh Kumar alias Rajendra Yadav (As a Guarantor)	₹31,65,288.00 as on 26.08.2016 with further interest from 27.08.2016 plus other charges, cost etc.	Sale Deed No.8912 dated 03.06.2005 stands in the name of Smt. Deepkriti W/o Sri Rishikesh Kumar alias Rajendra Yadav, property situated at Mauza-Lulha, Belhar, P.S. & Anchal-Belhar, Distt.-Banka (Bihar), Thana No.56, Khata No.191, Khesra No.496/1195/1425, Area-16.50 decimal. The boundaries of this property are: North-Nala, South-Baid Narayan Mishra, East-Puran Yadav, West-Baski Yadav. (Property ID for e-auction: SBIN87082933592)	Smt. Deepkriti W/o Sri Rishikesh Kumar alias Rajendra Yadav	03.12.2019 16.06.2020	₹28,00,000.00 ₹2,80,000.00 ₹10,000/-
3.	M/s Laxmi Enterprises Prop.: Sri Gaurab Kumar S/o Sri Jawahar Yadav Guarantor: Sri Jawahar Yadav S/o Late Bhagwat Prasad Yadav At:- Gamhariya Road, PO-Singheshwar Madhepura-852128	₹26,91,627.92 as on 30.11.2019 with further interest and other charges	Simple Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property in the name of Sri Gaurav Kumar consisting of Deed No.-10415 dated 07.11.2015, Mauza Anchal-Gamhariya, P.S.-Gamhariya, Dist.-Madhepura, Thana No.-05, Tauzi No.6175, Khata No.-230(Old), Khata No.-236/670 (New), Khesra No.-2262(Old), Khesra No.-4175, 4171 (New), Area-12 Dhur 19 Dhurki 10 Furki. Boundary: North-Main Road, South-Harish Chandra Bhagat and others, East-Pawan Bhagat & Shashi Bhushan Bhagat, West-Md. Kaiyum Khan & others. (Property ID for e-auction: SBIN87075796469)	Sri Gaurav Kumar	04.12.2019 17.06.2020	₹14,49,000.00 ₹1,44,900.00 ₹10,000/-
4.	M/s Noor Enterprises Prop.: Md. Sakil S/o Late Sekh Azimuddin. Guarantor: Md. Azad S/o Late Sekh Azimuddin. At:- Pathar Basti, Gangi, PO-Gangi Hat, PS-Bahadurganj, Dist.-Kishanganj (Bihar), Pin 855107	₹40,17,317.11 as on 05.04.2018 and further interest from 06.04.2018 Cost Charges Other Miscellaneous expenses etc.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of land, building & structure as per details hereunder: Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property in the name Sri Md. Sakil consisting of Sale Deed No.-280 dated 12.01.2016, Mauza-Gangi, Khata No.-548, Khesra No.-2619, Tauzi No.-7, Thana No.-16, Thana cum sub registry office-Bahadurganj, Pargana-Surajpur, Area-12 Decimal 3 Kari, Dist-Kishanganj (Bihar). Boundary: North-Sajauddin, South-Azad, East-Road, West-Md. Najim & Others. (Property ID for e-auction: SBIN88992892053)	Sri Md. Sakil	26.12.2019 04.06.2020	₹7,00,000.00 ₹70,000.00 ₹10,000/-
5.	M/s Lakho Tractors Prop.: Mrs. Anar Devi W/o Sri Anil Prasad Yadav Guarantor: Sri Anil Prasad Yadav S/o Sri Abhi Narayan Yadav At:- Ward No.09, Lohiya Nagar, PO + PS + Dist.-Supaul, Pin-852131, Bihar.	₹26,17,356.00 as on 30.09.2016 with further interest and other charges	Simple Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property in the name of Mrs. Anar Devi consisting of Deed No.-7963 dated 30.10.2012 Mauza-Kharail, Khata No.-42(O), 261(N), Khesra No.-1608(O), 1283(N), Tauzi No.-544, Thana No.-152, Area-2 Katha 9 Dhur 15 Dhurki, P.S.-Supaul, District-Supaul. Boundary: North-Playground of Williams High School, Supaul, South-Road, East-Hira Jha, West-Nagendra Choudhary. (Property ID for e-auction: SBIN86493439900)	Mrs. Anar Devi	05.12.2019 17.06.2020	₹65,69,000.00 ₹6,56,900.00 ₹10,000/-

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1. Date & time of e-auction: 28.09.2021 (Tuesday); Time: 120 Minutes. From 12:00 noon to 02:00 P.M. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each. Date and time for submission of request letter of participation/KYC Documents/Proof of EMD etc.: On or before 24.09.2021 till 04:00 P.M.
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4. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through NEFT/Transfer after generation of Challan from (<https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Transfer the bidder has to visit Indian Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques, etc will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest.
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New Delhi

Need to invest more to develop good antiviral against Covid: AIIMS director

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

WE NEED to invest in research for antivirals or drugs that can be used in treatment against Covid-19, said AIIMS director Dr Randeep Guleria on Wednesday. He was speaking as part of a panel on emerging Covid-19 treatment therapies along with other leading doctors from the country.

“Over 18 months, our treatment strategy has evolved because we started off with a novel virus about which we really didn’t know much. And therefore a lot of empirical therapy and repurposed drugs were used. We are still using a lot of repurposed drugs rather than any specific antiviral for Covid-19. And unfortunately, a lot of investment went into vaccine development but we didn’t really invest that much into research for antivirals or a drug which could have been effective against the virus...I re-



Dr Randeep Guleria

ally think that we need to push more in research in developing good antiviral drug; along with the vaccine, we need to have good drugs which are effective, which can be given easily to patients and are useful in the long run. We don’t have such a drug as of now,” said Dr Guleria.

Running through the various drugs which have been propped up as part of Covid treatment, he said, “I think we have found that the bottom line is that you really need to be sure of when to give which drug and when to not give...because early use of steroids in mild cases have led to problems as we know. Giving remdesivir is not indicated in early disease...There are

people giving a cocktail of steroids, remdesivir and anticoagulants on day one to people without hypoxia and at home... the timing of the drug is as important as the drug.”

The panelists were all, however, optimistic about the use of monoclonal antibodies, with Dr Shashank Joshi from Lilavati Hospital and Research Centre stating that many lives could have been saved if it would have been available at the start of the second wave.

“Monoclonal activities have some very compelling data based on some very elegant trials, fundamentally for people at risk...In them if you administer it, there could be the likelihood of saving a life...the ideal time to use it is in 48-72 hours. Unfortunately most of the patients that end up with doctors like us come after this time has lapsed... Unfortunately, the drug came to India when the second wave was receding. Most of the cases were receding but still, whatever little we used in vulnerable cases, we clearly saw some impressive results...,” he said.

Dr Padmanabha Shenoy, medical director (CARE), also stated that they have had positive results with using monoclonal antibodies on people with autoimmune disorders, who did not develop adequate immune response even after vaccination.

VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN

NTAGI Covid panel begins talks, may submit recommendations in 15 days

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

THE COVID-19 standing committee of National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI), comprising top scientific experts, has begun discussions on key aspects of a possible roll-out of Covid vaccination for children, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

Top government sources told *The Indian Express* that the standing committee of the NTAGI, which comprises experts from premier medical institutions, including AIIMS and ICMR, will be in a position to submit its final recommendation in the next 10-15 days to the high-powered National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19 (NEGVEC).

The NEGVEC, which is chaired by Dr V K Paul and co-chaired Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, will be taking the final decision on the roll-out of Covid-19 vaccination for children in the country. “Once their [NTAGI panel] recommendations are finalised, the NEGVEC will take a decision on their recommendations,” a source said.

Significantly, the scientific discussions related to roll-out of Covid-19 vaccina-



A public awareness drive at a Thane market. Deepak Joshi

tion for children come days after the Indian drug regulator granted emergency use authorisation of Zydus Cadila’s DNA vaccine, which has been approved for children aged above 12.

While the NEGVEC will take a final call on the roll-out, prioritisation and logistics-related vaccination of children, sources said that Zydus Cadila has informed the government that its vaccine will arrive in October and that it aims to produce one crore doses in the first month.

NTAGI is India’s apex advisory body on immunization, which provides guidance to the government on vaccination by undertaking technical reviews of scientific evidence on matters re-

lated to immunization policy and programmes.

As the Covid-19 standing committee of the NTAGI has started discussions on vaccination of children, sources said the technical body will be looking at scientific data on co-morbidities among children and the proportion of this vulnerable group to make recommendations to the government on aspects related to prioritisation of vaccination for the children.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, Health Secretary Bhushan chaired a high-level meeting with all states to review progress of Covid-19 vaccination. The states were advised to focus on enhancing second dose coverage as well as immunization of school teachers and staff.

TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE

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DAYS SINCE
PANDEMIC
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NEW CASES: 45,427
ACTIVE CASES: 3,33,740
TOTAL VACCINATION: 59,55,04,593

DAILY DEATHS **629** | TOTAL DEATHS **4,36,387** | WEEKLY CFR **1.26%** | OVERALL CFR **1.36%**



TESTS TODAY: 18,52,838 | TOTAL TESTS: 51,30,37,385
WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 1.85% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 6.35%

STATES REPORTING MOST CASES

STATE	NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY POSITIVITY	TOTAL VACCINATION
■ Kerala	31,445	1,70,750	17.34%	2,65,96,245
■ Maharashtra	5,031	50,183	2.32%	5,44,61,019
■ Andhra Pradesh	1,601	14,061	2.09%	2,68,80,387
■ Tamil Nadu	1,573	18,352	1.04%	2,94,14,024
■ Karnataka	1,224	19,344	0.80%	3,79,20,725

STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

STATE	TODAY'S DEATHS	TOTAL DEATHS	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
■ Maharashtra	240	1,40,083	2.80%	2.20%
■ Kerala	215	20,051	0.67%	0.56%
■ Odisha	69	7,615	5.33%	0.77%
■ Tamil Nadu	27	34,788	1.30%	1.35%
■ Karnataka	22	37,206	1.30%	1.27%

Note: Data as on Aug 25; vaccination numbers as of Aug 24. Deaths include those from previous days.

WAR OF WORDS OVER MONETISATION PLAN



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

Does Rahul Gandhi understand what monetisation is, asks Sitharaman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 25

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday hit back at Opposition leaders who had criticised the Centre’s National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) programme.

“The Congress party had monetised the New Delhi railway station in 2008. Why didn’t Rahul Gandhi tear down the monetisation plan for New Delhi railway station,” Sitharaman asked.

“If he indeed is against monetisation, why was the RFP on the monetisation of NDLS not torn to pieces by Rahul Gandhi? And if this is monetisation, did they sell off the New Delhi railway station? Is it owned by *jijaji* (brother-in-law) now? Does he understand what monetisation is?” she said.

Sitharaman reminded the Congress party of the 2010 Commonwealth Games. “What happened during the Commonwealth Games (CWG)? Within one CWG, they finished all that which can be creamed out into the accounts of their cronies,” she said.

The government on Monday announced a four-year monetisation programme worth Rs 6 lakh crore to unlock value in brownfield projects by engaging the private sector.

Rahul targets govt on assets issue again

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

A DAY after accusing the government of selling and “gifting” India’s assets to its businessmen “friends” through the national monetisation plan, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday again took a swipe at the government with the hashtag ‘IndiaOnSale’. “First sold out conscience and now...,” he tweeted in Hindi, using the hashtag.

The Congress also used the hashtag and accused the government of exploiting India’s assets for the benefit of its “crony friends”.

“Any government must be focused on fostering and utilising the nation’s natural resources so as to benefit generations of citizens to come. All Modi government is focused on is how to exploit our precious as-



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi

sets for the benefit of a few crony-capitalist friends,” the party said on Twitter.

It also said that airways, waterways or roadways are national infrastructural assets that boost the entire economy.

The Congress further said that the Modi government’s “distract and deflect policy” is falling apart, as it can no longer throw large numbers and fancy slogans around and expect the Indian people to be enthralled.

The NSUI, the Congress students’ wing, also attacked the government saying, “Congress took 70 years to build. BJP took 7 years to sell,” and used the hashtag ‘IndiaOnSale’.

Mamata on NMP policy: ‘These are national assets, PM or BJP can’t sell them’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 25

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday lashed out at the Centre over its National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) policy, claiming that it (the policy) is a “ploy to sell assets that belong to the country and not to Prime Minister Narendra Modi or the BJP”.

Terming the NMP as a “shocking and unfortunate decision”, the CM alleged that the money raised by selling these assets would be used during elections against opposition parties.

Banerjee told mediapersons, “These are not Prime Minister Modi’s or the BJP’s assets. These are national assets that belong to the country. The Prime Minister



West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee

cannot sell national assets. It is an unfortunate decision and I am shocked. Many people will join me in condemning this decision (by the Centre).”

Targeting the BJP, Mamata said, “They are selling the country. This time, they want to sell Bengal as well. We will play. Sharing Bengal is not so easy. And we will not lose the game so easily. And due to the words of BJP ministers, Bengal will not be divided.”

Banerjee said the “situation has now changed”, adding, “If you want to know Ram and Ayodhya, you have to read Ramayana well first.”

PM chairs 37th PRAGATI meet, reviews 8 projects, ONORC scheme

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday chaired a meeting of the 37th edition of PRAGATI, the ICT based multi-modal platform for ‘Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation’, involving the Centre and state governments.

In the meeting, nine agenda items were taken for review, including eight projects and one scheme. Among the eight projects, three projects each were from the Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Road Transport

and Highways and two projects were from the Ministry of Power.

The cumulative cost of these eight projects amounts to Rs 1,26,000 crore and encompasses 14 states.

The Prime Minister also reviewed the ‘One Nation – One Ration Card’ (ONORC) scheme and asked officials to explore the “multiple utilities of the technological platform developed under the scheme to ensure provision of a wide array of benefits to the citizens”.

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TENDER NOTICE
JNPT invites E-tenders under two bid systems from reputed and experienced contractors for “Operation, Repairs, and Maintenance of Entire Electrical Power Distribution System Including Carrying Out Regulatory Compliances of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust – Special Economic Zone (JNPT-SEZ)” under Tender No. JNP/M&EE/US-SEZ/O&M/2021/E-304. The Detailed tender notice & Tender Document can be accessed on the JNPT’s website <http://www.jnport.gov.in> and <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Chief Manager (M&EE)

e-Procurement Cell
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
JHARKHAND, RANCHI

Corrigendum
Letter No:-epro cell/480 Date:-25.08.2021
In pursuance of the letter no. 841, dated 19.08.21, of Chief Engineer, Building Construction Department, Ranchi, the tender which was published vide P.R.No-251175(Building)21-22,(Tender Reference No BCD/Special Works Division,Ranchi /04/2021-22, “Proposed Construction of Remaining work of New Jharkhand High Court Building at Dhurwa, Ranchi”, the estimated cost of above mentioned work is increased from Rs102,87,97,900/- to 103,71,07,879/-
Other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.
Nodal Officer,
e-Procurement Cell,
Building Construction Department,
Jharkhand, Ranchi
PR 252020 Building(21-22).D

राष्ट्रीय डिज़ाइन संस्थान
National Institute of Design
गुवाहाटी Madhya Pradesh
An Autonomous Institution under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India.
Acharpura, Eint Khedi, Post Arwaliya, Bhopal MP 462038

Advt. no. NID MP/HR/Recit.-Admin/01/2021 Dated 23.08.2021
RECRUITMENT FOR VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS
National Institute of Design, Madhya Pradesh (NID MP) invites online application from eligible candidates for filling up various administrative posts on Direct Recruitment/ Deputation/ Contract basis. For detailed information regarding the online application, educational qualifications, experience etc., please visit the Institute website: <https://www.nidmp.ac.in/recruitment.html>. Last date of submission of online applications is **30.09.2021** till 17:30 hours. Any addendum, corrigendum, extension of dates etc shall be notified on the NID MP website only. Registrar

सुथ डेली म्युनिसिपाल कॉर्पोरेशन
HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT (HQ)
E-BLOCK, 3rd FLOOR, DR. S.P.M. CIVIC CENTRE,
J.L. NEHRU MARC, NEW DELHI-110002
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online Open Tenders are invited under single stage-Two Bid system from experienced and financially sound eligible Contractors/Firms/Companies as per Tender Nos. 2021.SDMC.85940-1, 2021.SDMC.85941-1, & 2021.SDMC.85942-1 issued by Horticulture Deptt. (HQ) vide No. DDH/HQ/SDMC/2021-22/D/699/NIT No.7 Dt. 25.08.2021. **Tender Cost** Rs.1000/- Each. **Estimated Amt.** is upto Rs.6.00 lacs for each work. Date of Download & Bid Submission is w.e.f. 26.08.2021 to 31.08.2021 upto 03.00 P.M. Opening of Technical Bids on 01.09.2021 at 3.30 P.M. After getting themselves registered (If not registered earlier for e-tendering) Bidding Documents with detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from the website: <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app> OR visit SDMC website: www.mcdonline.nic.in/SDMCPortal/Tenders/PPP-ETENDERS For SDMC Online tendering, the helpdesk Nos. are 011-23227413 & 011-23227414 or mail to: MCD-THelpdesk@noida.nic.in
All details of these Tenders, Revisions, Clarifications, Corrigendum, Addendum, Time Extension etc., if any, will be uploaded on SDMC website only and will not be published in newspaper(s) separately. Interested Bidders should regularly visit the website to keep themselves regularly updated in respect of these tenders.
DY. DIRECTOR (HORT), HQ
011-23225334
RO No. 45/DPI/S/2021-22

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, SECTOR-6, NOIDA, G.B. NAGAR (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in

E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority’s official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in & <http://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these website for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.
(A) 1) 23/DGM(JAL)/AO/SM(JAL)-I/21-22 Development of Sector-151 (P/L Water line along newly developed 45.0m wide road in Sector-151) Noida. Rs. 67.60 Lacs
(2) 25/DGM(JAL)/AO/SM(JAL)-I/21-22 M/o Sewerage (Two Year Oil Mustard Oil & Soap in Div-I Store Sector-5) Noida. Rs. 39.73 Lacs
(3) 29/DGM(JAL)/AO/SM(JAL)-I/20-21 M/o W/s (Cleaning of Rainey Well No. 7 and 8) Noida Rs. 50.67 Lacs
The above tenders can be uploaded by date 01.09.2021 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 02.09.2021 at 11.00 AM.
(B) (1) 40/DGM(JAL)/AO/SM(JAL)-I/21-22 M/o Sewerage (Two Year Repairing, Raising and Cleaning of Sewer line Manholes in main DSC Road, Sector-106 and 110) Noida Rs. 35.83 Lacs
(2) 41/DGM(JAL)/AO/SM(JAL)-I/21-22 M/o Sewerage (Two Years Annual Repairing of V. T. Motor, Pump, Automatic Starter, Transformer, TPMO etc at SPS-122) Noida Rs. 32.96 Lacs
The above tenders can be uploaded by date 08.09.2021 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 09.09.2021 at 11.00 AM.
SENIOR MANAGER(JAL)-I
NOIDA
Office : Sector-5
CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited
(CIN : U40108JH2013SGC001702)
Regd. Office : Engineering Building, H.E.C., Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004.
Telephone : +0651-2400826 & Fax : +0651-2400799
<https://www.bjvl.co.in> Email- cecr2018@gmail.com

6th TIME EXTENSION NOTICE
SL. No. Tender Notice no. and description of item Extended online bid uploading/ submission end date Last date of physical submission of tender fee and EMD Technical bid opening date and time
1 09/PR/JBVNL/2021-22 Empanelment / selection of agencies for the development of 25 Mwp rooftop Solar Power Projects under RESCO mode) 23/09/2021 upto 18.00 Hrs. 24/09/2021 upto 13.00 Hrs. 24/09/2021 at 18.00 Hrs.
Note: (i) Submission of tender fee/ EMD will not be accepted by courier/ Regd. Post.
(ii) Further details can be seen on website <http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and may be contacted on Mobile No. 9431708983. NIC Helpline No. 0651 – 2400178
वहिल एवं राष्ट्रहित में कर्जा बचावें।
कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को 18003456670 (कॉल सेंटर) पर दर्ज करायें।
PR No. 245539 पर दर्ज करायें। PR 252021 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(21-22)D

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HPSRTP)
Request for Expression of Interest Proposal (REoI)
Name of Project: Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP)
Loan No./Credit No. 9066-IN
Grant No.: August 26, 2021
The Chief Engineer-cum-Project Director, State Roads Project, HPRIDCL Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh India invites the Request for Expression of Interest Proposals from national consultants for the consultancy services as detailed in the table below:-
Sr. No. Description of the Consultancy Services Date of availability of Detailed Request for Expression of Interest Proposals Document on HPRIDCL web site Last date/Time for submission of Proposals
1. Consultancy services for Preparation of Environmental and Social Management Framework” (ESMF) for HPRIDCL August 26, 2021 (Request for Expression of Interest Proposal document) September 15, 2021
Note:- Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this Request for Expression of Interest Proposals Documents shall be available to all interested firms on official web site of HPRIDC under link <http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html>. Proposal must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by post) by September 15, 2021 at 15:00 hours (IST).
Chief Engineer-cum-Project Director, State Roads Project, HPRIDCL, Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh India.
Facsimile: +91-177-2620663; Tel: +91-177-2627602.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
PROCUREMENT CIRCLE, KPDCI KASHMIR 190018
Web Site: www.pmpddjk.org, Tele/Fax: 0194-2493881, email: epc2ndsrinagar@gmail.com

e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE
i) e- NIT No: SE/Proc/14/2021-22.
For and on behalf of the Managing Director, KPDCI Kashmir, Superintending Engineer, Procurement Circle, KPDCI Kashmir invites online e-bids from Govt. registered original equipment manufacturers for supply of Aluminium Ladders 2x20 Feet (Extendable Type with rope and pulley arrangement) as depicted below for the requirement of KPDCI:
S. No. Material Description FOR ECSD Srinagar (No's) Reference to e-NIT
1. Aluminum Ladder 2x20 Feet (Extendable Type with rope and pulley arrangement) 100 SE/Proc/14/2021-22.
The complete tender document is available at website <http://ktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidder/tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.
i) Date and Time of downloading/Sale (Start) of Tender Document 24.08.2021; 16:00 Hrs
ii) Date & Time of Download/Sale (End) of Tender Document 15.09.2021; 14:00 Hrs
iii) Date & Time of Bidding Queries/Clearifications 25.08.2021; 10:00 Hrs to 27.08.2021; 16:00 Hrs
iv) Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/End) 28.08.2021; 10:00 Hrs to 15.09.2021; 14:00 Hrs
v) Submission of Hard Copy (end) Date & Time 16.09.2021 in the office of Chief Engineer Planning and Procurement Bimina Srinagar 190018.
vi) Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time 17.09.2021; 14:00 Hrs
vii) Financial Bid Opening Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
viii) Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening Soft Copy Electronically
ix) Cost of e-Bid document Rs. 500.00 (Rupees Five Hundred only) for local firms of J&K and Rs.1000.00 (Rupees One Thousand Only) for firms outside J&K against NIT No.SE/Proc/14/2021-22 (Non-refundable).
x) Amount of Earnest Money Deposit The bid security shall be as per D.O. No: 9/4/2020-PPD dated 12.11.2020 of Govt. Of India endorsed by Govt. of UT of J&K vide no: A/Misc (2018)-III-895/J dated 22.12.2020.
Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Procurement (KPDCI)
DIPK-NB-2889



श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी, प्रधानमंत्री



श्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान, मुख्यमंत्री

उच्च शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में नये युग की शुरुआत



सत्र 2021-22 से
राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति
लागू करने वाला



मध्यप्रदेश देश का अग्रणी राज्य

राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति के मुख्य बिन्दु

- भारतीय ज्ञान परम्परा का पाठ्यक्रमों में समावेश।
- स्नातक स्तर पर शोध को प्रोत्साहन।
- चॉइस बेस्ड क्रेडिट सिस्टम।
- कला, वाणिज्य एवं विज्ञान के विषयों में मिश्रित चयन की स्वतंत्रता।
- व्यावसायिक एवं योग्यता संवर्धन पाठ्यक्रमों में अध्ययन का अवसर।
- इन्टर्नशिप/अप्रेन्टिसशिप/फील्ड प्रोजेक्ट/कम्प्युनिटी एंगेजमेंट एंड सर्विसेस का प्रथम वर्ष से समावेश।
- SWAYAM/NPTEL/प्रधानमंत्री कौशल विकास योजना/मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय के माध्यम से व्यावसायिक एवं योग्यता संवर्धन पाठ्यक्रमों में ऑनलाइन अध्ययन की सुविधा।

अकादमिक संरचना का स्वरूप

मेजर विषय	54	क्रेडिट
माइनर विषय	28	क्रेडिट
वैकल्पिक विषय	18	क्रेडिट
कौशल संवर्धन पाठ्यक्रम	12	क्रेडिट
आधार पाठ्यक्रम	24	क्रेडिट
फील्ड प्रोजेक्ट-इंटर्नशिप आदि	24	क्रेडिट
कुल क्रेडिट	160	

- एकल संकायी महाविद्यालयों में बहुसंकायी विषयों के अध्ययन की शुरुआत।
- एन.सी.सी., एन.एस.एस. और शारीरिक शिक्षा को पाठ्यक्रम के रूप में अध्ययन की सुविधा।
- सकल नामांकन अनुपात (GER) में वृद्धि करने का लक्ष्य।
- शिक्षा की पहुंच, समानता और गुणवत्ता पर विशेष ध्यान।
- विद्यार्थियों में रचनात्मक सोच, तार्किक निर्णय एवं नवाचार की भावना को प्रोत्साहन।
- सुगम शिक्षा के लिये डिजिटल शिक्षण को प्रोत्साहन।
- एक विश्वविद्यालय से दूसरे विश्वविद्यालय तथा एक महाविद्यालय से दूसरे महाविद्यालय में स्थानांतरण पर क्रेडिट ट्रांसफर की सुविधा।

राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति
शिक्षा के मूल उद्देश्यों को
केन्द्र में रखकर विकसित की गई है।
यह नीति हमारी भावी पीढ़ी के
कायाकल्प का साधन सिद्ध होगी।

- डॉ. मोहन यादव

मंत्री, उच्च शिक्षा विभाग

मल्टीपल एंट्री एंड मल्टीपल एग्जिट

प्रथम वर्ष	40 क्रेडिट	सर्टिफिकेट
द्वितीय वर्ष	80 क्रेडिट	डिप्लोमा
तृतीय वर्ष	120 क्रेडिट	डिग्री
चतुर्थ वर्ष	160 क्रेडिट	बैचलर डिग्री विथ रिसर्च
प्रतिवर्ष 40 क्रेडिट अर्जित करना अनिवार्य है। अंक प्रणाली के स्थान पर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मानकों के अनुरूप क्रेडिट प्रणाली		

लंबे समय से शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में सुधार की
आवश्यकता महसूस की जा रही थी।
माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी की
दूरदर्शी सोच एवं परिकल्पना पर आधारित
राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति 2020, हमारी युवा पीढ़ी को
रचनात्मक रूप से शिक्षित और रोजगार
के लिए सक्षम बनाने में मील का पत्थर
साबित होगी।

- शिवराज सिंह चौहान

THE IDEAS PAGE

A flawed recipe

Diversification of diet, not rice fortification, is key to addressing the problem of anaemia



ANURA KURPAD AND HARSHPAL SINGH SACHDEV

FOR DECADES, WE have been puzzled by the extraordinarily high levels of anaemia in India, affecting women and children equally, and stubbornly resistant to corrective measures like mandatory supplementation of iron tablets. These are dismal optics for our national development, as an anaemic individual has a lower capacity to work and think, and so the collective capacity of society is at stake.

If iron supplements do not work, what is to be done? The policy response has been to “do even more”. This takes the form of adding even more iron to the diet through fortification and, this time, doing it through compulsory rice fortification in safety-net feeding programmes like the ICDS, PDS and school mid-day meals. This was announced by the Prime Minister in his recent Independence Day address to the nation. The mandatory rice fortification programme is being piloted in some districts already, but focuses solely on the logistics of fortification, without examining the intended effect on anaemia. We feel that this programme is not required in India, and that the policy should be re-examined.

The first question is whether anaemia prevalence in India is inflated. Anaemia is diagnosed on the basis of the blood haemoglobin level. The extraordinarily high anaemia figure might, firstly, be inflated because WHO haemoglobin cut-offs are used to diagnose anaemia in India. There is a growing global consensus that these may be too high, and a recent *Lancet* paper suggested a lower haemoglobin cut-off level to diagnose anaemia in Indian children. Using this will actually reduce the anaemia burden by two-thirds. Secondly, haemoglobin level can be falsely low when a capillary blood sample (taken by finger-prick) is used for measurement, instead of the more reliable venous blood sample (taken with a syringe from an arm vein). The anaemia burden in India is estimated from capillary blood, and global studies, including from India, have shown that using capillary blood inflates the anaemia burden substantially. If the recommended venous blood sample is used, it would halve this burden. There is, thus, a significant overestimation of anaemia burden.

But does iron deficiency cause anaemia? And is our diet really deficient in iron? Iron deficiency is thought to be the primary cause of anaemia in India. But recently, a MoHFW national survey (Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey) of Indian children showed that iron deficiency was related to less than half the anaemia cases. Many other nutrients and adequate protein intake are also important, for which a good diverse diet is required.

The idea for iron fortification comes from the premise that a normal Indian diet cannot possibly meet an individual's daily iron requirement. This is wrong thinking, and is based on older iron requirements (as per National Institute of Nutrition [NIN] 2010), which were much too high. The latest corrected iron requirements (NIN 2020) are 30-40 per cent lower, with the so-called iron “gap” also being much lower. The iron density of the Indian veg-



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etarian diet, about 9 mg/1000 kCal, can thus meet most requirements and the efforts to mandatorily fortify the dietary iron content for the whole population are unnecessary. Many other nutrients are involved in preventing anaemia, as well as a medley of non-diet factors, including the environment.

Food fortification is considered attractive as it requires no behavioural modification by the beneficiary. It also plays into our fascination for applying technology to create a “future food utopia”. But if the iron present in Indian foods is not well-absorbed, then fortification would be like flogging a dead horse. Layering it over other ongoing iron programmes will do more harm than good. Indeed, salt fortification already exists in some states, as does wheat flour fortification, in addition to the Anaemia Mukht Bharat programme of pharmaceutical iron supplementation.

It is often said that fortification is safe, that it delivers tiny amounts of iron, unlikely to cause harmful effects. This is not true: Ingesting fortified salt (two teaspoons, 10 g/day) or rice (quarter kilo/day) will deliver an additional 10 mg iron/day each to the diet. Compare this to the iron requirement of a woman (15 mg/day) and a man (11 mg/day). Actually, one could exceed this requirement by a lot, without even counting the supplemental iron tablet (60 or 100 mg/week for women). When the iron intake exceeds 40 mg/day, the risk of toxicity goes up. The unabsorbed iron that remains in the gut can wreak havoc among the beneficial bacteria in the large intestine. Iron causes oxidative stress, and more seriously, is implicated in diabetes and cancer risk. Men will also be more at risk.

Importantly, this mandatory fortification will cost the public exchequer Rs 2,600 crore annually (not insignificant in relation to the budget, and worth nearly 4 crore Covid vaccine doses), with poor likelihood of benefit, and posing an unnecessary risk.

Rice fortification is very complex. It requires

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a fortified rice “kernel” or grain that is composed of rice flour paste, along with the required concentration of micronutrients and binders, extruded into a grain that exactly matches the shape of the rice it is intended to fortify. This fortified kernel, indistinguishable from the grain it is fortifying in appearance, density, cooked characteristics and so on, is mixed with the beneficiary's rice in a specific grain ratio.

The problem lies in making “matching” kernels for each rice cultivar that is distributed in the food safety-net programmes from year to year and state to state. If it does not match, the instinct of a home cook will be to pick out and discard the odd grains, thereby defeating the purpose of fortification. Moreover, when rice fortification is made mandatory, it is not difficult to imagine that for the sake of expediency, it might even reduce the demand for the naturally-occurring diverse varieties in India.

Going back to the question: If iron supplements do not work, what is the answer? We just need to absorb the existing dietary iron better and complement this with all the other nutrients that are required, by eating a diverse diet (with fruits and vegetables, for example), and improving our environment. The answer does not lie in the techno-utopia of food reductionism, seductive as it is. Indeed, it is well-known that the benefits derived from the nutrients in whole foods are greater than the sum of their parts. In 2010, *Time* ranked “meals in pill form” as third in the top 10 failed futuristic predictions, in a list that included time-travel, jetpacks, flying cars and cyborgs. We need to rethink our reductionist strategies if we are to deliver food and nutrition security to our people.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“The learning catastrophe that has befallen the country's most vulnerable children will take longer than one academic year to remedy.”

— THE NEW YORK TIMES

Plurilateral challenge

Geopolitical trends in the region and beyond point to difficulties of sustaining contradictory pressures in India's diplomatic outreach



CHRISTOPHE JAFFREOT

IN HIS recent book titled *The Indian Way* (HarperCollins, 2020), Foreign Minister S Jaishankar, wrote: “It is time for us to engage America, manage China, cultivate Europe, reassure Russia, bring Japan into play, draw neighbours in, extend the neighbourhood and expand traditional constituencies of support.” This approach of international and regional relations fitted in his view of “plurilateralism”, which relied, in particular, on the will to partner with countries that were not partners themselves: “If India drove the revived Quad arrangement, it also took membership of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. A longstanding trilateral with Russia and China now coexists with one involving the US and Japan”. Jaishankar defined this strategy as “a parallel pursuit of multiple priorities, some of whom could be contradictory” and ridiculed those who did not understand that Indian initiatives that seemed unnatural were the hallmark of the new “Indian way”.

“To the uninitiated or the anachronistic, the pursuit of apparently contradictory approaches may seem baffling. How does one reconcile a Howdy Modi gathering (the Houston rally where Modi campaigned for Trump in 2019) with a Mamallapuram (named after the small town where Modi met with Xi Jinping also in 2019) or a Vladivostok Summit? Or the RIC (Russia-India-China) with JAI (Japan-America-India)? Or the Quad and the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation)? Or Iran with the Saudis, or Israel with Palestine? The answer is in the willingness to look beyond dogma and enter the real world of convergences. Think of it as calculus, not just as arithmetic.”

Regarding India's region, Jaishankar recalled the priority of South Asia — reflected in the motto “Neighbourhood First” — and presented India as the country that can “re-build a fractured region” through the “wisdom of treating its prosperity as a lifting tide for the entire region”.

How far is this diplomatic strategy tenable in the context of the present crisis in Afghanistan — a SAARC country — that was a friend of India for 20 years? New Delhi has not been able to play a major role in the transition that was in the pipeline for months in Afghanistan, as evident from the fact that India was kept out of the Doha talks (in which the Americans participated) and the Moscow talks (orchestrated by the Russians). While the Russians probably did not want to invite India because of its growing ties with the US, the fact that the Indians were not invited to Doha is more difficult to explain. Did the other participants in the negotiations — including the Americans — give in to Pakistani pressure? Did they consider India as the second

fiddle? After all, the US had asked India to become more involved in Afghanistan — including militarily.

Beyond these regional considerations, it seems that “plurilateralism” is not feasible anymore as two blocks are crystallising on the occasion of the Afghan crisis. Russia is prepared to recognise the Taliban, provided they do not destabilise the countries bordering it in the South. China, which — in contrast to India — shares a border with Afghanistan, has said it is willing to hold talks with the Taliban too. The latter could let the Middle Kingdom exploit its vast natural resources — including a copper mine that the Chinese already own — and help it develop the Belt and Road Initiative in Central Asia. Iran, where India had invested considerable sums to develop a deep-water port at Chabahar to access Afghanistan while bypassing Pakistan, also said it was ready to deal with the Taliban. Tehran has already played middle-man between the Taliban and Kabul and has been moving closer to China while distancing itself from India since New Delhi yielded to pressure from Donald Trump and decided to adhere to American sanctions. Pakistan — which is helping the Taliban without necessarily controlling them — is part of this coalition too.

In this context, can India continue to play a regional role on its Western side and remain equidistant vis-à-vis Russia, China and the US? Certainly, Indian observers have criticised the Americans for having exposed them to a new Islamist threat by leaving Afghanistan in such a hurry. However, these temporary tensions should not call into question India's growing ties with the West. On the contrary, this process is likely to accelerate as the Taliban are increasingly finding support in Pakistan and China. All the more so, as Pakistan, which for decades offered a point of support to the Americans in their fight against communism and then Islamism, has probably taken a decisive step in distancing itself from the West when Prime Minister Imran Khan rejoiced to see Afghanistan “breaking chains of slavery” after the Taliban's victory.

Thus, South Asia may become a tinderbox in which two new antagonistic blocs might be salient, and where, as a result, the ingredients of a new Cold War could gather against the backdrop of “Belt and Road Initiative vs. Indo-Pacific”. During the first Cold War, India remained non-aligned. This time, the country may turn to the West more willingly if it feels directly threatened. Will it become a pivotal state and play vis-à-vis China the role Pakistan played vis-à-vis the Soviet Union for the US? Will Washington use its leverage to put pressure on India in domains like trade and human rights? Will it, on the contrary, consider that it needs India so much vis-à-vis China and Russia that it should abstain from interfering with India's domestic politics? It will take years for the terms of this debate to be clarified, but 2021 has accelerated geopolitical trends that make “plurilateralism” the Indian way a remote prospect.

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Slipping on palm oil

New policy puts Northeast's biodiversity, farming communities at risk

ON AUGUST 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a support of Rs 11,000 crore to incentivise oil palm production. The government intends to bring an additional 6.5 lakh hectares under oil palm cultivation. The agro-business industry has said the move will help its growth and reduce the country's dependence on palm oil imports, especially from Indonesia and Malaysia. India imported 18.41 million tonnes of vegetable oil in 2018.

The National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm are part of the government's efforts to reduce the dependence on vegetable oil production. The Yellow Revolution of the 1990s led to a rise in oilseeds production. Though there has been a continuous increase in the production of diverse oilseeds — groundnut, rapeseed and mustard, soybean — that has not matched the increasing demand. Most of these oilseeds are grown in rain-fed agriculture areas of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

A significant incentive for the launch of the National Mission on Edible Oils and Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) to promote palm cultivation comes from the “success stories” of the two Southeast Asian countries, Indonesia and Malaysia. Indonesia has emerged as a significant palm oil hub in the last decade and has overtaken Malaysia. The two countries produce 80 per cent of global oil palm. Indonesia exports more than 80 per cent of its production.

However, a careful analysis of the policy initiative that can potentially change the rural and

agrarian landscape of the Northeast and Andaman Islands needs to be undertaken. Oil palm cultivation can have disastrous environmental and social consequences. Studies on agrarian change in Southeast Asia have shown that increasing oil palm plantations is a major reason for the region's declining biodiversity. Indonesia has seen a loss of 1,15,495 million hectares of forest cover in 2020, mainly to oil palm plantation. From 2002-18, Indonesia lost 91,54,000 million hectares of its primary forest cover. Along with adversely impacting the country's biodiversity, it has led to increasing water pollution. The decreasing forest cover has significant implications with respect to increasing carbon emission levels and contributing to climate change.

Palm oil plantations have stoked conflict between government policies and customary land rights. Such rights are major livelihood sources for forest-dependent communities. Legislation allowing the clearing of tree cover and cutting forests for growing palm trees has led to increasing land-related tussles between government officials, locals and agro-business groups in Malaysia and Indonesia. The Northeastern states are politically sensitive areas, and the oil palm initiative could breed tension there.

Such initiatives are also against the notion of community self-reliance: The initial state support for such a crop results in a major and quick shift in the existing cropping pattern that are not always in sync with the agro-ecological conditions and food requirements of the region.

During a brief field study in 2020 to understand the impact of agriculture policies, an official associated with the department of agriculture informed me about the Arunachal government's changing policy on using forestland for palm oil plantations. The official said that the policy has begun impacting the forest cover as farmers, armed with government incentives, are switching from traditional crops like rice and maize to palm oil. She pointed out that people in the Northeast do not use the oil for cooking or any other purpose. The oil is being used by industries for packaged food and medicines, detergents and cosmetics, the official said.

The current initiative ignores such ground-level realities. The Northeast is recognised as the home of around 850 bird species. The region is home to citrus fruits, it is rich in medicinal plants and harbours rare plants and herbs. Above all, it has 51 types of forests. Studies conducted by the government have also highlighted the Northeast's rich biodiversity. The palm oil policy could destroy this richness of the region.

The policy also contradicts the government's commitments under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture: “Making agriculture more productive, sustainable, remunerative and climate resilient by promoting location specific integrated/composite farming systems.” The palm oil mission, instead, aims at achieving complete transformation of the farming system of Northeast India.

Palm oil cultivation has had a positive impact on poverty eradication in Malaysia, in-

creasing income levels of small and marginal farmers. However, studies also show that in case of variations in global palm oil prices, households dependent on palm oil cultivation become vulnerable — they manage to sustain themselves with help of proactive state intervention. A sizable number of small landholders continues to depend upon other sources of income. In other words, such an agricultural shift is not self-sustaining and makes local communities vulnerable and exposes them to external factors.

To preserve the environment and biodiversity, Indonesia and Sri Lanka have already started putting restrictions on palm tree plantation. In 2018, the Indonesian government came up with a three-year moratorium on new licenses to produce palm oil. Recently, the Sri Lankan government has ordered the uprooting of oil palm plants in a phased manner.

Similar environmental and political outcomes cannot be ruled out in India. Many state governments have started encouraging palm oil production despite traditional oilseeds being used by families for daily consumption. The increasing focus on palm oil will gradually result in focus shifting away from rainfed oilseeds. Apart from the possible hazardous impacts in Northeast India, such trends could have negative implications on farmer incomes, health, and food security in other parts of the country in the long run.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DISTRESS SIGNAL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Managing the plan’ (IE, August 25). The asset monetisation programme is ambitious in its scale but it might fall short of garnering the expected returns in the present scenario. Government finances are in dire straits and the market would read this initiative as a grand distress sale of national assets, considering the state of consumption in the economy, the market might push for further concessions like leniency in the ownership clause, wherein asking for partial ownership in these assets. The asset monetisation programme should be guided by a broader vision to guide the economy through these unprecedented times.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

THE RIGHT STIMULUS

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘On population, let facts speak’ (IE, August 25). Many countries (even some Scandinavian ones) are experiencing decline in their young population and are bearing the brunt of a majority of the population being in the non-working age group, thereby increasing social security expenditure, as is evident from the increasing relaxations in their immigration policies. With a large young population, India could become one of the most vibrant economies in the world, provided that adequate stimulus in the right direction is provided. Article 21A and 45 of the Constitution, which provide for the Right to Free & Compulsory Education and the Early Childhood Care & Education respectively,

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should be implemented effectively. Also, one of the authors (Manoj Jha), in one of his recent speeches in the Rajya Sabha, called for legislation towards providing a fundamental right to health protected under Article 21 (Right to Life).

Vinay Saroha, Delhi

MINISTER'S AMNESIA

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘The lost decade’ (IE, August 24). Union Minister Hardeep Puri conveniently forgets the fact that with the demonetisation exercise, Narendra Modi's NDA gave us the single biggest economic blunder in the history of free India. The economy of the country was reeling well before Covid hit us and a healthy growth rate inherited from the UPA was squandered.

Lalit Mohan, Gurgaon

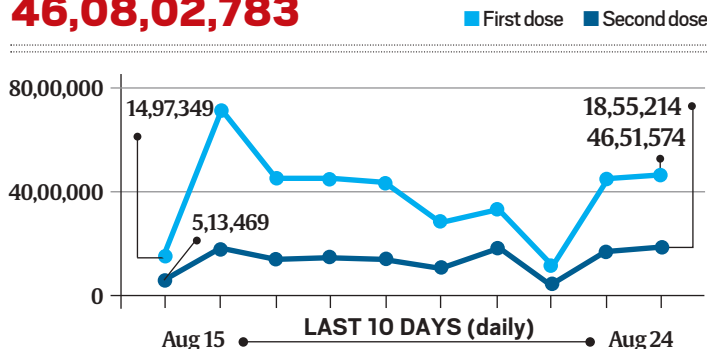


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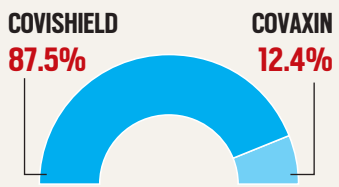
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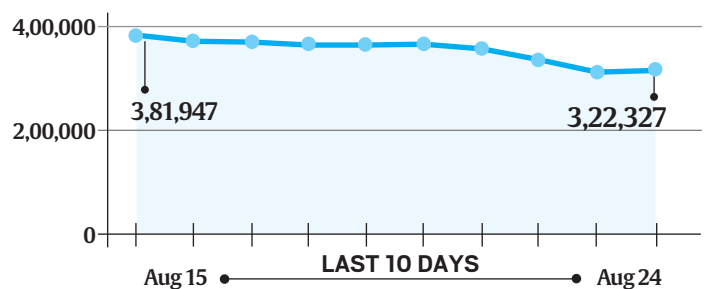
CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

TOTAL VACCINATED IN INDIA (at least one dose)
46,08,02,783

TOTAL DOSES
59,55,04,593

(Sputnik V's 7,05,964 doses not represented in pie)

DOSES ON AUG 24 **65,06,788**AUG 23: **64,48,210** (1ST DOSE: 46,37,675; 2ND: 18,10,535)

INDIA ACTIVE CASES

3,22,327

Note: The August 24 figures in these graphs are based on the government updates on August 25

INDIA TOTAL CASES **3,25,12,366**

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on August 25

J&J says second dose of its vaccine provides big boost

A BOOSTER shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine dramatically raises the levels of antibodies against the coronavirus, the company reported on Wednesday.

Johnson & Johnson will submit the data to the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA), which is evaluating similar studies from Pfizer and Moderna. If authorized by the agency, the Biden administration wants to provide booster shots eight months after vaccination.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was absent from the US government's initial booster plan, announced last week. But with the new data, the company hopes to be part of the initial distribution of additional shots, which could happen as early as September.

"We look forward to discussing with public health officials a potential strategy for our Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine, boosting eight months or longer after the primary single-dose vaccination," Dr Mathai Mammen, the global head of Janssen Research & Development at Johnson & Johnson, said in a statement.

In February, the FDA gave emergency authorisation to Johnson & Johnson for its one-shot vaccine. A clinical trial carried out last fall and winter showed that a single shot had a 72 per cent efficacy in preventing symptomatic Covid-19 among US participants.



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In the trial, none of the vaccinated volunteers were hospitalised or died.

Johnson & Johnson carried out its clinical trial before the Delta variant became widespread, leaving open the question of how well the vaccine worked against the highly contagious form of the virus. But in a study released earlier this month, South African researchers found that a single shot of the J&J vaccine was up to 95 per cent effective against death from the Delta variant, and reduced the risk of hospitalization by 71 per cent.

In its new study, Johnson & Johnson tracked 17 volunteers from last year's clinical trial.

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EXPERT EXPLAINS

SUYASH DESAI

From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight



SATELLITE IMAGES have revealed that China is building at least three missile silo fields in Yumen in Gansu province, near Hami in Xinjiang province, and at Hanggin Banner, Ordos City, in Inner Mongolia.

It appears that China is constructing around 120 missile silos at Yumen, around 110 silos in Hami, and 29 in the Hanggin Banner field. Earlier this year, 16 missile silos were detected in the People's Liberation Army Rocket Force's (PLARF) Jilantai training area, also in Inner Mongolia.

The Yumen field was discovered by commercial satellite images obtained by researchers at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, California; the Hami field was identified by nuclear experts at the Federation of American Scientists (FAS) using Planet Labs satellite images; the Hanggin Banner field was discovered by researchers at the China Aerospace Studies Institute, Washington DC.

The Yumen and Hami fields are identical, and the silos are positioned in a perfect grid pattern, roughly 3 km apart. Some of the silos have dome shelters. The fields are supported by nearby PLARF facilities.

For several decades before these discoveries in 2021, China operated only 20 missile silos for its DF-5 liquid-fuel intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). On completion of the ongoing work, China could have 250-270 new missile silos, more than 10 times the number it had maintained for several decades.

Why is China building missile silos?

There could be three explanations.

FIRST, some Chinese political scientists believe this could be China's attempt to move towards a launch-on-warning (LOW) nuclear posture. LOW refers to a launch at an adversary on detection of an incoming missile before the adversary's missile hits its target.

China's nuclear strategy has remained largely unchanged since 1964, when it first exploded a nuclear device. It is based on achieving deterrence through assured retaliation. The crucial requirement for this is the survivability of China's nuclear arsenal following the first strike — conventional or nuclear — by an adversary. In order to move to the LOW posture, China would have to mate a few warheads with missiles, and keep them in alert status for a quick response. Currently, China stores its warheads and missiles in a de-alerted status separately under different commands.

The 2013 Science of Military Strategy document of the PLA Academy of Military Science noted that China "can" LOW, and the Defence White Paper published by China in 2015 mentioned "rapid response". Admiral Charles A Richard, Commander of the US Strategic Command (Stratcom) said in his testimony to Senate in April 2021 that "a portion of China's force has already moved to a LOW posture".

However, silos alone, at such an early stage of construction, are not conclusive evidence of China's move to LOW.

SECOND, it enables China to achieve its goal of increasing its nuclear warhead stockpile.

China currently has around 350 nuclear

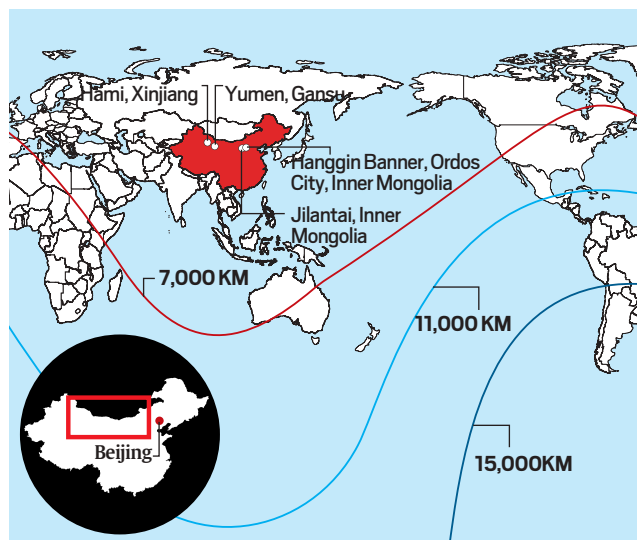
EXPLAINED STRATEGIC AFFAIRS

China's new missile silos

Satellite pictures have revealed what appears to be an ongoing Chinese project to prepare vast new fields of missile silos that could possibly be used to launch nuclear weapons at China's adversaries, including the United States and India. Why is China digging these silos?



Satellite image from Planet Labs Inc. shows building of ICBM silo at Yumen.



CHINA'S MISSILE ARSENAL

NAME	CLASS	RANGE
BALLISTIC		
DF-41	ICBM	12,000-15,000 km
DF-5	ICBM	13,000 km
DF-31	ICBM	7,000-11,700 km
JL-2	SLBM	8,000-9,000 km
DF-4	IRBM/ICBM	4,500-5,500 km
DF-26	IRBM	4,000 km
DF-21	MRBM	2,150 km
DF-17	HGV	1,800-2,500 km
DF-16	SRBM	800-1,000 km
DF-15	SRBM	600 km
DF-11	SRBM	280-300 km
DF-12/M20	SRBM	280 km

CRUISE		
HN 3	Cruise missile	3,000 km
HN 2	Cruise missile	1,400-1,800 km
HN 1	Cruise missile	50-650 km
YJ-18	Cruise missile	220-540 km

Notes: All missiles are currently operational. ICBM: Intercontinental ballistic missile; MRBM: Medium range ballistic missile; SRBM: Short range ballistic missile; SLBM: Submarine launched ballistic missile; HGV: Hypersonic glide vehicle.

Source for map and all information: Missile Defense Project, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

warheads. Hans M Kristensen and Matt Korda of the Nuclear Information Project of the nonprofit FAS have estimated that 272 of these 350 warheads are assigned to operational forces; the remaining 78 have been produced for China's new DF-41 solid-fuel road-mobile ICBM.

China has around 150 land-based missiles that can deliver between 180-190 nuclear warheads to some parts of the United States. If all the new silos are loaded with a single-warhead missile, the count would increase to 410-440. If the silos on completion are loaded with the DF-41s, which can carry up to two-three warheads per missile, this count would rise to 930-940 warheads.

For this, China would have to increase the number of DF-41s in its inventory, and almost triple its nuclear warheads — unlikely in the immediate future. However, the construction of the silos does indicate an increasing trend in China's nuclear warheads and DF-41 missiles going forward.

The **THIRD** guess is that China could use these silos as decoys.

Chinese scholar Tong Zhao of the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Beijing has argued that China worries about the improvement in US missile defence systems and conventional precision strike weapons, which could undermine China's nuclear deterrence. He has claimed that at the National People's Congress in March 2021, President Xi Jinping directed the military to "accelerate the creation of advanced strategic deterrent" capabilities.

The recently discovered silos could be an initiative to enhance deterrence by keeping the adversary guessing. This could be China's shell game — where one, some, or all silos could have missiles, forcing the aggressor to

target all of them during an escalation. The aggressor would have to waste more warheads or precision-guided weapons to destroy only a few missiles, or perhaps target empty silos.

This would be a cost-effective strategy for China, and could also bolster its image as serious nuclear power and an equal to the US.

How has the US reacted to the discovery of the silos?

On July 28, Stratcom retweeted a report on the silos in *The New York Times*, saying: "This is the second time in two months the public has discovered what we have been saying all along about the growing threat the world faces and the veil of secrecy that surrounds it."

In his April Senate testimony, Adm Richard had said China is deploying ICBM silos on a large scale. It is likely Stratcom knew about China's construction of the silos before they were discovered last month by scholars using satellite pictures.

After the discovery of the Yumen field in the first week of July, a State Department spokesperson had said: "The PRC's nuclear arsenal will grow more quickly, and to a higher level than perhaps previously anticipated. This buildup is concerning. It raises questions about the PRC's intent." A Pentagon spokesperson told *The Washington Post* at the end of June that "Defense Department leaders have testified and publicly spoken about China's growing nuclear capabilities, which we expect to double or more over the next decade." The US Department of Defense's 2020 China Military Power Report projected China's nuclear warhead stockpile, currently estimated in the low 200s, to at least double over the next decade.

And what has China said?

Neither the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs nor the Ministry of National Defence has reacted. Some Chinese media have said the silos are wind farms, and accused American academics and journalists of spreading a "China threat theory".

So should India be concerned?

Seen in isolation, these silos appear to be built specifically to enhance deterrence against the US.

But broadly, India should be watchful about China's nuclear ambiguity and its latest DF-26 intermediate-range road-mobile dual-use missiles — of which 16 launchers were deployed in Korla, Xinjiang, during the ongoing standoff. India could be a potential target given the strike ranges of these missiles and the timing of deployment.

Although both China and India have pledged nuclear 'no first use' doctrines, India's modest ballistic missile defence capabilities and China's nuclear ambiguity are matters of concern for India.

What should the world do about these developments?

There isn't an obvious option for the US or anyone else. China has stated that it will not join the NEW START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty). Fu Cong, Director-General of the Department of Arms Control of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, recently said that the US and Russia have almost 20 times more nuclear warheads than China, and that "It is unrealistic to expect China to join the two countries in a negotiation aimed at nuclear arms reduction."

Several American arms control scholars have argued for a renewal of the US government-funded US-China track 1.5 nuclear dialogue that was suspended after 15 years in 2019 due to growing friction, "declining value", and the failure to launch track 1 dialogue. Some others have said that the US's newer missile defence capabilities disturb strategic stability and complicate arms control.

Haryana's changes to land law; why they have been criticised

VARINDER BHATIA
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 25

THE HARYANA Assembly on Tuesday passed The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Haryana Amendment), Bill, 2021, which seeks to expedite development projects by simplifying the procedure for acquisition of land.

The new law has brought Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects to the 'exempt' category, for which Social Impact Assessment (SIA)/consent of landowners, a requirement under the Central Land Acquisition Act of 2013, is not required. The Opposition Congress has criticised the Bill for allegedly being "anti-farmer" and promoting "crony capitalism".

The Narendra Modi government's attempt to amend the Central law in 2014 had failed since the BJP and its allies did not have a majority in Rajya Sabha at the time. The Centre dropped the idea, but asked states to suitably amend the law in their jurisdictions.

Exemptions from SIA

Following the passage of the amendments by the Assembly, the government will not be required to obtain the consent of landowners, or carry out a Social Impact Assessment for a range of projects. They include:

Projects vital to national security or defence of India; rural infrastructure including electrification; affordable housing, housing for the poor and for rehabilitation of persons displaced due to land acquisition or a natural calamity; industrial corridors set up by the state government or its undertakings wherein land up to 2 km on either side of the designated railway lines or roads can be acquired; infrastructure projects relating to health and education, PPP projects wherein the ownership of land continues to vest with the state government, and urban Metro and rapid rail projects.

Under the Central Act, it is mandatory for the government in PPP projects to seek the consent of at least 70 per cent of affected families. According to the Opposition, doing away with that requirement will give arbitrary powers to the government to impose acquisition on landowners — primarily farmers — who would have no choice but to accept the compensation and hand



Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar (seen in the Assembly) and his deputy Dushyant Chautala (left) have defended changes to the law. Jaipal Singh/Archive

over their lands. Even irrigated or cultivable land can now be acquired, with or without the consent of the owner.

Powers of the Collector

A new Section 31A pertains to the payment of a lump sum in lieu of rehabilitation and resettlement costs for projects that are linear in nature, up to 50 per cent of the compensation determined, to the affected fam-

ily. The Collector can determine the fair compensation and make the award without further enquiry if he is satisfied that all persons interested in the land have consented to the terms and conditions of their free will.

Critics of the Bill have argued that in such a situation, tenants and poor persons who may have non-proprietary rights on the land are likely to lose out. Also, the share of female heirs is often not recorded in ru-

ral areas. And persons with right of access, such as among the co-sharers of a *Khewat*, and usufructuary rights as in a mortgage or easement rights of an owner, are not duly recorded in official records.

Those living on the land

The new provisions in the Bill seek to do away with the condition of 48-hour prior notice to the occupants of an acquired building to evacuate. Occupants would be liable to vacate the building immediately after the Collector announces the award. "This is extremely draconian and arbitrary. The state machinery shall be armed with powers to throw out the belongings of an affected person even at midnight without any notice or redress," Leader of Opposition and former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda told *The Indian Express*.

The amendments also do away with the provision to give the evicted people plots of land in addition to monetary compensation.

Government's position

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, who also holds the revenue portfolio, has rejected the apprehensions that ac-

quired lands will eventually go to corporates.

"The Amendments have been made to acquire the land for public sector projects. The ownership of the acquired land shall remain with the government," he said.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said, "There is no reduction in the amount of compensation. It shall continue to be the same as it used to be under the Central Act. The provisions are only aimed at issues concerning consent — whether they (landowners) want to sell their land or not."

"For instance, linear projects such as railways, Metro rail, highways, have their own norms, and for that, land is required. For projects like a school etc, we can change the location, but linear development cannot be altered. Similarly, projects of public importance have been included in the Bill. There should be no problem with this Bill."

Chautala has also pointed out that Haryana is not the only state to have sought to make the amendments in the Central Act — 16 other states, including Telangana, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra, have done the same. However, in certain states, the law has been challenged and cases are pending in courts.



‘GOT DISTANCED FROM MY CULTURE, RELIGION’

IMRAN SLAMS ENGLISH-MEDIUM EDUCATION

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Wednesday castigated the English-medium educational system in the country, saying it was inherited from the British who built such schools to create an “elite class” in the Indian subcontinent to serve them. “I got distanced from my culture and my religion through this English-medium educational system,” he lamented.

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Speaker Nancy Pelosi

UNITED STATES

House passes \$3.5 tn Biden blueprint

Washington: Striking a deal with moderates, House Democratic leaders have muscled President Joe Biden's multitrillion-dollar budget blueprint over a key hurdle, ending a risky standoff and putting the party's domestic infrastructure agenda back on track. The 220-212 vote Tuesday was a first move toward drafting Biden's \$3.5 trillion rebuilding plan this fall, and the narrow outcome, in the face of unanimous Republican opposition, signaled the power a few voices have to alter the debate and the challenges ahead still threatening to upend the president's agenda. **AP**

GERMANY

Court says EU rules apply to Nord Stream 2

Duesseldorf: The Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline is not exempt from European Union rules that require the owners of pipelines to be different from the suppliers of the gas that flows in them to ensure fair competition, a German court ruled on Wednesday. The Duesseldorf Higher Regional Court rejected a challenge brought last year by the operators of the Gazprom-backed project to carry gas from Russia to Germany under the Baltic Sea. They had argued the rules were discriminatory. **REUTERS**

TANZANIA

Gunman kills 4 in attack near French embassy

Dar es Salaam: An attacker wielding an assault rifle was shot dead after killing three police officers and an employee of a private security company near the French embassy in Tanzania on Wednesday, President Samia Suluhu Hassan said. Six people were injured in addition to the four who were killed, police commissioner of operations and training Liberatus Sabas said in a Tweet shared by the account of the Tanzanian Police Force. Inspector-General of Police Simon Sirro said in an interview aired on local television that police were trying to identify the attacker. **REUTERS**

Western nations race to complete Afghan evacuation as deadline looms

Biden spurns calls to extend deadline, Turkish officials say Taliban asked for support to run airport

AGENCIES
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WESTERN NATIONS rushed to complete the evacuation of thousands of people from Afghanistan on Wednesday as the August 31 deadline for the withdrawal of foreign troops drew closer with no sign that the country's new Taliban rulers might allow an extension.

In one of the biggest such airlifts ever, the United States and its allies have evacuated more than 70,000 people, including their citizens, NATO personnel and Afghans at risk, since August 14, the day before the Taliban swept into the capital Kabul to bring to an end a 20-year foreign military presence.

US President Joe Biden said US troops in Afghanistan faced mounting danger and aid agencies warned of an impending humanitarian crisis for the population left behind.

Biden has spurned calls from allies to extend the deadline, set under an agreement struck by the previous administration of Donald Trump with the hardline Islamist group last year. But he said on Tuesday the deadline could be met. “The sooner we can finish, the better,” Biden said.

British foreign minister Dominic Raab said the deadline for evacuating people was up to the last minute of the month.

France said it would push on with evacuations as long as possible but was likely to end the operations in the coming hours or days.

Chancellor Angela Merkel said Germany would try to help Afghans who worked with its soldiers and aid organisations and wished to leave Afghanistan after the deadline expires.

Meanwhile, the Taliban have asked Turkey for technical help to run Kabul airport after the departure of foreign forces but insist that

Afghan citizens are evacuated on board a Spanish military plane on Tuesday. *Reuters*

Ankara's military also withdraw fully by the August 31 deadline, two Turkish officials told *Reuters*.

Turkey was part of a NATO mission in Afghanistan and still has hundreds of troops at Kabul airport. The officials say they are ready to withdraw at short notice. But President Tayyip Erdogan's government has said for months that it could keep a presence at the airport if requested.

Chinese President Xi Jinping told his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Wednesday that Beijing stands ready to strengthen communication with Moscow and the broader international community on the Afghan issue and called for inclusive government in Kabul which “thoroughly dissociate” itself from all terrorist groups.

Xi spoke to Putin over phone on Wednesday and discussed the situation in Afghanistan post-Taliban takeover, a day after G-7 leaders virtually met to discuss the crisis.

Two US lawmakers fly to Kabul, draw flak from govt

LOLITA C BALDOR
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 25

TWO MEMBERS of the US Congress flew unannounced into Kabul airport in the middle of the chaotic evacuation stunning State Department and US military personnel who had to divert resources to provide security and information to the lawmakers, US officials said.

Seth Moulton and Peter Meijer flew in and out on charter aircraft and were on the ground at the Kabul airport for several hours Tuesday. That led officials to complain that they could be taking seats that would have otherwise gone to other Americans or Afghans fleeing the country, but the congressmen said in a joint statement



Seth Moulton, Peter Meijer

that they made sure to leave on a flight with empty seats.

Three officials familiar with the flight said the State Department, Defense Department and White House officials were furious about the incident because it was done without coordination with diplomats or military commanders directing the evacuation.

The US military found out about the visit as the legislators' aircraft was inbound to Kabul, according to the officials. **AP**

China, Taliban hold 1st dialogue in Kabul

K J M VARMA
BEIJING, AUGUST 25

CHINA HAS established its first diplomatic contact with the Taliban in Kabul after the militant group took control of Afghanistan, a Chinese official said on Wednesday.

“China and the Afghan Taliban have unimpeded and effective communication and consultation,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a media briefing when asked about the talks between the deputy head of the Taliban's political office Abdul Salam Hanafi and Chinese Ambassador to Afghanistan Wang Yu in Kabul.

“Kabul is naturally an important platform and channel for us to discuss key issues.”

China, along with Pakistan and Russia, has kept its embassy open in Kabul even after the Taliban took control of the city on August 15. Last month, China had replaced its special envoy to Afghanistan Liu Jian with its former Ambassador to Qatar, Jordan and Ireland, Yue Xiao Yong. **PTI**

Taliban urge women to stay home, say fighters not been trained to respect them

MAGGIE ASTOR
NEW YORK, AUGUST 25

WHEN THE Taliban were last in power, Afghan women were generally not allowed to leave their homes except under certain narrowly defined conditions. Those who did risked being beaten, tortured or executed.

In the nine days since the Taliban swept back into control, their leaders have insisted that this time will be different. Women, they say, will be allowed to work. Girls will be free to attend school. At least, within the confines of their interpretation of Islam.

But early signs have not been promising, and that pattern continued Tuesday with a statement from a Taliban spokesman that women should stay home, at least for now. Because some of the militants have not yet been trained not to hurt them, he explained.

Zabihullah Mujahid called it a “temporary” policy intended to protect women until the Taliban could ensure their safety.

“We are worried our forces

Shoppers at a Kabul market on August 21. *NYT*

who are new and have not been yet trained very well may mistreat women,” Mujahid said. “We don't want our forces, God forbid, to harm or harass women.”

Mujahid said that women should stay home “until we have a new procedure,” and that “their salaries will be paid in their homes.”

His statement echoed comments from Ahmadullah Waseq, the deputy of the Taliban's cultural affairs committee, who told *The New York Times* this week that the Taliban had “no problem

with working women,” as long as they wore hijabs.

But, he said: “For now, we are asking them to stay home until the situation gets normal. Now it is a military situation.”

During the first years of Taliban rule, from 1996 to 2001, women were forbidden to work outside the home or even to leave the house without a male guardian. They could not attend school, and faced public flogging if they were found to have violated morality rules, like one re-

quiring that they be fully covered.

The claim that restrictions on women's lives are a temporary necessity is not new to Afghan women. The Taliban made similar claims the last time they controlled Afghanistan, said Heather Barr, the associate director of women's rights at Human Rights Watch.

In Kabul on Wednesday, women in parts of the city with minimal Taliban presence were going out “with normal clothes, as it was before the Taliban,” said a resident named Shabaka. But in central areas with many Taliban fighters, few women ventured out, and those who did wore burqas, said Sayed, a civil servant.

Barr said that in the week since the Taliban said the new government would preserve women's rights “within the bounds of Islamic law,” the Afghan women she has spoken to offered the same skeptical assessment: “This will last as long as the international community and the international press are still there. And then we'll see what they're really like again.” **NYT**

Health workers disinfect a primary school before schools reopen for the upcoming semester in Wuhan, China. *Reuters*

WHO sees virus cases leveling off

ASSOCIATED PRESS
GENEVA, AUGUST 25

THE WORLD Health Organization said the number of new coronavirus cases reported globally appears to be stabilizing at about 4.5 million infections after steadily rising for the past two months.

In its weekly assessment of the pandemic, the UN health agency said Covid-19 increased by about 20 per cent and 8 per cent in the Western Pacific and in the Americas, while rates of disease either remained the same or dropped in other regions.

The countries with the highest numbers of new cases were the United States, Iran, India, Britain and Brazil.

The assessment released Tuesday says there were about 68,000 new deaths reported globally, with Europe and the Americas registering increases of about 10 per cent.

WHO also noted several recent studies that show licensed vaccines still provide protection against severe coronavirus disease, but that there is some evidence to show the shots are less effective at preventing people from becoming infected with the more contagious delta variant.

JAPAN FURTHER EXPANDS VIRUS EMERGENCY AREAS

Tokyo: Japan expanded its coronavirus state of emergency on Wednesday for a second week in a row, adding eight more prefectures as a surge in infections fueled by the delta variant strains the country's health care system.

Now 33 of Japan's 47 prefectures are under some type of emergency measures.

“In order to protect the people's lives, the priority is to maintain the health care system,” PM Yoshihide Suga said. “In order to overcome this crisis led by the delta strain, I seek further cooperation from everyone.”

The government has faced criticism for holding this summer's Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics despite strong opposition from the public. **AP**

Previous research concluded the vaccines are most useful for preventing hospitalizations and deaths, not virus transmission.

Nepal poll panel grants recognition to two new political parties

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE
KATHMANDU, AUGUST 25

THE NEPAL Election Commission on Wednesday formally recognised two new political parties - the CPN (Unified Socialist), led by Madhav Kumar Nepal, and the Loktantrik Samajbadi Party, led by Mahanta Thakur.

The move comes days after President Bidya Devi Bhandari issued an ordinance to amend the Political Parties Act, aimed at easing the procedure for political parties to split.

Before the amendment, the Act required dissidents to have the support of at least 40 per cent of members in the parliamentary party and the central committee for a party to split.

The new ordinance has a provision to register a new party if the splinter faction secures the signature of 20 per cent of either central committee members or Parliamentary Party members.

The CPN (Unified Socialist) is breakaway faction of the KP Oli led CPN (UML), and brings an

end to a long-standing feud between Oli and Madhav Nepal. The Election Commission, after a physical verification of both parties, ruled that a group of 30 MPs and 55 members out of 203 members of the CPN (UML) central committee led by Madhav Nepal, qualified as a new party.

Similarly, the poll panel also ruled that the Terai-based Janata Sanajbadi Party, led by Upendra Yadav and Baburam Bhattarai, could split, with 14 out of 35 MPs walking away to form the Loktantrik Samajbadi Party.

The two factions had been at loggerhead for the past two months, with the Thakur group deciding to align with Oli when he staked claim to form the government on May 22 and its seven members briefly joining the cabinet, only for their tenure to be cut short after the Supreme Court dismissed its validity and issued a mandamus to appoint Deuba as the Prime Minister.

The formation of the new parties will help Deuba the most - the Madhav Nepal faction has already made decision to join the coalition government.

Woman who gave info on PPE scam killed in S Africa

FAKIR HASSEN
JOHANNESBURG, AUGUST 25

A 53-YEAR-OLD Indian-origin woman in South Africa has been killed allegedly for providing critical information about a multi-million-dollar PPE fraud during the Covid lockdown in the country last year, prompting authorities to launch a high-level investigation into the incident.

Babita Deokaran, who was a senior official at the Gauteng provincial Department of Health, was shot multiple times through her car door on Tuesday. She was rushed to hospital but succumbed to her injuries.

A high-level investigation has been launched into the killing of Deokaran, who had provided

critical information regarding a more than 330 million rand (over \$20 million) fraud into the supply of PPE during the lockdown in South Africa last year.

Serious Crime Investigation Unit (SIU) spokesperson Kaizer Kganyago said Deokaran was one of the witnesses in the investigation by the unit into corruption in the health department, which was already nearing an end.

Gauteng Premier David Makhura said that a dedicated provincial police task team has been established to hunt down the perpetrators.

The SIU in the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is also probing claims by sources that Deokaran's murder is linked to the information she provided on the fraud allegations. **PTI**

US, China trade bullying claims

REUTERS
HANOI, AUGUST 25

US VICE President Kamala Harris on Wednesday again charged China with bullying its Southeast Asian neighbours, the second time in two days she has attacked Beijing during a regional visit, as Washington tries to rally regional partners to take on China's growing economic and military influence.

The Chinese foreign ministry shot back on Wednesday and accused the US of meddling in regional affairs and disrupting peace. Earlier in the day, Chinese state media accused Harris of seeking to drive a wedge between China and Southeast Asian nations with comments in Singapore that Beijing used coercion and intimidation to back its



US Vice President Kamala Harris

unlawful South China Sea claims.

Speaking in Hanoi on Wednesday, Harris said there was a need to mount pressure on China over its maritime claims and offered to support Vietnam in several key areas, including enhancement of maritime security to take on Beijing's increasing assertiveness in the South China Sea.

“We need to find ways to pressure, raise the pressure... on Beijing to abide by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and to challenge, its bullying and excessive maritime claims,” said Harris during a meeting with Vietnamese President Nguyen Xuan Phuc.

“While pointing a finger at China and accusing it of ‘coercion’ and ‘intimidation’, Harris willfully ignored her own hypocrisy in attempting to coerce and intimidate regional countries to join Washington in its scheme to contain China,” the state run *China Daily* said in an editorial responding to Harris's comments in Singapore.

“It seems that the United States’ only commitment to Southeast Asia is its dedicated efforts to drive a wedge between the Southeast Asian nations and China,” it added.

Xi's political ideology to become part of curriculum in China

K J M VARMA
BEIJING, AUGUST 25

CHINA WILL introduce President Xi Jinping's political ideology in its national curriculum for schools and colleges, in the latest effort to consolidate the ruling Communist Party's grip on power for the future.

‘Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era’ will be incorporated into China's textbooks for students at all levels, the country's Ministry of Education announced Tuesday.

The guideline, issued by the National Textbook Committee, said textbooks reflect the will of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the nation and directly



China President Xi Jinping

impact the direction and quality of talent cultivation, state-run *Global Times* reported.

Billed as the most powerful leader after the CPC's founder Mao Zedong, Xi is widely expected to continue in power for an unprecedented third term beginning late next year.

Xi, 68, who heads the CPC, the military and Presidency will be completing his second five-year term as head of the party next year. **PTI**

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Bank Name Finance Ltd.	Versus	Nareesh Kumar Aggarwal & Others
applicant		Defendants
(1) Nareesh Kumar Aggarwal and Others, D/W/S/O Sh. Laxmi Chand Aggarwal		
(2) C-5/1A, Main Gali, Block-C, West Jyoti Nagar, Shahdara, North East, Delhi- 110094.		
(2) Nidhi Aggarwal W/o Sh. Nareesh Kumar Aggarwal		
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(3) Ms Nidhi Founds, A-21, DSIIDC Complex, Jhilmil Industrial Area, Delhi		
Is/ At- Through its Partner- Nareesh Kumar Aggarwal S/o Sh. Laxmi Chand Aggarwal,		
(2) C-5/1A, Main Gali, Block-C, West Jyoti Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi- 110094.		
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Shahdara Delhi.		

Notice to Shareholders for 45th Annual General Meeting and Record Date for payment of Final Dividend

Ministry of Corporate Affairs has, vide circular dated 5th May 2020 read with circular dated 13th January 2021, allowed Companies to convene their Annual General Meeting (AGM) during the calendar year 2021 through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM). Further, MCA vide circular dated 5th May, 2020 and SEBI vide circular dated 12th May, 2020 had dispensed with the requirement of sending hard copies of annual report to the Shareholders of the Company and permitted Companies to send Annual Report containing notice of AGM, Board's Report, financial statements etc., to its shareholders only through emails registered with the Company/depository participant/depository.

In accordance with aforesaid circulars, it is hereby informed that the 45th AGM of NTPC Limited will be held on Tuesday, 28th September, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. through VC/OAVM and the annual report along with notice of 45th AGM will be sent only through email on registered email ID of the shareholders. No physical copies of Notice and Annual Report would be sent to any shareholder.

Notice and Annual Report 2020-21 will also be made available on the Company's website www.ntpc.co.in and websites of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively.

Manner of casting vote(s) through e-voting: In terms of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, the Resolutions for consideration at the 45th AGM will be transacted through remote e-voting and e-voting during the AGM. The Company has engaged services of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) for facilitating voting through electronic means. Shareholders who hold shares in physical form or who have not registered their e-mail addresses and wish to participate in the AGM or cast their votes through remote e-voting or e-voting during the meeting may participate in the AGM or cast their votes by following instructions given in the Notice of AGM.

Manner of registering / updating email ID & Bank Details: Shareholders who have not registered their email IDs and Bank Account details are hereby requested to register the same in following manner:

<p>For shareholders holding shares in Demat Mode</p>	<p>For updating email ID</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Folio No. 2. Name of Shareholder 3. Self-attested copy of PAN 4. Self attested copy of AADHAR / Driving License / Voter Card / Passport (Signature should match with the specimen signature available with the Company/RTA) 	<p>For updating Bank account</p> <p>In addition to details required for updating email, following details/documents are required :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bank Account details like Bank Account number, Name of the Bank & Branch, MICR Code/ IFSC Code 2. Cancelled Cheque bearing the name of the Member or first holder, in case shares are held jointly
	<p>Shareholders can update email IDs, mobile numbers and Bank Account details by contacting their respective Depository Participants as per the process advised by them.</p>	

TDS on Dividend:

Shareholders may note that in terms of the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 ("the Act") as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, dividend paid or distributed by a Company on or after 1st April, 2020 is taxable in the hands of the Shareholders. The Company is, therefore, required to deduct tax at source at the time of payment of dividend to the Shareholders. In order to enable us to determine the appropriate TDS rate, as applicable, Shareholders are requested to submit necessary forms/documents in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act up to 10th September, 2021 at tdsdiv@ntpc.co.in

In case of any further assistance in this regard, Shareholders may contact NTPC/RTA or Company at above mentioned email/address.

Date: 24.08.2021
Place: New Delhi

For NTPC Limited
Nandini Sarkar
Company Secretary

Date: 24.08.2021
Place: New Delhi

HSIIDC e-Auction

Schedule for Allotment of Industrial Plots in
IE Karnal, Sector 37

HSIIDC had opened the registration for participation in e-auction for allotment of Industrial plots in IE Karnal, Sector-37 w.e.f. 15.07.2021 with closing date as 16.08.2021. The schedule of e-auction for the same is as under:

j) The Round-1 of each E-auction shall start at 7:00 AM on the scheduled date. k) The standard closing time of Round-1 of each E-auction shall be 11:00 AM on the scheduled date. All subsequent rounds shall be of 10 minutes duration, subject to extension as below. l) There will be unlimited extensions-The auction time of the round(s) will get extended by 10 minutes in case of receipt of any bid in the last 5 minutes. iv. In case the e-auction does not conclude till 9:00 PM, the e-auction will pause at 9:00 PM. The round in progress at 9:00 PM shall continue even after 9:00 PM till its closing and fresh round shall re-start at 7:00 AM the next day. v) The minimum bid increment has been kept at Rs.200/- psm in all categories. vi) The H-1 payment shall be scheduled after acceptance of bids by the competent authority, payable within 72 hours of scheduling. vii) The no. of plots indicated above are tentative and HSIIDC shall reserve to itself the right to withdraw any site from auction or add any site for auction at any stage without assigning any reason.

All registered bidders may please note the above for participation in e-auction on scheduled date and please note that no separate notice shall be sent in this regard. The detail of plots an offer can be seen on the e-auction portal <https://hsiidc.bids.in> and www.hsiidc.org.in. For further details, including process of e-auction, please refer to the e-auction brochure available on e-auction portal hsiidc.bids.in.

1. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" through website portal: www.auctiontigner.net.
2. The EMD shall be paid either through Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of the "Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi-A/C R.C. No. 6/2019" or through NEFT/RTGS to the following account - IDBI Bank, Name of Beneficiary: Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited, Account No. 000410300054719, IFSC Code IBKL0000004. The said Demand Draft/Pay Order or original proof of payment through NEFT/RTGS qua EMD, alongwith self-attested copy of identity (voter Id card/driving license/passport), which should contain the address for future communication, and self-attested copy of PAN card, and in the case of company, copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company also, must reach the Office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi latest by 27.09.2021 before 4.00 PM In the case of individual, a declaration if the bid is on his/her own behalf or on behalf of his/her principals be also submitted. In the latter case, the bidder shall be required to deposit his/her authority and in case of default, his/her bid shall be rejected. The EMD or original proof of EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.
3. The envelope containing EMD or original proof of payment of EMD through NEFT/RTGS, along with details of the sender, i.e. address, e-mail ID and mobile number, etc., should be super-scribed "RC No.6/2019"
4. The property is being sold on "as is where is basis" & "as is what is basis".
5. The bidders are advised to go through the portal www.auctiontigner.net for detailed terms and conditions for e-auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings and/or contact Sh. Meghraj Deshmukh, Deputy Vice President-Legal Mobile No. 7506642534 and Sh. Naman Awasthi-Assistant Manager-Legal. Mobile No. 9100018502.
6. Prospective bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, after deposit of EMD, which is mandatory for bidding in the above e-auction, from M/s. E-procurement Technologies Limited, A-201, Wall Street-II Opp. Orient Club, Near Gujarat College, Ellis Bridge Ahmedabad-380006 Contact Person: Mr. Ram Prasad. Contact No. 8000023297 & Sh. Gagan Prakash. Contact No. 9265562818 & Sh. Chintan Bhatt Contact No. 9978591888 Email ID: ramprasad@auctiontigner.net, chintan.bhatt@auctiontigner.net, gaganprakash@eptl.in
7. The interested bidders may avail online training on e-auction, after deposit of EMD, from M/s. E-procurement Technologies Limited, A-201, Wall Street-II, Opp. Orient Club, Near Gujarat College, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006 Contact Person: Mr. Ram Prasad. Contact No. 8000023297 & Sh. Gagan Prakash. Contact No. 9265562818 & Sh. Chintan Bhatt Contact No. 9978591888 Email ID: ramprasad@auctiontigner.net, chintan.bhatt@auctiontigner.net, gaganprakash@eptl.in.
8. The prospective buyer may inspect the site on 15.09.2021 and 16.09.2021 from 10.30 AM to 04.00 PM.
9. Only those bidders holding valid user ID & Password and confirmed payment of EMD through demand draft/pay order or NEFT/RTGS shall be eligible to participate in on line e-auction.
10. The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price by 27.09.2021 before 4.00 PM in the office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 03.00 PM to 04.00 PM on 29.09.2021. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
11. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiples of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac Only) (in respect of Lot no. 1 & 3) Rs. 20,000/- (in respect of lot no.2).
12. The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi/CH, i.e., EARC, immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings.
13. The Successful /highest bidder shall have to prepare and deposit Demand Draft Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 6/2019 by next bank working day i.e. by 04.00 PM with this Tribunal.
14. The successful/highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 6/2019, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs.1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above). In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
15. CHFI/CH Bank is directed to serve the Sale proclamation on CDs through Dasti, speed post, courier and by affixation at the conspicuous part of the property and by beat of drum in its vicinity and a copy of the same be placed on the notice board of the Tribunal.
16. Sale proclamation be also published in the Newspapers in English as well as in vernacular language, having adequately wide circulation in the area.
17. CHFI/CH Bank is directed to confirm the publication of advertisement in the Newspapers and original proofs of the publication be filed before next date of hearing.
18. The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.

Matter be listed on **31.08.2021** for filing affidavit of service of E-auction sale notice with proofs of service (including track results qua speed post and courier) and dasti, original proofs of publication in newspapers and wider publicity including website for the purpose of e-auction.

NORTHERN RAILWAY								
TENDER NOTICE								
The Deputy Chief Engineer/BR/Workshop, Northern Railway, Jalandhar Cantt, for an on behalf of the President of India invites								
Open-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:-								
S. N.	Tender Notice No.	Name of work	Approx Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of opening	Bidding start date on IREPS	Cost of tender form (Rs.)	Completion period of work
1	07-2021-Loading & Unloading	Loading/Unloading of emergency reserve into/from Rolling stock at Bridge Workshop, Jalandhar Cantt.	4,07,326	0	13.09.2021	30.08.2021 To 13.09.2021	0	36 Months
2	08-2021-Painting	General Painting of Major Bridge No. 20 (UP & DN) & 63 (UP & DN) Open Web Girders on SNL-ATT section under the jurisdiction of SSE/Br/M/JUC.	97,98,405	0	13.09.2021	30.08.2021 To 13.09.2021	0	12 Months
Date & Time for submission of Tender and opening of tender			Up to 15:00 hrs. on dates shown against each and opening of tender thereafter at 15:00 hrs, on same date.					
Website Particulars where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded			The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in					
No.: 80-W/30/Bridges/invitation Dated: 23.08.2021								
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EDELWEISS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. V/S M/S. EVINIX INDUSTRIES LTD.

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULE 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993

CD#1: M/s Evnix Industries Limited Through Official Liquidator Attached to Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh Corporate Bhawan, Plot No. 4-B, 2nd Floor, Sector-27-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh160019.

CD#2 : Mr. Rajeev Taneja S/o Mr.T.D. Taneja Rammashraya, KH-43, Sector-45, Mewla Maharajpur, Faridabad-121003 (Haryana). Also at:House No. 218, Sector-21-B, Faridabad-121007.

CD#3: Mr. K.M. Gupta S/o Mr. J.K. Gupta, Rammashraya, KH-43, Sector-45, Mewla Maharajpur, Faridabad-121003 (Haryana). Also at:N-158, Greater Kailash-1, New Delhi.

CD#4 : M/s Ambros Exports P. Ltd. Rammashraya, KH-43, Sector-45, Mewla Maharajpur, Faridabad-121003 (Haryana). Also at: M-43, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001.

Whereas as per Recovery Certificate No. 6/2019 dated 07.03.2019 drawn by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II mentioning a sum of **Rs.87,59,81,515/(Rs. Eighty Seven Crores Fifty Nine Lacs Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Only)** has become due from you as per the said Recovery Certificate drawn in O.A.No.215/2012 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Delhi. The applicant is entitled to recover a sum of **Rs.48,03,49,779/- (Rs. Forty Eight Crores Three Lacs Forty Nine Thousand and Seven Hundred Seventy Nine Only)** and Applicant No.7, FNB is entitled to recover a sum of **Rs. 39,56,31,736/- (Rs. Thirty Nine Crores Fifty Six Lacs Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Six Only)** from the CDs jointly and/or severally with pendente lite interest @ 12% p.a. from 30.08.2012 onwards until recovery for **Rs.1,50,000/-**.

2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.
3. Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website M/s. E-procurement Technologies Limited, A-201, Wall Street-II, Opp. Orient Club, Near Gajapati College, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006 Contact Person: Mr. Ram Prasad, Contact No. 8000023297 & Sh. Gagan Prakash, Contact No. 9265562818 & Sh. Chintan Bhatt Contact No. 9978591888 Email ID: ramprasad@auclontiger.net, chintan.bhatt@auclontiger.net, gaganprakash@eptl.in on 29.09.2021 between 03.00 p.m.to 04.00 p.m. with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 04:00 PM, if required.
4. The sale shall be as per the property of the CD(s) above-mentioned as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.
5. The property shall be put up for the sale as specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized by sale is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale will also be stopped if, before auction is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.
6. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.
7. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions:
- 7.1 The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.

- 7.3 The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price, alongwith documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof, etc., and in the case of company, copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company also, latest by **27.09.2021 before 04.00 PM** in the Office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from **03.00 PM to 04.00 PM on 29.09.2021**. In the case of individual, a declaration if the bid is on his/her own behalf or on behalf of his/her principals be also submitted. In the latter case, the bidder shall be required to deposit his/her authority and in case of default, his/her bid shall be rejected. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get o's Rectended for 5 minutes.
- 7.4 The bidder(s) shall improve their offer in multiples of **Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac Only) (in respect of Lot no. 1&3) Rs. 20,000/- (in respect of lot no. 2).**
- 7.5 The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi/CH, i.e., EARC, immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings.
- 7.6 The Successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare and deposit Demand Draft/Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 6/2019 by next bank working day i.e. by 04.00 PM with this Tribunal.
- 7.7 The successful/highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, **A/C R.C. No. 6/2019**, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs.1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).
- 7.8 In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
8. The property is being sold on "**AS IS WHERE IS BASIS**" & "**AS IS WHAT IS BASIS**".
9. The CH Bank/CHFI is directed to authenticate and verify about the veracity of the details given herein.
10. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

Given under my hand and seal on this 16-08-2021



GOLD

₹46,650



RUPEE

₹74.24



OIL

\$69.25



SILVER

₹62,800

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as on August 24, 2021

SENSEX: 55,944.21 ▼ 14.77 (-0.03%) NIFTY: 16,634.65 ▲ 10.05 (0.06%) NIKKEI: 27,724.80 ▼ 730 HANG SENG: 25,693.95 ▼ 33.97 FTSE: 7,132.65 ▲ 6.87 DAX: 15,871.16 ▼ 34.69

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
UNORGANISED LABOUR

How govt plans to register workers on e-SHRAM portal

AANCHAL MAGAZINE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

THE GOVERNMENT will launch the e-SHRAM portal, a database of unorganised sector's workers on August 26. On Tuesday, Union Minister for Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav launched the logo of the e-SHRAM portal.

EXPLAINED

What is the portal?

The government aims to register 38 crore unorganised workers, such as construction labourers, migrant workforce, street vendors, and domestic workers, among others. The workers will be issued an e-SHRAM card containing a 12-digit unique number, which going ahead will help in inclusion of these workers in social security schemes, officials said. The government had earlier missed deadlines for creating the database, inviting criticism

from the Supreme Court.

How will registration for workers happen?

The registration of workers on the portal will be coordinated by the Labour Ministry, state governments, trade unions and CSCs, officials said. Awareness campaigns would be planned across the country to enable nationwide registration of workers.

Following the launch of the portal, workers from the unorganised sector can begin their registration from the same day. A national toll free number 14434 will also be launched to assist and address the queries of the workers seeking registration on the portal. A worker can register on the portal using his/her Aadhaar card number and bank account details, apart from filling other necessary details like date of birth, home town, mobile number, and social category.

FINANCE MINISTER MEETS BANK CHIEFS

'Too early to call lack of credit demand; loan outreach from Oct'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, AUGUST 25

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said it was too early to conclude that there was a lack of demand for bank credit. She also announced a credit outreach programme to push bank loan growth. Year-on-year non-food bank credit growth was 6.2 per cent as on July 30th.

The Finance Minister said that over Rs 4.94 lakh crore was disbursed by banks between October 2019 and March 2021 through outreach initiatives undertaken by them. This year, too, sometime in October, there will be a credit outreach in every district of the country, she added. Sitharaman was speaking at a press conference in Mumbai on Wednesday.

Sitharaman, who had met bank heads earlier in the day, said bankers had expressed concerns on CASA (current account and savings account) deposits piling up in eastern areas. She said there was a need to ramp up credit growth in states like Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha.

She said she has asked banks to reach out to exporters at district level to help push Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'One District, One Export' message. Lenders have also been told to look into de-



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at a press conference following the annual review meeting of public sector banks in Mumbai, on Wednesday. Pradip Das

mands of the fintech sector.

At the same conference, Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj said the government is considering allowing Indian companies to directly list abroad. There are certain issues to be sorted out, he said, without going into details. The government may introduce legislative amendments in the Budget session of Parliament to facilitate direct listing, he added.

"We are in discussions with the players who are asking for this. Maybe in the Budget session we will see what we can do," Bajaj said, adding there was no mandatory requirement of listing of such securities at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at this point of time.

Sitharaman also reiterated that banks and insurance sectors have been classified as strategic

sectors by the government. This means although the government will pursue disinvestment and privatisation, it won't exit these sectors fully. "Banks, financial institutions and insurance are identified as strategic sectors which means the government's minimum presence will be there. Minimum presence is something that has to be there as per policy. I will obviously be present in LIC, in the general insurance industry and somewhat in the re-insurance sector also," said Sitharaman.

She also said that the government was not averse to the idea of bringing insurance bonds in place of bank guarantees. Further, the Finance Minister confirmed that the Indian Banks' Association has approached the Reserve Bank of India for a licence for National Asset Reconstruction Company

Family pension raised for PSB employees

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday announced raising the family pension for bank employees to 30 per cent of the last-drawn salary. It also decided to increase the employer's contribution in New Pension Scheme (NPS) to 14 per cent of the salary from the current 10 per cent. **PTI**

Ltd, or NARCL, the bad bank.

On rising inflation, Bajaj said it would come down once the crop harvest hits the market and consumer inflation would come down to 4-6 per cent. "The RBI has come out with a guidance on inflation and said that the inflation, which is a little on the up, will cool down in some time and we also feel once the crop comes out the inflation should come down. The major inflation that is being seen is in components such as edible oils and pulses and we have reduced the duties on these and have ensured that extra pulses and edible oils are coming from outside the country so that the supply side has been improved."

GOOGLE VICE PRESIDENT—TRUST AND SAFETY, KRISTIE CANEGALLO

Privacy vs law enforcement concerns: 'Have processes to respond to government requests'

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

AT A time when technology companies are globally caught between law enforcement and government requests to clamp down on alleged criminal activities, and ensuring the privacy and security of their users, internet giant Google believes the fine balance between the two comes from giving users the control of their data and being transparent about responses to government requests.

"It does get to the way we believe we should be building our products — building security into our products, making them private by default but also giving users

Canegallo said the challenges that India poses due to scale of users coming online is somewhat unique

control. So much of the work that we are doing is how to make it simpler for users who are accessing technology to understand that there are risks inherent in a Gmail message they are reading by putting in place clear warnings and protections. And while we are focused on safety and security, we are also focussed on privacy and protecting user's data," Kristie Canegallo, Google's Vice Preside-

nt—Trust and Safety, told reporters.

A significant development that has blurred the lines between user privacy and addressing broader law enforcement concerns happened earlier this month when iPhone maker Apple decided it will scan photographs on the devices of its users to check for content that could be classified as Child Sexual Abuse Material. This move put spotlight once again on governments and law enforcement authorities seeking a backdoor into encrypted services, and was criticised by digital privacy advocates.

"We are, of course, transparent about the sorts of requests we might get from governments. We have policies and processes that we would be using to respond to

government requests and we have a transparency report with respect to any government request we receive," Canegallo said Wednesday.

Google launched a series of initiatives aimed at stepping up the safety of internet users. From the perspective of safety of internet users, Canegallo said India presented a unique challenge in terms of the scale of individuals coming online for the first time. Specifically, she said, one of the areas Google was focussing its efforts was prevention of financial fraud.

She said, "The challenges that India poses is just by the virtue of the scale of users coming online, I'd say this is somewhat unique."

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

'61% of mid income homebuyers feel prices to rise in next one year'

Over 60% of middle-income homebuyers in the country expect prices of their primary residences to rise in the next 12 months, a Knight Frank survey said

26% Mainstream Indians had moved their residences within the pandemic period

14% Global Indian respondents who desired relocation in next 12 months



Survey details: The consultant released the Global Buyer Survey, analysing Covid-19 impact on residential buyers' attitudes. It also took a two-part primary survey for India, with sample size of over 550 people Source: Knight Frank/PTI

SEGMENTS OF INDIA BUYERS:

- First part of survey comprised respondents in high-end income segment, referred to as 'Global Indian Segment'
- Second part gauged sentiment in mid-end income segment called, 'Mainstream Indian Segment'

BRIEFLY
Scindia on ATF

New Delhi: Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has urged 22 states and Union territories to cut VAT on ATF and bring it to 1-4 per cent across airports. **PTI**

Startup support

New Delhi: IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched a programme aimed at providing investment of up to Rs 40 lakh to startups.

HSBC India CEO

Mumbai: The RBI has approved appointment of Hitendra Dave as CEO of HSBC India for three years.

LIC Ananda app

New Delhi: LIC has launched Ananda app, to provide new dimension to Atma Nirbhar Agents New Business Digital Application. **ENS**

A/c defreeze

New Delhi: Sebi has ordered defreezing of bank accounts, share and MF holdings of Rana Kapoor, former MD and CEO of Yes Bank.

Ujivan SFB OSD

New Delhi: Ujivan Small Finance Bank named Carol Furtado 'officer on special duty' till September 30. She will take charge as interim CEO.

DGCA rules

New Delhi: Aviation personnel will be tested for psychoactive substances, as per DGCA draft rules. **PTI**

Laying industrial road map for trillion-dollar economy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 25

A TWO-DAY industry conclave hosted by The Indian Express Group's Marathi daily Loksatta along with Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) will bring together law-makers and industry representatives to discuss ways to boost the economy in a post-pandemic environment.

Growth and industrial development will be the key themes at the Loksatta Industry Conclave where Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray will deliver the keynote address on Thursday.

Representatives of the Maharashtra government, including Subhash Desai, Minister for Industries and Mining, will unveil a slew of reforms aimed at fostering development with the objective of providing jobs and livelihoods to many more people.

Desai and Minister of State



Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray will deliver the keynote address at the Conclave today

for Industries Aditi Tatkare will outline the policies planned for

the industrial sector. Tourism Minister Aditya Thackeray, MIDC CEO P Anbalagan, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) president and Tata Steel CEO & Managing Director T V Narendran along with other experts will also address the conclave.

Several top corporate executives will be present at the conclave to share their perspective.

CII is partnering with Loksatta and MIDC. The state government will assess the challenges faced by businesses and attempt to address them.

A series of panel discussions, focusing on areas like infrastructure, will feature experts who will deliberate on important issues.

MIDC will showcase the new-age infrastructure facilities that it has created in Maharashtra to facilitate industrial activity.

Among the topics in focus is 'The industrial roadmap for a trillion dollar economy'.

RBI extends scope of tokenisation

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to extend the scope of tokenisation to include consumer devices — laptops, desktops, wearables (wrist watches and bands) and IoT devices.

The facility was available only for mobile phones and tablets of interested card holders. "On a review of the framework and keeping in view stakeholder feedback, it has been decided to extend the scope of tokenisation to include consumer devices — laptops, desktops, wearables (wrist watches and bands) and Internet of Things (IoT) devices. All other provisions of the cir-

cular will continue to be applicable," the Reserve Bank said.

Tokenisation refers to replacement of actual card details with an alternate code called the "token", which will be unique for a combination of card, token requestor (the entity which accepts request from the customer for tokenisation of a card and passes it on to the card network to issue a corresponding token) and device. A tokenised card transaction is considered safer as the actual card details are not shared with the merchant during transaction processing. **ENS**

OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER PHED, JAIPUR REGION-I, JAIPUR
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Phone: 0141-2740170 (o) e-mail: ace1.jpr.phed@rajasthan.gov.in
No.: F-43/ACE/PHED/Ar. Sikar/SubDn.Dantaramgar/NIT-88/JJM/2021-22/7223-43 Date: 17/08/2021
(e-NIT No. 88/2021-22)

On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan NIT No. 88/2021-22 online tender is hereby invited from eligible bidders for "Augmentation/Conversion of various RWSS to Provide FHTCs including one year Defect Liability period of SVSMVS under JJM in the jurisdiction of PHED Sub Division Dantaramgar, District- Sikar on SPR basis costing Rs. 4.51 Crore" as per criteria mentioned in the detailed NIT/tender document available on websites: <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> & <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>. Tenders are to be submitted online in electronic form on website <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> as per prescribed schedule.

NIB No. PHE2122A281 **UBN No.** PHE2122WSOBA6267
SAVE WATER - SAVE LIFE
Sd/- (Arun Srivastava)
Addl. Chief Engineer
PHED, Jaipur Region-I, Jaipur
DIPR/C/830/2021

Office of the Superintending Engineer Water Resources Construction Circle, Durgapur
No. SE/ACC./2021/823 Date:- 13.08.2021
E-NIT No. 01/2021-22
Bids for the works mentioned below are invited from interested bidders upto dated 06.09.2021 till 6.00 P.M.

S. No.	Name of Work
1	CONSTRUCTION OF MANDAWIYA ANICUT, VILLAGE MANDAWIYA, PANCHAYAT SAMITI BICHHIWARA DISTRICT DUNGARPUR (UBN No- UBN- WRD2122 WLOB00713
2	CONSTRUCTION OF KALUSEDA ANICUT, VILLAGE MAHUDI, PANCHAYAT SAMITI HONTHRI DISTRICT DUNGARPUR (UBN No- UBN- WRD2122 WSOB00714
3	CONSTRUCTION OF KAWALIYADARA ANICUT VILLAGE KAWALIYADARA PANCHAYAT SAMITI BICCHHIWARA DISTRICT DUNGARPUR (UBN No- UBN- WRD2122 WSOB00715
4	CONSTRUCTION OF AMLIKHOLA ANICUT, VILLAGE PITHAPUR, PANCHAYAT SAMITI BICHHIWARA DISTRICT DUNGARPUR (UBN No- UBN- WRD2122 WLOB00716

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd
Sd/- (Sabir Hussain)
Superintending Engineer
Water Resources Const. Circle
Durgapur
DIPR/C/8266/2021

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu
SHORT TENDER NOTICE
Short Tender Notice No.04 / 2021-2022 / SDO / Dt. 24.08.2021
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Item wise tender through online only will be received upto 13.09.2021, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle for One bridge work in respect of Vellore (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division under NABARD RIDF - 5 Bridge Works 2020-2021.
Details of Name of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 27.08.2021 onwards in the Government website <http://ntenders.gov.in>. If any changes / corrections / amendments etc to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H)
NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu-1
DIPR/2524/Tender/2021
"சாத்தனம் உட்பற்றி கத்திரும் கைடத்தெயும் சாத்தனம் புரிந்து வித்திரும் கைடபெயும்"

IN MESSAGE TO SIAM

PM: Encouraging a circular economy

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25

REITERATING INDIA'S commitment to move forward with the goal of clean and modern mobility, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said holistic steps are being taken for the value chain associated with automobile manufacturing so that the industry becomes more productive and sustainable.

In a message to the auto industry body Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on its 61st Annual Convention on Wednesday, Modi said that modernity in mobility has a positive impact on every sector and industry. He also called for making India a global manufacturing hub.

"All the stakeholders have an important role in our governments' steadfast efforts to transform India into a global manufacturing hub," said the Prime Minister, in his message that was read out by Kenichi Ayukawa,

president, SIAM, and MD & CEO, Maruti Suzuki.

Stating that rapid changes are taking place in technology, lifestyle and economy and that old approaches and old practices have to be changed, the Prime Minister emphasised that it is crucial to protect our environment, resources and raw materials.

"For this reason, India is not only emphasising on exploring new possibilities but also encouraging a circular economy. Recently launched National Automobile Scrapage Policy exemplifies this vision."

Lauding the industry's role in India's growth, Modi recalled the contribution of auto industry towards manufacturing to furthering exports, from creating numerous employment opportunities to adding to ease of living for people.

Speaking at the event, Mahendra Nath Pandey, Union Minister of Heavy Industries, recognised the contribution of the auto industry to the Indian economy.

SIAM CONVENTION

Lot of statements about auto sector importance; haven't seen concrete action, says Bhargava

New Delhi: Speaking at industry body SIAM's 61st Annual Convention, RC Bhargava of Maruti Suzuki India and Venu Srinivasan of TVS Motor, on Wednesday wondered if contribution of the auto industry towards India's growth is being recognised.

"We have been going through a situation where this industry has been declining over a long period of time," Bhargava, who is the Chairman of the country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India, said. Earlier in the day, highlighting the achievements of the auto industry Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said, "It will be impossible for India to grow at high rates for a long period of time without the automobile sector being the key driver of India's growth."

"There have been a lot of statements made about the importance of the automobile industry but in terms of concrete actions,

which would reverse the decline, I haven't seen any action on the ground," Bhargava said. "I'm afraid words don't get us very much in the terms of extra sales but you need concrete action to make this happen." "I don't think the car industry would revive either with ICEs (internal combustion engines) or with the CNG, biofuels and such things or EVs unless we address the question of affordability of cars for the customer," Bhargava said.

TVS Motor Company Chairman Venu Srinivasan said a two-wheeler, "the basic mode of transportation for the country", is being taxed at 28 per cent GST, equal to that of a luxury product. "...I would like to say, are we being recognised? Is the automotive industry being recognised for what it has contributed to employment, to revenues and to earning of foreign exchange?" **PTI**

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Badr! Lal Meena, Director

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Tender No.	CONEP/MMLP-Swarupganj/S&T work/2021
Name of Work	Design, Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of Indoor and Outdoor Signage & Telecommunication work of Interlocking system for Track work as per DFCCIL specification in connection with development of RTH, Swarupganj (Rajasthan).
Estimated Cost	Rs. 87.29 lakhs
Completion Period	06 (Six) Months
Earnest Money Deposit	NIL (bid security declaration to be submitted)
Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	NIL
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)	Rs. 4,720/- (inclusive all taxes & duties) through e-payment
Date of Sale of Tender (Online)	26.08.2021 (11:00 hrs.) to 16.09.2021 (upto 17:00 hrs.)
Date & Time of Submission of Tender	18.09.2021 upto 17:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of Tender	20.09.2021 at 11:30 hrs.

For financial eligibility criteria, experience with respect to similar nature of work, etc, 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, Contingendum / 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. ED(P&S, Area-II) Phone No.: 011- 41222500

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Open Tender Notice (E-Tendering mode only)
Tender No. CON/IT/BLCS/e5417/2021

1) Online Open E-bids are invited through two packet Open tendering system from the indigenous suppliers for the Manufacture and Supply of 36 BLCS Racks i.e. 1620 nos. (i.e. 648 nos. BLCS Wagon and 972 nos. BLCSB Wagon) Broad Gauge BOGIE CONTAINER FLAT WAGON TYPE 'BLCS (A&B-CAR)' in accordance with RDSO's Particular Specification no. WD-01-BLCS (A & B Car)-2018 or its latest.

SN	Bid Reference	CON/IT/BLCS/e5417/2021
1	Tendered Quantity	1620 nos. (i.e. 648 nos. BLCS Wagon and 972 nos. BLCSB Wagon) Broad Gauge BOGIE CONTAINER FLAT WAGON TYPE 'BLCS (A&B-CAR)'
2	Bid Security (Earnest Money) Deposit	Bid Security Declaration as per clause 3 of section II (Refer Detailed Tender Document)
3	Cost of Document (Non refundable)	₹ 1,000 through online payment gateway to CONCOR
4	Tender processing fee (Non refundable)	₹ 4720.00 (including GST @18%) Through online payment gateway to CONCOR
5	Pre-Bid Meeting	07.09.2021
6	Period of Tender Sale (online)	26.08.2021 at 15:00 hrs to 20.09.2021 at 15:00 hrs
7	Date and time of Submission of Bid	20.09.2021 at 16:00 hrs
8	Date and time of opening of Bid	21.09.2021 at 11:00 hrs
9	Place of Opening	Executive Director (P&S) / Area-III, Container Corporation of India Ltd, NSIC, MDPB Building, 3rd Floor, Okhla Industrial Estate, Opp. NSIC Okhla Metro Station, New Delhi-110020.
10	Communication Address	Executive Director (P&S) / Area-III, Container Corporation of India Ltd, NSIC, MDPB Building, 3rd Floor, Okhla Industrial Estate, Opp. NSIC Okhla Metro Station, New Delhi-110020. Email: akmishra@concorindia.com

The detailed tender document can be viewed from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL from 26.08.2021 at 15:00 hrs to 20.09.2021 at 15:00 hrs.
Executive Director/P&S-A-III

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Goggi Satyanarayana S/O Goggi Madhava Murthy, R/o 20/123, Akula Street, Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh-516001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Goggi Hanumesh Acharyulu. 007075134-1

I, Gautam Khanna S/O Rajendra Pal Khanna, R/o 5/102, Eastend Enclave, Ext. Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Vasundhara Enclave, East Delhi, Delhi- 110096, have changed the name of my minor Son Ridit Khanna aged about 14 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Rihan Khanna. 0070751347-1

I, Devashish, S/O Manoj Kumar Yadav, R/o 33-C Hans Vihar Apartments Sector 13 Rohini Delhi 110085 have changed my name to Devashish Yadav 0070751363-1

I, Deepika D/o Raj Kumar R/o B-145/1, Ganesh Nagar, Tilak Nagar N.Delhi-18, have changed name to Deepika Verma for all purposes. 0040581759-6

I, Deepak Verma S/O Vijay Singh Verma, R/o F-1 Type-3 Market Flats, Above Chawla Book Depot, R K Puram Sect- 3, South West Delhi-110022, I have changed the name of my minor daughter Alena aged about 7 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Alena Agarwal. 0070751338-1

I, Chinmay Tyagi S/O Ajay Tyagi, R/o B-212 A, Lohiya Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Ajay Kumar and Shuchi in my Birth Certificate No-1974. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Ajay Tyagi and Shuchi Tyagi, which may be amended accordingly. 0070751343-1

I, Bollampalli Anjaneyulu alias B Anjaneyulu S/O Bollampalli Kistalath, R/o H.No- 5-5/2,208, Telephone Colony, Boduppall, Hyderabad, Telangana-500092, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Dr. Bollampalli Anji Reddy. 0070751315-1

I, Bhupinder Singh Kalra S/o Surinder Singh Kalra R/o B-11, F-2, Ramprastha Colony, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, have changed my name to Bhupinder Singh. 0040581759-7

I, Bhawna D/O Dharam Pal Agarwal, R/o F-1 Type-3 Market Flats, Above Chawla Book Depot, R.K. Puram Sect- 3, South, West Delhi- 110022. I have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Bhawna Agarwal. 0070751333-1

I, Babita Pathak D/O Ramesh Chandra Pathak R/o 592/3B/226 Gopal Nagar Telibagh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226025, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mishka Pathak. 0070751355-1

I, Abhay Kumar Verma S/O Basant Kumar Verma, R/o Flat No- 205, Shartad Kunj, Plot No-C-58/18, Near Tot Mall Sector-62, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201309, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Abhyaa Kumar Verma. 0070751326-1

I, ANIL KUMAR, S/O SHRI TRILOK SINGH CHAUHAN, R/O FLAT NO-A-1002, DWARKADHAM APPT. PLOT No.13, SECTOR-23, DWARKA, NEW DELHI-110075, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL KUMAR CHAUHAN FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES 0040581706-1

I, Sangeet Prabha Agrawal W/o Praveen Kumar Agrawal, R/o 69 A, Govind Nagar, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh- 281001, I have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sangeet Prabha. 0070751344-1

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o-Ravinder Singh R/o F-216, Second-Floor,Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh Nagi. 0040581753-1

I, Seema Sharma alias Santosh Rani Sharma D/o Late Sh.Niranjan Lal Sharma W/o Sh.Satender Sharma R/o S-263,1st Floor,School Block, Shakarpur, Laxmi Nagar,East Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Seema Sharma for all purposes. 0040581735-6

I, Sandeep Kumar,S/o Rohtash Singh, R/o-499,Majri Karala Delhi-110081, Have changed my name to Sandeep Mathur for all purposes. 0040581764-5

I, Rinku Kumar Yadav S/o Kishori Lal Yadav R/o House No-7, Ward No-7, Mundawar, Village-Bhiwara, Hatoondi, Alwar, Rajasthan-301427, have changed my name to Aditya Rao 0070751381-1

I, Raghbir S/o Jile Singh R/o-B-249 3rd-Floor, Derawal Nagar Delhi-110009, Have changed my name Ragubir for all purposes. 0040581764-4

I, Manoj S/o Ram pal R/o Ext-8/61 trilokpur delhi 110091 have changed my minor son's name aged 13 years from Bhoiraj to Bhanu 0070751391-1

I, Magan Choudhary S/o Ram Krishan Choudhary R/o Durga Mandir, Basaitaha, Madhubani, Bihar-847102, have changed name to Raj Krishna Choudhary 0070751349-1

I, Kiran Singla D/o Ram Kumar Jain and Ex. wife of Anil Singla, R/o H.No.- Q-44, Block-Q Extn, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, I got divorce from my husband Anil Singla vide court decree No. HMA No. 2566/2017 dated 17.08.2017. I have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kiran Jain 0070751386-1

I, Abdul Mabood S/o Late Abdul Wadood R/o House No.B-347,Vasant Kunj Enclave,Vasant Kunj S.O.,South West Delhi, Delhi-110070 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Bahaar Mabood to Bahaar for all purposes. 0040581735-7

I, ZAKIYA ANAS,W/O.BILAL AHMED BHAT,ADD-153, BASTI-HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN-WEST,SOUTH EAST DELHI-110013.Changed my name to ZAKIA BEGUM, permanently. 0040581753-3

I, RAM SURENDRA,S/O,JIYALAL,ADD-B-19, JJ,CAMP BLOCK -B NEW SANJAY AMAR COLONY, VISHWAS-NAGAR SHAHDARA DELHI-110032,Changed my name to SURENDER KUMAR., Permanently. 0040581759-4

I, BILAL AHMAD BHAT,S/O.ABDUL RASHID BHAT, H.NO.153,BASTI HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN WEST,SOUTH EAST DELHI-110013.Changed my name to BILAL AHMED BHAT, permanently. 0040581754-4

I, AJAY KUMAR, S/O.DHIAN CHAND, ADD-FLAT-755,BLOCK-A, LOK-NAYAK PURAM BAKKARWALA, NEW DELHI-110041, changed my name to AJAY SHARMA. Permanently. 0040581753-4

I, Yadu S/o Nirmal Kumar, R/o B-198 Vivek Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110095, Have changed my name to Yadu Rustagi for all purposes. 0040581764-3

I, it is for general information that I, Ramesh Kumar, Son of, Raja Ram, residing at, H.No.31, Nyaya-Marg, 2/50E, France-Embassy, Chanakya Puri, Delhi-110021, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Ramesh Kumar Kanojia in my Service Records.The actual-name of mine is Ramesh Kumar respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040581759-3

I, Prateek S/o Raj kumar R/o-36/286, 287, Trilokpur Delhi-110091, Have Changed My Name To Prateek Uppal, For All Purposes. 0040581753-5

I, shekha gupta rai, D/O ashok kumar gupta, Address D-1, gharonda apartment shreshth-vihar anand-vihar laxmi-nagar, Delhi-110092, Changed my name to shekha gupta. 0040581744-8

I, hitherto known as Sneha Mehta, W/O Sh. Angad A. Yagnik, R/O.C-39, Manas Apartments Mayur-Vihar Phase-1 East Delhi-110091, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sneha Yagnik. 0040581744-2

I, Shweta W/o Adesh Kumar Mittal R/o X-2634 Gali No.6, Raghubarpura No.2, Gandhi Nagar Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Shweta Mittal, for all purposes. 0040581753-7

I, Sheikhi Islamuddin, S/o Sheikh Majeed, R/o H.No.Mauza Belka P.S. Amoor, Dakghar Dalmalpur, Block-A, Amoor, Parkhand Beisi, District-Purnia, Bihar-854315, Presently at, D-46, Ambekdar Colony, Chhatrapur, New Delhi-110074, That in my some documents I, in my Aadhar Card, My Voter I Card and other related documents my & my father name has been wrongly-written as Salim Khan, S/o Moharam Khan instead of Sheikh Islamuddin, S/o Sheikh Majeed which may be amended accordingly. 0040581753-6

I, Sharanjit Singh, S/o Harpal Singh R/o A-11, Khyala-Road Sham Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Sharanjeet Singh. 0040581744-9

I, Shahnaz, W/O Saggir Ahmed, R/O H.No.B-72/D2, Gali number-06, Kanti Nagar, Extension Delhi-110051, Have Changed My Name to Shahnaz Khatoon. Permanently. 0040581770-6

I, SHIVA S/O VINOD KUMAR R/O SF-A, KUNGO.512, 3rd-floor, VILLAGE BURARI, DELHI-110084, CHANGED MY NAME TO SHIVA CHOPRA. 0040581759-2

I, Rakesh S/o Shyam Lal, R/o RC-543, Gali.No.1, Khora Colony, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201001, have changed my name, from Rakesh to Rakesh Kanojia, for all future purposes. 0040581764-2

I, Raht Ali, S/O Late Idu, R/o-D-85 S.G.M.Nagar, N.I.T., Faridabad Haryana-121001, Have Changed My Name To Rahat Ali, For All Purposes, Raht And Rahat Ali is One And The Same Person. 0040581753-9

I, Praveen S/o Bhagwan Dass, R/o WZ-35, Om-Vihar, Phase-4, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi-59, have changed my name, from Praveen to Praveen Kumar, for all future purposes. 0040581759-9

I, Pawan Kumar Agarwal s/o Narsingh Das Agarwal R/o G-48, 2nd-Floor, East-of-Kailash, New-Delhi-110065, have changed my name to Pawan Agarwal, permanently 0040581764-9

I, No-12984369-N, Hav-Mohd Ramzan Chopan, S/O- Ab.Aziz Chopan Vill/ Tehsil- Trehgam, District- Kupwara. In my service records name and D o B of my children's have been wrongly mentioned as son's Sazad Ahmad Chopan (D o B-15-05-1999), Sabir Ahmad Chopan (D o B- 20-01-2003) instead of Sajad Ahmad Chopan (D o B-08-Nov.2002), Shabir Ahmad Chopan (D o B-01 May 2006) and daughter recorded as Mariya (D o B-30-01-2005) instead of Refat Ramzan (D o B-01 May 2006) respectively. It needs correction. Objections be filed to 163 TA, SIKHLI, C/o-56 APO, within seven day. 0020425789-1

I, Narender Kaur W/o- Gurmeet Singh R/o: S-1/116, Second Floor, Old Mahavir Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-18 hereby Declare that Narinder Kaur and Narender Kaur are both the Same One Person and will known as Narender Kaur all Future Purposes. 0070751373-1

I, Charanjeet Singh S/O Waryam Singh R/O 13/9B, Tilak Nagar, New-Delhi-110018 Have changed my Name to Charanjit Singh. 0040581764-7

I, Mohd Mustaq, S/o Abdul Karim R/O H.No.A-115, Street No.5, Bhagirathi Vihar Phase-2, Mustafabad, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Mustak Ahmad. 0040581764-6

I, Meena Gupta w/o Musadi Lal Gupta, R/O 1C/41, 1st-Floor, New Rohtak-Road, Karol-Bagh, New-Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Beena Devi, permanently 0040581764-8

I, MOULI SAHA, w/o VIKRAMJIT ROY, R/o, plot.no.H-22, second-floor m2k white house sec-57, gurugram, haryana pin code-122002, changed my name to MOULI ROY. 0040581744-4

I, MOHD. KALIM KHAN S/O MOHD. ZAHIR KHAN R/O B-229 /1 STREET NO. 3 MANDAWALI FAZALPUR, DELHI-110092, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KALIM KHAN, PERMANENTLY. 0040581744-3

I, Kuldeep Singh, S/o Sumer Singh, R/o Barahi, Tehsil-Bahadurgarh, Distt.Jhajjar (Haryana), have changed my name to Kuldeep Singh, for all Purposes. 0040581744-7

I, JAHID ALI, S/O NIJAMMUDEEN, R/O FLAT.NO-17, INDRA ENCLAVE B-12,13, NEB SARAI PO-IGNOU SOUTH DELHI-110068, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ZAHID ALI, S/O NEZAMUDDIN, permanently. 0040581744-5

I, Hitherto known as Kalwinder Singh, Son of Shri. Karnail Singh, residing at, VPO Mahil-Galia, SBS-Nagar, Punjab-144506, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kulwinder Singh. 0040581753-10

I, Harnam Singh, S/o Sunder Singh, R/O T/1, Gurudwara Shri Guru Singhsabha Budh Vihar Ph-1, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my name to Harnaam Singh. 0040581759-10

I, HAZRA BEGUM, W/O MOHAMMAD YASIN, H.No.61, Street-No.1, Phase-2, Lampur-Road, Swatantra-Nagar, Narela, NorthWest, Delhi-110040, have changed my name, from HAJRA to HAZRA BEGUM. 0040581744-1

I, Dilip Kumar s/o Vishwanath Gupta, R/O RZ-J-30/230, J Block, Dayal Park, West Sagarpur, New Delhi-110046, have changed my name to Dilip Gupta, permanently 0040581770-4

I, Deepika Sarkar R/O Flat-601, Tower Victoria-B, Grand Omaxe-B, Sector-93B, Noida(U.P.) have changed my daughter's name from Jhanvi Sarkar to Janvi Sarkar for all future purposes. 0040581723-1

I, Baby Chhayya Jain, W/o-Amandeep Jaiswal, R/o-14, Ram Bagh Colony, Shinde ki Chawni Grid, Lashkar, Grid Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh-474001, have changed my name to Anjali Jain for all purposes. 0040581770-8

I, Ayush Dutta, S/O Sushanta Dutta, R/O E-905, Ansal Heights, Sector-92, Wazipur (115), Gurugram (Haryana)-122505, have changed my name to Aayush Dutta. 0040581744-6

I, Annika Aggawal D/o Pawan Agarwal, R/o G-48, 2nd-Floor, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065, have changed my name to Annika Agarwal, permanently 0040581764-10

I, Akansh Awana S/o Mr. Ajay Awana R/o H.No.-619, Street No-6, Sector-27, Noida(U.P.) have changed my name to Akansh Chaudhary for all purposes. 0040581723-2

I, Adesh Kumar, S/o Ishwara Chand Mittal R/O X-2634 Gali, No.6, Raghubarpura No.2, Gandhi-Nagar Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Adesh Kumar Mittal, for all purposes. 0040581753-8

I, Pawan Kumar Jagdish Prasad Sharma S/o Late Jagdish Prasad Sharma R/O A-402, Gateway Apartments, Block-A, Sector-51, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Sharma for all purposes. 0070751378-1

I, Parul Pathak D/O Tara Chand Pathak, R/O Flat No- 2701, ATS Greens- 2, Sec- 50, Noida, Uttar Pradesh. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Namrata Dwivedi. 0070751329-1

I, Nalin Kumar Gupta, R/O H.No.003, Daisy tower, Omaxe Green Valley, Sector 41-42, Faridabad, Haryana-121010 have changed my son name from Atharva Garg to Atharv Gupta vide affidavit dated 25.08.2021 for all future purposes. 0040581707-1

I, Jayash Kapur S/o-Ram Prakash Kapur R/o-5/372, Indira colony Sonipat, have changed my name to Sanjay Kapoor, for all purposes. 0040581759-1

I, Vimal Sharma S/O Ashok Kumar Sharma, R/O 807, Mohan Mekins Society, Sec-5, Vashundra, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201012, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Vinhal Sharma. 0070751319-1

I, Vanket Maheshwari S/O Om Parkash, R/o Pocket- D 8/86, Sector- 06, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Om Parkash and Uma in my Birth Certificate no- 3277 . The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Om Prakash Maheshwari and Uma Maheshwari, which may be amended accordingly. 0070751313-1

I, Tavrez Khan, S/O Md Zaheer, R/O 7309, 3rd Floor, Gali-Gurudwara wali Quresh Nagar, Sadar Bajar, G.O.P.Delhi, Have Changed my Name to Md Adil 0040581764-1

I, Surekha Prabhakar, D/o-Shri Trivikram Nath, R/O-C-7, East Krishna Nagar, Near Holychild-Nursing-Home, Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my minor, daughter name, from Ishika Gaba, to Ishika Prabhakar, for all purposes. 0040581770-7

I, Sunil Kumar S/O Suran Singh, R/o L- 1100/25, Near Asthal Mandir, Sangam Vihar, South Delhi-110062, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sunny Singh. 0070751317-1

I, Subhash Chand S/O Late Prathvi Singh R/O B-72, Amar Colony, East Gokalpur, Delhi-110094, have changed my son's name from Akshit Kumar to Akshit Singh. 0070751374-1

I, Shaheed S/O-Late Ghufuran Ullah Khan (Rank No-1546632H, EX SEP) R/o: E-5, Gali No-64, Mahavir Enclave-III, New Delhi-59 Have Changed My Name to Shahid. 0070751389-1

I, Saurav R. Tiberewaal, S/O Rajesh K. Tiberewaal, R/o 10, Swami Vivekananda Road House No-6 P-gs-Dum Dum, North 24 Parasnas, West Bengal-700074, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Saurab Tibrewall. 0070751352-1

I, Sanghmitra W/o Late Sh. Partap Singh Anand R/o F-58, Plot-41, Prashant Apartment, Patparganj, I.P. Extension, Delhi-110092, declare that name of Mine has been wrongly written as Sanghmitra Anand in my husband's pension account(State Bank of India). The actual name of Mine is Sanghmitra, which may be amended accordingly. 0070751371-1

I, Sachit Kumar Sahrawat s/o Sh. Mahendra Singh Sahrawat R/O 884, Z-Type Quarters Timarpur, North Delhi, Delhi-110054 changed my name to SACHIT SAIHRAWAT. 0050182973-1

I, Rubi S/o-Late Ghufuran Ullah Khan (Rank No-1546632H, EX SEP) R/o: E-5, Gali No-64, Mahavir Enclave-III, New Delhi-59 Have Changed My Name to Ruby. 0070751390-1

I, Rohit Gupta S/O Mahesh Chand Garg R/O 229, Four Storey, Near Shiv Mandir, Vishal Enclave Tagore Garden New Delhi-110027, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rohit Garg. 0070751364-1

I, Robin Chaudhary S/O Suresh Kumar, R/o 454/B Chirag Delhi New Delhi- 110017, Delhi, India. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Suresh Chaudhary and Pushpa in my Passport No-U9786141. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Suresh Kumar and Pushpa Devi Choudhary, which may be amended accordingly. 0070751340-1

I, Namrata Shukla, W/O Ashutosh Dwivedi R/O 357/17 KA Rukundipur, Rajajipuram, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226017, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Namrata Dwivedi. 0070751328-1

I, Pawan Kumar Jagdish Prasad Sharma S/o Late Jagdish Prasad Sharma R/O A-402, Gateway Apartments, Block-A, Sector-51, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Sharma for all purposes. 0070751378-1

I, Parul Pathak D/O Tara Chand Pathak, R/O Flat No- 2701, ATS Greens- 2, Sec- 50, Noida, Uttar Pradesh. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as PAARUL PATHAK . 0070751329-1

I, Niharika D/o- Sandeep Tanwar, R/o:CB-56, Naraina, New Delhi-10, Have Changed My Name to Niharika Tanwar for all Future Purposes.image.gif 0070751405-1

I, Nalin Kumar Gupta, R/O H.No.003, Daisy tower, Omaxe Green Valley, Sector 41-42, Faridabad, Haryana-121010 have changed my son name from Atharva Garg to Atharv Gupta vide affidavit dated 25.08.2021 for all future purposes. 0040581707-1

I, Nakhat Inyam D/O Inyamul W/o Md Jasim R/o Gram-birar aliman tota, P-S-nanpur, Biror, Sitamarhi, Bihar-843333, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Suriaya Nikhat in my PAN CARD NO-B0CPNA461B. The actual name of mine is Nakhat Inyam, which may be amended accordingly. 0070751357-1

I, Mukul Saini S/O Parveen Saini, R/o Vill.- Bijwasan, South Delhi, Delhi- 110061, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rahul Saini. 0070751320-1

I, Mohammad Inzeel Ali Alias MD Nizil alias Md Inzeel S/O Tamjid R/o Karbola tota, bhebhra ward no-02, Sisauna, Araria, Bihar-854329, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mohammad Salman Ali. 0070751351-1

I, Mina Kaur, holder of Indian Passport No-51226736 (valide From 10/10/2017 till 09/10/2027) issued by Embassy of India in Brussels, current residence at Aavailles Limousinealain 18,1932 Zaventem Belgium need to change my name from Mina Kaur to surname as Kaur and Given name as Mina. 0070751396-1

I, Manju Tyagi D/o Jaibhagwan Tyagi R/O N-471 Sector-25 Noida, Distt. G.B.Nagar U.P., have changed my name to Manju Joshi for all future purposes. 0070751376-1

I, Madhu Pall, Madhu W/o Pradeep Kumar Kathpal R/o 59-A, LIG-Flats, Press Colony, Mayapuri, N.Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Madhu Kathpal. 0040581759-8

I, Kumar Vishal, S/o Kumar Vijay, R/O Flat no-507, Infocity Inspire, Bhagya Lakshmi Nagar Phase-2, Serilingampally, Near Chirec School, Lingampally, K.V. Rangareddy, Telangana-500019, have changed the name of my minor daughter Nidhi aged about 14 Years and Nidhi hereafter be known as Nidhi Srivastava. 0070751353-1

I, Kshiti Tomar S/O Praveen Kumar Tomar, R/O B-33, Ayurvignyan Nagar, Delhi-110049, Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Praveen Kr Tomar in my 10th Class Marksheet Number- D615/65809/0081. The actual name of My Father is Praveen Kumar Tomar. 0070751318-1

I, Kawaljit Kaur Bhatia, W/O Pritpal Singh R/O Flat No- 318, First Floor, Block C, Type-A, GH-99, Sector-20, Panchkula, Haryana-134116, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kawaljit Kaur. 0070751330-1

I, Jitendra Kumar S/O Shambhu Lal, R/O House No- 1872, Near Pir Baba Mazar, Sector-2, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana- 121004, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Jitender Gupta. 0070751316-1

I, Paramjit Singh Bhogal S/o Parvinder Singh R/o-H.No.G-40, New Vishnu-Garden West Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Paramjit Singh 0040581716-1

I, INDERJEET SINGH KALSI, S/O Parvinder Singh R/O-I-1905, 19thFloor, Arihant Arden, GH-07, Sector-1, Greater Noida-Extension, Surajpur, G.B.Nagar, UP, have changed my name to INDERJEET SINGH. 0040581759-5

I, Hitendra S/O Tryambakrao Sangamnerkar R/O 14/10, Old APS Colony Shankar Vihar, Delhi Cantt-110010, have changed my name from Hitendra T Sangamnerkar to Hitendra Sangamnerkar & Archana W/o Hitendra Sangamnerkar have changed name from Archana to Archana Hitendra Sangamnerkar for all future purposes. 0040581732-1

I, VARSHA GUPTA, ADD-49, GIAN PARK, KRISHNA NAGAR EAST DELHI-110051, Changed my Minor daughter name MAHI to MAHI KAUR, permanently. 0040579359-7

LOST AND FOUND

Lost: PROPERTY documents with previous chain for DDA Flat No.262, First Floor, Category Janta, Block-F, Pocket-5, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110085. GOPAL HALDER S/O GAURANG HALDER 0040581713-1

I, Surendar Nath, S/o Rajender Nath, have lost one of my Original Property Documents i.e.General Power of Attorney(GPA)/Papers Of The Property with Address Gf-498 Sector-Swnri Greater Noida UP finder Contact-9810556077. 0040581753-11

I, KAUSHIK RAJ, S/O NAWAL KISHORE PRASAD, HAS LOST MY M.PHIL.FINAL GRADE REPORT ISSUED FROM JNU NEW DELHI.ENROLLMENT NO:-16/56/MS/005.FINDER CONTACT-9899961521. 0040581770-5

I, Komal Puri D/o Deepak Puri R/o 48 Gyan Park Ram Nagar Extension Delhi have lost my 10th Class CBSE Grade sheet cum Certificate of Performance S.No.0539962. Roll No.8130674. Kindly if anyone finds it please contact me on mob:8700287368. 0040581783-1

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Serena withdraws from US Open due to torn hamstring

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SERENA WILLIAMS withdrew from the U.S. Open on Wednesday, pulling out of the major tournament and extending her latest break from the game that she once dominated.

"After careful consideration and following the advice of my doctors and medical team, I have decided to withdraw from the US Open to allow my body to heal completely from a torn hamstring," Williams wrote on Instagram. "New York is one of the most exciting cities in the world and one of my favorite places to play — I'll miss seeing the fans but will be cheering everyone on from afar. Thank you for your continued support and love. I'll see you soon."

Williams, who is ranked 22nd on the WTA Tour at age 39, has not played on tour since retiring in the first set of her first-round match at Wimbledon on June 29 because of an injured right hamstring. Williams was in tears as she shook the hand of her opponent, Aliaksandra Sasnovich, and she stumbled as she exited Centre Court, receiving assistance to reach the clubhouse.

She skipped last week's Western and Southern Open in the Cincinnati suburbs to allow herself more time to recover, and said in a statement that she planned "to be back on the court very soon."

But she could not recover in time to play at the U.S. Open, where she has won six singles titles, including her first Grand Slam singles title in 1999 as a teenager. The tournament begins Aug. 30 in New York.

She last missed the U.S. Open in 2017 during her break from the sport because of the birth of her daughter, Olympia. She returned to the tour in March 2018 and until now had participated in every Grand Slam tournament since her comeback.

She lost the 2018 U.S. Open final to Naomi Osaka of Japan and the 2019 U.S. Open final to Bianca Andreescu of Canada. Last year, when the tournament was held without spectators because of the pandemic, she fell in the semifinals to Victoria Azarenka of Belarus in three sets. Williams's announcement leaves the U.S. Open without three of the sport's biggest stars. Roger Federer, 40, and Rafael Nadal, 35, have withdrawn and ended their 2021 seasons because of injuries. This is the first time since 1997 — nearly a quarter century ago — that the U.S. Open will be played without at least one of the three.

Williams, like Federer and Nadal, is one of the greatest champions in tennis history. She has often overpowered the opposition with her intimidating serve and returns. But her chances of winning a record-tying 24th Grand Slam singles title appear increasingly slim. She will turn 40 next month, and her ranking has slipped out of the top 20.



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EXPLAINED

Why the clock is ticking for Serena

Every Grand Slam appearance is numbered for Serena Williams, who turns 40 next month. She continues to pursue the elusive 24th Major — which will level her with Margaret Court's all-time record. But the latest injury, a torn hamstring after a freak slip in her opening match at Wimbledon first took away her chance in London and now again is depriving her of a shot at her home Slam in New York. She's reached four Major finals since she returned to the tour after maternity leave, but failed to win a set in any of them. The women's field has been generally open, as no player has won more than one Slam in a single year since Angelique Kerber won the Australian and US Open titles in 2016. Williams' battle is against a younger generation that has started to find their feet on the tour. Age is not on her side, and now the fitness problems have made the dream for a 24th title all the more distant.

From pawning gold to minting bronze

Barath, son of a lorry driver and homemaker, helped India bag 400m mixed relay bronze at Jr Worlds

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BARATH SRIDHAR has a long list of people to thank for helping him become a world junior medalist. Last week the 18-year-old from Villupuram in Tamil Nadu was the first runner of the 400 metre mixed relay team which won bronze at the World U20 Championships in Nairobi. Barath says he was lucky to be spotted by a district sports officer when in Class 6 and is thankful his parents pawned their gold to fund his career.

For two years he gave up running because there was nobody to guide him. He remains indebted to a physical education teacher who helped revive his career in senior school. A thank you note is also due to his current coach who helped him move out of a backwater for sports to Chennai.

"The main problem was there was no-body to guide me there after the district sports officer was transferred. There were no athletes to look up to. I am perhaps the only athlete at this level in that district. I started by running in the parking lot of my school," Barath says.

His parents, Sridhar, a lorry driver and mother Deepa, a homemaker, emptied their savings to put their elder son in a CBSE school in Villupuram, a district covered under the government's Backward Regions Grant Fund. The choice of school made a difference. Naahar Public School fielded their students at cluster meets for CBSE schools. For two consecutive years, he won the gold in the 400 metres at state-level competitions. His parents' decision to invest in good education was the starting point for the bright young athlete.

Barath stood on the podium but made trips to the local pawn shop when the family overshot their monthly budget to fund his athletics career.

"My parents always supported me. It is because of their sacrifice that I am here. When I needed something, like a shoe or a flight ticket to travel for a national competition they would cut down on expenses elsewhere. Or my mother would give me her jewellery to take to the pawn shop. Once we got money later, we would take the gold back. I used to go to the pawn shop and hand over the jewellery," Barath says.

Being a student in the only CBSE school in the region also burnt a hole in their pocket. "The fee is about 80,000 a year. We really struggled to pay the fees. But in Villupuram this is the only school which fields athletes for competitions. Over the years as I started representing the school in cluster competitions I got a small discount in fees," Barath says.

When he spoke to his parents from Nairobi after the mixed relay team won bronze, there were tears of joy, he says. Barath



400 metre specialist Barath Sridhar (right) with his father Sridhar, mother Deepa and younger brother Geethapriyan.

hopes athletics will also help him uplift the family. His father's truck, which is nearly 15 years old, may need a fitness certificate soon. "The lorry is very old. With vehicle pollution rules in place, I don't think he will be able to drive it for too long. I think he will have to give it up next year. Because of the age of the vehicle, my father is able to ferry only light loads," Barath says.

Covid hurdles

Before Nairobi, Barath had to cross other hurdles. In June, he tested positive for Covid-19 and gave up training for a while. When he returned to the track, he found it difficult to breathe after a light exercise.

"I started training and my mind was not ready for work out. I could not run much, my cardio capacity was reduced, breathing was difficult and my hands and legs were not supporting my running. I had to overcome that," the teenager, a fan of South African Wayne Van Niekerk and American Michael Johnson, says. However, the lost time left an impact as he could not qualify for the individual 400 metres event at the junior world championships. "The qualifying standard was 47.35 seconds, I managed 47.55 though I topped the trials."

An unexpected injury would have cost him a place in the Indian mixed relay team. He trains on a 200 metre track on a football ground in a school in Chennai. The switch to the synthetic surface at the National Institute of Sports in Patiala resulted in soreness of his left ankle.

"The change to synthetic track put a lot of pressure on my left ankle. Compared to the

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400 metre track, the 200 metre track has a smaller curve so that also made an impact. I was fortunate the coaches and physios believed in me and managed the injury well," Barath says.

Gamble pays off

Kamal Ali Khan, the chief coach for juniors, knew it would be a risk to make Barath run more than one race in Nairobi. "We felt Barath would run below 48 seconds. But we wanted to be careful and not overexpose him. So we didn't field him in the heats and preserved him for the final. The gamble paid off as he gave us a solid start," Khan says.

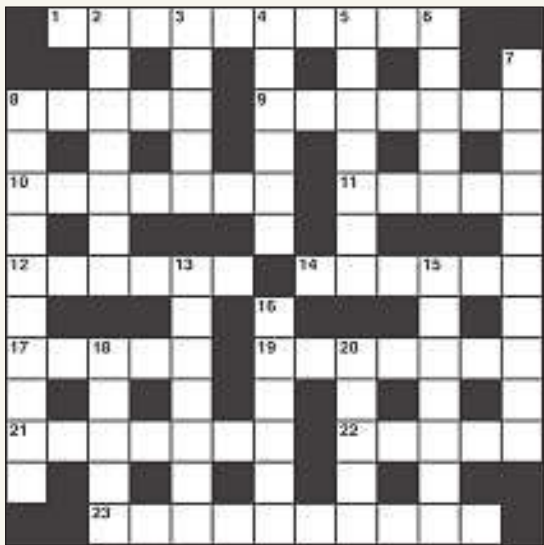
The strategy worked for the squad which comprised Priya Mohan, Summy, Kapil and Barath as they finished ahead of the Jamaicans. When he returns home to Villupuram, Barath would be carrying precious cargo from Kenya. Wooden sculptures for which Kenya is famous for — he got a giraffe — and a medal which will put his district on the track and field map.

MOTHER'S 'BOLD' CALL GAVE SHAILI A CHANCE

SHAILI SINGH'S progress as an athlete has a lot to do with her coach Robert Bobby George but it was her "strong and determined" mother, who helped her daughter take first big leap when she sent her to Bengaluru for training, much against the 'advise' of well-wishers. The 17-year-old Shaili was raised by her mother with great difficulty at a village near Parichha Thermal Power Station in Jhansi district in Uttar Pradesh. Her mother Vinitha works as a tailor to feed her three children and pays around Rs 3000 per month as rent for the two-room accommodation. "I faced a lot of problem when I started (athletics), regarding diet and many other things," Shaili said at a felicitation function for the Indian athletes who won medals at the World U-20 Championships in Nairobi "When Anju madam called me to train to Bengaluru, many people in our place told my mother why are you sending your daughter alone to a city. But she told them 'she is my daughter, I know her and I am sending her'."

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CROSSWORD 4518



ACROSS

- Top gambling game (3-3-4)
- A sign of having no occupation (2,3)
- Paul is confused about a border flower (7)
- Criticises a levy we hear (7)
- Interrupt a rest period (5)
- Burning waste on a huge scale (6)
- Humble cleric taking me to heart (6)
- Keeps omitting to include the salts (5)
- A 'roue' not waiting for his cut? (4-3)
- Customers' stencil perhaps (7)
- Twist in wet coils (5)
- It's used on watch (10)

DOWN

- Open at lunch break (7)
- Athenian garret (5)
- Get out of position? (6)
- Can I provide a friendly solution? (7)
- Give out what used to be due for revision (5)
- Standing charge for car drivers (7,3)
- Entrance is broken; it doesn't last long (10)
- Marconi perhaps is derived from Latin (7)
- Possibly omit one sort of transport (7)
- What must be left at the end of the sentence (6)
- Hides one's relatives on board (5)
- Incomplete sauce boat (5)

Solutions Crossword 4517: Across: 1 Combat, 4 Ignore, 9 Nirvana, 10 Means, 11 Plain, 12 Realist, 13 Slot machine, 18 Anxious, 20 Liszt, 22 Cacti, 23 New leaf, 24 Renege, 25 Starve. Down: 1 Canopy, 2 Maria, 3 Against, 5 Gamma, 6 Oration, 7 Ersatz, 8 Hair-raising, 14 Lexicon, 15 Halfwit, 16 Lancer, 17 Stifle, 19 Owing, 21 Sheer.

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.

That's why people listen to music or look at paintings. To get in touch with that ____ - Corita Kent (9)

LPEEO



AEKTLN



HHUSS



WHEATS



SOLUTION: LPEEO: SHUSH, ANKLT, SWATHE
AEKTLN: WHOLENESS - Corita Kent
HHUSS: THAT'S WHY PEOPLE LISTEN TO MUSIC OR LOOK AT PAINTINGS. TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THAT ____ - Corita Kent (9)

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4575

Difficulty Level 2s

Instructions

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

Difficulty Level

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4574



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

There is a lot to be said for keeping your own counsel now, yet someone special does still need to be kept informed as to your movements and whereabouts. It's all a matter of careful judgment and that you have in abundance. Actually, you're now looking forward to new interests, perhaps surprising people who thought they knew you well.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

In order to minimise misunderstandings over the next few days, why don't you try to be more subtle and diplomatic? Also, do try to be as organised and practical as possible in all your working and routine affairs. Not that I think you'll have any trouble, of course.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Your planets are approaching a very special aspect, which means that whatever is discussed, agreed and finalised over the next few days, will have a profound impact on your most personal aspirations. Events early next week can only confirm this picture.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Cut through confusion, opposition and indecision at home like a hot knife through butter. It is time to adopt a definite stance and stick to it through thick and thin. Partners will respect your courage. On the other hand, if you truly want to get your own way at home, try a little gentle persuasion.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

There is a lot to be said for making domestic and family plans now. It will help if you see coming meetings or arrangements as marking a significant break with the past and the first of a series of magnificent pointers towards the future. If you're preparing for a major romantic adventure, set some time aside next week.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

The need for financial security is a general theme in your life. However, when recent initiatives bear fruit you will see that you have done much to assist your long-term fortunes, albeit in a down-beat way. But, then, that's you all over; the master, or mistress, of understatement.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

You really don't need to prove anything. You have accomplished enough recently to be able to rest on your laurels, at least for a little while. All that is needed is a boost to your generally rather shaky self-image. I have a feeling that any nervousness should clear up over the next three days.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Those who imagine that you have given up the will to fight back are soon to receive a shock. You must believe in yourself and realise that within two weeks you will once again be about to go on the offensive. It's all down to the gradual movements of magnetic Mars, your planetary ruler.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

A very specific planetary aspect today has a very general meaning. You must therefore try to reach a definite and final decision concerning some of your very broad, long-term aims and ambitions. Draw on all your deepest experience to make the right choices.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

The last thing you want to do now is blot your copy-book at work. Therefore, be firm and decisive by all means, but do allow other people to have their say and pay careful heed to their advice. If justice and fair play is called for, you should take the initiative.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

A battle of principle may be worth fighting. But what you must consider now is what, if any, sacrifices are worth making. Some people believe that the end justifies the means, but you may rightly disagree. With Saturn now so significantly aligned, this is a time for taking the most serious possible look at the future.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Some astrologers would not consider that the Moon's position today is a particularly helpful one from your point of view. However, the fact that lunar alignments are encouraging peace and understanding must make you feel better. But keep a watch on escalating costs.

A different ball game

After rousing win at Lord’s, India bowled out for 78 in just 40.4 overs as Anderson leads revival; In reply, England move serenely to 120/0

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JOE ROOT AND his men sewed their lips and let their cricket do the talking. James Anderson’s cultured destruction of India’s top order was connoisseur’s cricket. 78 all out in 40.4 overs was how the Indian innings finished. Twice inside a year now, India have failed to reach three-figures in a Test innings. 36 in Adelaide happened barely nine months ago.

India’s innings had two double-digit scores. England finished the day on 120 for no loss, with Haseeb Hameed and Rory Burns remaining unbeaten on 60 and 52 respectively. Only the first day of the third Test, but the tourists are in for a long haul.

At the first drinks break, Anderson was the speaker in the England team huddle. His monologue came in the middle of a spell that read: 6-3-6-3. KL Rahul, Cheteshwar Pujara and Virat Kohli were his scalps. A demoralised England searched for inspiration. The great man led by example.

It was a swing bowling masterclass, the video of which should be made available at every cricket academy. It’s a matter of conjecture if in the future any seamer would be able to make a cricket ball follow his command like Anderson does.

It had everything; swing, the use of seam, perfect line and length, how to use the crease and also, how to set up batsmen before removing them.

Rahul was the first to go after Kohli finally won the toss and elected to bat. Rahul carried the confidence of his Lord’s hundred to Leeds and went for a full-blooded drive, rather than a firm push for a couple, to a full delivery from Anderson that held its line. The Indian opener was set up with a series of inswingers. He was outsmarted.

Pujara was done in by the angle and late movement. Anderson went a little wide of the crease and conventional outswing took the ball away after pitching. Pujara was already committed to playing it.

Double whammy for Jimmy, and a bit weirdly, those were his first two new-ball wickets this summer. Before a sold-out crowd, the stage was set for a mouth-watering Anderson versus Kohli contest.

Conning Virat

Kohli started off well, pushing instead of driving, to an Anderson half-volley past mid-off for a three. But the England fast bowler’s trickery and accuracy gave the India captain very little margin for error. Four predictable outswingers came, seam pointing towards slip and allowing Kohli to leave them alone.

The fifth ball of the over was a bit fuller with a wobbly seam. Kohli went for an expansive drive through mid-off and another catch went to Jos Buttler behind the stumps. Anderson set up his bête-noire before delivering the final blow. India were 21 for 3 and gasping for breath.

Leaving aside the Twitter trolls that followed Kohli’s dismissal, his average in the last 10 Tests is 24.56. It’s not quite back to 2014, but India’s best batsman is going through a serious lean patch.

Ajinkya Rahane scored an important half-century in the second innings at Lord’s. But facing Anderson early into his innings could have been asking for trouble. Rohit Sharma needed to shield his partner and a gripping phase of cricket ensued. Anderson reserved the best ball of the morning for Rohit.

The seam wobbled, there was a hint of the ball going away before it nibbled back and beat the inside edge. The master was at work. When the 39-year-old quick finished his first spell, his figures read: 8-5-6-3. Anderson’s colleagues picked it up from there and finished the job so quickly that he wasn’t required to bowl again.

About 6.5 yards from the popping crease is considered to be the optimal length, seamers’ average wicket length, at Headingley. Anderson hit it for fun.

BACK IN CONTENTION

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VINESH PHOGAT, who was temporarily suspended by the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) for alleged indiscipline, will be eligible for this year’s World Championship after she was let off with a reprimand on Wednesday. Two other wrestlers, Sonam Malik and Divya Kakran, too have been cautioned and like Vinesh, they will be in the fray to compete in the World Championships as well.

However, in a letter addressed to the three wrestlers, WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh said they will be ‘compelled’ to impose lifetime bans on the trio for any act of indiscipline in the future.

“Even though your written reply to the show-cause notice, which you had sent to the Wrestling Federation of India office, was not satisfactory, the Wrestling Federation of India wants to give you one more chance so that you can rectify your mistakes,” Sharan wrote in the

SCORECARD	
ENGLAND vs INDIA	
HEADINGLEY	
Toss: India, chose to bat	
INDIA: FIRST INNINGS 78	
KL Rahul c Buttler b Anderson	0 (4b)
R Sharma c Robinson b Overton	19 (105b, 1x4)
C Pujara c Buttler b Anderson	1 (9b)
V Kohli c Buttler b Anderson	7 (17b, 3x4)
A Rahane c Buttler b Robinson	18 (54b, 3x4)
R Pant c Buttler b Robinson	2 (9b)
R Jadeja lbw b Curran	4 (29b)
M Shami c Burns b Overton	0 (1b)
I Sharma not out	8 (10b, 1x4)
J Bumrah lbw b Curran	0 (1b)
M Siraj c Root b Overton	3 (10b)
■ Extras (lb 11, nb 5)	16
■ Total (40.4 overs)	78
■ FoW: 1-1 (KL Rahul, 0.5 ov), 2-4 (Cheteshwar Pujara, 4.1 ov), 3-21 (Virat Kohli, 10.5 ov), 4-56 (Ajinkya Rahane, 25.5 ov), 5-58 (Rishabh Pant, 29.1 ov), 6-67 (Rohit Sharma, 36.4 ov), 7-67 (Mohammed Shami, 36.5 ov), 8-67 (Ravindra Jadeja, 37.2 ov), 9-67 (Jasprit Bumrah, 37.3 ov), 10-78 (Mohammed Siraj, 40.4 ov)	
■ Bowling:	
J Anderson: 8-5-6-3, O Robinson: 10-3-16-2, S Curran: 10-2-27-2, M Ali: 2-0-4-0, C Overton: 10-4-5-14-3.	
ENGLAND: 120/0	
R Burns not out	52 (125b, 5x4, 1x6)
H Hameed not out	60 (130b, 11x4)
■ Extras (b 4, nb 3, w 1)	8
■ Total (42 overs)	120/0
■ Bowling:	
I Sharma: 7-0-26-0, J Bumrah: 12-5-19-0, M Shami: 11-2-39-0, M Siraj: 7-1-26-0, R Jadeja: 5-3-6-0.	
■ Stumps on Day 1	

CAPITULATION

9The score of 78 at Headingley is India's 9th lowest first-innings total in Test cricket, and their third-lowest in England.

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Rahane played himself in before getting out at the stroke of lunch, committing himself to the push to an Ollie Robinson delivery on the fifth stump. India’s survival depended on Rohit. His batting was monkish in the first session. The man with three ODI double hundreds channelled his inner Geoffrey Boycott in the former England opener’s backyard.

His uncharacteristic 105-ball 19 had application and a lot of quality. But after doing all the hard work, Rohit threw it away, tamely pulling a short ball from Craig Overton to Robinson at mid-on. A ball previously, he failed to put away a full-toss. It probably played on his mind.

Yet again, Rishabh Pant offered an angled bat to a wishy, away-going delivery without moving his feet. Similar dismissals in back-to-back innings now, but he is seemingly insulated by ‘that’s how he plays’ vibe. Ravindra Jadeja was leg-before off a Sam Curran delivery and unlike Lord’s, there was no resistance from the Indian tail. England bowled full to them. When England’s innings began, Kohli missed a trick by not pairing up Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami with the new ball. For India, it was a day to forget.



James Anderson is ecstatic after removing India captain Virat Kohli in the morning session of the third Test at Headingley. Reuters

Lack of resilience & defensive resolve scripts collapse

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AUGUST 25

IT WAS not a monster surface that was responsible for the Indian batsmen’s swift procession to the dressing room on Day 1 of the third Test at Headingley. It was the combination of their ineptitude and James Anderson’s mastery that culminated in a horror first day for the visitors.

It was as if the eight-day recess had dulled the resolve and resilience of India’s batsmen. While India’s batting line-up is flawed and prone to malfunctioning, they seemed to have compensated for these deficiencies with an unbreakable mindset. Here, they lost that spirit to capitulate for 78 all out.

Sunshine in England is the best time to pile runs in the country, but not perhaps in the first session of a Test match, not at Headingley of all venues, though the ground is no longer seen as a seamers’ paradise it once used to be. Anderson, with the wine-dark Dukes ball and pent-up angst since the Lord’s Test, made telling blows early in the Test.

The masterful seamer is an illusionist when the mood seizes him, which has of late dwelled permanently on him. So KL Rahul, the apostle of discipline this series, was deceived into thinking that Anderson had slipped in a rare, juicy half-volley he could coax into a cover-drive. But the ball was not quite as full as he had imagined and ducked away fractionally after pitching, snaring his edge. It was a classical set-up. Three in-swingers, and an out-swing. A classical Headingley dismissal, a deck that rewards fuller lengths than any other in England.

But as much as Anderson’s veritable tricks, the wicket bore the stamp of Rahul’s indiscre-



Rohit looked assured at the crease, but for an uncharacteristic pull shot against Craig Overton that ended his vigil. AP

tion. It was the sort of audacious drive a well-set batsman imagines towards the end of the day, but not on the fifth ball of the day, when he is getting his eye in, when feet movement is tuning up, when the hand-eye coordination is just

syncing. It was the streak of expansiveness Rahul had resisted all through this series. At Lord’s and Trent Bridge, he had left umpteen such deliveries undisturbed.

At Headingley, the drive accompanies a statutory warning of hazard. The extra bounce and late movement the surface offers make the drive a low-percentage stroke in the first session, even if the sun is blazing down and the ball does not seem to do anything malevolent.

The drive again

Virat Kohli didn’t learn from Rahul’s mistake either. The Indian skipper was jumpy at the crease — as he has been throughout his barren spell of runs — and chose to drive a wide delivery through the covers, slightly away from his body. Anderson had, shrewdly, pitched the ball a touch shorter than the usual good length, thus sucking him into the shot, before making the ball move away a touch. Had Kohli pulled off the stroke, he would have stamped his authority. But that was not to be.

One could marvel at the control and craft of Anderson, but Kohli was guilty of indiscretion. It was not an opportune moment to counterpunch, but a time to knuckle down and grind runs, much in the template India had accumulated runs during this series.

Both deliveries would have sailed wide of the off-stump if the batsmen had only chosen to leave them alone. Rahul’s could be an aberration, but Kohli’s is a cause of concern, as he has perished to deliveries he could have left alone this series, bringing to mind the series of such dismissals against Anderson in the 2014 series. He seems to be afflicted with a throwback counter-productive over-eagerness.

Familiar failings

The rest succumbed in a grimly predictable pattern, to well-drilled plans than any magic dust. Cheteshwar Pujara these days is so unsure that he pokes at anything outside the off-stump, and the ball gets sucked into the edge of his bat like an iron-nail towards a magnet. He followed a full Anderson away-swing that left late. Again, another Indian batsman had tried to play a ball he could have avoided.

Ajinkya Rahane, after nudging and nudging, hung his bat too, at a back-of-length ball from Ollie Robinson. The line was closer to the stumps, but the length, the bounce the surface generated and the natural lift the tall seamer bargained would have taken the ball over the stumps. Rohit Sharma, after all the abstinence from drives, let his favourite pull shot be his nemesis for the third time this series. England’s bowlers had not quite tempted him with the pull, but whenever they banged one in, he had looked to take them on. This one was the softest of the three, as he tried to fetch a pull from outside off and spooned a dolly to mid-on. But it’s time this recurrence is corrected.

Rishabh Pant had his regular uncertain waft outside the off-stump — the outcome of a three-pronged dilemma to cut, drive or leave — while Ravindra Jadeja completely missed the line of a full-length Sam Curran ball.

How to explain the meltdown? This was a tricky pitch but not exceptionally so: it did enough but not too much. But batsman after batsman was drawn into playing at almost every ball. Those responsible for India’s worst batting nightmare since the 36 all out in Adelaide were the batsmen themselves. It was a case of technical incompetence as well as of wrong shot selection. Blame not the 22-yard strip.



Vinesh Phogat had refuted two claims of Wrestling Federation of India. File