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Alka W/O Mr. Akhil Kumar R/O CB-18 Naraina New Delhi 110028. Have changed my name to ALKA NIRWAN for all purposes.

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I.SOHANPAL,S/O SURESHCHAND.PLOT NO,105/16, KHASRA, 368M,THDC NAVODAYA NAGAR, HARIDWAR UTTARAKHAND, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SOHAN AGGARWAL, PERMANENTLY. 0040582092-1

I,VIRENDER KUMAR, S/O OM

PRAKASH, R/o.CHOTPUR COLONY SECTOR 63 NOIDA GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, U.P. 201301, changed my name to BIRENDRA KUMAR.

0040582082-6

I,Sonia W/O Shri prem,R/O A-103 Shyam colony, Budh Vihar, Phase-2.Delhi-110086.informthat my name wrongly written in my daughter (janvi class-9th) school-record as sarita instead of sonia

0040582082-3

I,Somendra Kumar Jain S/o-Shri.S.B. Jain R/o-Bhabha-203.Garh Pravseh. Sector-77,Noida,have changed my name to Somendra Jain, for all future purpose.

I,Sobya Khan W/o Khwaja Sayed Soheluzzama H.No.H-142. Flat-No.B-1. U.G.F., Kh.No.12/13, Kavita Colony,Nangloi,Delhi 110041.have changed my name to Sheeba Sohail.

0040582075-6 I,Shraddha Shrivastava,,W/o-Gaurav kumar Srivastava, Add flat.no.1473,Valencia

towers, mahagun moderne sector-78,Noida,Gautam Buddha-Nagar U.P-201301, changed my name to Shraddha Srivastava.

0040582075-2 I,Ranju Jha,W/o Mahendra Jha R/o C-3/112, 2nd-Floor, Rohini, Sector-5.Delhi-85, declare that my name wrongly-mentioned as Manju Jha in Birth Certificate of my son Gaurav instead of Ranju Jha.My actual-name is Ranju Jha, for all purposes.

0040582082-4

I,Ram Tirath S/o-Mr.Ram Naresh R/o-House.No.1544, Phase-3, J.J. Colony, Madanpur Khadar,Sarita Vihar,New Delhi-110076, have changed my,name,from Ram Tirath to Ramtirath Yadav, for all, future purpose.

0040582075-10

I.RAMPRAVES SINGH S/O DHARAM NATH SINGH,R/o A-102, Royal Residency, Sector-44. Noida.Gautam Budh Nagar.UP.have changed my name to RAM PRAVESH SINGH.

0040582082-1 I,Om Prakash S/o Kanhaiya Lal R/o-1/11964- A. N-7.Street No.1,Uldhanpur, Naveen.Shahdara Delhi-110032. Have Changed My Name To Om Prakash Sharma,For All Purposes 0040582075-3

I,MUKESH ASWAL,S/o-H.L. Aswal, R/o-A-2/11, Janak Puri,N.Delhi-110058,declare that my daughter's name has been wrongly written as YASHAWIKA ASWAL instead of YASHASHVIKA ASWAL.Her

date of birth also wrongly mentioned as 03.05.2007, instead of 03.05.2008.

0040582075-12

I, Jeet kaur W/o Krishan Kumar R/o-A-4-A, A-Block, Mahendra park, Pankha Road, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059.have declare,That name of mine, has been Wrongly-Written as Geeta Sejwal alias Jeet Kaur in, the birthcertificate of my minor son Prateek aged 11-Years and name of, mine has been wrongly-written as Geet Sejwal in the School-record of my minor son Prateek.The actual-name, of mine is Jeet Kaur.

0040582092-3 I, Jayinder Singh S/o Jagdish

0040582082-5

0040582075-8

Singh R/o-F-12, G/F, Rajouri-Garden, N.Delhi-110027, have changed my minor daughter's name Kirat Sabharwal to Kirat Kaur. 0040582075-7

I,Harkirath Singh Anand S/o Harminder Singh Anand R/o 53/63-GF, Ramjas Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-5, changed my

name to Harkeerat Singh Anand. I.Divyansh S/o Ranvijay Singh 0040582092-2 R/O H.No. MCF 2179, Parvatiya Colony,Sec-22 Faridabad, Haryana changed my name to Divyaansh.

I,Chetna D/o Vinay Kumar R/o-Shop-Cum-Residence No.16,Malka,Ganj Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Chetna Babbar for all purposes.

0040582075-5 I,Avinash Kumar,S/O Pramod Kumar Das, resident of. H.No.F-9,New Willingdon Camp,Air-Force Station, New Delhi-110003.have changed my name, from AVINASH KUMAR SINHA to AVINASH KUMAR,

vide-affidavit dated-26-08-

2021.

0040582092-5

I,Arun Pratap Singh S/o Mahendra Pratap Singh, R/o-RZ-203-B,Roshan-Garden, Najafgarh New Delhi-110043.My father name has been wrongly-written as Mahinder Pratap Sisodia in my Passport bearing No.J00031912,Actual name of my father is Mahendra Pratap Singh 0040582014-1

I,ANUSHKA D/O AJAY CHOUDHARY,R/O LP-27-

D.PITAM PURA.NORTH WEST DELHI-88, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM ANUSHKA TO ANANYA CHOUDHARY, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040582092-7

I, Syed Salman s/o Makhdoom Ali R/O T-406 Gali number 20 Gautam Puri Seelampur Delhi 53 in my school document my name was wrongly mentioned as Salman but my correct and actual name is Syed Salman for all purposes.

I. AKHILESH KUMAR S/o Mahesh Mandal R/o NO-04 ORIUP KAHAL GAON COLGONG **BHAGALPUR KAHALGAON** BIHAR have changed my name to AKHILESH MANDAL 0040581905-1

> I Sis Kaur W/o Late Sh.Suraj Bhan Sehrawat R/o L-144 Street No.9 Mahipalpur Ext. New Delhi-110037, Do hereby declare that SIS KAUR & SISKOURE is one and the same person.

0040581999-1 Rohit Rathour S/o Brij Veer Singh Rathour R/o G9/702, Nirala Greenshire, Sector-2 Greater Noida West Greater Noida, UP, have changed my minor son's name from Aarav Rathore to Ariun Rathore for all future purposes.

0070751678-1 I Ravinder Kaur D/o Chitwant Singh Wilkhu R/o T-904 Iris, Magarpatta City, Pune, Maharashtra-411013, have changed my name to Dimple Singh

0070751676-1 I Mohd Zulfiqar S/o Mohammad Nafis R/o 6318, Gali Haii Amir Baksh, Sadar Thana, Quresh Nagar, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006 have changed the name of my minor son from Mohammad Hashmat Qureshi to Hashmat Qureshi for all purposes.

0040582003-1

I Mellela Venkata Ram Reddy S/o Mallela Mannyam Reddy R/o Plot No 302 Pushpa Enclave Kalpana Society Chintal Hmt Township Hyderabad Telangana-500054, have changed my name to Mallela Venkat Ram Reddy

0070751688-1 Mamta Devi D/o Om Parkash and W/o Mukesh Kumar Singla R/o House No-408. Guru Gobind Singh Avenue, Jalandhar, Chogitti, Punjab-144009, have changed my name to Mamta Singla

0070751700-1

Leena W/O, Lokesh Bhandari R/o H No-c-2/343 S/f Block C-2 Janakpuri West Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Leena Bhandari for all purposes

0040582023-1 Devang Mittal S/o Sh. Satender Mittal R/o 2263, Bagichi Raghunath, Near Sadar Thana. Sadar Bazar, Delhi G.P.O., North Delhi, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Vevaan Miittal for all purposes. 0040582003-2

Surajmal S/o Ishma R/o V.P.O. Ahar, Panipat, Haryana-132107. have changed my name to Ankit

0070751699-1

Deepak Dutt S/o Late Sh. Bhawani Dutt R/o Flat No.E-5, Adarsh Appartments, Rohini Sector-9, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Gargi to Gargi Dutt for all purposes.

0040582003-3 Apoorva Joshi S/o J.C Joshi R/o D-169/56.sec-50 Noida.have changed my name Apoorva For all Purpose. 0040582021-1

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed that My Client Sh. Pawan Gupta

S/o Kishan Sunder Gupta R/o Q-401 Aditya Mega City, Vaibhav Khand Indirapuram, Ghaziabad-201014 UP have severed all his relations with his daughter namely Komal Gupta aged 21years in all respect. She has out of her own choice moved out of my clients house since March 2020 and has not been living with my client and his family . My client has no concern with her, any person/entity dealing with her of her associates will do at his/he their/its own risk and consequence my client Mr.Pawan Gupta or his family will not be responsible in any case/circumstances. Kartikay Bhaskar-Advoca Harsh Bela 123/9 Sant Nagar Burar Delhi-110084 Ph.954080898

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to bring to your kind notice that I Mithilesh Kumar, Advocate on behalf of my client Sh. Vinay Bhushan Prasad Sinha Syo Late Sh. K.D.P. Sinha R/o C-74, Naraina Wihar, New Delhi-28. Do hereby informed that the Perpetual Lease in favour of Sh. Ram Nath Kapoor, 2. Mutation Letter in favour of Sh. Rams Nath Kapoor, 3. GPA in favour of Sh. Rams Nath Kapoor, 4. GPA in favour of Sh. Rams Nath Kapoor, 4. Smt. Shashi Multani S. Conveyance Deed in favour of Sh. Ramsh Kumar Multani & Smt. Shashi Multani dated 20.02.1998, in respect of Property bearing No. C-6, Entire First Sint: Sintaili multani dated 2002.1395, in respect of Property bearing No. C.6, Entrier Fish Floor, Measuring Area 200 Sq, Vards, Naraina Vihar, New Delh'a, Vast Somewhere in Naraina Vihar, New Delh'a K FIR has been Lodge in PS Crime Branch, Delhi vide LR No.624437/2021, Dt 2708.2021 by my client & effected person(5, shall claim within 10 days from the date of pub-lication of this relates an arabitin on 040020771. lication of this notice on mobile no. 9810399770 If Found by anyone kindly return to If Found by anyone when, the address of my client. Mithilesh Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No. 7 District Courts Rohini, Delhi- 85 # 98105931

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PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Sh. Ashwari Nischal Svo Late Sh. Sohan Lal & Smt. Seema Nischal wio Sh. Ashwari Nischal both Kró 92, 2nd Floor, Near Gurudwara, Chand Nagar, Delhi-110018, had earlier debarred and disowned their son namely Shiva Nischal from all movable and immovable properties and severed all relation with him and published the public notice about three year back published in two leading newspapers i.e. Indian Express and Jansatta through Sh. Anil Kumar Garg, Advocate. Now for develop the relations in family members my clients hereby withdraw their earlier aforesaid public notice, which should be public notice, which should be reated as null and void in future. Sd/- Neeru Garg Advocate OFF: CH. NO.- 58, WESTERN WING TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELH

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PUBLIC NOTICE My cient Smt Saroj Gautam W/o No 370. 27" Flora Rothouse No 370. 27" Flora Rothouse Severed all her relations and debarred her son Kapil Gautam and his wife Rajni from her all movable and immovable properties lue to their misconducti bad habits and my son and his wife are not performing legal duties towards their mother and family members at Matrimonial home and they are living separately after their martage. My acts/deeds in any criminal and civil activity of them in (Advocate) Enrl.No. 27-7.498, C.No.805, 5° Floor. Enrl.No. 27-7.498, C.No.805, 5° Floor.

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PUBLIC NOTICE It is informed to the public at large that my client Mr. Amitabh Adhar S/o Late Sh. Ramadhar and Mrs. Neelima Adhar W/o Mr. Amitabh Adhar R/o 3/13 Shanti Niketan New Delhi hereby declaring/ debarring/disowning and have severed all their relations with Mr. Prateek Bajpai (Bhanja of Amitabh Adhar) R/o 35, Hanuman Road, New Delhi 110001. If anybody deals with above named Prateek Bajpai then my clients shall not be responsible *liable* for any act, deed and thing done by Mr. Prateek Bajpai in any manner since today.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large being informed that my aller Shrif Oyan Singh Chauhan and Sim, the Shrift Near Singh Chauhan and Sim, Diantahan bein Ko House No. 4813, Gail Vo. 113, B Block, Sant Nagar, Burari, Jobhi-11008 Awas severad all relation with their son namely Shri Angi Singh Chauhan and Auaghter-in-law Smrt. Suman Chauhan and hereby debarred ad disowned both of them from his all movable & immovable properties and disowned both of them from his sill movable & immovable properties and disowned how not diemen have no concern with his son and daughter-in-law throughout India. Now my client will not responsible for any actifransaction done by Angi Singh Chauhan and aughter-in-law Suman Chauhan. Sid- GAUESH KUIMAR (ADVOCATE) Ch. No. T-40A, Teheil Lane, Tis Hazari Courts, DELHI-110054.

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PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER Executive Engineer (C), Po Civil Division, New Delhi inv on behalf of The President of In online percentage rate (CPWI e-tenders for the following worl N.I.T. No.: NIT/EEPCND/20 22/26 dated 27.08.2021, Name Work: Internal & Exte Finishing i/c repair of damaged columns, beams and raising of C.C. Pavement etc. in HPO Bldg. Ghaziabad. Estimated Cost 38,67,697/- Earnest Money: Ni Period of completion- 04 (Four Months.Last time and date of

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The bid forms and other details

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Debts Recovery Tribunal Delhi (DRT 3) 4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 Case No.: OA/330/2020

mmons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the A with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt RecoveryTrib

upto 15.00 Hrs.

This is for the information of General Public that my client Shri Ashu Malik S/o Shri Ram Sahai Malik &Smt Sonia Malik W/o Shri Ashu Malik R/o H.No-195,Raja Garden, Near Handa Nu Home. New Delhi-110015 has se all their relations from their son namely Shri Abhishek Malik S/o Shri Ashu Malik & his wife Smt Simran Kaur Gill W/o Shri Abhishek Malik due to the bad and negative behavior towards m client. My client has also disowned an debarred their said son and daughter The E THE CHI 金融

I.Nathuni KR Yadav.S/o Moti Yadav,R/o Plot.No.52, KH.No.16/22/3 and -21/2/1, G/F, Block-F, Gali.No.2, Qutub Vihar Phase-1,Goela Khurd,South/West/Delhi-110071.have changed my name to Nathuni Yadav.

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I,NO.14432753K HAV, DEVENDRA KUMAR SHARMA S/O SH.PARKASH CHAND SHARMA, R/O.46, GROUND FLOOR, BLOCK-N, GALINO, 1. **BHAGWATI GARDEN** EXTN.,UTTAM NAGAR,WEST DFLHI. DELHI-110059, In my army-record my son name recorded as HARSH but his correct name is HARSH SHARMA.

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I,NARESH KUMAR TYAGI,S/O LATE NAKLI SINGH, R/o VILLA C-89, PARAMOUNT GOLF FORESTE SITE C EXT, GREATER NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDH-NAGAR, U.P.201306, Changed my name to NARESH KUMAR.

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I Anterpreet Singh S/o Inderjit Singh R/o House No.25, Road No.43 West Punjabi Bagh New Dehli have changed my minor son name from Sukhsev Singh to Sukhsev Singh Arora for all future purposes

0040582036-1

I,Manvendra Singh,S/O BHERUPAL SINGH, resident of, D-1/94, Rabindra Nagara New Delhi-110003, have changed my name, from Manvendra Singh to Manvendra Singh Kabawat. vide-affidavit dated.27-Aug-21.

0040582092-6

I.Manorma Das is legally wedded spouse of Pramod Kumar Das, resident of, H.No.F-9.New Willingdon Camp.Air-Force-Station, New Delhi-110003, have changed my name.from MANORMA DAS to MANORMA vide-affidavit dated.26-08-2021.

0040582092-4

I,Ajay Kumar,S/O-Shri Som Nath Bobal R/O R-741, Mangol Puri, Delhi-110083, have changed my name to Ajay Bobal.

I Tushar Tomar S/o Aiav Kumar R/o Gaon-Bandu Kheri, Phandpuri, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh-247001, have changed my name to Padhaan Tushar Tanwar 0070751693-1

I. Ratnesh Kulshrestha S/o Late Kul Bhushan Arya R/o 1190-A, Shambhu Nagar, Shikohabad, Firozabad, U.P., has changed my name to Ratnesh Kumar Kulshrestha for all future purposes.

0070751682-1 I, MUKESH ASWAL s/o H.L. Aswal r/o A-2/11, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058 declare that my daughter's name has been wrongly written as YASHAWIKA ASWAL instead of YASHASHVIKA ASWAL. Her date of birth also wrongly mentioned as 03.05.2007 instead of 03.05.2008. 0040581984-1

I, Kamakshi Shahi D/o Meenakshi Shahi R/o 16/4. Gulmohar Road, Near Shipra Mall, Indrapuram, Shipra Sun City Ghaziabad-201014 do hereby solemnly declare that my correct name is Kamakshi Shahi wrongly mentioned in my Birth Certificate as Kamakshi. I should be known as Kamakshi Shahi for all future purpose.

I, Debina Thomas mother of Noel Mathew R/o 6-A. Neethi Apartment, 84, I.P. Extension Delhi-110092 have changed my son's name to Noel for all future purposes. 0040582032-2

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I, Debina Mathew D/o John Thomas R/o 6-A, Neethi Apartment, 84, I.P. Extension Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Debina Thomas for all future purposes. 0040582032-1

I, BHAVY SAHDEV S/o-SH.RAKESH KUMAR SAHDEV R/o-99-D, SUNDER APARTMENTS, PASCHIM VIHAR.NEW DELHI-110087.have changed my name to BHAVYA SAHDEV for all, future purpose. 0040582075-4

0040582082-2

0040581989-1 Amrit Kour W/O, Inder Pal Singh R/o C-1701, Paramount Emotions, Sec.1 Greater Noida West. UP-201306 have changed my name to Amrit Kaur for all purposes.

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I, kunjumon kodumon, S/o onnunny, house.no-4 second floor swan public school panchsheel vihar malviya nagar delhi-110017, Changed my name to kunjumon. 0040569770-1

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I,Manmohan Kaur,W/o-Late Sh. Surinder Singh,R/o-H.No.364.Indira Vihar.North West Delhi, Delhi-110009, That my original property documents of H.No.364,Indira Vihar,North West Delhi,Delhi-110009, vide property papers(GPA,Sale Agreement, Affidavit, Will, Possession Letter, Receipt and Perpetual Lease Deed) either has been lost or stolen Finder contact.

0040582075-11

I, Satish Kumar S/o Om Prakash have lost my original Sale deed of property No.B-81 Khasara No.468/2/45 Village Gharonda Neem ka bangar Pandav Nagar Delhi-92 Finder Contact-9350088705

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Parveen Garg (Advocate

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Attorney dated 27.05.2010 PUBLIC NOTICE vide Registered Deed of SH. GURDEEP ARORA, R/o E-503, Jhule Revocation dated 18.08.2021 Lal Apartment, HIG Flats, Pitampura, Delh with Commander Realtors 110034 that my said client alongwith his father Sh. Jagdish Lal Arora son of Sh. Private Limited having its registered office at C-4, Ist Ganpat Rai were the co-owners and in possession of Property No.1518, in Sector-Floor Malviva Nagar New D, land area measuring 350 sq.mtrs., situated at DSIIDC Narela Industrial Park Delhi 110017 w.r.t property situated at Khewat/Khata No. 9/10 & 8/9 bearing rect. Narela, Delhi. Unfortunately, said Sh. Jagdish Lal Arora died on 28.04.2021 and his wife Smt. Sudesh Arora has already died No. 5, Killa No. 20(8-0) & Killa on 20.12.2018 and upon their death, my No. 21(8-0), total land measuring 16 Kanal 0 Marla client Sh. Gurdeep Arora is the only lega heir of his parents as per Hindu Success Act 1956 (which is also confirmed through i.e. 2 acres, revenue estate of Surviving Member Certificate of late Sh village ullawas, Tehsil Jagdish Lal Arora bearing Certificate No.90660000084910 issued on 15.06.2021). Hence, my client Sh. Gurdeep Arora has become the sole owner Sohna, District Gurgoan.

This public notice is issued to inform that whosoever deals with Commander Realtors Private Limited w.r.t. Above mentioned land shall be doing so at their own risk. cost and consequences for which Avon Properties Pvt. Ltd. shall not be responsible. Singh Associates

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Delhi schools, colleges to open in phases from Sept 1: Sisodia

Classes IX-XII to open first; not must, students can pick online, offline mode

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

Sisodia announced on Friday.

Guleria and NITI Aayog member

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SCHOOLS FOR classes IX-XII, colleges, universities and coaching institutes in Delhi will reopen in phases from September 1,

Students will need parents' permission: Sisodia

INSIDE Deputy Chief Minister Manish

PRIVATE SCHOOLS The decision was taken at a WILL REOPEN meeting of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), CLASSROOMS, BUT which includes Chief Minister **BUSES WON'T PLY** Arvind Kejriwal, Lt Governor Anil PAGE 7 Baijal, AIIMS Director Dr Randeep

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Sisodia. He said detailed guidelines will be issued soon.

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TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, AUGUST 27

AT LEAST five people were killed after alleged militants from the Dimasa National Liberation Army (DNLA) fired on and set ablaze several private commercial trucks in Dima Hasao district of Assam on Thursday evening,



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An Afghan woman tries to identify a body at a hospital in Kabul on Friday, a day after the attacks near the airport. AP

100 plus: Kabul counts its dead, airlift stepped up as window starts closing

SAYED ZIARMAL HASHEMI, TAMEEM AKHGAR, KATHY GANNON & CARA ANNA KABUL, AUGUST 27

to America's longest war.

Western troops withdraw. EVACUATION FLIGHTS from Thursday's bombings near Afghanistan resumed with new the airport killed at least 95 Afghans and 13 US troops, urgency on Friday, a day after Afghan and US officials said, in two suicide bombings targeted the thousands of people desperthe deadliest day for American ately fleeing a Taliban takeover forces in Afghanistan since and killed more than 100. The US August 2011. warned more attacks could Afghan officials warned that come ahead of next week's end

the toll could rise, with morgues stretched to capacity and the As the call to prayer echoed possibility that relatives are takthrough Kabul along with the ing bodies away from the scene

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anxious crowds outside the city's

airport appeared as large as ever.

They are acutely aware that the

window is closing to board a

flight before the airlift ends and

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elling from distant provinces.

Thursday night, President Joe Biden blamed the Islamic State group's Afghanistan affiliate, which is far more radical than the Taliban fighters who seized power less than two weeks ago in a lightning blitz across the country.

By UNNY

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CHHATTISGARH CONG CRISIS **Baghel CM for** now, shows his strength but not all-clear yet

Summoned again, meets Rahul who may visit state next week; sources say CM-by-rotation move not over

command not to do so. The

Congress has 70 MLAs in the 90-

member Assembly. Baghel was told to send back the MLAs im-

mediately, sources said. Neither

Gandhi nor AICC general secre-

All eyes are now on Gandhi,

who the Chief Minister said will

be visiting Chhattisgarh next

week. Sources said the party

leadership is still keen on imple-

menting the rotational chief

minister formula and hopes that Baghel will honour it. "He will

continue as Chief Minister for

the time being," a senior leader

told The Indian Express when

asked about the outcome of the

meeting. On the rotational chief

minister formula, the leader said

general secretary in-charge of

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, AICC

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Venugopal met the MLAs.

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BHUPESH BAGHEL will continue as Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh 'for the time being" and the proposal to replace him with TS ingh Deo, in line with the formula of rotational chief ministership agreed upon by the two in 2018, was "not a closed chapter," sources in the Congress said Friday after Baghel met Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for more than three hours amid an unprecedented show of strength by him in New Delhi

The Congress leadership, sources said, was miffed with the Chief Minister for bringing over 40 MLAs including ministers one of them claimed they totalled 51 - to New Delhi to demonstrate his support despite a clear direction from the high



Chhattisgarh Congress MLAs in New Delhi, Friday. Anil Sharma

Bajrang backs Neeraj protest over 'agenda', says respect athletes, whether from Pak or elsewhere



NITIN SHARMA & MIHIR VASAVDA CHANDIGARH, NEW DELHI, ALIGUIST 27



One official said as many as 169 may have died.

At least 10 bodies lay on the grounds outside Kabul's Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital, where relatives said the mortuary could take no more. Afghans said many of the dead are unclaimed because family members are trav-

In an emotional speech **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** BUSINESS AS USUAL

"We have recovered five charred bodies - they are mostly truck drivers and handymen. Identification is ongoing." Dima Hasao district superintendent of police Jayant Singh said on Friday morning.

He said intelligence inputs suggested that the DNLA was behind the attack

The DNLA was formed in 2019 with the aim of creating a "sovereign and independent nation" of the Dimasa-Kachari tribe, one of the earliest inhabitants and rulers of Assam's Brahmaputra valley The Dimasa now live in Dima Hasao, Karbi Anglong, Cachar and Nagaon districts of central and southern Assam, as well as in parts of Nagaland.

Around 8 pm on Thursday, the suspected militants stopped a convoy of about seven trucks at Rangerbeel under Diyungmukh police station, some 115 km from Haflong, the headquarters of Dima Hasao district, police said.

They opened indiscriminate fire on the vehicles that were reportedly carrying clinker and coal from a cement factory, a subsidiary of the Dalmia Group, in Umrangso in Dima Hasao district to Lanka in Hojai district.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra in Pune on Friday. Arul Horizon

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Neeraj Chopra urged people to not use his name to "further propaganda and dirty agenda", fellow Olympians, including Tokyo Games medalist Bajrang Punia, came out in his support, saying sport should not be used as a medium to discriminate.

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"Whether the athlete is from Pakistan or any other country, he represents his nation. He is a sportsperson first. So it's not like we'll say something against that person because he is from

Pakistan. There should be respect for athletes," wrestler Bajrang, who won the bronze medal in the 65kg weight class on the same day that Chopra won the javelin gold, told The Indian Express.

Chopra was dragged into a controversy after his comment in an interview, that Pakistani javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem was "moving around" with his CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Concerns

over

privacy





FORMER IPS OFFICER **AMITABH THAKUR HELD FOR 'ABETTING'** SUICIDE IN U.P. **PAGE 10**

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KANCHAN VASDEV & KAMALDEEPSBRAR CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

NAVJOT SINGH Sidhu's adviser Malvinder Singh Mali resigned on Friday, even as the Punjab Congress chief issued a veiled ultimatum to the party high command, declaring he would fight attempts to deny him the freedom to take decisions that were good for the state.

Controversial posts on social media by Mali have triggered a storm in the Punjab Congress, drawing criticism from Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh. Speaking at a function organ-

ised by the Trader and Industrial Association of Amritsar on Thursday night, Sidhu said: "I have never made compromises. I have told the party high command that if I fulfill promises and deliver on the hopes of people, I will ensure the rule of the Congress in Punjab

Malvinder Singh Mali's comments triggered storm

"Par je tusi manu nirnay nahin lain deyonge taan main itt naal itt kharka du. (But if you do not allow me to take decisions, I will hit back strongly.) There is no point

in being a decorated horse. Asked for a reaction to Sidhu's remark, Congress general secretary in charge of the state Harish Rawat said he would

comment only after he had studied the context in which the statement was made. "But I must say that he is our

honourable PPCC chief, and if a PCC chief does not have the right to take decisions, who does?' Rawat said in Delhi.

Earlier in the day, Mali posted a statement on social media, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Facial recognition spreads, concern over absence of data protection law

PRANAV MUKUL & ANIL SASI NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

ACROSS SOME of India's busiest

airports and train stations, facial recognition technology (FRT) software systems are being hooked up with a progressively spreading network of closed-circuit cameras by multiple stateowned agencies to pan though databases of photos to identify

identity to all residents of India. FRT software vendors in-

clude both domestic firms and

global companies. The systems people on a real-time basis. seek to achieve a range of objec-The growing list of users of this technology, which started tives: better identification of with the Home Ministry's criminals, law enforcement use National Crime Records Bureau at railway stations, passenger (NCRB) and various police forces, check-ins at airports, biometric now includes the Airports attendance at companies, and Authority of India, the Indian even student authentication Railways, public sector utilities, mechanisms. and the state-owned agency mandated to issue a unique

FRT systems are in the process of being deployed at airports in Kolkata, Varanasi, Pune, Vijayawada Bengaluru

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have called for data privacy laws.



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IRAM SIDDIQUE INDORE, AUGUST 27

WHEN TASLEEM Ali, a bangleseller from Uttar Pradesh, was beaten up and abused by some men in Indore's New Govind Nagar area on August 22, one of the attackers invoked his religion and shouted "Bombay Bazaar ka badla lo.

That was a reference to an incident in Bombay Bazaar, about 4 km away, in which two Dalit girls were beaten up by a group of young men who alleged they were friends with a "Hindu

man." That incident on August 13. and at least two other events. police and leaders from both communities told The Indian

Express, hardened fault lines. In the Bombay Bazaar incident, two Dalit girls with their uncle Rohit Salvi were surrounded by a mob that swelled in size and mistook them as "Muslim women standing with a Hindu man." The girls, eyewitnesses said, were forced to show

their Aadhaar cards and establish their identity. A heated argument led to a clash, with the police intervening to rescue the two women after they were at-

tacked by a group of people. The police registered a case under 10 different IPC sections including attempt to murder.

"People call the attack on Tasleem a mob attack but actually what happened in Bombay Bazar was a mob attack. The incident created outrage among the majority community," said Rajpal Joshi, Prant Prachar Pramukh of Malwa Prant, Hindu Jagran Manch.

Indeed, Indore's chief Qazi, Ishrat Ali, drew a link. "What started with the incident at Bombay Bazaar," he told The Indian Express Friday, "concluded



New Govind Nagar in Indore where Tasleem Ali (right) was beaten up on August 22. Iram Siddique

with what happened with Tasleem.' When contacted, Mahesh

Chandra Jain, Superintendent of Police (West), Indore, said, "The incident was handled then and

is done and dusted now. I would

are dialing it down. For, the Bombay Bazaar incident itself occurred in the back-

drop of an 18-year-old Muslim

woman choosing to marry a

man of the majority community

on August 4. Four days after that

marriage, she presented herself

at the Bhawar Kuan police sta-

tion on August 8 dressed as a

Hindu bride, and refused to re-

turn to her parents.

for the next 20 years.

given two minutes to convince her to return home at the police station in the presence of at least 10-12 policemen." Such instances - described as 'reverse love jihad' - have led to increased vigilance by members of the community in areas dominated by minorities, said a com-

Two days after the Bombay Bazaar episode, a couple of incidents in the city on the Independence Day, also raised the communal temperature. In the first, the two communities confronted each other in Nayta **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

When contacted, her father, who did not want to be identified, said, "My daughter who was just 18 years was brainwashed like many other girls in the community are. I was hardly



munity leader.

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What does the return of the Taliban mean for sports in Afghanistan?

This week on the Express Sports podcast, we discuss the future of sports in Afghanistan, and what they have meant for the people in the country.

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cans; we will get our Afghan allies

out, and our mission will go on,"

Biden said. But despite intense

pressure to extend Tuesday's

deadline and his vow to hunt

down those responsible, he has

cited the threat of more terrorist

attacks as a reason to keep to his

plan - as the Taliban have repeat-

back control of Afghanistan two

decades after they were ousted in

a US-led invasion following the

9/11 attacks, which were orches-

trated by al-Qaida extremists be-

ing harboured in the country.

Their return to power has terrified

many Afghans, who fear they will

reimpose the kind of repressive

rule they did when they were last

in control. Thousands have rush-

ed to flee the country ahead of the

American withdrawal as a result.

100,000 people have been safely

evacuated from Kabul, but thou-

sands more are struggling to leave

in one of history's largest airlifts.

The White House said Friday

morning that 8,500 evacuees

were flown out aboard US mili-

tary aircraft in the previous 24

hours, along with about 4,000

people on coalition flights. That is

before the attacks.

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Kabul deaths

Baghel CM

Uttar Pradesh, who joined Gandhi's meeting with Baghel, left in between, possibly to consult Congress president Sonia Gandhi, and later returned. Venugopal and PLPunia, AICC incharge of Chhattisgarh, were also present. While the meeting was on, MLAs supporting Baghel waited at the 24, Akbar Road headquarters of the AICC.

Priyanka's presence signalled the increasing role she is playing in Congress organisational matters. She played a key role in the appointment of Navjot Singh Sidhu as Punjab Congress president. She also had a role in placating Sachin Pilot when he raised the banner of revolt against Raiasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot last year.

On Friday, around 7.30 pm, Baghel and Punia emerged from the meeting. Baghel said he had discussed political, administrative and other issues with Gandhi. He said he had invited him to Chhattisgarh. "Very soon, possibly next week, Rahulji will visit Chhattisgarh," he said.

Asked whether he will remain Chief Minister when Gandhi visits the state, Baghel said: "He is coming on my invitation... Maine mukhyamantri ke roop mein amantrit kiya hai (I have invited him in my capacity as Chief Minister)."

To queries on leadership change, he said: "I have explained all issues to my leader. We discussed political issues, schemes and programmes, and about the country...'

Asked about rotational chief ministership, Baghel said: "Some days ago when I came here last... Puniaji very clearly expressed his view on that... when the in-charge has said... what is left to say." He went to the AICC headquarters to meet the MLAs and thereafter

in one area Taliban fighters set up a cordon about 500 metres away. The attacks led Jamshad to met Punia at the latter's residence.

5 killed after suspected militants attack trucks

As per reports on Friday evening, the five dead have been identified as Gour Mazumder (42), Dilwar Hussain (24), Sikandar Ali (32), and Afgar Ali (37) from Hojai district, and Dharmendra Kumar Paresh (35) from Pratapgarh in Uttar Pradesh.

A few trucks reportedly managed to escape, and two injured truckers were taken to hospital for treatment. Police were conducting a massive combing operation in the area, SP Singh said.

In a statement issued on Friday evening, the Dalmia Group said: "Some of our partnervehicles carrying company material were targeted by an extremist group. We are saddened to inform you that 5 drivers who were attacked lost their lives and 2 were injured. We express our condolences to the families of the deceased and we will extend due support to the bereaved families... We are in touch with the Government of Assam and they have assured us that necessary steps will be taken, so as to avoid any such untowardly incident in the future.'

State DGP Bhaskarjyoti Mahanta travelled to the site of the attack on Friday. "Our investigation is underway. Senior officials are here in Dima Hasao.

opened in Delhi with complete about the same total as the day precautions, so that the learning More people hoping to flee arloss for students can be reduced. We have to bring life back on track rived Friday at the airport, though and take care of studies as well as health of students," Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal tweeted. Universities said they are keen on reopening but will need some time. Delhi University Registrar Vikas Gupta said the executive council will meet on August 31, followed by internal meetings where a decision will be taken. INU Rector Chintamani Mahapatra said the university will open soon in a phased manner. IIT-Delhi Director V Ramgopal Rao said a reopening schedule was being prepared. While physical classes were suspended in Delhi's schools on March 12 last year, senior classes had reopened briefly in January-March this year. However, all educational institutes went back to online mode in April, amid the second wave of Covid-19 cases across the country. An in-principle decision to reopen schools from September 1 was taken by the DDMA this month after experts, including Dr Guleria of AIIMS, said that "opening of schools must be considered as students have suffered a lot". On Friday, Sisodia said online classes could not match physical classes. "So far, five states across the country have reopened all classes, from nursery to XII. In about 12 states, Classes VI-XII have reopened. In our survey, we found that 70 per cent of the parents were in favour of reopening



Several trucks were set ablaze in Dima Hasao, Assam. Express

We will take very strong action," Mahanta told reporters in Dima Hasao

"Insurgency is a reality in Assam...we cannot deny that. If we (the police) succeed in 90 operations, we may fail in 10. But be assured we will take all steps at the strictest level to address this unfortunate incident." he said.

The hill district of Dima Hasao, which is run by the Hills North Cachar Autonomous Council under the provisions of the Sixth Schedule of the constitution. was a hotbed of insurgency in the 1990s and 2000s, but has been relatively peaceful over the past decade.

The Dimasa National Security Force (DNSF) was

comments as a medium to further your vested interests and propaganda. Sports teaches us to be together and united. I'm extremely disappointed to see some of the reactions from the public on my recent comments Nadeem said the two throwers were "very good friends". He told The Indian Express on Friday: "Neeraj bhai ne bilkul theek kaha hai. Hum dono bahut achchhe dost hain aur aisi cheezen nahin honi chahiye (Neeraj did the right thing. We are very good friends and such things should not happen)." Chopra's comments received backing from the wider sporting fraternity in India.

formed in 1991 with the aim of creating a separate state called Dimaraji. After the group surrendered in 1995, its commander-in-chief, Jewel Gorlosa, formed the Dima Halam Daogah, which mostly carried out extortion and 'taxation', and was reportedly mentored by the NSCN (I-M) of Nagaland.

After the Dima Halam Daogah began talks with the government in 2003, Gorlosa broke away and formed the Dima Halam Daogah (Jewel), with an armed wing called the Black Widow. The two outfits were active in the region for several years, but ultimately signed a ceasefire agreement with the government in 2012. Announcing its formation

reliving old memories.

letes share. "I haven't seen Neerai's

itating "better identification of criminals, unidentified dead bodies & missing/found children and persons".

The Home Ministry has said that the automatic FRT system will use "police records and will be accessible only to Law Enforcement Agencies". However, in March 2018, the Delhi Police, which comes under the Home Ministry, acquired an automated facial recognition software as a tool to identify lost boys and girls by matching photos, the data from which are learnt to have been subsequently fed into the automated facial recognition system to identify people who repeatedly turned up at protests, and who were photographed during the riots of last year.

The software deployed by Delhi Police is learnt to have been supplied by the Delhi-based tech company Innefu Lab, which describes itself as a security, analytics, and intelligence firm. The company lists Delhi Police as a client on its website, in addition to "more than a dozen LEA departments" where its solutions have been deployed.

In December 2018, Uttar Pradesh Police deployed a software called Trinetra developed by Gurgaon-based company Staqu to "zero in on the criminal" in a quick and targeted manner using techniques such as facial recognition, biometric record analysis, etc. The database at the time was created using criminal records of the state police, the prisons department, and the Government Railway Police.

Besides law-enforcement agencies, utilities too are leveraging the technology. State-owned NTPCLtd has started implementing FRT alongside biometrics to capture the attendance of employees. As per NTPC's policy, consent of employees "shall not be"

tion of FRT with a network of CCTV cameras would make real time surveillance extremely easy," the non-profit Internet Freedom Foundation wrote in a

blog post on privacy concerns. Footage collected through CCTVs are governed by regulations laid down by various states and local law enforcement authorities, and include aspects such as the time the footage is stored for and the uses to which it is put. However, for all CCTV cameras, privacy is governed by provisions in The Information Technology Act, 2000, which prescribes "punishment for violation

of privacy" for any person who "intentionally or knowingly captures, publishes or transmits the image of a private area of any person without his or her consent, under circumstances violating the privacy of that person".

The Indian Express reached out by email to the Railway Board, NTPC, and Ministry of Education requesting comments for this report, but got no responses.

Bangle-seller

Mulla colony which falls under the Tejaji Nagar police station following provocative slogans after flag-hosting which led to stone pelting. FIRs were registered following complaints from both the communities at Tejaji Nagar police station.

In another incident at Rajwada, a sitting BJP MLA referred to another Independence Day event 10 km away from Navta Mulla colony in which a woman asked the audience to repeat "Hindu Rashtra ki jai" and "Hindu Dharm kijai" with her after raising slogans of "Bharat Mata ki jai." A video shows that among those assembled in the event, organised by BJP's Alpasankhyak Morcha, some shouted back "Yaa Hussain".

"This Talibani culture will not

on April 15, 2019 with Naisodao

duo sat next to each other during their bus ride from the Athletes' Village to the National Stadium.

Bajrang said it was important for people to respect the spirit ath-

society for regaining the Dimasa Kingdom" In May this year, the DNLA received a major blow after six of its top cadres were killed in a counter-insurgency operation by the Assam Police and Assam Rifles. This was preceded by an encounter in March, in which a top cadre who went by the name of 'Black Dimasa', was killed.

ENTERTAINMENT

THE EMPIRE REVIEW:

STICKS TO ITS GUNS

The Empire's eight

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Dimasa as its chairman, the

DNLA said it was "committed

to revamp the national strug-

gle and fight for the liberation

of a sovereign, independent

Dimasa Nation". It said that its

aim was to "develop a sense of

brotherhood among the

Dimasa and also to rebuild trust

and faith among the Dimasa

too long,

Over the last few months, the Northeastern states have seen several episodes of violence and unrest. In July, the old boundary dispute between Assam and Mizoram turned bloody, leading to the death of six Assam Police personnel. More recently, a curfew was imposed in Meghalaya and the Internet was shut down for 72 hours following violence after cadres of the outlawed Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council burned a police vehicle in response to the alleged murder of their former leader in a police operation.

Facial recognition

and Hyderabad as part of a trial under the Ministry of Civil

Aviation's Digi Yatra initiative. For four of these airports – Kolkata, Varanasi, Pune and Vijayawada — that are managed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), Japanese electronics company NEC has been roped in for the implementation. The project is expected to start by the end of 2021.

State Health Minister TS Singh Deo, who is mounting pressure on the central leadership to implement the formula of rotational chief ministership which was agreed upon between Baghel and him in December 2018 when the party came to power in the state, is also in the Capital.

The MLAs, who arrived in batches and are staying at the Le Meridien hotel in Delhi, met Punia twice, urging him to arrange a meeting with Venugopal and the leadership. The show of strength by Baghel has clearly posed a challenge to the party high command which wanted an amicable settlement to the leadership tussle. Sources said several mayors too arrived in the Capital

"We have come to place our views before the central leadership. We are disciplined workers of the party. Whatever decision the party takes, it will be acceptable to all of us. We are all soldiers of Rahul Gandhi," Bhilai City MLA Devendra Yadav told The Indian Express. He said 51 MLAs are in Delhi to meet the leadership.

Sources said signatures of the MLAs are being taken on a letter addressed to the Congress president. The content of the letter, sources said, is about the "achievements" and "good work" being carried out by the CM and his government. It would urge the high command to allow Baghel to continue as the Chief Minister.

The MLAs were brought to Delhi despite a direction by the party high command not to do so. On Thursday night, state Congress president Mohan Markam had asked the MLAs not to travel to Delhi."I had issued an appeal at 10 pm. But by then some MLAs had left. Some had already booked their tickets," he said. He, however, said there was nothing wrong with party workers and leaders wanting to meet the leadership.

"If the leadership is thinking about taking a decision... We all want to be heard and involved in the process. Replacing Baghel as Chief Minister will not be appropriate. Everything is going on smoothly in the state. It will only

head there in the morning with his wife and three small children. clutching an invitation to a Western country he didn't want to name. This was his first attempt to leave. "After the explosion I decided I would try because I am afraid now there will be more attacks, and I think now I have to

leave," said Jamshad. Others acknowledged that going to the airport was risky, but said they had few choices. "Believe me, I think that an explosion will happen any second or minute, God is my witness, but we have lots of challenges in our lives, that is why we take the risk to come here and we overcome fear," said Ahmadullah Herawi. Many others will try to escape

over land borders. The United Nations refugee agency said a half-million people or more could flee in a "worse-case scenario" in the coming months. In the wake of the attacks, Gen

Frank McKenzie, the US Central Command chief overseeing the evacuation, warned that more were possible, and American commanders were working with the Taliban to prevent them. Sweden's foreign minister also said there was a threat. Britain said Friday its evacua-

tions from Afghanistan will end within hours, and the main British processing center for eligible Afghans has been closed. Defense Secretary Ben Wallace told Sky News there would be "eight or nine" evacuation flights on Friday. British troops will leave over the

next few days. Italy's foreign minister confirmed that its last military flight evacuating people would depart later on Friday. And the French

European affairs minister, Clement Beaune, said on Europe 1 radio that the country will end its operation "soon" but may extend it until after Fridav night.

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Delhi schools assessing the first phase of reopening.

"In view of decreasing Covid cases, schools are being slowly re-

schools," Sisodia said On August 16, schools in the city opened for Class X and Class XII students for practical examsrelated work.

Sisodia said about 98 per cent teachers of 1,053 government schools in Delhi have received at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, and the rate of vaccination is high among private school teachers as well. There are 1,368 private schools in the city recognised by the Directorate of Education.

Bajrang Punia

javelin during the Olympic final, were twisted by people with "vested interests".

On Thursday, Chopra said on Twitter: "I would request everyone to please not use me and my

Rio Olympics bronze medalist wrestler Sakshi Malik said: "I completely don't approve of athletes being dragged into controversies or being used for political reasons and to spread hate. And we are pulled into bizarre controversies. Like Neeraj has been very badly affected by what happened, and just thinking that a very small out-of-context remark blew up into such a massive controversy.

"All kinds of weird auestions are being asked and news channels turned a small normal act of the Pakistani javelin thrower using Neeraj's javelin for one attempt," Sakshi said. "I'd urge fans to support Indian athletes and understand at same time that our on-field rivalries do not ever equate to off-field enmity. They are our friends and peers from the same sport. And no athlete will be comfortable to be used for hate against another nation." Table tennis player Sharath

Kamal called the incident "disturbing".

"When we competed in the SAFF Games in 2004 in Islamabad, there was always police or army escort with us. We got talking, and both sides realised that what we are told is different from what the reality on the ground is. We're the same people," Kamal, a five-time Olympian, said.

"We went shopping and he came along with us, showing us which shop to go to, what are the good things to buy, and what are not. That's when we realised how much hatred is fed to people around, which is unnecessary.'

Chopra and Nadeem, who finished fifth in Tokyo, share a cordial relationship outside competition. Even before the final, the video, but sport teaches us how to remain united. instead of discriminating. When I meet wrestlers from Russia, USA, it's always very cordial, it doesn't feel like we are rivals; we are all like brothers. The competitive spirit is on the mat only," Bajrang said.

His views were echoed by former India hockey captain Viren Rasquinha, who said sports and politics should not be mixed. 'Whether I played against Pakistan or Australia or Germany... it's all the same. It's war on the ground, but I shake hands before the game and shake hands after the game. We don't take anything outside the field,' Rasquinha said.

"I've always believed that we should play sport in its purest form. Give everything for the country in the match that we're representing, but let's not mix (sports and politics)," he said.

During the Tokyo Olympics final, Chopra, before his first throw, could not find his javelin before realising it was with Arshad. He asked for it and sprinted to the start of his run-up. "I was searching for my javelin at the start of the final (in Olympics). I was not able to find it. Suddenly I saw Arshad Nadeem was moving around with my javelin. Then I told him 'bhai give this javelin to me. It is my javelin. I have to throw with it'. That is why you must have seen I took my first throw hurriedly," Chopra told The Times of India.

Stories run by a few websites, based on this quote, and comments on social media portrayed Nadeem as the bad guy. Discus thrower Kamalpreet

Kaur, who finished sixth at the Tokyo Games, called Nadeem a "good person" who is always "eager to learn".

"When on the field, I can understand that players compete against each other. But once off the field, we all are good friends,' she said. "Sport does not know any boundaries. Be it India, be it Pakistan, sports should be seen in the right spirit.'

-WITH SHAHID JUDGE AND SHIVANI NAIK

AAI said it is currently testing the solution at Varanasi airport. "The solution is designed as per prevailing industry standards with respect to data security & privacy. The consent of the user is taken before the biometrics are captured as part of the enrolment process to Digi Yatra program," an AAI spokesperson said in response to a query from The Indian Express.

As part of a broader Indian Railways plan to install facial recognition tech at railway stations to "identify criminals" Western Railway has commissioned 470 video cameras featuring real-time FRT developed by the Russian video analytics firm NtechLab, which has been certified by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO), a technical adviser and consultant to the Indian Railways.

The camera system, which is said to ensure simultaneous recognition of up to 50 people in a single frame, will be used on the busiest section of the network. The video analytics system can be used to "shape strategy" by counting passenger traffic on the network at any given time, alongside the stated objective of "identifying criminals" and "searching for missing persons", according to the systems vendor.

"Our video analytics technology employs high-precision, realtime face recognition mode, in the video stream. Images are compared with a database of wanted individuals. If there is a match, it notifies law enforcement immediately. The entire process, from the appearance of the person in front of a camera to law enforcement receiving a signal, takes less than three seconds. This enables a fast response to situations as they develop," according to Andrei Telenkov, CEO of NtechLab.

The NCRB, which compiles crime statistics and maintains a database, is deploying "an automatic FRT system" aimed at facil-

required to implement FRT.

A red flag that has been raised is that the extensive use of FRT systems is taking place in the absence of data protection laws that would mandate necessary safeguards in the collection and storage of user data.

This is especially significant because other government agencies planning to deploy FRT systems include those with a much wider ambit – such as the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), which is developing the Aadhaar-based Face Authentication in Proof of Concept (PoC) phase to supplement authentication mechanisms in addition to biometric and iris-based authen-

tication procedures. Also, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is using facial recognition for one-to-one face matching as one of the authentication mechanisms for issuing digital marksheets.

The Ministry of Education has informed Parliament that there is no collection or storage of biometric facial data, and the use of the application is based on the consent of the individual. A government official involved in the exercise said FRT is "distinct" from face authentication mechanisms being used for digital marksheets. Apart from the fact that these

systems are currently operating in a legal vacuum given that India does not yet have specific laws with regard to FRT and personal data protection, experts have also flagged the issue of lack of informed consent.

While individuals in a CCTVsurveilled area may be aware they are under surveillance, the use of images from CCTV networks in conjunction with FRT would mean their images will be stored for longer, if not permanently.

"This data will also be used to extract particular data points such as the facial features and other biometrics, which the individual has not consented to sharing when entering a CCTV-surveilled zone, and these data points can be used to track future movements of the person. Therefore, integra-

work here. Whoever wants to stay here will have to say slogans like Bharat Mata *ji jai* and Vande Mataram," the MLA, Malini Singh Gaur, told The Indian Express.

Tasleem, who was beaten up by the men after these incidents, was arrested by the police on charges of forgery along with relevant sections of sexual harassment and POCSO. The police also arrested four people – Rakesh Pawar, Vikas Malviya, Rajkumar Bhatnagar, Vivek Vyas – for beating and looting Tasleem.

When contacted, SP, Indore (East) Ashutosh Bagri who has sent a team to Tasleem's native district Hardoi to ascertain his credentials said, "As per preliminary information, he has no criminal records. But it is confirmed he had two Aadhaar cards.'

Said Qazi Ishrat Ali: "Indore is a city where people give food to the hungry and help to the needy without getting into their religion...It is our responsibility to maintain peace."

Sidhu warns

announcing he had quit as Sidhu's adviser. He warned that if anything untoward happened to him, Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and other Congress leaders, as well as leaders from the SAD, BJP, and AAP would be responsible.

Attacking the Congress leadership and Rawat without naming them, Mali said Punjab had become a goldmine for the high commands and Punjab incharges in Delhi.

Rawat described Mali's resignation as a "very good" development. He said Mali had already clarified on Facebook that his posts were his personal opinion. On Thursday, Rawat had said that Sidhu should sack such advisers and if he did not, he (Rawat) would do so himself.

Sources said Sidhu advised Mali to quit following the intervention of the top leadership of the party. The resignation is being viewed as a setback for Sidhu, who had earlier sought to dig in his heels, saying that his advisers enjoyed freedom of speech.





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IGIA sees uptick in passengers, 90k a day govt's mentorship programme in first week of Aug

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

INDIRA GANDHI International Airport witnessed a rise in passenger numbers in August – with a footfall of roughly 90,000 per day in the first few days – officials of the Delhi Airport International Limited (DIAL) said Friday. They attributed the increase to fewer Covid cases, a surge in vaccination numbers, and the arrival of the festive season.

passenger numbers was due to a The number of travelers had relaxation in the domestic flight plummeted to 18,000 per day in capacity from 50 per cent to 72.5 May, which increased to 62,000 per cent in June. per day by the June-end.

Given the current situation, officials said they expect domestic travel to reach pre-Covid numbers by the end of the financial year, 2023. However, they said they do not see the same trends in international traffic until the financial year 2024. In pre-Covid times, the Delhi

airport used to see 2-2.5 lakh passengers per day. In June, the majority of travelers belonged to the visiting friends and family (VFF) category, followed by those on va-



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Another reason for the rise in

The official said, "With the in-

crease in vaccination across the

globe and lower number of Covid

cases in India. we may see relax-

ation in international travel,

which will increase the number

of flights and add more destina-

tions. We may see the adoption

of a common travel pass based on

vaccination and testing for inter-

national travel in the coming

months. However, it is too early

to comment on the resumption

of scheduled International travel

in the next three months.'

gence of Covid third wave."

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

ACTOR SONU SOOD, who met arrival of the festive season Delhi CM Arvind Keiriwal at his official residence on Friday, was (Rakshabandhan and other festivities). Delhi airport witnessed announced the brand ambassapositive traction in domestic dor of the state government's mentorship programme for travel (both VFF and leisure). school students, which will be There is a propensity to travel with the increase in total vaccinalaunched next month. tions across the country, but it is of

Addressing a press conference after the meeting, Sood said, "as of now, we have not discussed anything political", a statement he repeated as reporters asked about speculations of him, or one his family members, contesting on an AAP ticket in the upcoming Punjab Assembly polls.

Sood, a popular name in Bollywood, hails from Punjab's Moga. The actor had received widespread acclaim for his charitable interventions during the Covid-19 lockdowns.

Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, AAP's Punjab co-in charge Raghav Chadha, and Chandigarh-based entrepreneur Karan Gilhotra were also present during the meeting. Under the mentorship pro-

gramme – Desh ke mentors – the Delhi government will rope in prominent names from vari-

When repeatedly asked about ous walks of life to guide stuthe possibility of him joining AAP

added.



Sonu Sood new ambassador of

Sood met CM Kejriwal at his residence Friday. He said, "as of now, we have not discussed anything political". ANI

dents from underprivileged backahead of the Punjab polls, Sood grounds. Sood praised the Kejriwal government for its initiatives in the education sector: "What he (Kejriwal) has achieved ke mentors) is a bigger issue." has to be experienced." He added

> Mentor' is a programme where mentors will take out 10 minutes every week to guide the students.

> move, BJP Delhi president Adesh Gupta said: "In so far as Kejriwal's move to associate film actor Sonu Sood with Delhi government's defunct mentor programme is concerned, this is not to benefit the youth but to take advantage of his image and appeal for his

Punjab, Goa and other states."

ticipatory bail plea and asked them to file a status report. It listed the bail application for the next hearing on September 13. "Prima facie there is all kinds of slogans and speeches being given. Let them file the status

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A lower court last week had

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that they want to arrest him and

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

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report," said Justice Mukta Meanwhile, reacting to the Gupta said while rejecting the prayer for interim protection. said that "we are not in a Taliban state" while dismissing Chaudhary's anticipatory bail plea.

that he had not raised any sloown party benefit in poll-bound been granted bail.

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THE DELHI High Court Friday refused to grant interim protection from arrest to Hindu president Bhupinder Tomar alias Pinky Chaudhary, who is under investigation for his alleged role in the anti-Muslims sloganeering at Jantar Mantar on August 8. The court issued notice to Delhi Police on Chaudhary's an-

PRIMA FACIE, ALL KINDS OF SLOGANS: HC

No interim protection to

Hindu Raksha Dal head

Pinky Chaudhary is under investigation for his alleged role in the anti-Muslims sloganeering at Jantar Mantar on August 8. Archive

tody," submitted advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, who represented Chaudhary, while reading the contents of the FIR. However, the court said the

Chaudhary's counsel argued FIR was only a preliminary document and does not give the before the High Court Friday role of any of the accused. "Let gans and the organiser of the me just call for the reply. Jantar Mantar event had already Contents of the FIR is not a complete prosecution case," it "There is nothing against my added

Delhi Police told the court that it has submitted three videos and two transcripts of



of the organisers and very much part of the entire event" where the slogan chanting took place, submitted police counsel Tarang Srivastava, who also objected to grant of any interim protection. The sessions court, while

the "objectionable sloganeer-

ing" and an interview via

Chaudhary was "very much one

The interview shows that

emails.

denying the pre-arrest bail to Chaudhary, on August 21, had observed, "We are not in a Taliban state. Rule of law is the sacrosanct governing principle in our plural and multicultural society. While the whole country is celebrating Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav, there are some minds still chained with intolerant and self-centric beliefs.'

On August 13, a lower court had refused to grant bail to three other men arrested for raising inflammatory and anti-Muslim slogans at Jantar Mantar, observing that their "scathing remarks" were "undemocratic and uncalled for from a citizen of this country". On August 11, the lower court had granted bail to Supreme Court lawyer and former BJP spokesperson Ashwini Upadhyay, the organiser of the

protest.

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Dated: 25.08.2021

Sd¹ Executive Engineer, MHCHD Srinacan

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2	C/O Helipad at Sanghnai Tehsil Ghanari (SH: C/O Main building including WS & SI) Deposit work	792483/-	16000/-	350/-	Nine months	11.30 AM on 22.09.2021	Class- C&D
3	C/O Helipad at Chintpurni Tehsil Amb (SH: C/O Main building including WS & SI) Deposit work	792483/-	16000/-	350/-	Nine months	11.30 AM on 22.09.2021	Class- C&D
4.	C/O Ambulance road from Gagret Daulatpur road to Mohalla Bagwal Share Ki Hatti Abadi Kabirpanthian Mohalla GP Sanghnai (SH: Providing & laying inter- locking paver block between RD 0/171 to 0/221 & causeway at RD 0/250 & C/O Retaining walls at RD 0/0 to 0/026 &B 0/225 to0/272) under MMGSY.	1042000/-	21000/-	500/-	Three months	11.30 AM on 22.09.2021	Class- C&D
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SENIOR CLASSES FIRST TO RETURN Ready to reopen, but buses won't ply yet: Pvt schools

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

PRIVATE SCHOOLS Friday said they were making preparations to reopen from September 1 for students of classes IX to XII, after Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia announced the government's decision in this regard.

"Immediately after the notification, I had a meeting with all my mid-level officials, and we redrafted all SOPs we had laid down earlier. We had a long meeting and we are making necessary requirements with regard to their (children's) physical and mental safety. We have fixed the staggered timings for entry, made signages saying no sharing of food, etc. Tomorrow and on the 31st, we will also have sessions with parents on what they should keep in mind while sending their wards to school," said Mount Abu School principal Jyoti Arora.

However, she said school buses will not ply from September 1 as it was the "biggest challenge" right now: "We don't have any idea right now if parents want to continue with school transport or have their own arrangements. For that, we have made a proforma which will be circulated to gauge interest. Bus routes will also have to be reworked accordingly. So all these activities will take some time."

Bal Bharati Public School principal LV Sehgal also said they are "absolutely ready" to reopen from September 1. "All our SOPs are in place as we had prepared it last year itself, so we are ready to open. We have mentioned each step for the comfort and safety of students. School buses will not run immediately, as we are still waiting for guidelines on that," he said.

The Indian School principal Tania Joshi said even after receiving the DoE circular, approval will be sought from parents: "We will then start in whatever we can. But it has to be hybrid learning; we can't have the whole class coming in. Hours will have to be restricted. Covid protocol has to be in place. We will take decisions keeping all these things in mind."

Meanwhile, schools doubling up as Covid vaccine sites have expressed some apprehensions on student safety. A senior education department official said the SOP on re-opening will try to coordinate timings of these different activities so that when



Students outside a government school in the capital on Friday. Praveen Khanna

Keen to call back students, but not on Sept 1, say Delhi's universities

ARANYA SHANKAR

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27 UNLIKE SCHOOLS in the capital which said they will reopen on September 1, Delhi's universities maintained they need a little more time.

Delhi University, which had earlier decided to open for science students and then retracted its decision, said it was eager to open

"We have an important Executive Council meeting on August 31. After that, we will have an internal meeting of some officials, and take a decision on reopening. We are inclined towards opening the university soon, but it will not be possible to open on September 1. We have students coming from all across the country so we need to give them some

time. We don't want them

Delhi University said it will take a decision on reopening following an internal meeting. Archive

Rector Chintamani Mahapatra also said the university would open soon but after deliberations.

der comes in. We will need to consider how to open it in a phased manner," he said. Asked if the Indian Institute

"We have issued so many no- of Technology of Delhi will tices and we have always gone open anytime soon, Director V by the DDMA rules, so it (re- Ramgopal Rao said, "We are opening) will definitely happen. preparing a schedule for that.

classes are still being held online. But we hope to start classes soon in physical mode, if the situation remains the same.

Ambedkar University Delhi, which comes under the Delhi government, also said discussions will be needed.

"We are yet to receive the order; once we receive it, we will comply with it. However, our plan to reopen will be chalked out in consultation with our School Deans and all senior stakeholders," said AUD PRO Anshu Singh.

Jamia Millia Islamia PRO Ahmed Azeem, however, said the university would wait for UGC guidelines before taking any decision.

"That is the main determining factor for us since we are a central university. Secondly, we will also consult all our stakeholders and analyse the matter in detail from every angle, be-

Timing to buses — how Delhi schools will reopen their doors after over a yr

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

SCHOOLS IN Delhi can now reopen from September 1 for students of classes IX to XII. This is set to be the biggest phase of school reopening since they first closed in March 2020.

Before this, schools had reopened for exam-related activities for classes X and XII students in January and classes IX and XI in February, but all offline activities completely stopped again on April 9 with the second Covid wave.

According to education department officials, a detailed SOP for this phase of reopening will be issued by the department only after the Delhi Disaster Management Authority's order is issued. However, the expert committee constituted by the DDMA to plan for school reopening had recommended an SOP which will form the basis of the final one by the department.

According to the committee's SOP, what kind of staggered time table is to be followed in schools?

Heads of schools are to prepare time-tables as per the capacity of their classrooms and labs, with approximately 50% students of the classroom's capacity to be seated in it. According to a school's capacity and student strength. they may stagger school schedule to avoid crowding in classrooms and at the entry and exit. Schools may also stagger lunch breaks. Buildings from which double shift schools operate have to maintain a gap of at least one hour between the last group of the morning shift and the first group of the second shift. Students and teachers living in containment zones are not to be allowed to report to school. Only students with written parental consent will be allowed.

What about schools functioning as vaccination and ration distribution



Sisodia announced the move, Friday. Amit Mehra



tion to close them. The committee's SOP has only recommended that part of the school used for these activities be separated from the part which will be used for academic activities. "In this regard directions should be issued to District Administration to cordon off the area demarcated for vaccination or ration distribution centre, make separate entry/exit for this purpose and deploy sufficient number of civil defence volunteers to avoid mingling of students with the persons coming to vaccination or ration distri-

bution centres," it states. Since many teachers are also involved in Covid-related duties, the SOP has recommended that directions be issued to the District Administration that a minimum number of teachers be assigned to these duties on a rotational basis, and only with the approval of their heads of school.

Will school buses be operational to pick up and drop students?

The recommended SOP

the department will not be issuing any directions on this. "The question of school-buses does not apply to all schools. It is for them to figure out whether or how they want to start the services, but the general understanding is that the same staggered approach and physical distancing needs to be maintained on buses as well," the official stated.

Will there be any kind of counselling to prepare students for their return to campus?

The recommended SOP requires teachers to speak to every student to enquire about their well-being, and provide them emotional support as well as mentally prepare them to resume academic activities online. They are to try and understand the current academic levels of the students and "bridge the learning gaps to strengthen and recapitulate foundational subject specific competency of previous class".

What happens if a student or teacher displays symptoms at school?

For this purpose, all schools will be required to maintain a 'quarantine room' on campus. The recommended SOP also states that district and health department authorities may be directed to conduct random collection of samples of students and staff for Covid testing on a regular basis.

What about students of other grades below class IX?

The committee had recommended a three-phase reopening, including classes IX to XII on September 1, and classes VI to VIII on September 8. "After reviewing the situation in the two phases, the Directorate of Education may take the decision of opening schools for primary and pre-primary classes in the third phase," its report had stated. However, while addressing the media. Deputy CM Manish Sisodia only spoke about the first phase, with sources stating this was due to "lack of consensus in the DDMA".

students enter and exit, they will not be running into outsiders.

Vikas Gupta. Jawaharlal Nehru University

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Already over 2,000 students are back on the campus, though

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Humayunpur to Hanumanpur: Latest renaming proposal

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

COUNCILLOR from Safdarjung Enclave, Radhika Abrol, Friday proposed changing the name of Humayunpur village in South Delhi to Hanumanpur. This comes a day after South MCD Mayor Mukesh Survan gave an anticipatory approval to change the name of another urban village, Mohammadpur, to Madhavpuram.

The renaming spree comes against the backdrop of next year's civic body polls, where the BJP faces 15 years of anti-incumbency and the AAP makes a push to dislodge the party from all three MCDs.

Abrol placed the proposal in the zonal committee meeting of the SDMC's south zone. In it, Abrol, who is also deputy chairperson of the education committee, stated that "during the Mughal period, names of all villages in Delhi were forcibly changed by the Mughals to give an impression of life-long op-



Humayunpur village in South Delhi. BJP councillor from Safdarjung Enclave proposed changing the name. Archive

pression over Indians". This includes Humayunpur

village in ward number 61, Safdarjung Enclave, she stated, adding that it has been a longpending demand of people of the urban village to change its name to Hanumanpur.

"Keeping in view the demand, sentiments and emotions of the people of the village. it would be appropriate if the village is renamed in public interest," the proposal states, adding that the matter be sent to the naming committee of the

civic body for taking appropriate action The final authority of chang-

ing the name of an urban village lies with the Delhi government, said a senior official.

Abrol said, "A campaign has been started. We will place this proposal before the Delhi government and if they want to stop it, they will have to come up with a reason. Else, people will know that they want to please a particular community... We are just trying to show how oppression was done by Mughals.'

2 men pin down senior citizen, snatch his bag

New Delhi: A65-year-old man was robbed by two men early Thursday while returning home in Northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri. The incident that was caught on CCTV shows the men coming from behind, choking Ram Niwas, the victim, and fleeing with his bag. Police have apprehended two persons, including a juvenile, in connection with the case.

The incident took place at 3.30 am. "When the victim was entering the street that leads to his house, two men came from behind and choked him. One of them snatched his bag," said a senior officer. The video shows Niwas being

pinned down by the duo. "They held him and managed to escape after snatching his bag. The victim informed his family members and police," the officer said. The bag contained Rs 1,050 in

cash. ENS Police-chosen SPPs will jeopardise fair trial: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

AFTER THE Delhi government filed a petition against the Lt-Governor's decision to appoint advocates chosen by Delhi Police as special public prosecutors for cases connected to the Northeast Delhi riots and farmers' agitation, the High Court Friday issued notice to the Centre and L-G.

Police-chosen SPPs will jeopardise a fair trial in these cases and the L-G's belief that they will act independently is wishful thinking, the government has argued. The division bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti

Singh, after brief arguments from the Delhi government, issued notice and listed the case for hearing on October 21. Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi represented the Delhi government in its petition filed through advocate Shadan Farasat.

Olympians

The government stated in court that it had rejected Delhi Police's request to appoint its chosen advocates as SPPs in January and March on the ground that the 'prosecutor' must be independent of the 'investigator' in keeping with the prosecutor's role as an independent officer of the court and to fulfil the constitutional guarantee of a fair trial. The Cabinet agreed to appoint inde-

pendent SPPs, which was not greeable to the L-G, it added.

The L-G referred the issue to the President, who approved the appointment of SPPs. "This 'difference of opinion' and consequent referral thereof to the President by the L-G is in the teeth of Article 239AA(4) as interpreted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court," the government has argued, adding that the appointment of SPPs was routine and not an exceptional matter for which reference was made to the President. Singhvi argued that as per a

Supreme Court judgment, the L-G can resort to the proviso to Article 239AA(4) only in exceptional situations and to protect national interest. "The irony is PPs appointed by us are independent persons... You cannot want to have PPs who are part of the investigating arm which is the police," submitted Singhvi, adding the L-G has differed with the government on three occasions so far.

The government has also contended that the L-G had "no sound reason" for referring the issue to the President as the state had agreed to appoint independent SPPs. The decision to approve the SPPs chosen by Delhi Police impinges on the independence of the SPPs and is contrary to the established legal principles, it said. "Neither the Delhi Police nor

for their shoddy investigation,' L-G has complaints against the reads the government plea.

BRIEFLY – Court seeks report of probe into **DSSSB** exam

New Delhi: A Delhi court has directed the Delhi Police Crime Branch to file a weekly report of the investigation in a case related to caste-based guestions being allegedly asked twice in the primary teachers' recruitment by Delhi exam Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB). Additional Sessions Judge Ravinder Bedi, who was hearing the matter, was told by the IO that the case has been transferred to the Crime Branch on August 9 and further sought an extension of 45 days in filing the charge sheet.

Defamation suit against **BJP** MLA: HC hears arguments

New Delhi: The Delhi HC

Friday heard arguments in the defamation suit filed by Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot against BJP MLA Vijender Gupta for allegedly making scandalous allegations against him with regard to alleged irregularities in purchase and maintenance of buses by the DTC. Gupta hit back saying "the true face of the AAP, which had come on the promise of fighting corruption, has been exposed". ENS

Artists give a final touch to graffiti of athletes who won medals in the Olympics, near Pitampura Metro station. Praveen Khanna



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HOME OUTSIDE HOUSE

PARLIAMENT SESSION is the time when the Lok Sabha Speaker meets MPs together. But Ladakh seems to have become the new visitors' hub for Members of Parliament soon after a bitter Monsoon Session, with nearly 200 MPs scheduled to visit the Union Territory. Speaker Om Birla met more than two dozen of them in the last two days of his visit to Leh. Birla held meetings with MPs belonging to various committees and held discussions. He is learnt to have met at least 25 MPs in Ladakh and is expected to meet more Lok Sabha members in Srinagar, where he is expected to reach early next week. Members of 13 Parliamentary committees are visiting the region in a month.

PEDALING A MESSAGE

EVEN AS Chinese and Indian forces remain locked in a standoff at certain friction points in eastern Ladakh, the ITBP on Friday flagged off a cycle rally from the Gogra-Spring area in the region as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsay' campaign. Indian and Chinese forces have failed to resolve the standoff at Patrol Point 15 in Gogra-Hotspring area and a sizeable number of troops from both sides continues to be in a face-off position for over a year now. The cycle rally covering 1,626 km will traverse through three mountain ranges and seven passes - some of them at a height of 19,000 ft - before culminating at Rajghat on October 2. Since the standoff began last year, ITBP has consistently given symbolic space to the region in many of its events. Last year, while inducing newly born pups in its dog squad, it named them Galwan, Daulat, Sasoma, Rezang, Mukhpari, Shyok – all strategic locations in eastern Ladakh.

LEFT OUT

IN THE high-voltage leadership tussle between Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and state Health Minister TS Singh Deo, state Congress president Mohan Markam is perhaps feeling left out. While Baghel was called to Delhi by the party high command and dozens of MLAs owing allegiance to him also landed in the national capital in a show of support, Singh Deo has been camping in Delhi for some days. Markam is not part of any discussions. And interacting with the media in Chhattisgarh, he made it known that he was not called to Delhi.

to respond to WhatsApp plea 22 languages, against IT Rules Centre tells HC

HC asks Centre Willing to bring draft EIA in

VALLABHOZARKAR RATNAGIRI, AUGUST 27

RESUMING HIS Jan Ashirwad Yatra from Sindhurdurg, Union minister and BJP Rajya Sabha member Narayan Rane on Friday asked the Shiv Sena leadership to mend their ways and threatened to open a "can of worms" in the coming days by revealing the "involvement" of Sena leaders in criminal cases. Rane raked up the 1993 mur-

der of former Shiv Sena MLC Ramesh More, and indicated that someone in the Sena leadership had plotted to throw acid on his sister-in-law.

"Do whatever you want to do. You want to dig out old things. Do it. It has been years that they have been looking for evidence but have not been able to find anything. I also know old things. How was Ramesh More killed? What was the reason?



Rane warns Sena: I too know

old things, will reveal gradually

Narayan Rane

Who wanted acid to be thrown at his own brother's wife? These people talk about being cultured. What culture teaches you to tell someone to throw acid on your sister-in-law? I will reveal things step by step. The Sushant Singh murder case is not yet over. Neither is the Disha Salian case closed. I am a minister in the Centre, keep this in mind," Rane said at a gathering in Ratnagiri.

and prominent trade union leader. He was shot dead in Andheri.

Rane did not elaborate on the allegations and said he would speak about these issues at an opportune time.

The minister, who was arrested by Maharashtra Police on Tuesday midway through his Jan Ashirwad Yatra for threatening to "slap" Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, resumed his yatra from Sindhdurg on Friday. He reached Ratnagiri in the morning and resumed his yatra by garlanding the statue of Chatrapati Shivaji at Maruti Mandir Chowk. He then continued to Sindhudurg district.

After spending nine hours in custody, Rane was released on bail on Tuesday by a court on Mahad. He had subsequently taken a break from the yatra and returned to Mumbai on Wednesday.

Since his statement against Thackeray, the Shiv Sena has More was a Shiv Sena MLC been attacking Rane. The party



venge they have inflicted on us."

sible for the murders

Rane said.

No need for successor now, I am healthy, says Mayawati

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, AUGUST 27

BAHUJAN SAMAJ Party (BSP) president Mayawati on Friday asserted that she did not need to appoint her successor anytime soon because she was healthy. She said whenever that decision was taken, the appointee would be from the Dalit community.

Speaking in Lucknow, the former chief minister said, "I was watching an interview of our party's general secretary Satish Chandra Misra on a TV channel. In the interview, he was repeatedly being asked about who my successor would be. I would like to inform the interviewer that my health at this point is fine. I don't need to appoint a successor yet. But when the time comes and my health is not fine. I will definitely appoint my successor... one thing is certain that the person will be from the Dalit community."

LOCAL BODY POLLS

Consensus among parties: Uddhav after **OBC** quota meeting

Rane and demanded that the state government should initiate AHEAD OF urban and local body fresh probe to find those responpolls in Maharashtra, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray held

"I haven't committed any a meeting with all party leaders crime, But the Shiv Sena arrested on Friday wherein it was decided me only because they 'enjoy to study the legal aspects of propower' in the state. I have no obviding political reservation to the jection, do it. But we are not born OBC community. Thackeray said to always be in the opposition. that another meeting would be We will also come to power in held next Friday to take a unanthe future in Maharashtra and in imous decision on the issue. the Centre we are already there,"

Sources said that the views of leaders of all political parties Addressing BJP workers at were sought at the meeting in Lanja in Ratnagiri, he appealed to order to resolve the OBC reserthem to get rid of Sena from the vation issue. The formula dis-Konkan area. "Let's decide next cussed in the meeting was to time that not a single Sena MLA provide reservation to the OBC community minus SC and ST or MP will be elected from Konkan and let's get rid of Shiv within the 50 per cent reserva-Sena. We expect you all to give the tion limit. The government is right answer to the feeling of reconsidering compensating for the OBC reservation, which will be zero or a negligible percentage in a few districts, by providing it in districts having less tribal

population, said sources. "OBC reservation will be reduced in some districts while it can be increased in some districts. So there was a discussion on how this can be compensated and the legal aspects of the issue are being studied." said Eknath Shinde, Shiv Sena minister.

A senior leader present at the meeting said said that if the law

Tripura: TMC to mark student

The Trinamool Chhatra Parishad celebration comes amid the party's increased focus on Tripura after its Bengal win.

UP's Sultanpur district may soon be renamed after Lord Ram's son



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Army Chief Gen Manoj Naravane during the felicitation of Olympic gold winner Neeraj Chopra at Army Sports Institutein Pune on Friday. Arul Horizon

Can be an economic power if we develop advanced tech: Rajnath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, AUGUST 27

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh Friday said that if India could develop advanced technologies, the country can be-

"An environment of research

Development Organisation (DRDO), reviewed the demonstration of the free space optical communication project of DIAT.

Among some of the key areas where the Defence Minister urged scientists to work are quantum technology, artificial intelligence (AI) bi cience

'Looking forward to India hosting Olympics'

Pune: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Friday made an appeal for mouthpiece Saamana on Thursday wrote about old murder cases in Sindhudurg district, **VISHWAS WAGHMODE** MUMBAI, AUGUST 27 indirectly linking them with



and judiciary department gives a go-ahead to the proposal, then the government may issue a notification or promulgate an ordinance to give effect to the OBC reservation in the local bodies, which has currently been struck down by the Supreme Court.

CM Uddhav Thackeray said that there is a consensus among all parties that OBCs should get political reservation. "In this regard, after studying the suggestions and multiple options received in today's all-party meeting, we will hold a meeting next Friday to reach a unanimous decision on the issue," said Thackeray in a statement.

Thackeray and Leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnavis, held an one-on-one meeting on Friday in Mumbai following the all-party meet. Although the BJP said the meeting was essentially a discussion on the OBC quota, it assumes significance as it took place in the backdrop of the recent political tussle between the

Narayan Rane's arrest. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

wing foundation day today

Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress is planning to celebrate the foundation day of its student wing, across Tripura on Saturday with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee delivering a



Some senior leaders from Tripura, such as Subal Bhowmik,

have already joined TMC. There

is speculation that rebel BJP

leader Sudip Roy Burman may

Express, Sultanpur District

Magistrate Raveesh Gupta said,

'A few months ago when we

looked into the records based on

the district gazeteer, it was found

that around 1300 during the

reign of Alauddin Khilji, the city

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known as Avodhva.

Maha Vikas Aghadi government

and the BIP over Union Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

DELHI HIGH Court Friday asked the Centre to respond to WhatsApp's petition challenging the 2021 IT Rules' requirement of enabling the traceability of online messages

The Facebook-owned company has said that requiring the intermediaries to enable identification of the first originator of information on their platforms could put journalists and activists at risk of retaliation in India and also infringe upon people's fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression.

The division bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh on Friday also issued a notice to the Centre in a similar petition filed by Facebook and listed the cases for hearing on October 22.

Representing the companies, Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi told the court that they have raised a "very serious question" in relation to the validity of a rule and the Centre should file a reply. FULL REPORT ON

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Gehlot undergoes angioplasty; recovering, says doctor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, AUGUST 27

RAJASTHAN CHIEF Minister Ashok Gehlot underwent angioplasty at a government hospital here on Friday.

Ever since Gehlot contracted Covid in April, he has been having health issues and since Thursday, he was complaining of severe pain in his chest, as per a tweet from his official handle.

Dr Sudhir Bhandari, Principal and Controller of Sawai Man Singh Medical College (SMS Hospital) where Gehlot was treated, said that the CM had

"mild discomfort in chest along with Cervical Spondylosis and

Radiculopathy. He was having atypical symptoms of heaviness on the right side of chest, back and right arm.

The CM underwent CT Coronary Angiography and he was found to have 90 per cent blockade in one of the main arteries, he said.

"He was subjected to coronary angiography, angioplasty and stenting," Bhandari said, "The procedure was uneventful and he is recovering well," he said, adding that the the cardiac complication seems to be a post-Covid complication.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

THE CENTRE Friday told the Delhi High Court that it was ready and willing to translate the draft Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) 2020 notification in the 22 languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. The government had earlier opposed the court order and sought its review.

"We will not pursue this review petition. Whatever the petitioner had asked for... is being allowed completely," submitted Additional Solicitor General of India Chetan Sharma, while seeking four weeks time from the court for completion of the process The division bench of Chief

Justice D N Patel and Justice Prateek Jalan adjourned Centre's review petition against the order passed by the court in June 2020 to October 21.

The Centre had earlier argued that it does not have any constitutional or statutory obligation to publish the draft EIA notification in any language apart from Hindi and English.

power. If we can develop advanced technologies, India will surely become a super economic

power," said Singh. The minister was speaking at a function organised at Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT), a deemedto-be university, where he attended the institute's 6th general body meeting and interacted with the students and faculty.

During his visit, he inaugurated schools of quantum technology, robotics and automation and defence technology on the campus. Later, he also inaugurated a newly constructed accommodation facility for married PhD scholars, international students and visiting faculty. The defence minister, accompanied by Dr G Satheesh Reddy, chair-

Purohit named Chandigarh Administrator

Chandigarh: Banwarilal Purohit will hold the additional charge of Chandigarh Administrator, besides being the Punjab Governor. an order released by the President of India's office said on Friday. Purohit has replaced VP Singh Badnore, whose term ended on August 22.

Purohit, 81, is the Governor of Tamil Nadu and Punjab, and will

continue holding those charges. An statement said: "The

President of India has been pleased to appoint Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Tamil Nadu to discharge the functions of the Governor of Punjab, in addition to his own duties from the date he assumes the charge of the office of Governor of Puniab until regular arrangements are made. The President... has also been pleased to appoint Banwarilal Purohit to be the Administrator... ENS of Chandigarh."

and deep ocean exploration.

and innovation is being created "As scientists, you all are aware of the importance of AI in in the country. Technology has war games. As these areas hold huge potential, scientists need to do further research," he said.

The Defence Minister said if India aimed to become a superpower in 15-20 years, scientists would have a leading role to play. Hailing products and tech-

nologies developed by DIAT, Singh said that scientists also need to learn to publicise their work among the common public.

"Even though the general public do not know the important role played by scientists or the products developed, there is now a greater need to publicise and bring to the notice of comman man about your research and products," urged Singh, who suggested the idea that the institute organise international workshops for better publicity.

ing power and said he was looking forward to the day when the country hosts the Olympics.

> At the Army Sports Institute (ASI) in Pune, Singh felicitated the Armed Forces personnel who had represented India in the Tokyo Olympics, including Gold medalist javelin thrower Subedar Neeraj Chopra. A stadium at ASI was also renamed after Chopra. The Defence Minister unveiled the plaque and name board of the multipurpose athletics stadium.

Addressing the sportspersons he felicitated, Singh said, "From this podium, I want to tell all the sportspersons sitting on the dais, that you are not just sports icons but also leaders of the youth in the country. A leader's responsibility is to lead the followers in the right direction. Today, we should all resolve to make India a sports power in the coming days.' ENS

She said that BSP founder Kanshi Ram had appointed her his successor when his health deteriorated.

A Congress booklet describing Mayawati as "daulat ki beti" (daughter of wealth) drew a sharp reaction from her. Attacking Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, the BSP chief said, "Whether it is a booklet or drama, they (Congress) come and sit under the Mahatma Gandhi's statue. When some atrocity happens, they visit the place. Nothing will happen with this drama because people know everything."

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, AUGUST 27

AFTER CHANGING the name of Faizabad district to Ayodhya, its neighbouring Sultanpur district may soon be known as "Kush Bhawanpur" after Lord Ram's son Kush

Sources said a proposal for renaming had been sent to the state government by the Uttar Pradesh Board of Revenue and was likely to be taken up in the next Cabinet meeting for approval.

Citing historical records in the district gazetteer, the Sultanpur district administration in a report said the city was known as "Kush Bhawanpur" in 1300 and was governed by the Bhar dynasty until it was invaded by Alauddin Khalji's army, and was later renamed "Sultanpur".

Speaking to The Indian

he found some historical records showing that the city was known under different names associated with Kush and demanded that the House unanimously clear the

name "Kush Bhawanpur".

man, Defence Research and Day Nitish inaugurates Rs 220-cr highway, House panel finds cracks, pothole with fish on 5-km stretch

Official says damage a result of recent floods, Bhagalpur-Amarpur highway being repaired

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, AUGUST 27

A BIHAR Assembly committee said it found cracks and potholes, one of them with fish swimming inside. on a 5-km stretch of a Rs 220-crore state highway - on the same day it was inaugurated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

The 29.3 km Bhagalpur-Akbarnagar-Amarpur two-lane highway was inaugurated via video conferencing on August 25. State Highway 85 was constructed by Rajbir Construction Pvt. Ltd under the supervision of Bihar State Road Development Corporation (BSRDC).

Vidhan Sabha Zero Hour Committee chairman Chandrahas Chaupal (RJD) told



Bihar Vidhan Sabha Zero Hour Committee chairman Chandrahas Chouoal (third from right) on the SH-85; and (right) a pothole on the highway with fish.

The Indian Express: "I had received a complaint from the Chenari Congress MLA Murari Gautam. We visited the spot on 24 August and 25 August. We found cracks at several places between Akbarnagar and Sriramnagar. We talked to local residents and raised the pursued by the Zero Hour Committee. Gautam had made matter before BSRDC the complaint on the behalf of Congress's Lalan Kumar, who was

the runner-up from Sultanganj in the 2020 Assembly elections. Lalan Kumar said: "We found

fish in a pit in the middle of the road. By no standard was the road ready for opening."

The local leader, who accompanied Chaupal to the site, said: The work quality is substandard. There needs to be a thorough inquiry into the matter to fix responsibility on the construction company and BSRDC.'

Kumar said he was planning to move court "sensing corruption" in the project implementation. "And what was the urgency to open the project that was not

officials." Raj Kumar, **BSRDC** DGM

(Technical),

told The Indian Express: "There were cracks at some stretches of the newly-constructed road because flood water had been flowing on it for 12 days. We were not able to carry out concrete fencing work on either side of the road because of floods."

complete?" he asked.





The DGM said soil at the base



INX MEDIA CASE HC to CBI: Basic criminal law being forgotten

SOFI AHSAN

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

RESERVING ITS order on a CBI plea on the INX Media case, the Delhi High Court Friday told the agency that it cannot continue probing the cheating and corruption case at its leisure while withholding from the accused – Congress leader P Chidambaram, his son Karti Chidambaram and others documents that may help them prove their innocence.

The court was hearing the petition filed by the CBI against a trial court order directing it to produce and supply to the accused persons all the documents collected or statements recorded by it during the investigation. The trial court, in its March 5 order, had also permitted the accused to conduct inspections of the record lying in the CBI 'malkhana' (warehouse). The High Court on May 18 stayed the trial proceedings in the case.

The CBI Friday told the High Court that the accused cannot be allowed inspection of the documents. "In a related matter the Supreme Court has observed that secrecy is very important during the investigation and if we disclose all documents to them, there is a chance that they will be tampered with and that is what is going to happen even now," CBI counsel Anupam S Sharma argued.

Justice Mukta Gupta observed that the trial can then remain stayed till the investigation is completed. "You say 'I will proceed with the trial. I will proceed with the investigation and I will not give the documents which may be exculpatory, which they may want to use but you still face the music'," it added.

Sharma submitted that with regard to the offences mentioned in the chargesheet, the required documents have already been supplied. The court then observed: "Which is the other offence you are investi-

gating? Murder?" The court told the CBI that it may have filed a chargesheet re-

lated to one transaction but it cannot continue to investigate the other transactions at its own pace and keep the documents with itself. "I think the law has just gone berserk. We are forgetting what the basic criminal law is and proceeding in the way we want the law to proceed which is

not permissible," it observed. Referring to a Supreme Court judgment in which it has been held that a list of those documents, which are seized but not relied on by the prosecution, also should be furnished to the accused so that they can seek appropriate orders for their production, Justice Gupta said: "The para 11 in the judgement of the Supreme Court has come for agencies like you only who are creating hurdles in every matter".

Observing that the issue of inspection has been settled by the Supreme Court and it was bound by the apex court judgment, the court said it may recover a thousand documents and then selectively rely on 500.

"Now the rest of the documents may be the chain showing that there is some other transaction or some other issue involved or their exculpatory... because the accused does not have (them) in his presence. he is forbidden to rely upto, he cannot use them on their defence... because you don't

rely, he cannot rely. At least he can ask, the court can then look into whether it is of some material and then pass an order." it added. CBI in the petition before High

Court has argued that there is neither any provision in CrPC which "casts a duty upon the investigating agency to forward to court documents on which it does not rely upon" nor is there is any provision which empowers the Magistrate to allow the accused to inspect the documents which are neither filed in court nor relied upon by the prosecution.

Those talking of Constitution, secularism will only do so till Hindus in majority: Gujarat Deputy CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GANDHINAGAR, AUGUST 27

GUJARAT DEPUTY Chief Minister Nitin Patel said on Friday that those who talk about the Constitution, secularism and the law will only do so as long as Hindus are in the majority.

Patel made the remark at the Bharat Mata Mandir in Gandhinagar, considered the first temple of Mother India in the state.

Speaking at the Murti Pratishthha Mahotsav(idol installation ceremony) at the temple,

BRICS countries pledge to work together to tackle climate change

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS of India, Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa participated in the 7th meeting of the BRICS Environment Ministerial, 2021, on Friday and have adopted the New Delhi Statement on Environment'. which is also aimed at furthering the spirit of Cooperation for Continuity. Consolidation and Consensus in Environment among the BRICS Nations, especially ahead of the COP 15 Biodiversity meet in October and COP26 in November.

The countries have agreed to work in close proximity to tackle the challenges of climate change ahead of these two significant meets. The meeting was chaired by Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav.

At the meeting, India stressed on the need for taking concrete collective global action against climate change, guided by equity, national priorities and circumstances, and the principles of "Common but Differentiated **Responsibilities and Respective** Capabilities(CBDR-RC)"



Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel

with top VHP and RSS leaders no Constitution. Everything will were present at the ceremony. speech, further said, "I am not talk-

Gujarat Minister of State for Home Pradeepsinh Jadeja, along

Binaries of peace and conflict becoming less relevant: Navy chief

KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

STATES TODAY are applying the "land-centric approach" of a territorial mindset to the maritime domain, and actors are using different methods to remain below the threshold of conflict, diffusing the binary of war and peace, Indian Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh said on Friday.

organised by the Vishwa Hindu

Parishad, Patel said, "In our coun-

try, some people talk about the

Constitution, secularism. But I tell

you, and if you want to video

record this, then do it ... Note down

my words. Those talking about the

Constitution, secularism, law etc

will do so only till Hindus are in

majority in this country... The day...

the number of Hindus decreases,

and others' increases, [there will

bel no secularism, no Lok Sabha

be (tossed) in the air and buried.

Nothing will remain."

Delivering a lecture at the United Service Institution of India, Singh said, "What we are seeing today is, some states applying a landcentric approach and territorial mindset to the basic idea of global commons, attempting to seek greater domination and control."

He said: "We are transitioning to a period of busy peace, where the binaries of peace and conflict are becoming less relevant. We were earlier used to the idea of war or peace, but this is more diffused now, with actors using diverse playbook of actions and counter-actions within this continuum on a day-to-day basis, whilst mostly remaining below the threshold of the conflict."

Autocratic powers, the Navy chief said, enjoy a "natural advan-



Patel, in his nearly 37-minute

ing about all. I must clarify that as well. Lakhs of Muslims are desh-

the topic of the state's controversial anti-conversion law - the Gujarat Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Act, 2021 - enacted by the government to prevent forcible religious conversion

them are desh-bhakts."

by marriages. Certain sections of the Act have been stayed by the High Court after a couple of petitions challenged the constitutiona specific religion," he said. ality of the law's provisions, and

hakts(patriots), lakhs of Christians the Gujarat government has are deshbhakts. Thousands of stated that it will challenge the Muslims are in the Indian Armed stay order in the Supreme Court. Forces. Thousands of Muslims are Patel said that he has come to

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in the Gujarat Police force. All of know that the writ petition challenging the Act has been moved The Deputy CM also broached by a certain organisation. "I want to ask that organisation what objections they have if Hindu girls marry Hindus, Muslim girls marry Muslims, Christian girls marry Christians, Sikh girls marry Sikhs...Let me clarify. If a Hindu boy betrays an innocent Muslim girl [to fraudulently enter into a marriage], this law applies to him also ... So, this law is not with reference to

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Shringla to visit US next week

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New Delhi: Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla will visit the US next week to attend events at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and hold bilateral engagements with US President Joe Biden's administration.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi made the announcement on Shringla's visit at a media briefing here on Friday. "Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla will be visiting the US next week for multilateral as well as bilateral engagements," he said.

India holds the UNSC presidency for the month of August and Shringla will attend the wrapup session of the Indian presidency at the global body. ENS

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Prevent yourself from Dengue, Chikungunia & Malaria PROTECT YOUR FAMILY BY TAKING FOLLOWING MEASURES Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh tage within this competition continuum, applying all the leverages in focussed manner; something we can call sharp power to undermine and weaken the very sources of power of a democracy" including "attacking free media, social media, election processes,

legal action as per the



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value "lies not in its constituent area, but in its core underlying idea itself." and called it the "centre of gravity of global interactions". 'India has the privilege of being at the core of this defining idea of our times," the Navy chief said.

For maritime domain awareness, he said, several steps are needed, including "persistent surveillance". For this, he said, 'we are leveraging assets with long legs", including P8I surveillance aircraft of the Navy, HALE drones and satellites.

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for 'abetting' suicide of **Ballia woman, friend**

Duo set selves ablaze outside Supreme Court; Thakur has announced running against CM in next UP elections

MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, AUGUST 27

LUCKNOW POLICE on Friday arrested former IPS officer Amitabh Thakur on charges including abetment of suicide of a rape victim and her friend, who had set themselves on fire outside Supreme Court on August 16, and died subsequently.

The 24-year-old victim, who had accused BSP Lok Sabha MP Atul Rai of raping her at his Varanasi home in 2018 and alleged that Thakur helped the MP in harassing and threatening her to withdraw her case, had died in a Delhi hospital on August 24. Her friend, who was 27, had

died days before. Before setting themselves on fire, the two had recorded a Facebook Live video, in which the victim said she had lodged a rape case against the MP, and accused police of supporting him. They had claimed the threats and harassment were driving them towards death by suicide.

Thakur's family on Friday announced that he would form a political party. The former IPS officer, a known critic of the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh, had recently said he would contest next year's Assembly elections against the CM. Thakur's wife Nutan, an advocate and social activist, could not be reached for a comment. The Thakurs have filed many

PILs and RTI queries over the years, against different governments.

OMKAR GOKHALE

MUMBAI, AUGUST 27

THE SUPREME Court on Friday

dismissed a filed plea by the NIA

seeking cancellation of bail

granted by Bombay High Court to

Areeb Majeed, accused of travel-

ling to Iraq and Syria to join terror-



Former IPS officer Amitabh Thakur after his arrest in Lucknow. Vishal Srivastav

In 2017, Nutan moved court regarding the Gorakhpur tragedy in which children had died at Baba Raghav Das Medical College. In 2013, she had filed a petition seeking direction for a CBI inquiry into all major riots that took place in UP after the Samajwadi Party came to power in 2012. The same year, they had filed a petition against the then UP chief secretary

the SC and ST Commission. given retirement even before competition of service in "public

Rai, Lok Sabha MP from Ghosi, is lodged in Pravagrai's Naini Iail in connection with the rape case. On August 18, the UP government had formed a two-member probe panel led by DGP (Police Recruitment and Promotion

(Women Power Line) Neera

lawed Usmani over vacancies in In March this year, the Union Home Ministry gave premature retirement from service to Thakur. a 1992-batch IPS officer. He was

interest", the ministry stated.

Board) Raj Kumar Vishwakarma and comprising Additional D-G

Rawat to look into the allegations of the woman, who was a native of UP's Ballia district and a university student in Varanasi The panel submitted its report

to the state government on Friday. Based on it, Lucknow police lodged an FIR against Thakur and Rai at city's Hazratganj police station on a complaint by sub-in-

spector Daya Shankar Dwivedi. DCP, Central (Lucknow), Khyati Garg said the panel's report prime facie held Thakur and Rai responsible for abetment of suicide and other charges. It recommended lodging cases against

them, Garg said. Thakur was arrested from outside his residence in Lucknow. In a video that emerged on social media, Thakur is seen refusing to be taken by the police team that arrived to arrest him until he was given a copy of the FIR.

Police are likely to consider the Facebook video the victim and her friend put out as their dying declaration.

The FIR against Thakur and Rai has been filed under IPC Sections 167 (public servant framing an incorrect document with intent to cause injury), 195-A(threatening any person to false evidence), 218 (public servant framing incorrect record, etc), 306 (abetment of suicide), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy).

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KODANAD HEIST-MURDER Madras HC allows police to probe further

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAI, AUGUST 27

IN A setback to the AIADMK that has been protesting a fresh probe into the 2017 Kodanad Estate heist and murder case, the Madras High Court Friday refused to stall further investigations.

Maintaining that further investigations could be done at any point of the trial, Justice M Nirmal Kumar said the "filing of charge sheet or pendency of the trial can by no means be a prohibition to

UP ex-IPS officer held Record 1 cr vaccinations in a day

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

INDIA ON Friday administered a record 1 crore vaccine doses, the highest single-day tally achieved since the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination drive on January 16 According to provisional

data, the country reported 1,00,64,032 vaccinations Friday, and crossed 62 crore cumulative vaccinations.

"Record vaccination numbers today! Crossing 1 crore is a momentous feat. Kudos to those getting vaccinated and those making the vaccination drive a success." Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a tweet.

On Friday, Uttar Pradesh reported the maximum vaccinations in the country – 28.62 lakh. Four states reported more than five lakh vaccinations -Karnataka (10.79 lakh);

Study finds some patients still have health woes after year: The Lancet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, AUGUST 27

MOST SYMPTOMS of Covid-19 in hospitalised patients are resolved within 12 months, however around one half still experience at least one persistent symptom a study of 1,276 patients from Wuhan, China, published in The Lancet, has found.

Around one in three patients still experience shortness of breath, while lung impairments persisted in some patients, especially those who had experienced the most severe illness with Covid-19. Overall, Covid-19 survivors were less healthy than people from the wide community.

Professor Bin Cao from National Center for Respiratory Medicine. China-Japan Friendship Hospital, China, said: "Our study is the largest to date to assess the health outcomes of hospitalised Covid-19 survivors after 12 months of becoming ill While most had made a good recovery, health problems persisted in some patients... Our findings suggest that recovery for some patients will take longer than one year ... "



At a vaccination centre in Noida on Friday. Abhinav Saha

(4.84 lakh); and Rajasthan (4.59

lakh). Three states that reported

more than two lakh vaccinations

are Tamil Nadu (3.73 lakh);

Andhra Pradesh (3.24 lakh);

Odisha (2.67 lakh); and Assam

(2.5 lakh).

Maharashtra (9.84 lakh); Haryana (6 lakh); and West Bengal (5.47 lakh). The data shows that four

states reported more than four lakh vaccinations – Bihar (4.98 lakh); Gujarat (4.89 lakh); Kerala



STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

1,301

STATE	today's Deaths	TOTAL Deaths	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
Kerala	279	20,492	0.77%	0.56%
Maharashtra	172	1,40,417	3.08%	2.20%
Odisha	69	7,750	5.31%	0.78%
Tamil Nadu	21	34,835	1.27%	1.35%
Karnataka	17	37,248	1.29%	1.27%

15,050

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2.12% 2,74,62,963

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Are rules not for L-G: Mehbooba after Covid norms violation notice

Andhra Pradesh 1,515

Karnataka

JKPCC chief barred from entering Kishtwar

Consider local curbs for festivals: Centre to Maharashtra

YOGESH NAIK MUMBAI, AUGUST 27

UNION HEALTH Secretary Rajesh Bhushan has written to Maharashtra chief secretary S J Kunte advising the state to consider imposing and enforcing local restrictions on public observation of upcoming festivals and mass gatherings, in view of concerns that such gatherings may turn into super-spreader events of Covid-19 infection.

The letter said some districts in Maharashtra are showing early signs of upsurge. It said that mass events and public gatherings are expected during festivals.

The letter said that concerns of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) - regarding the potential of mass gatherings during festivals turning into super spreader events and leading to a spike in Covid cases - was communicated to the states in July. This is particularly important in view of circulation of more transmissible variants of concern being reported by various states including Maharashtra.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Kunte said, "We will follow the guidelines of the Health Ministry as well as our experts.

Health Minister Rajesh Tope on Friday said that it is estimated that oxygen demand will go up to 4000 MT per day in the third wave and the state can produce up to 2000 MT, hence the state will go in auto lockdown after daily need of oxygen crosses 700 MT per day.

Kerala has already recorded 31,000 fresh Covid cases in a day after Onam. Tope said he had spoken to the Kerala Health Minister and the state government feels that Onam crowds were solely responsible for the surge.

Municipal Commissioner I S Chahal said. "We have put curbs on Ganesh festival and Govinda celebrations too. We have issued directives. It is obvious that the state is open and 12 crore people are out on the roads, a marginal increase is expected. We have 1,100 parks and gardens in Mumbai and all are suddenly open. We are closely monitoring the situation...."

Tarigami in SC for early hearing of pleas against bifurcation order

BRIEFLY MAHARASHTRA Pilot has heart attack, co-pilot lands plane



GOA Man held for rape of 5-yr-old family member

Panaji: The Goa police arrested a man after he allegedly sexually assaulted a five-year-old, his relative, in her home. The accused has been booked on the charge of rape and under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act. The complaint was filed by the mother after the child told her about scratches on her body. Sources said a physician told the mother to get the child medically examined. In another case, a 24-yearold woman was attacked by a man after she refused to take a twwheeler ride with him. The victim was hospitalised as she suffered inuuries after being pushed against the ground. The man, who, according to the police, lived in the same neighbourhood, is on the run. ENS

KERALA

Celebrity chef and producer Naushad dies



SC rejects NIA plea against

Manish Pitale had held that the same was applicable to Majeed given that "there was no likelihood of the trial being completed within a reasonable time".

ist organisation Islamic State (IS). A bench of Justice S Abdul Nazeer and Justice A S Bopanna. which was hearing a special leave petition filed by NIA – argued through Additional Solicitor



Areeb Majeed

It had referred to a SC ruling that had held that rigorous stringent bail provisions as per Section 43D(5) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) would

bail granted by HC to 'IS

General (ASG) S V Raju – refused to interfere in the HC order, stating that stringent conditions have already been imposed while granting bail to Majeed.

Majeed, who himself argued his case in HC, was granted bail on February 23. A civil engineering student when he went missing in May 2014, Majeed was among the first group of youth alleged to have left India to join the IS.

Noting that the right to fair and speedy trial was recognised under Article 21 (Right to Life) of the Constitution, the HC bench of Justice S S Shinde and Justice

"melt down" with "no likelihood of the trial being completed in reasonable time and period of incarceration already exceeding substantial part of the prescribed

sentence" The HC had imposed stringent conditions for bail, granted on a

personal bond of Rs 1 lakh and sureties Majeed has to report to the nearest police station on a regular basis and the NIA officer concerned once a week, stay with his family in Kalyan and not make any statements regarding proceedings

pending before the special court.

conduct further investigations". The court was hearing a petition by prosecution witness Anubav Ravi, secretary of Amma

Peravai in Coimbatore, who sought a stay on the re-investigation, citing that it was investigated and already been under trial.

> Asserting that the government neither has a political motive nor an intention to malign anyone, AG RShanmugasundaram submitted before the court that a detailed investigation in the case was a poll promise of the DMK.

> > The heist at the late Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa's 800-acre estate occurred when Edappadi K

cidents involving the accused.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system Deputy Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi-10055, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty. Closin				
01	82215111	Tab. Olaparib 150 mg.	1000 Nos	21.09.2021			

Note:-1. Vendors may visit the IREPS websites i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details No Manual offer will be entertained

Tender Notice No. AMI/2021-22/NRCH/08 Dated : 27.08.2021 1940/21

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA zŁ, OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, **RWSS CIRCLE, KORAPUT**

National Competitive Bidding Through E-Procurement Tender Identification No.02/ACE/RWSS/KPT/2021-22/26.08.2021

The Additional Chief Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Koraput on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate Bids in Double cover (P1 contract) from the eligible class of experienced registered contractors through e-Tendering system for the Piped water supply works as detailed in DTCN. The bid should be submitted on-line in the website www.tenderorissa.gov.in separately for the works.

1	Nature of work	Rural piped water supply work(Civil)				
2	Estimated Cost	Varies from 129.94 Lakhs to 150.88 lakhs				
3	No. of works	2 nos.				
4	Tender cost	Rs. 10000.00				
5	Class of Contractor	"B" & "A"				
6	Availability of Bid	Dt. 07.09.2021 17 hours to				
	document in the web site	17.09.2021 17 hours.				
7	Date of Seeking	During the Office hours of				
	clarification	07.09.2021 to 15.09.2021				
8	Date of Opening of Bid	Dt. 20.09.2021 at 11 hours				

Further details can be seen in the bidding documents which is available in the e-procurement portal https//www.tendersorissa.gov.in subsequent corrigendum if required shall be appeared in the web site Authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Sd/-

> Additional Chief Engineer RWS&S, Circle, Koraput OIPR - 25115/11/0003/2122

AFTER THE Shopian district administration issued a notice to Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti for flouting Covid-19 norms at a worker's convention in the district Wednesday, Mufti Friday questioned why the same yardstick was not applied to the Lieutenant Governor (L-G)'s events.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

On August 25, PDP held a worker's convention at Shopian. The same evening, Mufti received a notice from the office of Shopian Tehsildar stating the public gathering she had called "beyond prescribed number and time" is in Palaniswami was the CM. During "gross violation of Covid-19 the robbery, a security guard was SOPs"

L-G Manoj Sinha attended a murdered. This was followed by a series of incidents, including the convocation at the University of Kashmir that same day. suicide of a CCTV operator at the estate and two separate road ac-

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KOSI-KATARMAL, ALMORA - 263 643, UTTARAKHAND

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Journals/Periodicals (Foreign 21, Indian 48) for the Calendar Year 2022.

13.09.2021 at 3.00 P.M. and Technical bid will be opened on same day at

3.30 P.M. The documents shall be submitted online at website

https://moefcc.euniwizarde.com. The other terms and condition will

remain as such. The full details of documents are available in the Institute

Online tenders are invited on behalf of the Director, GBPNIHE

The last date of submission of tender is hereby extended up to

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Jammu, Srinagar: Jammu and in a police lathicharge the earlier day. "Youth Congress ac-Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (IKPCC) chief GA tivists were peacefully protest-Mir and general secretary ing against the Centre's wrong Abdul Majid Wani were Friday policies, but were responded to barred from entering Kishtwar district where youth Congress scores of activists received inactivists were allegedly injured juries," the party said.

Management Act, urges Mufti to explain the violation of stated SOPs. In her response sent Friday. Mufti stated that it is "strange and baffling" that on the same day (August 25), "L-G presided over a function attended by hundreds.'

"Covid-19 virus doesn't discriminate but unfortunately, it is painfully obvious that that the administration does. Your actions reek of bias and political space for those who disagree with the ruling party is deliberately being choked," Mufti wrote.

She also said that since her release from "illegal" detention, barring a handful of instances, "I am not being allowed to discharge my duties as the president of a political party.

with brute force with the result

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Saying she will continue to reach out and engage with people, Mufti wrote that "at a time when Jammu and Kashmir has been plunged into a state of upheaval and uncertainty, I owe it to my people to hear the grievances and the pain that they are being subjected to.'

Srinagar: CPI(M)leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami on Friday filed a plea in the Supreme Court for early hearing of writ petitions filed in 2019 seeking to declare presidential orders from August 5 and August 6 as well as the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act "unconstitutional, void and inoperative."

The petition submitted Friday notes that despite challenges to the Presidential orders of August 5 and 6. "the Central government has, inter alia, taken the following reversible actions...

Stating that in view of these actions being taken by the Centre, the plea said the challenge to the constitutional validity "ought to be heard on an expedited basis, otherwise the petition itself would be rendered infructuous" and the applicant would be left without remedy. ENS

chef and Malayalam film producer Naushad died at a hospital here Friday following prolonged illness, family sources said. He was 54 and was undergoing treatment for abdomen-related ailments at various hospitals for the last three years. His wife Sheeba had died of heart attack on August 12. He is survived by his daughter Nashwa, 13. Owner of a restaurant and catering group, he was known for preparing delicacies for state VIP guests. Also, a presenter and judge of cookery shows, he ventured into films by producing the acclaimed Mammootty-starrer Kazhcha in 2005. PTI

BENGALURU BBMP purchase of sweaters worth Rs 1.72 crore amid pandemic under lens

KIRAN PARASHAR BENGALURU, AUGUST 27

THE PROCUREMENT and distribution of sweaters worth Rs 1.72 crore by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for students in its schools and colleges during the Covid-19 period, when educational institutions were

shut. have come under the scanner.

According Dalit to Sangarsha

Samiti (DSS) president CS Raghu, the order was issued when schools and colleges had

not opened. and the students are yet to re-

ceive sweaters. Raghu has also alleged that the sweaters are of poor quality and overpriced.

Rejecting the allegations, BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said it was the decision of the standing committee on education to go ahead with the purchase. "The decision to buy sweaters for children in BBMP schools was taken by the education standing committee before the BBMP council was dissolved. It has been supplied and quality checks have been carried out. However, I have asked for a report on the same," he said.

In the wake of the allegations, BBMP has sought a report from its education wing. A preliminary report by the wing shows that a work order in this regard was issued on April 27, 2020, to the Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited (KHDC). According to the report, 16,167 sweaters

have been distributed to 14,150 students. The Indian Express is in possession of documents, which show that Special

Commissioner (Finance) Thulasi Maddineni had objected to the procurement. "We did not have schools (open) in 2020-21. Why were these procured?" Maddineni said in a note to the Special Commissioner (Education) last month

BBMP had released funds for the procurement with the approval of the Chief Commissioner. However, before the money was released, the BBMP workers' federation had written to the Chief Commissioner in July 2020 flagging that the sweaters were being bought at rates 200-300 per cent higher than its market price. The Indian Express has a copy of the letter.

According to official records, the KHDC procured the sweaters from a vendor allegedly linked to BJP leader Jaggesh's brother and film actor Komal.

Komal has denied his involvement in the supply of sweaters.

Speaking to The Indian Express, KHDC chairperson Siddu Savadi said the work order was given by the BBMP and the supply was made accordingly. "I do not want to comment on whether Komal had approached me but, if so, he can run the business and if he has supplied, he is entitled to get the money," Savadi said.





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"A judge must not go out of the

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He steered the High Court

challenge for all of us," he said.

"I firmly believe it is the duty

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SC stalls Gujarat move to allow time to correct building violations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

SUPREME COURT on Friday directed that the Gujarat government's July 8 notification, under which civic bodies were restrained from taking coercive action against buildings operating without valid Building Use permission, "shall be kept in abeyance" pending further orders. Giving the direction, the court remarked: "We can't cure all ills in Indian society but we must do what we can as judges to uphold rule of law."

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and M R Shah did not agree with the argument that the notification issued in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 122 of the Gujarat Town Planning and Urban Development Act, 1976 was only to give hospitals and nursing homes that were in violation, more time to comply with the norms in view of the need for more beds during the pandemic.

It said the notification also included buildings that did not have Building Use permission, or were violating the permissions and that "any violation of development control regulation was condoned by this". The bench said the power vested in the state government under Section 122 is to facilitate the efficient administration of the town planning and urban development legislation.

As a consequence of the notification, it said, the state government had directed that buildings which do not have valid Building Use permission or have violated development control regulations like height restrictions etc shall be exempt from obligation to comply with the building control regulations for three months from the last date of applicability of the Gujarat Epidemic Diseases COVID-19 Regulation, 2020.

"Prima facie, the notification... is ultra vires the provisions of Section 122. Such an exemption from complying with the building control regulations... bears no nexus with the efficient administration of the Act," the bench said.

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KARNATAKA CHIEF JUSTICE'S FAREWELL 'A judge should be strict without being harsh...'

through the Covid-19 pandemic. **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** "I always like to be strict and

BENGALURU, AUGUST 27 disciplined in court. Therefore, MAINTAINING THE "credibility of our judiciary system" is the biggest challenge before judges, Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court Abhay Sreenivas Oka said at a farewell ceremony held Justice Oka has been elevated to the Supreme Court along with

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग

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nearly 18 years as a judge, I have realised that the job of a judge is never easy. By the very nature of the job, half the people in a courtroom become unhappy. If a judge is strict and disciplined, he or she has the potential to make more than half the people unhappy. But I always believe that a judge should be strict without being harsh, and firm without being adamant."

Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, a former judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court, has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Karnataka HC.

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He said, "After working for

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NORTHERN RAILWAY PUBLIC NOTICE

It is publically informed that, the train operations for speed trial will start from 03.09.2021 to 06.09.2021 on new railway track between Railway stations JANGBAHADUR GANJ TO NERI Section in connection with Rosa-Sitapur Doubling of Moradabad Division.

General public is hereby informed to stay away from Railway lines in the above section. Track should be crossed at level crossings only. Crossing the track at any location other than level crossing is trespassing and is a punishable offence and is liable for prosecution under Railway Act. Issued by

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Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee, Haryana

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Notice

The fee proposal submitted by "B.S. Anangpuria Institute of Pharmacy, village Alampur, Ballabhgarh, Sohna Road, Faridabad" for fee revision for D.Pharmacy course for academic session 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is being considered by the Committee.

As per provision 17(2) of the Haryana Technical Educational Institution (Regulation of Admission and Fee) Act, 2012 notice is given to the Technical Educational Institutions concerned, parents or guardians and representatives of students of institute to express their view point in writing with respect to determination of fee within 15 days of publication of this notice. For reference to analysis report submitted by the Chartered Accountant (Nember) of the Committee please visit the website of this Committee www.techedubry.gov.in or the institute. The analysis report can also be inspected in the office of institute. For any other information contact numbers given in the website of Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee, Haryana may be called. For personal hearing in the matter, interested person/party, representative of the institute may appear in the office of Committee on 14th of September, 2021 at 11.30 AM. **Director General** Technical Education, Hantant Member Secretary (ex officio) ALCOP BY



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADVERTISEMENT FOR FILLING UP POST OF DIRECTOR, GBPNIHE

Advertisement No. 15/07/2017-CS-I (M.D) Dated: 28 August, 2021 Applications are invited for filling up the post of Director G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBPNIHE), an autonomous premier organisation of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Government of India at Kosi-Katarmal (Ilttarakhand) in the hange Level - 14, Rs 144200-218200 of pay Matrix of CCS (Revised pay) Rules, 2016 with allowances as admissible under the Centre Government rules.

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The post is proposed to be filled by deputation as per the Recruitment Rules for the post of Director, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment.

The maximum age limit is 56 years for appointment on deputation on the last day of receipt of application form.

Details of the advertisement and prescribed proforma for application are available on the Ministry's website at https://moef.gov.in.

Last date of receipt of application: 45 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News.

State Bank of India STRESS ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH 2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800001

Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days form the date of receipt of the said Notice

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of said read with rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount and interests thereon.

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

Name of Account/ Borrower & Address	Description of the property mortgage/charged	Date of Demand Notice Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding
1. Mr. Jahangir Hussain	Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property in name of Mr. Jahangir Hussain consisting of Sale Deed No. 3485 dated: 02.05.2006 Mauza- Rajopatti Ansari Road, Thana- cum-Sub- Registry office -cum - District- Sitamarhi, Anchal- Dumra, Thana No 315 Khata No 384 Survey No- 1636 Area- 11 Decimal. Boundary : North: Purchaser, South: Kashi Bhartiya, East: Gulab Rasul Khan and other, West: Rasta	24.08.2021	Rs 11,17,592.04 (Rupees Eleven Lacs Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Two and Paise Four only) as on 21.05.2020 plus accrued interest, Charges, other miscellaneous expen- ses etc from 22.05.2020
Furniture	1. Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property in name of Sri Harideo Sharma S/o Lakshmi Sharma consisting of Sale Deed No 14888 dated 24.12.2007, Mauza- Rosera under Town, Muhall- Lakshmipur, Ward No12, Pragana-Kasama, Thana, Anchal and Sub- Registry- Rosera, District- Samastipur, Tauzi- 6424, Thana No- 69, Khata No- 505, Khesra- 1120 Survey Khesra, 6328 Municipal Khesra, Area-2 Kattha 1 Dhur 13½	24.08.2021	Rs 24,83,410.83 (Rupees Twenty Four Lacs Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Ten and Paise Eighty Three only) as on 03.06.2021 plus accrued interest, Charges, other miscellaneous expenses etc from 04.06.2021

Dhurki. Boundary : North: Bagicha Kabir Asthan, South: Savita Kumari, East: Umakant Chaudhary and Fulkant Chaudhary and Shivaji Chaudhary and other, West: Lakshmi Narayan Lal. 2. Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property in name of Smt. Savita Kumar W/o Sri Harideo Sharma consisting of Sale Deed No.- 8998 dated 04.12.2007 Mauza- Rosera under Town, Muhalla- Lakshmipur, Ward No- 12, Pragana- Kasama, Thana and Sub- Registry- Resera, District- Samastipur, Anchal Mokam- Rosera, Tauzi- 6424, Thana No- 69, Jamabandi- 923, Khata No- 505, Khesra- 1120 Survey Khesra 6328 Municipal Khesra, Area- 8 Dhur 6½ Dhurki Boundary : North: Nij Hissedar, South: Sarak, East: Umakant Chaudhary and Fulkant Chaudhary and Shivaji Chaudhary, West: Lakshmi Narayan Lal.

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TERROR IN KABUL

Bomb attacks at airport have brought home the enormity of the challenge in Afghanistan under Taliban

HE TWIN BOMB attacks on Thursday at Kabul airport that killed over 100 people have underlined the catastrophe that has befallen Afghanistan. ISIS-Khorasan has claimed one bombing saying it was carried out by one of its suicide bombers against "a large gathering of translators and collaborators with the American Army at Baran Camp near Kabul Airport". Thousands of civilians were massed at Kabul airport, desperate to flee the Taliban since their takeover on August 15. For years, Afghanistan has been the happy hunting ground for extremist-terrorist groups, and the Taliban takeover was always going to bring them to the surface. Taliban-al Qaeda contacts continue, and the ISIS-K has been in a bloody contest for space with the Taliban, claiming responsibility for large terror attacks in which hundreds of civilians have died over the last three years. The question that arises from the airport bombing is how a fully loaded suicide bomber managed to evade the armed street patrols set in place by the Taliban and its allies. On the one hand, the attacks have shown that the Taliban are not fully in control; on the other, the bombings have helped the Taliban, feared by Afghans as brutal oppressors with designated global terrorists in their own ranks, but now seeking international legitimacy and assistance, in projecting themselves in somewhat less cruel light than those who claim to have carried out the terror attack.

For the US military, the deaths of at least a dozen of its servicemen in the attack, made it the largest single-day casualty since 2011. President Joe Biden has pledged that America will "hunt down" the killers. At this moment, when the US is rushing to evacuate all Americans and its last remaining troops from Afghanistan, it is not clear how that promise is going to be kept. When the Americans vowed to go after al Qaeda, there was a definite quarry - Osama bin Laden. At this point, the reality unfolding in Afghanistan is that of many terrorist groups, all with links to each other, and to the Taliban. If the ISIS-K claim is accepted, the true nature of this group - with its floating membership of militant groups from Pakistan, Lashkar-e-Taiba included, along with Chinese and Uzbek groups - needs to be understood. Indian intelligence officials believe it has links to the Haqqani Network, which is a part of the Taliban. Does Biden's threat mean that the US will go after them in their Pakistani safe havens?

The situation is getting more critical, and India's first priority, as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar noted at an all-party meeting, is to evacuate all its nationals. In a silver lining, flights have resumed at the airport. The government must also make clear its stand on allowing Afghan nationals to enter the country. If India wishes to retain its long friendship with the Afghan people, it should welcome those who seek refuge here, and prevent a repeat of the shabby deportation of an Afghan woman parliamentarian. The government has said it was a mistake. It should ensure a course correction.

CRUDE FACT

No realistic plan of reducing import dependence in edible oils is possible without recognising the role of oil palm

NDIA PRODUCED 93.18 lakh tonnes (lt) of vegetable oils in 2020-21 (November-October), as against 85.38 lt and 76.87 lt in the previous two years. But despite this record output, as estimated by the Solvent Extractors' Association of India, the country will end up importing some 133 lt, from the 155.49 lt of the 2018-19 oil year. Simply put, India imports anywhere from nearly 60 per cent to over two-thirds of its vegetable oil requirement, depending on how good the rains are, entailing an annual foreign exchange outgo of \$10-11 billion. It is in this context that one must view the Narendra Modi government's new National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm. The scheme aims at increasing the total area under oil palm from the current 3.5 lakh hectares (lh) to 10 lh by 2025-26. Growers would be entitled to a minimum "viability price" for their fresh fruit bunches (FFB) production, which is 14.3 per cent of the last five-year-average crude palm oil (CPO) price adjusted for wholesale inflation. The focus on oil palm is not misplaced as it is a crop that can yield 20-25 tonnes of FFBs per hectare, translating into 4-5 tonnes of CPO. No other oilseed can give so much: Mustard and groundnut yields aren't more than 2-3 tonne per hectare and the oil recovery from that only at 35-40 per cent. No realistic plan of reducing import dependence in edible oils - to, say, 30-40 per cent from the existing 60-70 per cent - is possible without recognising the role of oil palm. Out of India's annual 130-150 lt vegetable oil imports, 80-90 mt is accounted for by palm oil alone. That said, there are valid concerns over introducing oil palm in tropical rainforests or biodiversity-rich areas such as the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the Northeast. The crop is probably better suited for states such as Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Odisha, where it can replace paddy and be grown using drip irrigation, mulching and other water-saving practices. India is anyway producing too much rice and any diversification must be welcomed. But the focus should, for now, be on states already cultivating oil palm. Farmers there have had a mixed experience with the crop that takes at least five years to grow and start yielding 20-25 tonnes of FFB/hectare. An assured "viability price", protecting against fluctuations in global edible oil markets, should instil confidence among farmers in these states. Let them expand acreages first before others in more ecologically fragile regions.

K SRINATH REDDY

EVEN AS CHINA doubled down on its "zero Covid" strategy in the past week, government spokespersons in Australia and New Zealand have started expressing doubts about persisting with this strategy.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said that it is highly unlikely that his country would ever return to zero-Covid cases. New Zealand's Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins admitted that the highly infectious nature of the Delta variant has raised "pretty big questions" about the approach to "eliminate the disease". These two countries had till recently experimented with a "travel bubble" between them, while keeping out travellers from other countries, hoping to permanently close the door on the virus.

Singapore had earlier given up on the zero-Covid strategy and Israel is beginning to acknowledge that its much acclaimed war to crush the virus is ending in a stalemate. Most other countries are getting reconciled to the notion that we will have to live with the virus, while preventing severe disease and death through extensive vaccination. Even the protection offered by vaccines is now appearing to be less of an impenetrable shield and more of a buffering vest that absorbs much of the bullet's force, resulting in mostly mild breakthrough infections. Tom Frieden, former director of the Centers for Disease Control in the USA, recently commented that there is much that we don't understand about this virus.

Yet, there is. If not specifically about this virus, we do know about the evolutionary biology of other microbes, to start eschewing the war-like slogan of eradication. The only two microbes that have been completely eradicated so far are smallpox in humans and rinderpest in cattle. Even polio has not been eradicated all over the world - it still lurks in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Getting rid of the coronavirus completely is an unrealistic ambition, especially since it is a respiratory virus that spreads far and fast. Indications are clear that the only winning strategy we have is to protect people from severe disease through vaccination and use tested measures to contain transmission till we vaccinate a large majority of the global population. By doing so, we should aim to steer the virus towards becomstrategy also calls for renewed commitment to global solidarity. If all of humanity does not collectively practice transmission containment norms and a vast majority of people in all countries is not vaccinated, the virus can emerge with new mutants that do not reduce their virulence even as they infect with ease. The evolutionary pressure has to be exerted by the host species as a whole, not in secluded pockets. That realisation must change the behaviour of antimaskers, vaccine opponents and vaccine hoarding nations. Otherwise, the virus will feast on our follies to kill many more, even though its evolutionary instinct is not to do so.

The failure of the zero-Covid

ing milder even as it continues to be a presence in our world.

Cautionary counselling, that we should not sound militaristic calls for microbial eradication in our response to infectious agents. comes from a scientist who won the Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology at a very young age in 1958 – Joshua Lederberg. In a seminal essay on the history of infectious diseases, published in Science in 2000, he advises us to discard the "waging war" metaphor and recognise the evolutionary imperatives that drive the microbe's behaviour. Lederberg suggests that "a successful parasite (one that will remain infectious for a long time) tends to display just those epitopes (antigenic fragments that stimulate the immune system) as will provoke responses that a) moderate but do not extinguish the primary infection and b) inhibit other infections by competing strains of the same species or other species". Is the Delta variant racing to claim that crown or will yet another variant emerge to achieve a better balance between high infectivity and continued presence among the human population, which it will seek to use for replication but be careful not to extinguish?

Microbes evolve much faster than humans. However, we can exert evolutionary pressure on the virus by creating barriers for its easy transmission and prevent a prolonged stay in infected humans whereby it finds enough time to mutate. We do the former by using masks, moving in well-ventilated areas and avoiding crowds. All of these are especially needed when we know that the virus has a highly infectious spread through aerosols that move far beyond six feet. We achieve the latter objective, of limiting the duration of viral presence in the bodies of infected persons, through effective vaccines. By simultaneously pursuing these twin strategies, we can exert evolutionary pressure on the virus to become milder in virulence, albeit more infectious when given the opportunity.

Why will the virus become less virulent over time? Because its survival advantage depends on having a human host, in whom it can replicate. It cannot afford to wipe out our species, for it will script its own extinction by doing so. Why then does the SARS-CoV-2 virus

still kill so many across the world? Lederberg's essay provides an explanation. He writes: "Those relatively few infectious agents that cause serious sickness or death are actually maladapted to their host, to which they may have only recently gained access through some genetic, environmental or sociological change." That fits the SARS-CoV-2 virus so well! The virus can still be made to adapt through human strategies.

Eradication of the virus is also a difficult goal to reach when there are alternate hosts where the virus can find refuge and from whom it can re-emerge to infect humans. There are reports now of minks, cats, dogs, lions, tigers, gorillas and white tailed deer being infected with the virus. These can potentially become reservoirs, while the vastly numerous and highly mobile human population will remain the favourite vehicle for the virus to hitchhike its way across the world. It can and will slip through lockdowns. Like love, as Shakespeare declares in Venus and Adonis, the virus too laughs at locksmiths.

Human societies have to resume economic and social activities, albeit with caution. We cannot be living with long lockdowns. lest we irreparably harm the future of our children. We must free ourselves from the obsession with zero-Covid, while we vigorously nudge the virus to become a less threatening co-habitant of our shared planet.

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A HELPING HAND TO KABUL

India must diversify its development aid to Afghanistan



humans can make the microbe less lethal

SMELLS LIKE HERITAGE

Following Melbourne's lead, India could recognise – and celebrate – aromas unique to its culture

TRONG SMELLS DON'T always deserve the bad rap they get. Take Vegemite, Australia's favourite spread with a punchy, unmistakable aroma that brings tears to some eyes. So deep is the Australian love for Vegemite that Melbourne has decided to list the smell emanating from the factory where it's made as part of the city's heritage. The rest of the world, including India, should take note.

The Melbourne City Council's decision is remarkable not only because a smell has been recognised as having heritage value, but because it is not one that is universallyloved, in fact far from it. Those who've grown up with a pot of Vegemite sitting on the breakfast table may adore its savoury fragrance - a gift of the brewer's yeast that is used to make the spread - but those who haven't grown up with it usually can't stand it. This puts the recognition in quite a different league from, say, the 2018 Unesco "intangible heritage" label granted to the art of perfumery in Grasse, the French region known as the Perfume Capital of the World. It assigns value to a unique aroma, instantly recognisable to a certain culture and loved by it, even if described as "stinky" by the rest of the world. India must note the potential in this idea.

We could celebrate the sharp, unmistakable aroma of drying bombil as an inalienable part of Mumbai's cultural landscape. What about the smell of ripe jackfruit in a Kerala backyard? Cowdung cakes being dried on the walls of a village home in Gujarat? Asafoetida may have been described by non-comprehending Europeans as "Devil's dung", but we know how appetising a dal smells when freshly tempered with this aromatic. And how about the muscular smell of axone, the fermented soybean paste used in Naga cuisine? If anything, this country has an embarrassment of olfactory riches to choose from.

URMI TAT

OVER THE PAST few weeks, there has been much talk about India's diplomatic stakes being threatened by the changing political scenario in Afghanistan. Despite the current unpredictable political climate, India's years of investments in infrastructure and grassroots development could act as a building block for cementing relations with the new regime in the coming years.

India is currently the fifth-largest donor in Afghanistan. The latter is also among the top five recipients of India's external assistance. India's total development assistance over the years has been worth over \$3 billion. The current situation on the ground is different from the 1990s, when India had to move out of Afghanistan due to the Taliban takeover. India has established itself over the last two decades as a reliable development partner, having largely delivered on its envisioned projects.

India's development cooperation with Afghanistan has encompassed both soft and hard measures. The former has helped build goodwill and greater people-to-people contact and has involved measures focusing on health, education, capacity development and food security, among others. Many projects have been community-driven, thus helping engage a large section of people in development efforts.

As far as hard infrastructure is concerned, building institutions, roads and infrastructure for power transmission has featured prominently. Examples include the parliament building which was inaugurated in 2015, fiMuch can be said about the nature of India's development aid and cooperation that distinguishes it from other donors. Firstly, India follows a demand-driven approach, which implies that the sectors for investment are chosen by the recipient government. Secondly, although its aid is extended as a soft means to gain strategic leverage, it comes without political trappings. The latter can be seen in aid extended by Germany and the US which have often been contingent on progress in talks between the Taliban and the civilian government.

nancing the Delaram-Zaranj Highway as well as the 42 MW Salma Dam in Herat province.

India had also engaged in triangular cooperation under the US umbrella, cooperating with USAID on various programmes like the Women's Afghan Empowerment Programme, a collaboration between USAID and the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) for providing vocational education for Afghan women.

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At the Afghanistan Conference in Geneva in 2020, India announced several fresh development commitments including the construction of the Shahtoot Dam in Kabul, as well as several restoration and community development projects. New political developments in Afghanistan are unlikely to lead to a complete disconnect with India and its established socio-economic role. However, India may need to adapt its programmes to new realities.

In the post-American power vacuum in the country, China is likely to be the biggest gainer. It could look to build the Wakhan corridor in order to gain better connectivity with Afghanistan, as a part of its larger BRI endeavour.

What cannot be ignored is that there is still an infrastructure deficit in Afghanistan and a need for rebuilding and reconstruction. As far as development cooperation is concerned, however. India needs to further diversify its portfolios. An area that it can look at is strengthening terms of trade between India and Afghanistan, considering the latter's trade deficit. Further, India can do much to build a more resilient Afghanistan with respect to climate change and disaster risk reduction with it spearheading global campaigns like CDRI. India needs to establish itself as a neutral entity that is keen on the development of the region but ready to work with all parties concerned.

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AUGUST 28, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

IMPORT POLICY

THE POLICY OF importing essential commodities came under attack by Opposition members in Rajya Sabha on August 27. But Finance Minister R Venkataraman was firm in saying that imports were necessary to augment supplies, check prices and build buffer stocks. He, however, agreed with members that self-reliance was necessary. He was replying to a four-hour discussion on the price situation and the steps taken by the government. Congress (I) members held the previous government of Morarji Desai and Charan Singh responsible for the rising prices. One of the members, however, said the govern-

ment had no right to freeze wages if it could not hold the price line. The Opposition members emphasised the need for taking strong measures to curb black marketeers, hoarders and speculators. They thought the government was not doing enough.

CPI ON POLL REFORMS

THE COMMUNIST PARTY of India which stayed away from the July meeting of the Opposition parties on electoral reforms came out with its own suggestions for such reforms. The national council of the party, which ended its four-day meeting on August 26, adopted a 15-point resolution on these

New Delhi

reforms. "Even to preserve democratic institutions and parliamentary democracy electoral reforms have become urgent and of crucial importance," the resolution said.

ANGOLA RETALIATES

ANGOLAN FORCES SHOT down a South African helicopter, destroyed a tank and inflicted other casualties in heavy fighting near the southern town of Njiva on August 27, according to a defence communique issued in Luanda. Angolan news agency ANGOP said two motorised columns of South African troops backed by heavy air power entered the country from Namibia on August 24.





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13 THE IDEAS PAGE Bring her back to school

Pandemic's challenge calls for concerted push to stop girls from dropping out, and to include them in professionally and monetarily rewarding fields of higher education



Amitabh Kant and Piyush Prakash

INDIAN WOMEN EXCELLED in the most decorated Olympic Games for India so far. There is no reason for it to be otherwise in any other field, especially education, given the right support. As a nation, we can ill-afford to ignore half the potential workforce if we aspire to be an economic powerhouse. As a society, women can be the pivot to bring about critical and lasting social transformation. As individuals, they deserve a shot at being the very best they can.

The global average for the private rate of return (the increase in an individual's earnings) with just one extra year of schooling is about 9 per cent, while the social returns of an extra year of school are even higher — above 10 per cent at the secondary and higher education levels as per a decennial World Bank review. Interestingly, the private returns for women in higher education are much higher than for men — 11 to 17 per cent as per different estimates. This has clear policy implications. For their own empowerment, as well as for society at large, we must bring more and more women within the ambit of higher education.

It is estimated that over 2.4 crore girls globally are on the verge of dropping out of schools due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Pandemic-induced school closures and economic hardships have significantly exacerbated many vectors that influence the problem of women in education. In the Indian context before the pandemic, there was a welcome trend in the gradual increase in the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for women in higher education - from 19.8 per cent in 2012-13 to 27.3 per cent in 2019-20. That said, a more nuanced picture of the problem of women and higher education can be seen in Graph 1. As girls progress from primary to secondary to tertiary school levels, their numbers decrease by the year. The graph shows this gradual descent and the resulting paucity of women, who are even eligible to go to college.

The reasons for girls dropping out in rural India are varied. The primary ones are obvious: Girls drop out of school because, one, they are engaged in domestic activities (31.9 per cent), two, they have financial constraints (18.4 per cent), three, they are not interested in education (15.3 per cent), and four, they get married (12.4 per cent). It is estimated that over one crore girls are on the verge of dropping out of schools due to the pandemic alone.

The problem is not only rooted in poverty and poor quality of school education, but also gender biases and outdated social norms. It comes as no shock that the states having the highest rate of secondary school drop-outs



GRAPH1



ture on girls at this level is Rs 2,860 less than that on boys. In India, the average annual cost for professional courses is much higher compared to that of simple graduation programmes (Rs 50,000 vs Rs 8,000). Of the girls who do manage to enrol in a tertiary degree, a smaller proportion go on to pursue professional courses such as engineering (28.5 per cent), while many more take courses such as pharmacy (58.7 per cent) or opt for "normal graduation" (52 per cent) as per AISHE 2019-20. Their representation is lowest in institutions of national importance, followed by deemed and private universities.

To overcome these systemic challenges, the government has taken a number of initiatives in the past such as the National Scheme of Incentives to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE), supernumerary seats in all IITs and the PRAGATI Scholarship scheme for girls in technical education. However, in these unprecedented times, we need unprecedented measures to address the issue of girl child school drop-outs and bring more girls in professionally and monetarily rewarding fields of higher education.

First, as an immediate step, in every locality, a mohalla school or a community learning programme should be started with appropriate Covid norms if the local disaster management authorities and the state governments permit. Evidence from the Ebola pandemic shows that continued engagement with educational activities reduces drop-outs in a statistically significant way. NITI Aayog, with the help of civil society organisations, had started a community programme led by volunteers called "Saksham Bitiya" in 28 aspirational districts where more than 1.87 lakh girl students were trained in socio-emotional and ethical learning. Such initiatives should be replicated to ensure more girls do not drop out of schools during the pandemic. Second, to predict likely drop-outs, a gender atlas comprising indicators that are mapped to key reasons for school drop-outs should be developed. Teachers should also be trained in all the scholarships and schemes available that provide economic support to girls and their families for continuing their education.

GRAPH 2

BASED ON DATA FROM UDISE 2019-20 AND UNICEF



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lence of drop-outs and early child marriages. The scholarship amount may be increased and tied to the completion of graduation, with yearly scholarships paid to students upon successful completion of each year of their undergraduate degree.

Fourth, special education zones need to be set up in areas which have been traditionally backward in education. Every panchayat showing a consistent trend in girl child drop-outs should have composite schools till higher secondary (classes I-XII). The National Education Policy 2020 provides for a gender inclusion fund. This fund should be utilised to support STEM education in these schools as well as in all Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas.

State governments need to leverage existing schemes to design interventions to promote women in higher education. The recently modified viability gap funding scheme includes provisions for social infrastructure projects, including education. For greenfield projects in higher education, 60 per cent of the funding can be accessed as viability gap funding from the central and state governments. For pilot projects in education, close to 80 per cent of the funding is available as viability gap funding and an additional 50 per cent as operational cost in initial years.

Fifth and most importantly, behavioural nudges are going to be key in tackling social prejudices and orthodox cultural norms that prevent girls from achieving their innate potential. Behavioural Insights Units (BIU) may be established across states to tackle social issues with the help of ultra-local NGOs/CSOs to reach the last mile. NITI Aayog has taken a leap forward in this direction by establishing a BIU to tackle nutrition and health challenges in aspirational districts.

The pandemic has brought unprecedented

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"In a pandemic, what would you expect? Not joy, for sure. But Covid is far from the only shadow looming over us." – THE GUARDIAN

The land question, and answer

India needs a radical land reforms programme. Land reform should be a central subject, while agriculture can remain with the states



M Kunhaman

THE FARMERS' AGITATION in India has attracted worldwide attention and support. This is as it should be. Farmers are our *annadata*. During the Covid-19 pandemic, while all the sectors were thrown into a tailspin, the farm sector has sustained us.

The post-Independence history of Indian agriculture has few parallels, due to the unique success of the Green Revolution. Within 12-15 years, the country achieved food self-sufficiency. Ending food imports helped us save vast fiscal resources which could be used for development and welfare. Unprecedented rural prosperity ensued.

However, national-level food self-sufficiency did not result in household-level food security. Poverty co-existed with prosperity due to inequitable resource distribution and concentration of land. Its alleviation and eradication necessitated welfare intervention through the Food Security Act, MGNREGA, etc. The absence of effective and equitable land reforms, thus, accounts for the persistence of poverty.

The story of land reforms in India is a dismal one. Being a state subject, various states implemented reforms with varying degrees of effectiveness and equity. But everywhere, the objectives were the same: Abolition of feudal landlordism, conferment of ownership on tenants, fixing land ceilings, distribution of surplus land, increasing agricultural productivity and production, etc.

Many of the objectives were achieved, many were not. Feudal land relations were abolished; tenants got ownership rights. However, owing to manipulations in land records, much surplus land was not available for distribution among the landless tillers of the soil, the majority of whom were the former "untouchables" and today's Dalits. Less than one per cent of the total land in the country was declared as surplus. The programme was implemented in a country where nonagricultural sectors and activities were fast developing, absorbing increasing numbers of the rural population. The relevant criteria for land entitlement should have been employment and main source of income.

The ex-tenants, after getting land, became tenant-turned-capitalist-farmers who effectively made use of several programmes – Green Revolution technology, bank nationalisation and priority sector lending, urbanisation and expanding urban markets. They dominated the small and marginal farmers, and landless farm labourers. In the 1970s and 1980s, there was an interlocking of land, labour, credit and product markets. Those who controlled land, controlled water, which later promoted water trade, including drinking water trade. They cornered a disproportionate share of various subsidies. Many members of rich farm households moved into industry, business and professions. Many

migrated abroad for quality higher education and employment. Others returned to India and occupied important positions.

The tenant-turned-capitalist farmers formed political parties, which produced strong state-level leaders, who controlled state-level planning, fiscal policies and politics. In place of a strong Centre and weak states, came a weak Centre and strong states. Now, dismissing a state government under Article 356 is not easy. Regional satraps are democratically elected authoritarians with the power to block pro-poor changes. Bureaucracy and police have unprecedented powers. Individual freedom is often curtailed by rulers at the Centre and states.

Rich farmers have formed strong power blocs, with unquestioned clout and bargaining power, not only in north-western India but also in states like Maharashtra. Agriculturally rich states still attract large numbers of migrant workers; in some, the bonded labour system persists (with bonded labourers invariably being Dalits and Adivasis) to circumvent peak season labour shortage. The migrant workers were the worst hit by the pandemic. Atrocities against Dalits are rising practically in every state. Caste discrimination and prejudices persist.

Social restructuring needs agrarian reform, in the form of a land reforms programme, in addition to the measures that farmers are agitating for. Farmers are seeking legal safeguards against market fluctuations, especially against any downward pressure on agricultural prices. They are not anti-market. While they welcome every rise in prices, they demand legal protection against price falls, a legitimate stance.

Even as agricultural prosperity must be promoted, it should not be just shared between farmers (especially rich ones) and urban consumers, but by all. Farm workers, in particular, must benefit from it.

The relation between land and caste, between caste and labour has not been broken yet. Consider the social composition of agricultural labourers, scavengers, rag-pickers et al. Indisputably, agricultural wage rates have risen progressively. But farm workers deserve more than a rising wage rate. They deserve access to resources.

This calls for a programme of radical land reforms. Agricultural land should be pooled and equally distributed among farm households, based on the two afore-mentioned criteria. Non-farm households should not be permitted to hold farmland. The land reforms programme should not be left to the states, as it is likely to be sabotaged by regional satraps. Land reforms should be a central subject; while agriculture can remain a state subject. Such a programme will empower and enrich marginalised and excluded individuals and social groups. It should be the kernel of a justiciable universal property right that must form an integral/inalienable part of Article 21 (Right to Life) of the Constitution. The right to life is hollow without a right to livelihood. Through an effective land reforms programme, let's build a prosperous India based on equity and justice.

among girls are also the ones where a significant percentage of girls get married before the age of 18 years, as we see in Graph 2.

Deep-rooted gender biases are also reflected in the choice of schools, access to private tuitions and the choice of discipline in higher education. As per the NSS 2017-18, 75th round, on 'Household Social Consumption: Education', at the higher secondary level, 28 per cent of boys attend private schools as opposed to 24 per cent of girls. The average annual household expendi-

Third, there is a need to revise the National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education in areas or states with high prevaconstraints (18.4 per cent), three, they are not interested in education (15.3 per cent), and four, they get married (12.4 per cent). It is estimated that over one crore girls are on the verge of dropping out of schools due to the pandemic alone.

The reasons for girls

dropping out in rural India

are obvious: Girls drop out

of school because, one, they

activities (31.9 per cent), two,

are engaged in domestic

they have financial

are varied. The primary ones

challenges for educators and students, especially for those on the margins, including girls. However, with recent experiments and learning experience, informed targeting of ample resources and an agile policy environment, this challenge could well prove to be an opportunity. Given the right enabling environment, educational outcomes can be improved.

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Importance of engagement

Shunning Taliban may not be wise, but India's response must factor in its conduct

PINAK RANJAN CHAKRAVARTY

THE STUNNING ADVANCE of the Taliban in Afghanistan has surprised all. An Islamic Emirate and Sharia law have been imposed and ground reports indicate that women are bearing the brunt of the obscurantist laws. The chaos outside Kabul airport is heart-wrenching: Young Afghans clinging to an aircraft taking off and falling from the sky to their deaths and mothers handing over infant children to American soldiers for evacuation. Utter desperation, despair and fear are driving the Afghans to vote with their feet. Now comes news of the terrible blasts at Kabul airport.

The Taliban is trying to project a reformed image, but its soldiers are reported to be conducting revenge killings and hunting down Afghans and foreigners who have worked for the Americans and the government. Reports of resistance in the northern Panjshir province, still outside Taliban control, have emerged. Ahmad Massoud, son of the legendary Ahmad Shah Massoud, has linked up with former vicepresident Amrullah Saleh. Massoud has offered to negotiate, but the Taliban has peremptorily demanded surrender and has sent its cadres to capture Panjshir. Whether the resistance gathers momentum is too early to tell.

US President Joe Biden has repeatedly defended his decision to withdraw and he even brought forward the date of withdrawal from September to August 31. The announcement of the dates of withdrawal gave the Taliban an advantage.

Over the years, the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces (ANDSF) fought the Taliban, suffering casualties. The American

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withdrawal has been a huge blow to its morale. The withdrawal of maintenance personnel crippled the Afghan air force. Divided by ethnicities, tribal and sub-tribal loyalties, under a governance system riddled with corruption, the ANDSF splintered and melted away. For centuries, the Afghans have fought on the basis of primary tribal loyalties and not for abstract values like national interest or democracy. The ANDSF was also not trained for asymmetrical war. The Taliban used all these factors to subvert it. The US calculation for an orderly withdrawal went awry as it was predicated upon the ANDSF holding up the Taliban for some months.

The Taliban does enjoy some popular support among the Afghans, who are fed up with the endemic corruption. Once the Taliban decided to move into the final stretch, Pakistan's deep state provided full logistical and other support. Pakistan's eternal quest for "strategic depth" has kept it allied with the Taliban. The deep state, led by army Chief General Bajwa, has been trying to broker an inclusive transitional government. There is still feverish activity underway to form a patchwork government and Pakistan's foreign minister will be in Kabul for confabulations. A surprising collaborator of Bajwa has been General Nick Carter, UK's Chief of Defence Staff. General Carter has been peddling the narrative of a reformed Taliban.

Pakistan is openly gloating over the Taliban "victory". It may be upbeat but blowback in the form of Islamist terrorism and its economic fallout could be game changers. Afghanistan is bankrupt and foreign aid, which constituted around 60 per cent of its annual budget, has dried up. Pakistan is in no position to help it financially, which leaves only China with the capacity to fund it. But China does not dole out money for nothing, Will it provide financing in return for Afghanistan's mineral riches? The EU has cut off all financial aid and said that it will not recognise any Taliban government, unless it adheres to international human rights norms. The US and UK may not be averse to a compromise for their own strategic reasons. The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, like the UN, has mouthed platitudes.

The strategic impact of the events unfolding in Afghanistan will reverberate for years. The chaotic American withdrawal will strengthen international perception about the durability of US's commitments. China, Iran, Pakistan and Russia, all wanted the US out of their backyard. Turkey has joined this axis. These countries have kept their embassies opened in Kabul, hoping to fill the vacuum. These developments underscore a fundamental shift in geopolitical alignments. This will also recalibrate India's ties with these countries and the US.

For India, this is a strategic setback, and raises the spectre of a revival of jihadi terrorism. Both China and Russia have been wary of terrorism spilling over into Xinjiang and Central Asia respectively. Both have refused to accept any refugees. China, with its deep pockets, has been cautious about investing in Afghanistan. Its workers in Pakistan have been killed on a regular basis. Afghanistan is far more unstable, although its precious mineral reserves remain a compelling attraction, in addition to extending the CPEC into Afghanistan. China has already made extensive inroads into India's neighbouring countries, undermining India's interests and influence.

Pakistan-US ties are also likely to be on the agenda for a recalibration. The nuclear issue will keep some Americans worried. A former ISI chief has boasted that Pakistan defeated the Soviet Union in Afghanistan with American money and now it has defeated the US in Afghanistan with American money. The exit from Afghanistan will help the US redirect its resources to deal with the growing challenge of an expansionist and aggressive China.

India's Afghanistan options are limited. The immediate focus is solely on evacuating Indians and Afghans. The memory of dealing with the Taliban during the Indian Airlines hijacking episode has left an indelible mark. India had opted to help Afghanistan by building infrastructure, and by providing training and medical treatment. Its image among the Afghan population is positive. Its policy of welcoming Afghan refugees will buttress this image. Shunning a Taliban-dominated government may not be wise in the future, but the behaviour of the government in Kabul will be the defining factor, as will be Pakistan's behaviour. India will have to reopen the embassy in Kabul, as any prolonged absence on the ground will be detrimental to its interests.

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BOOM OR DOOM? THIS REFERS TO the article 'The long IDEAS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THIS REFERS TO the article 'The long road to recovery' (IE, August 26). All the claims of economic growth, explained in terms of various parameters, do not give a correct forecast. The Indian lower-middle class and the poor are under tremendous financial distress today. Unless their buying power increases, the actual state of our economy will remain overcast with gloomy clouds.

Manish Mishra, Bhopal

CONGRESS SAGA

This refers to the editorial 'Who's in charge?' (IE, August 27). The Congress party needs a full-time president, one who is accountable, unlike the current situation where the interim president is not accountable at all but has all the necessary powers. There are several state elections before the general elections in 2024. The party should urgently resolve its leadership issues with the appointment of a full-time president.

pointment of a full-time president. **Parth Nawale,** Mumbai

AGAINST HATE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial 'The Indore test' (IE, August 27). The incident is reflective of the underlying communal animosity between two religious groups that has been brewing for several years now. Instead of fomenting further social unrest with divisive statements, the powers-that-be need to unequivocally condemn mob rule in the state. The perpetrators of this alleged ONLY IN THE EXPRESS • THE SWACHHATA JOURNEY: DHIRAJ SANTDASANI • AFGHAN ECONOMIC SHOCK THERAPY: KARTIKEY SHARMA www.indianexpress.com

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religiously-motivated public thrashing must be brought to book.

Varun Das, Zirakpur

Help Afghanistan

This refers to the article 'Connect with Kabul' (IE, August 27). It is high time that New Delhi accepted the reality in Kabul. India should actively pursue soft power to restore normalcy in Afghanistan. Inking negotiations to ensure safe travel of Afghan nationals including students, patients, children and women to India who wish so is an imperative. Leveraging our hold as the rotational president of UNSC is also pertinent in this regard. Garnering global support to pressurise Taliban to opt for a civilised rule is the key.

Anjali Bhavana, Thiruvananthapuram

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on Thursday. AP

he had instructed military com-

manders to develop plans to strike

IS "assets, leadership and facilities."

US Central Command chief who

is overseeing the airlift, said more

attempted attacks were expected.

even as commanders and officials

were recovering from Thursday's

devastation. The White House

said Friday morning that 8,500

evacuees had been flown out of

Kabul aboard US military aircraft

in the previous 24 hours, as well

as about 4,000 people on coali-

flights are scaling back, and the US

is scheduled to finish its evacua-

tion by Tuesday. As many as 1,000

Americans and many more

Afghans are still struggling to get

The coalition's evacuation

tion flights.

out of Kabul.

The US-led airlift continued

General Frank McKenzie, the



ENGLAND HUGE FACTORY BLAZE SENDS SMOKE OVER TOWN

A huge fire broke out at an industrial park in the central England town of Learnington Spa on Friday, sending up dramatic plumes of smoke that could be seen for miles. The emergency services evacuated nearby properties and told people living in the area to close their windows and doors. Local lawmaker Matt Western said the fire might involve chemicals from a plastics business.

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Migrants at a makeshift camp. Reuters

USA **US** urges Mexico to clear migrant camps

near border

THE US has urged Mexico to clear ad-hoc camps housing thousands of migrants in border cities due to concerns they pose a security risk and attract criminal gangs, officials familiar with the matter said. Facing domestic criticism over a jump in illegal crossings at the US-Mexico border, the administration of US President Joe Biden has pressed Mexico to curb the flow of migrants to help ease pressure on the nearly 3,200 km frontier. For weeks, the U.S. government has been asking Mexico to clear the camps, in part because the sheer volume of people in them could jeopardize security if they made a sudden rush for the border, officials said. REUTERS

MYANMAR Govt says **Rohingya will** get vaccines

A SPOKESMAN for Myanmar's military-installed government said Friday that Covid-19 vac-cines will be given to members of the country's persecuted Rohingya ethnic group. The Muslim minority was the target of a fierce counter-insurgency campaign in 2017 that some critics charged amounted to ethnic cleansing or genocide. The Rohingya face widespread discrimination and most are denied citizenship and other basic rights

seized by the Taliban. The documents identifying

U.S. AIRLIFTS FROM AFGHAN CAPITAL CONTINUE We will hunt you down and make you pay: Biden vows to avenge Kabul attack

President says IS Afghan affiliate behind blasts, no evidence of Taliban involvement

ROBERT BURNS, DARLENE SUPERVILLE & MATTHEW LEE WASHINGTON, AUGUST 27

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden vowed to complete the evacuation of American citizens and others from Afghanistan after the deadly suicide bombing at the Kabul airport. He promised to avenge the deaths of 13 US service members killed in the attack, declaring to the extremists responsible: "We will hunt you

down and make you pay." Speaking with emotion from the White House, Biden said the Islamic State group's Afghanistan affiliate was to blame for the Thursday attacks that killed the Americans and many more Afghan civilians. He said there was no evidence they colluded with the Taliban, who now control the country. Biden asked for a moment of

silence to honour the service members, bowing his head, and ordered US flags to half-staff across the country. The 13 service members who died include 10 Marines and one Navy sailor. The military has not yet identified any of those or given a serv-

ice affiliation for the two others. As for the bombers and gunmen involved, he said, "We have some reason to believe we know who they are. Not certain." He said

Britain: Three

families rescued

after Afghan staff

details left behind

at Kabul embassy

BRITAIN'S FOREIGN Office said it

had rescued three Afghan fami-

lies whose contact details were

in documents left behind at its

embassy in Kabul after The Times

newspaper said the papers were

still there when the building was

KANISHKA SINGH

AUGUST 27



Afghan evacuees disembarking a plane in Madrid. AP

LAST FLIGHT OUT FOR MANY COUNTRIES

BRITAIN

Britain will not accept any more people for flights out of Kabul beyond those already inside the airport after it shut its processing centre and entered the final stages of its evacuation, defence minister Ben Wallace said on Friday.

GERMANY

The last German civilian plane carrying Afghans fleeing the Taliban landed in Frankfurt on Friday, a day after the country's armed forces said they had finished their evacuation operation at Kabul airport.

SPAIN Spain has concluded its evacuation of personnel from Afghanistan and the last evacuees are expected to land in Madrid on Friday, the government said.

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand said the deadly attacks near Kabul's airport brought its rescue mission to an end, and it was not able to get everybody it wanted out of Afghanistan in time.

AUSTRALIA

Australia said it has stopped evacuation flights from Afghanistan after Thursday's blasts.





Former Afghan communication minister Sayed Sadaat rides a bicycle for his food delivery job in Leipzig. Reuters

Afghan minister who became a bicycle courier in Germany

LEON MALHERBE & RIHAM ALKOUSAA LEIPZIG, AUGUST 27

SAYED SADAAT used to be communications minister in the Afghan government before moving to Germany last December in the hope of a better future. Now he is a delivery man in the eastern city of Leipzig.

He said some at home criticised him for taking such a job after having served in the government for two years, leaving office in 2018. But for him now, a job is a job.

"I have nothing to feel guilty about," the 49-year-old said, standing in his orange uniform next to his bike. "I hope other politicians also follow the same path, working with the public rather than just hiding.'

His story has gained particular prominence with the chaos unfolding at home after the Taliban takeover. Family and friends of his also want to leave. hoping joining the thousands of others on evacuation flights or trying to find other routes out.

With the withdrawal of US troops on the horizon, the number of Afghan asylum seekers in Germany has risen since the beginning of the year, jumping by more than 130%, data from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees showed.

But even with his background, capital of Niger state. Their ardaat struggled to find a job in

Germany that matched his expe-

rience. With degrees in IT and tele-

com. Sadaat had hoped to find

work in a related field. But with no

REUTERS

German, his chances were slim.



Rescue workers at the site of a burnt chemical factory in Karachi on Friday. AP

At least 15 labourers killed in fire at Pak chemical factory

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KARACHI, AUGUST 27

AT LEAST 15 labourers were killed after a massive fire broke out in a chemical factory in Pakistan's commercial capital of Karachi on Friday, police said.

The factory, located in the populated Korangi industrial area, caught fire when around 26 workers were present in the building, Korangi SSP Shah Jehan said, adding that rescue operations were on to find the other workers.

Fire brigade officials said that the incident happened when the blaze started in a drum of chemical used to manufacture various items and spread across the factory, Geo TV reported.

Faisal Edhi, a rescue official,

Dozens of pupils freed in northern Nigeria after three months

AJAYITAIWO OLUWOLE & CHINEDU ASADU MINNA, AUGUST 27

Dozens of young children held captive by gunmen for three months in northern Nigeria awaited reunions with their family members Friday after being freed and taken to the state capital.

Girls as young as five draped in long hijabs and boys wearing new dress clothes stepped off a white minibus and filed past photographers in Minna, the

said 15 bodies have been taken out from the fire site. "It is a chemical factory and

apparently the fire broke out due to some short circuit but we are assisting in locating all the workers," he said.

Jehan said there were still some people trapped inside the building and might have died.

"We were inside the building and we had started working when the fire broke out and spread quickly. We shouted for help but no one heard us," Shahid, a worker at the factory, was quoted as saying by Geo TV. He said that the dead in-

cluded four brothers who worked at the factory. Two fire fighters were injured while trying to put out the

flames, the report said.



Local media though have reported that as many as six children may have died in captivity due to the harsh conditions.

Gunmen on motorcycles had attacked the Salihu Tanko Islamic School in Niger state in late May. Other preschoolers

Some freed students in Bosso. Nigeria, on Friday.

LEBANON

Parliament tells judge he can't subpoena PM THE LEBANESE Parliament

Friday told the judge who is investigating last year's Beirut port blast that he had exceeded his powers by issuing a subpoena for caretaker Prime Minister Hassan Diab after he failed to show up for questioning. Judge Tarek Bitar, leading the inquiry into the huge explosion, issued requests in July to question Diab and other top officials, including former ministers, who were charged by his predecessor with negligence over the blast. All have denied any wrongdoing. The secretary general of parliament said the subpoena fell outside Bitar's jurisdiction. **REUTERS**

seven Afghans were found by reporters of The Times on Tuesday as Taliban fighters patrolled the embassy, the newspaper said. The Times said it handed over the details of three Afghan staff and their eight family members to the Foreign Office.

British Foreign Office staff left documents with contact details of Afghans working for them scattered on the ground at the embassy compound in Kabul, the newspaper reported. 'We have worked tirelessly to

secure the safety of those who worked for us including getting three families to safety," a Foreign Office spokesperson said.

'During the drawdown of our embassy every effort was made to destroy sensitive material," he said, declining further comment on how it was left. The Taliban seized power in

Afghanistan in mid-August from a US-backed government, sending thousands fleeing and potentially heralding a return to the militants' austere and autocratic rule of two decades ago REUTERS



Taliban forces block the roads around the airport in Kabul on Friday. Reuters

After decades of war, IS can still wreak havoc

BEN HUBBARD, ERIC SCHMITT& MATTHEW ROSENBERG DOHA, AUGUST 27

THE TALIBAN'S takeover of Afghanistan hardly assures that all militants in the country are under their control.

To the contrary, the Islamic State affiliate in Afghanistan known as Islamic State Khorasan or ISIS-K — is a bitter, albeit much smaller, rival that has carried out dozens of attacks in Afghanistan this year against civilians, officials and the Taliban themselves.

In recent months as US forces have been departing, about 8,000



At a hospital on Friday. Reuters

to 10,000 jihadi fighters from Central Asia, the North Caucasus region of Russia, Pakistan and the Xinjiang region in western China have poured into Afghanistan, a UN report concluded in June.

Most are associated with the Taliban or Al Qaeda, which are closely linked, but others are al-

lied with ISIS-K, presenting a major challenge to the stability and security that the Taliban promise to provide.

While terrorism experts doubt that IS fighters in Afghanistan have the capacity to mount largescale attacks against the West, many say that the IS is now more dangerous, in more parts of the world, than Al Qaeda. Created six years ago by dis-

affected Pakistani Taliban fighters, ISIS-K has vastly increased the pace of its attacks this year. Since June 2020, the group has been led by an ambitious commander. Shahab al-

Muhajir, who is trying to recruit disaffected Taliban fighters and

other militants. ISIS-K "remains active and dangerous," the UN report said.

The IS in Afghanistan has mostly been antagonistic toward the Taliban. At times the two groups have fought for turf, particularly in eastern Afghanistan, and IS recently denounced the Taliban's takeover of the country.

In general, Al Qaeda did not maintain the same operational control over its affiliates as the IS did, which may have given the latter an advantage, said Hassan Hassan, the co-author of a book about the Islamic State and the editor in chief of Newlines Magazine. NYT

rival came hours after news of were left behind as they could their release came from the school's head teacher.

The children were served meals and greeted by Niger state Gov. Abubakar Sani Bello.

It was not immediately known how many students had been released: authorities previously said 136 had been taken along with several teachers.

not keep pace when the gunmen hurriedly moved those abducted into the forest. Head teacher Abubakar Garba Alhassan did not provide details of their release, but parents of the students have over the past weeks struggled to raise

the ransoms demanded by their

REUTERS

Alone in the sky, pilot and fiancee save 17 in Tennessee flood

abductors

TRAVISLOLLER NASHVILLE, AUGUST 27

NASHVILLE-BASED HELICOPTER pilot Joel Boyers had just finished helping his fiancee earn her pilot's license on Saturday morning, and they were heading home to celebrate, when he received a frantic call from a woman in Pennsylvania. Her



Joel Boyers rescuing people from a rooftop last week. AP

to be able to swim in that.'

A few people were out in

boats, rescuing the stranded, and

one person was helping with a

jet ski, but Boyers was alone in

the sky. He started flying up and

down the flooded creek, grab-

Aviation, said he ended up rescu-

ing 17 people that day. He's proud

of that, but said he's the one who

should be thanking them. "I liter-

ally prayed just days before this

that God would give me some

meaning in my life, and then I end

cluding floods, before, but "the

cops are usually there, and my

hands are tied. This time there

He has flown over disasters, in-

up getting this call," he said.

weren't any."

Boyers, who co-owns Helistar

bing anyone he could.

brother's home in Waverly, Tennessee, was underwater and he was trapped on a roof with his trees. There was tons of debris. daughters. Could Boyers help? Any way debris could get caught, it was. I knew no one was going

"I thought, How would I feel if I told her I'm not even going to try?" he said in a Thursday interview. "She just so happened to call the right person, because I'm the only person crazy enough to even try to do that."

The weather was terrible and Boyers had to contend with hills and high-voltage power lines on the way to Waverly, a small city about 96 km west of Nashville. Just before reaching the town, he set down in a field to get his bearings and realised the internet was down, making it impossible to pinpoint the house he was looking for. He flew on anyway.

"As soon as I popped over the ridge, it was nothing but tan raging water below me," he said. "There were two houses that were on fire. There were cars in

SPY AGENCY HAD PLANS TO DE-EMPHASISE COUNTERTERROR OPS TO FOCUS ON RISING GLOBAL POWERS Amid Afghan chaos, a CIA mission that will persist for yrs

MARK MAZZETTI, JULIAN E. BARNES & ADAM GOLDMAN WASHINGTON, AUGUST 27

AS THE Afghanistan War wound down, the CIA had expected to gradually shift its primary focus away from counterterrorism – a mission that transformed the agency over two decades into a paramilitary organisation focused on manhunts and killing - toward traditional spycraft against powers like China and Russia.

But a pair of deadly explosions Thursday were the latest in a series of rapidly unfolding events since the collapse of the



sion for years to come.

US officials are reworking plans to counter threats that could emerge from Afghanistan's chaos, according to current and former officials: negotiating for new bases in Central Asian countries; determining how clandestine officers can run sources in the country without the military and diplomatic outposts that provided cover to spies for two decades; and fig-



CIA director William Burns has said the agency is ready to collect intelligence about Afghanistan from afar. NYT

could launch drone strikes and other Afghanistan operations. Thursday's attacks at the uring out from where the CIA Kabul airport, which killed more

bers and scores of Afghan civilians, were evidence that terrorist groups are already working to sow further chaos in the country and could hope to use it as a base for attacks outside Afghanistan. Hours later, President Joe Biden

pledged to hunt down those responsible for the bombings. "It's going to get a lot harder,"

said Don Hepburn, a former senior CIA officer who served in Afghanistan. "The agency is being drawn in many, many directions.'

the military's involvement in Afghanistan means that, starting next month, any US presence in the country would most likely be part of a clandestine operation that is not publicly acknowledged. The CIA's new mission will be

ficial said. It will no longer have to help protect thousands of troops and diplomats and will focus instead on hunting terrorist groups that can attack beyond Afghanistan's borders. But the rapid US exit devastated the agency's networks, and spies will most likely have to rebuild them and manage sources from abroad, according to officials.

William Burns, the agency's director, has said that it is ready to collect intelligence and conduct operations from afar, or "over the horizon." but he told lawmakers in the spring that operatives' ability to gather intelligence and act on threats will erode. "That's simply a fact," said Burns. NYT

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Biden's determination to end

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US study finds vaccine potency down with time

COVID-19 VACCINES remain effective, but their potency has diminished in recent months, according to a study at eight sites across the US. Scientists calculated vaccine effectiveness to be 80% in a large group of fully vaccinated frontline workers between December 2020

(Florida); Portland (Oregon); Duluth (Minnesota); and Temple (Texas). The network followed 4,136 healthcare personnel, first responders, and essential workers who had not previously had Covid-19. Study participants submitted samples for RT-PCR testing on a weekly and August 2021, compared to 91% in basis and 2,976 participants were fully

vaccinated within the

study period, receiving the

Pfizer-BioNtech (65%),

Moderna (33%), or Johnson

& Johnson (2%) vaccines.

Test results from these

December 14, 2020, to

August 14, 2021, show that:

between



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SIMPLY PUT What's new in higher education

Delhi University has approved a four-year undergraduate course from next year as part of the new National Education Policy. How do this and other concepts in the NEP aim to achieve multidisciplinarity?

RITIKA CHOPRA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

THE NEW National Education Policy is in the news again with Delhi University (DU) approving the introduction of the four-year undergraduate programme from next year, amid opposition from teachers. The NEP proposes several reforms for higher education. A look at how, if implemented in letter and spirit, the NEP can change the classroom experience:

Multidisciplinarity

Higher education in India is focused on producing disciplinary experts. But the new NEP proposes to break disciplinary boundaries. What this means is that B Tech students, for example, would no longer limit themselves to their engineering branch. Instead, their programmes will have a more significant component of arts and humanities. "Students of arts and humanities will aim to learn more science, and all will make an effort to incorporate more vocational subiects and soft skills," the policy states.

IIT-Bombay's new Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Engineering (LASE) Programme is one example of how the NEP's vision translates on ground. The LASE programme, which has been introduced this year, gives students the option to graduate with a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in five fields or "concentrations" - engineering sciences, natural sciences, social sciences, art and design. The fifth option permits the student to design her own concentration. LASE students will study a set of foundation courses in their second year such as modern South Asian history, history of science, contemporary digital societies, current social structures, reading and writing literature, in addition to their STEM courses.

4-year undergrad programme

While multidisciplinarity is the final destination, the four-year undergraduate programme suggested in the NEP document is a means to that end

Undergraduate programmes in India, ex-



Delhi University is the first institution for higher education to implement the NEP proposal for four-year undergraduate courses. Express Photo By Amit Mehra

cept professional degrees such as B Tech and MBBS, usually last three years. The new policy proposes to "adjust" the length of degree programmes to allow students "to experience the full range of holistic and multidisciplinary education in addition to a focus on the chosen major and minors as per the choices of the student". While the NEP doesn't call for scrapping of the three-year format, it states that the four-year multidisciplinary Bachelor's programme "shall be the preferred option"

While students pursuing undergraduate education will be studying an extra year, they will also have the option to leave before that with "appropriate certification". Quitting after the first year will earn you a certificate, after the second year a diploma, and after the third a Bachelor's degree. Completing the entire programme would lead to a bachelor's degree "with Research" if the student completes "a rigorous research project" in her major area(s) of study.

Delhi University is the first higher education institution to implement this NEP suggestion. Starting next year, DU students can opt for either a three-year honours programme, or a four-year honours programme, or a four-year honours programme with research. They can also exit with appropriate certification.

Academic Bank of Credit

The University Grants Commission (UGC) had introduced a choice-based credit system (CBCS) before the NEP. Under this system, you earn credits for each course you take during your degree studies. The Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) proposed by the NEP is where higher education institutions will digitally deposit credits earned by students for courses they studied.

So, how will this affect the classroom experience? On ground, the ABC is expected to aid the multiple entry and exit system as well as multidisciplinary in higher education. In other words, a student's deposit of credits in the ABC (read: her prior learning represented in course units) should help her move laterally from one higher education institution to another, if needed.

Designating credits to each course would also mean that courses or projects in areas such as community engagement and service, environmental education, sciences, mathematics, art, sports and value-based education would carry weight. This, according to the NEP, would go a long way in "attainment of a holistic and multidisciplinary education".

Regional languages

The new education policy lays emphasis on promoting Indian languages, arts and culture through education. One of the ways it proposes to do so is by getting higher education institutions to adopt regional languages or the local tongue as the medium of instruction in the classroom. To begin with, the government has allowed 14 engineering colleges to teach selected engineering programmes in five languages: Marathi, Tamil, Bengali, Telugu and Hindi. This, the policy states, will help increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education as students who are not proficient in English will be encouraged to pursue further studies in regional languages.

National Entrance Test

Another proposal that could change the higher education experience of students is a single university entrance exam conducted by the National Testing Agency. If this is implemented, students will not have to appear for multiple entrance tests. "The high quality, range, and flexibility of the NTA testing services will enable most universities to use these common entrance exams - rather than having hundreds of universities each devising their own entrance exams - thereby drastically reducing the burden on students, universities and colleges, and the entire education system. It will be left up to individual universities and colleges to use NTA assessments for their admissions," the policy states.

The grounding and return of Boeing 737 Max

PRANAV MUKUL NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

THE NATIONAL aviation safety regulator DGCA has permitted commercial operations of Boeing 737 Max planes in the country after it was banned in March 2019, following two deadly crashes in 2018 and 2019.

Why was the aircraft banned from flying?



measures, including rectifying the MCAS, and setting up simulators and training centres to train pilots about the MCAS. In November 2020, the FAA lifted the restrictions on Boeing 737Max, and several other jurisdictions including Japan, Europe, the UK, Canada, Brazil, the UAE, Australia approved the aircraft's return to flight following technical modifications and additional pilot training.

From December 2020, airlines started opating commercial flights on the plane. India's DGCA said the aircraft can return to operations "only upon satisfaction of applicable requirements for return to service". It said 17 regulators worldwide have permitted operation of Boeing 737 Max planes, and 34 airlines with 345 planes of this model were operating currently having operated over 2.89 lakh cumulative hours since the un-grounding from December 9 2020, "with no untoward reporting".

protecting against severe lisease, including hospitalisation and death, it said.

earlier surveys, the University of Utah Health

said in a press release. The

estimates were based on

RT-PCR testing and did not

measure whether there

were changes in efficacy in

The authors say one reason for the change could be waning immu-

nity, a decrease in the strength of the body's vaccine-activated defences against the virus. The difference may also reflect the fact that the vaccines are not as effective against the highly contagious Delta variant which, since June 2021, has become the most common cause of Covid-19 in the US.

The study was published on August 24 in the Morbidity Mortality Weekly Report from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The HEROES-NETWORK sites were in Salt Lake City (Utah) Phoenix, Tucson and other areas in Arizona; Miami

Among unvaccinated study participants, 194 in-NEW RESEARCH fections occurred in 181,357 person-days (com-

groups

bined total of number of days of testing for this group).

Among fully vaccinated participants, 34 infections occurred in 454,832 person-days.

During that time period, the vaccines were 80% effective for all fully vaccinated study participants, but preliminary data indicate that vaccines may wane in intensity over time with lower effectiveness after five or more months following full vaccination, the press release said.

Source: University of Utah Health

In October 2018, the 737 Max, the newest member of Boeing's 737 narrow-body family, crashed in the Java Sea shortly after takeoff from Jakarta. Then in March 2019, another aircraft of the same model crashed in Ethiopia. The two accidents killed a total of 346 people. Following the second crash, aviation authorities globally decided to ground the plane pending an investigation into the cause. At the time, several airlines including large carriers like United, American, Southwest, Air Canada, in addition to Indian carrier SpiceJet, were operating 737 Max planes. China was the first country to ground the plane and others soon followed suit. After India's clearance to fly, China now remains the only major market that has still not allowed the plane to fly.

What happened after the grounding? During the investigation, it was discovered that the main cause of the accidents was a de-

SpiceJet is the only Indian airline with Boeing 737 Max aircraft in its fleet today. Upcoming airline Akasa too is expected to launch with this model. boeing.com

sign flaw in the most modern jetliner. The latest Boeing 737 model is equipped with a manoeuvring characteristics augmentation system (MCAS), which is responsible for pushing the aircraft's nose down when it senses a high angle of attack (an aviation measure) that may lead to an aircraft stall. If an aircraft's nose is too high, the plane loses speed and is likely to enter a stall – a state in which it loses flight and can fall from the sky like a stone. The MCAS was designed to prevent such an eventuality.

In the two crashes, the MCAS falsely mis-

read the plane's angle of attack during the ascent and forced the nose down leading to the crash. However, it was not just a technical flaw that caused the accidents. During the course of the investigations, several shortcomings were found out with the processes laid down by Boeing as well as the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

How has the un-grounding taken place?

Once the investigation identified the deficiencies, Boeing started introducing corrective

Which airlines operate the plane?

In India, SpiceJet is the only airline as of date with the aircraft model in the fleet. Jet Airways, which has been grounded due to financial crunch, also operated this plane. In addition, upcoming domestic airline Akasa is expected to launch with a fleet of Boeing 737 Max. In the international space, airlines such as Oman Air and FlyDubai used to operate the aircraft on the Indian routes prior to the ban.

'All Whites': why New Zealand football team could drop nickname

GAURAV BHATT NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

THE 'ALL WHITES' nickname used by New Zealand's national football team could soon be ditched as the New Zealand Football association (NZF) has launched a review into cultural diversity. It has said it is working with stakeholders and people from outside the sport during its "journey around cultural inclusivity.'

The 'All Whites'

The 'All Whites' name was used for the national team during the 1982 World Cup qualifiers, when the players first appeared in an all-white uniform against Taiwan. Previously the team had mostly donned black shorts, white shirts and white socks. The all-white kit led to a commentator calling them 'All Whites', riffing on the rugby team's 'All Blacks' nickname. The name stuck, even though the team plays its away ties in a black kit with white trim.

NZF announced the review into cultural diversity last week. Reports said the 'All Whites' nickname is among the many aspects being evaluated. "As with many other

national bodies. New Zealand Football is on a journey around cultural inclusivity and respecting the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi," NZF said in a statement, referring to the treaty between the British crown and Maori chiefs signed in 1840. "It is too early in the process to speak about any outcomes but this is an important piece of work as we strive to be the most inclusive sport in Aotearoa (Maori name of New Zealand)."

The debate

The reports have led to a debate between tradition and inclusivity. Vaughan Coveny, who played for New Zealand from 1992 to 2006, was "baffled" by the idea of a name change. "I am a bit of a traditionalist, I played there for many years and I am surprised they want to do that. It sort of baffles me why they want to go down the track. Will they also then change the All Blacks?" Coveny told the Sydney Morning Herald.

Wynton Rufer - one of New Zealand's best footballers ever who was a member of the 1982 team, said on SENZ Mornings: "It's absolute madness that this is going on and they could even bring it into question. It's incredible. It's rubbish, and I'm Maori, I'm



proud on my mother's side."

Former captain Ryan Nelsen told Radio NZ the name should go if "it displeases a tiny minority". "Just because it's been around doesn't mean it's right. We should be having this conversation about inclusivity."

Former player, union representative and commentator Harry Ngata meanwhile said that he does not have a personal view but could see both sides of the debate. He told AAP: "Twenty years ago the name wouldn't have raised an eyebrow. That's just the way it was. The class of 2010 are a lot more progressive. (A change) is probably inevitable that given the circumstances, the

The team wears an all-white jersey, but plays its away ties in a black kit with white trim. Reuters

climate we're living in at the moment."

The 'All Blacks'

A lot of New Zealand's sporting nomenclature is colour-based. The men's cricket and basketball teams are called the 'Black Caps' and 'Tall Blacks', respectively. Other nicknames include White Ferns (women's cricket), Black Ferns (women's rugby), Silver Ferns (women's netball), Black Sticks (men's and women's hockey), Mat Blacks (men's indoor bowls) etc.

The most prominent example, however, remains the men's rugby team or the 'All Blacks'. Initially called Maorilanders, the New Zealanders or even the Colonials, the rugby team got the classic nickname during the 1905 tour to the British Isles, France and Canada, when they ditched white shorts for black ones. While the obvious theory is that the name was a result of the all-black uniforms, according to an original 'All Black', it was borne out of a printing error. Speaking at the team's 50th Jubilee celebrations in 1955, rugby player Billy Wallace said the name was a typo in the Daily Mail. After the visiting team's 63-0 win over Hartlepool, the English newspaper had intended to use the headline 'New Zealand team all backs', describing the forwards who could pass as well as any back. The printer, however, made it 'All Black'.

Other team names

In June 2005, Badminton New Zealand said it was considering a marketing-friendly moniker for its team: The Black Cocks. "We're quite happy with the Black Cocks if everyone thinks it's a good name... I know some people won't like it ... There will be some who will be offended - maybe," Badminton New Zealand chief executive Peter Dunne told the NZ Herald

Three months later, Badminton NZ said

the International Badminton Federation didn't want to see the game "lose its composure for the want of a gimmicky name". Badminton NZ president Nigel Skelt told the NZ Herald: "At the recent New Zealand Open, crowds were yelling out 'c'mon the Black Cocks'. Whether the team actually adopt the name officially, they're already known as the Black Cocks."

In June 2019, the most successful Super Rugby side Canterbury Crusaders launched an extensive review, three months after the Christchurch mosque shooting. The Christchurch-based team's name and logo were put under scanner for the references to the medieval Crusades. Its logo – a knight brandishing a sword - was changed to a Maori motif.

"While the main focus of the brand review was not the club's name, it did consider whether alternative name options would more accurately reflect the club's identity and story," a joint statement by the Crusaders and NZ Rugby said. "Ultimately, it was decided that no name better represented the club's commitment to living its values - crusading for social improvement and inclusiveness, and crusading with heart for our community and for each other - than 'Crusaders' did."

New Delhi



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No. F. ()/Ar. MP/2021-2022/6894-6944 Dated: 24.8.2021 NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR WORKS

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR WORKS Bids for the PROVIDING, LAYING, JOINTING, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF RISING, DISTRIBUTION PIPELINE OF VARIOUS SIZES/TYPES TO PROVIDE FHTC CONNECTIONS AT 17 VILLAGES (14 SCHEMES) AND THERE DHANIES INCLUDING ONE YEAR DEFECT LABILITY PERIOD OF MVS & SVS, UNDER JIM IN THE JURISDICTION OF PHED DIVISION BEAWAR DISTT. AJMER. (Estimated cost of work- Rs. 1498.62 lacs) are invited from interested bidders upto 14.09.2021. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://spp.raj.nic.in) of the state. UBN No.: PHE2122WLOB06390 NIB No.: PHE2122A2894 Sd/-(Mukul Bhargav Additional Chief Engined PHED, Region, Ajme

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दिनांक : 27 / 08 / 202 **Date Extension Notice-1** Due to unavoidable reasons, the dates of tender invited for "Hiring the services of Ambulance, fitted with all standard accessories, medica facilities and fittings as required for round-the-clock duty (i.e. 24X7), on rental basis for 12 months for nearby village affected people of Vyasi project UJVN Limited."against NIT No. 04/UJVNL/03/EE (Civil-I)/VP/

2021-22 are hereby extended as follows: Last Date of availability of bid document on website: 03.09.2021 upto11:59 PM.

Last Date for submission of offline original document: 04.09.2021 up to 05:00 PM

Date and time of opening of bid: 06.09.2021(03:30 PM)

All other terms & conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website. Further details can be seen from the Nigam's website <u>https://www.ujvnl.com</u>

EE (Civil-I) Vyasi Project "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग पिश को 5-249404 पत्रांकः 62/69/04/सीठआर0(मुठअठआग्रिठ)/सेवा-01/2018-19

दिनांक :: 27 अगस्त, 2021

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कार्यालय, नगर पालिक निगम, कोरबा (छत्तीसगढ)

ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट निविदा सूचना

दिनांक 25.08.2021 क्र./ज.प्र./2021/1235 एकीकत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखि नेर्माण कार्य हेतु (Online) आनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

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परोक्त कार्यों की निविदा की जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <u>http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in</u> डाऊनलोड की जा सकती है, साथ ही निगम के वेब साईट www.korbamunicipal.in एवं vww.korbaurbanecg.gov.in पर भी देखी जा सकती है। ।। स्वच्छ भारत निर्माण में योगदान दें।।

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IVN LIMITED H.O.: "UJJ site: www.ujvnl.c

पत्रांक सं. 610 दिनांक 26.08.202 **Tender Notice** Office of the Executive Engineer PCM-Dakpathar UJVN1 td Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tendersis given below :

Tender No. 11/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2021-22, 12/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2021-22. 13/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2021-22, 14/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2021-22 & 15/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2021-22

Name of work: 1- Civil Maintenance & Repair of Khodri Power House and its associate structure at Khodri. 2- Civil Maintenance & Repair works of Dakpathar Barrage, Dakpathar

Dehradun. 3- Civil maintenance & repair of B-type residences of Tons colony at

Dakpathar, Dehradun. 4- Annual Upkeep and Gardening Works Related to Ichari Dam (Dehradun) 5- Upkeep Works Related to Dakpathar Barrage at Dakpathar (Dehradun) Estimated cost : (1)- 20,47,868.35(GST Extra), (2)- 16,99,988.00 (GST Extra), (3)- 16,87,273.26 (GST Extra), (4)- 12,73,904.00 (GST Extra), (5)- 9,39,848.00 (GST Extra) Date of availability of bid document on website : 26.08.2021 from 11:00 Hrs. Last date for submission of tender 18 09 2021 up to 15:00 Hrs. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com' "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity" Executive Engineer(PCM)



THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

SALUTE THE SOLDIER MARTYRDOM On 28 AUGUST

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In everlasting memory of Late Subedar Manohar Lal,SM who made the supreme sacrifice for the honour Of the Nation on 28 Aug 1993 in J&K. His Memory will continue to inspire all ranks of SHOLAS. CO & All Ranks 16 RAJPUT

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

L.NO.B12S/SKILL DEVELOPMENT/2021 DATED. 25.08.2021 **NOTIFICATION**

PRADHANMANTRI KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJNA **RAIL KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJNA**

Notification for the application of 'Kaushal Vikas Training Program' in Electrician and Machinist Trade for STC/Jhansi and Welder and Fitter Trade for Wagon Repair Workshop Year 2021-22 (1st & 2nd Batch).

A short term (3 week) Kaushal Vikas Training Program (Skil Development) is being organized by STC, Jhansi for the Youths under 'Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojna' Electrician and Machinist Trade for STC/Jhansi and Welder and Fitter Trade for Wagor Repair Workshop, JHS. Each Trade will have 15 males/Females in this Training Program and this program is free of cost and without any allowances. Eligibility. :-

- **1.** Qualification: Matriculation (10th Standard Pass)
- : 18 to 35 Years (as on 31.08.2021). 2. Age (for other important information please see Annexure-A)

nterested candidates may obtain form (As Annexure-B) from Supervisors Training Centre, Jhansi or download from the Website www.railkvy.in or downloaded from the departmental website www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in of N.C.Railway with the following path.

About us - Training Centre-Supervisors Training Centre-RKVY Please do mention full name, father's name, Address Educational Qualifications and Mobile no/Email in the application form.

Required Documents:-

Notice Title

Corrigendum Type

Self- attested photocopy of the following documents are required along with the application -

- 1. Mark sheet of matriculation (if date of birth not mentioned or mark sheet then Certificate also) and
- 2. For proof of identity-any one document out of Aadhar card Voter ID, Ration Card.

Application will not be accepted if the above required documents are not submitted along with the application form. Candidates will be selected on the basis of the marks obtained in Matriculation. Application duly filled can be dropped in the Box placed in the office of Dy.Director, Supervisors Training Centre, Near Wagon Repair Workshop, Prem nagar, Jhansi (UP.) Pin code-284003 OR by ordinary post on the address mentioned above from 27.08.2021 to 08.09.2021 (up to 5:00PM).

List of selected candidates for the training Program will be displayed on the Notice Board of STC/JHS on 10.09.2021 and the selected candidates will also be informed personally on the mobile number/ email mentioned in their application.

Training of 1st Batch will be conducted from 13/09/2021 to 05/10/2021 and for 2nd Batch from 08/11/2021 to 01/12/2021 on Monday to Friday 9:30 AM to 14:30 PM & on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 13:00 PM. For detail information please visit or Website www.railkvy.in 952/21 (AN) F North central railways | www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in 👿 @ CPRONCR

Notice Inviting Tender for appointment of Station Ticket Booking Agents (STBAs) of ontract basis at "E" category stations over Delhi Division (File No.C6/STBA/Policy/II/2018) C6/STBA/Policy/II/2018 Tender No. Appointment of "42" Station Ticket Booking Agents Name of the work and its (STBAs) for issue of Unreserved Tickets through Computerized Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) for a period of Three years on contract basis at "42" locations locations of `E' Category Railway Stations over Delh Divisior Rs. 1,000/- + 18% GST i.e. 1180/- (Rs. One thousand One Hundred Eighty only) 3 Cost of Tender Rs. 2,000/- (Rs. Two Thousand only) Earnest Money to be deposited Commercial Branch, DRM Office, State Entry Road, Address of the office from New Delhi w.e.f- 31.08.2021 to 28.09.2021 on working days in between 11.00 hours to 17.00 hours where the tender form can be purchased Open Tender Tender Type 29.09.2021 upto 15.00 hours at Tender Room Date & time for submission of tender and opening of Commercial Branch DRM Office. State Entry Road the tender New Delhi thereafter, it shall be open on sai at 15.10 hours. 8 Where complete details of Tender Notice and Tender Documents is available at tender can be seen Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indiar railways.gov.in in PDF format. 1941/21 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ E-TENDER NOTICE No. 08-2021 (Medical) DATE : 26-08-2021 E-TENDER NOTICE Chief Medical Supdt. N.C. Railway AGRA acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only

(E-Tendering) for the following work. Complete sanitation Work of West Colony

Jaipur Mandal Colony, 27 Qtrs colony & Newly Name of work built 120 Qtrs. Railway Colony & Garbage, Dead with it's location animals disposal NCR MTJ. Rs. 3318672 (Rupees Thirty Three Lac Eighteer Approx. Cost of Thousand Six hundred Seventy Two only)

For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids through web portal "www.ireps.gov.in" upto 12:30 hrs on 17.09.2021. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ognored. 946/21 (SP



<u>Notice</u>

Advertisement No.- 01/2021 of Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited was published for engagement as Member, Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum in its headquarter Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Hazaribagh, Dumka and Medninagar on contract basis. Last date of submission of application was 16.08.2021.

As directed, in the subject matter, the last date for submission of filled application with all required documents and credentials is hereby extended upto 15.09.2021 at 5.00 PM. The applicants who have submitted application as on 16.08.2021 need not require to submit further application.

खहित एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को

PR.NO.252214 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(21-22):D

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Government of Jharkhand Rural Development Department Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, FFP building, Ranchi

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(Phone: 0651-2446776. Email: cfp.jharkhand@gmail.com) **CORRIGENDUM On Very Short Notice**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMPANELMENT OF CSOs FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CLUSTER FACILITATION PROJECT (CFP) AT BLOCK LEVEL.

With reference to our advertisement no. 15-553/ CFP/ 2020/ R.D. (N) 922 (encl.) Dated: 05.08.2021 PR No. 250922 regarding Announcement of Empanelment of CSOs published in newspapers dated 07.08.2021. The number of CFP team & HR for block mentioned against Gopikandar and Shikaripara in Annex III Part B, Application process 4.3 associated with uploading of proposal in the said advertisement has been mentioned inadvertently which may be overlooked and ignored. The corrected version is made available in the websites www.jslps.org/career& http://rdd.jharkhand.gov.in/rdd/circular-notifications/. All the interested parties



PR 250575 (Science & Technology) 21-22 (D) :- Date Extend

Corrigendum Title -: Extension of the date for admission to M. Tech. (2021-2023) As directed, due to unavoidable circumstances the last date of application submission to the institute for M.Tech Course 2021-23 is extended to 13-09-2021. Also the Important dates are rescheduled as given below and the remaining terms and condition are same which has been given

earlier. a. Last date for form submission: 13-09-2021 (Monday) and hard copy should reach on or before **15-09-2021**(Wednesday)

b. Intimation to short listed Candidates: 18.09.2021 (Saturday) (through Institute website). ^a Counseling cum admission of GATE qualified Candidates: 23-09-2021 (Thursday) to 25-09-2021 (Saturday) (Tentative).

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. सामान्य **निविदा तिथि विस्तारीकरण सचना** इस कार्यालय द्वारा इण्डियन एक्सप्रैस (अंग्रेजी दैनिक), नई दिल्ली एवं दैनिक जागरण (हिन्दी दैनिक), मुरादाबाद में दिनांक 25.07.2021 को प्रकाशित सामान्य निविदा-76/ई.टी.सी.द्वि./एम./ 2021 जोकि दिनांक 28.08.2021 को खोली जानी थी, अपरिहार्य कारणवश उक्त निविदा दिनांक 07.09.2021 को खोली जायेगी एवं 01 नग डीजल चालित वाहन ड्राईवर सहित 12 माह के स्थान पर 10 माह हेतु उपलब्ध कराना होगा। जिसकी संशोधित धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/- निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590/- होगी। अन्य नियम व शर्तें यथावत् रहेंगी। ''राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचायें'' हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्यत पारेषण मंडल द्वितीय. उ.प्र. पावर टान्स कार्पो लि. मुरादाबाद पत्रांक 1192 दिनांक 27/08/21





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बायिन नहीं पहुंचा। जिनने सछेद रंग की ताईनदार बमोज,ये रंग की डाफ पैन्ट पहने हर है। जिस मी व्यक्ति को चंवध राम के बारे में कोई भी मुचना मिले तो नीचे तिखे छोन नमारों पर सुपित करें।









- d. Second Counseling cum admission to GATE qualified candidates: 04-10-2021 (Monday) to 05 -10-2021 (Tuesday).
- Date for 3rd round Counseling cum admission of GATE qualified candidates: 08-10-2021 (Friday)
- Interview/admission of sponsored candidates: 11-10-2021 (Monday)
- Date of interview of Non-GATE Candidates: 18-10-2021 (Monday) to 20-10-2021 (Wednesday) g h
- Declaration of result of Non-GATE Candidates: 22-10-2021 (Friday) Admission of Non-GATE Candidates: 25-10-2021 (Monday)
- Class commencing date: will be notified later.
- Further details can be seen on website : www.bitsindri.ac.in

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SR NÖ	NAME OF DEPARTNENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	ANOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWO B&R, JIND	SPECIAL REPAIR AND WIDENING WITH HARD SHOULDERING AND STRENGTHENING OF VARIOUS ROADS IN JULANA AND SAFIDON CONSTITUENCY UNDER HEAD 3054 IN PROVINCIAL DIVISION, JIND	CLOSING DATE 15.09.2021	638.25 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9466421395 pvdeepdjind@gmail.com
2	PWO B3R, JIND	CONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING WITH HARD SHOULDERING & STRENGTHENING OF VARIOUS ROADS IN JULANA CONSTITUENCY UNDER HEAD SISSA IN PROVINCIAL DOVISION, JIND	CLOSING DATE 16.09.2021	589.67 LACS	https://etenders.try.nic.in	9466421395 pwdeepdjind@gmail.com
1	PWD B&R, GURUGRAM	PROVIDING N.G. AND ALLIED WORKS IN SCH SOHNA IN DISTRICT GURUGRAM.+S OTHER WORKS	26,08,2021 08,09,2021	3.45 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2325674 pwd-eeed-gurgaon@hry.nic.in
ŧ	PWD BSR, KARWAL	RESTORATION OF DAMAGED CAUSED DUE TO LAYING OF SEIVER LINE BY PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT ON MILOKHERI KARSA DHAND ROAD TO PASTANA (ROAD 3D-7423) IN NILOKHERI BLOCK DISTRICT, KARNAL)	27.08.2021 16.09.2021	67.45 UACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9050620000 pwd-eepd-kamal@hry.nic.in
5	HEALTH DEPARTMENT PANCHKULA	PROCUREMENT OF STATIONERY AND PRIVITING (TEMS	04.09.2021 20.09.2021	Emd 30000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7888335090 dhs.cspkl@hry.nic.in
6	HEALTH DEPARTMENT CIVIL SURGEON, HISAR	SUPPLY OF PRESH PACKED LUNCH / BUFFET LUNCH AND REFRESHMENT ITEMS	27.08 2021 06.09.2021	EMD 10000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416590014 dhs.cshsr@hry.nic.in
Ţ	HEALTH DEPARTMENT HISAR	SUPPLY OF STATIONERY AND RELATED ITEMS	27.08.2021 06.09.2021	EMD 5000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416590014 dhs.cshsr@hry.nic.in
8	SHKM GOVT NEDICAL COLLEGE IVALHAR NUH HARYANA	OUTSOURCE ANNUAL CONFREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR OPERATION REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE/INCLUSIVE CONSUMABLE AND SPARE PARTS) OF HVWC SYSTEM INSTALLED.	CLOSING DATE 21.09.2021	2.30 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01267-282007 terdergmonewat@gthail.com
9	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ZILA PARISHAD/DRDA FARIDABAD	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION/COVIS. & COMMISSIONING OF GOBARDHAN PROJECT IN GRAM PANCHAYAT MOHINA, BLOCK BALLABGARH, DISTRICT FARIDABAD (DNIT BAGED ON HSR 1988)	25.08.2021 06.09.2021	68.57 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0129-2227922 fodhsstm@gmal.com
10	PANCHAYATI RAJ FARIDASAD	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL OF PANCHAYAT LAND AT VILLAGE + ATERNA BLOCK - BALLABGARH DISTT FARIDABAD + 2 NOS OTHER WORKS	30,08,2021 05,09,2021	23.431.405	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0129-4313645 prexeeing.fbd@try.nic.in
н	PANCHAYATI RAJ FARIDABAD	CONSTRUCTION OF MODEL POND AT VILLAGE - TIGAON BLOCK - TIGAON DISTL - FARIDABAD	30.08.2021 08.09.2021	46.72 LACS	https://etenders.try.nic.in	0129-4313645 prexeeng/bd@tryzric.in
12	PANCHAYATI RAJ ANBALA	PDS EL WORK IN UNAMI HOSPITAL AT VILLAGE SIHOL DISTT. PALWAL (RE- CNLL)	27.08.2021 03.09.2021	1.40 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7676821204 prexeengelec.amb@try.nic.in
13	PANCHAYATI RAJ HISAR	1.) DEVELOPMENT OF NODEL POND AT VILLAGE ADAMPLIR BLOCK ADAMPUR GANDA PANI, POND 1D BIHRHSRADM0034ADAM011+5 OTHER WORK	27.08.2021 10/09.2021	9.47 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nicin	9416498853 prexeenguhsr@hryukic.in
14	RANCHAYATI RAJ CHARKHI DADRI	CONSTRUCTION OF 144 RWH/RWH-RAIN WATER HARVESTING SYSTEM) IN DISTT CHARKHI DADRI	28.08.2021 03.09.2021	28.32 LACS	https://etenders.fry.nic.in	9416071464 xenprcharkhidadri@gmail.com
15	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, ROHTAK	RECONSTRUCTION OF V.R. BRIDGE AT RD 138500 OF DRAIN NO. 8 + 4 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 15/09-2021	14.33 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8059375563 xensampla@gmail.com
16	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARMANA, NARWWAA	RE-CONSTRUCTION OF V.R. BRIDGE AT RD 22750 OF SHUDKAN DISTY AND OTHER 03 WORKS.	CLOSING DATE 20.09.2021	15.33 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7588925704 xen-wsnrwJm@gov.in
176	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, KURUKSHETRA	PERIODICAL REPAIR OF CANAL REST HOUSE PEHOWA IN CANAL COLONY, PEHOWA KURUKSHETRA. + 5 OTHER WORKS	27.08.2021 15.09.2021	48.61 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9996608432 xerwssivnikiza@gmail.com

should submit their application through email - cfp.jharkhand@gmail.com. All remaining terms and conditions and last date of submission of application forms would remain the same.				
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1.	Document Download period	26-07-2021 at 5.00 PM to 25-08-2021 upto 5.00PM	26-07-2021 at 5.00 PM to 06-09-2021 upto 5.00 PM	
2.	Bid Submission period (Online)	19-08-2021 at 10.00 AM to 25-08-2021 upto 5.00PM	19-08-2021 at 10.00 AM to 06-09-2021 upto 5.00 PM	
3.	Bid Submission End Date (Offline/Hardcopy)	27-08-2021 upto 3.00PM	08-09-2021 upto 3.00 PM	
4.	Date of opening of RFP	27-08-2021 at 4.00 PM	08-09-2021 at 4.00 PM	
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<u>INVITING E-TENDER BID</u>

NIT No.112/ PR/JBVNL/2021-22

Selection of agency for "Supply, Installation, and Maintenance and Operation of Bill Collection Any Time Payment (ATP) machines at various locations under the jurisdiction of JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED under Rate Contract Arrangement"

SI. No.	Event	Timelines
t.	Date of Publication of Notice in Newspaper	28,08,2021
ii.	Start date & time for downloading the tender documents	From 30/08/2021 at 10:30 Hrs.
	Last date & time for submission of clurification, if any on the document for pro-bid meeting / Pro-bid Queries (Through E-mail Only)	Lpin 06/09/2021 at 18:00 Hrs.
iv	Last date & time of receipt of bid documents (Online)	Upto 20/09/2021 at 18:00 Hrs.
۲	Last date of physical submission of Tender Fee & EMD	Upto 22/09/2021 at 18:00 Hrs.
wi l	Due date for opening of Technical Bid (Part-I)	23409/2021 at 13:00 Hrs.

Note:

In view of the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, JBVNL has decided that no pre-bid meeting shall be conducted. Bidders shall be required to submit their pre-bid queries through email only.

Contact Officials:-General Manager (Revenue)- 8987504018 Electrical Executive Engineer (Revenue) – 9661842194

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021 17 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 56,124.72 ▲ 175.62 (0.31%) NIFTY: 16,705.20 ▲ 68.30 (0.41%) NIKKEI: 27,641.14 ▼ 101.15 HANG SENG: 25,407.89 ▼ 7.80 FTSE: 7,112.98 ▼ 12.00 DAX: 15,785.00 ▼ 8.62

POLICY WATCH CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

MCA clarifications on CSR spends: What will change?

KARUNJIT SINGH NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

THE CORPORATE Affairs Ministry has clarified that ex-Corporate Social cess Responsibility (CSR) spends prior to FY21 cannot be set off against such future CSR expenditure requirements and that corporate donations to government schemes cannot be counted as CSR.

What is the clarification on setting off excess CSR

EXPLAINED

expenditure? Companies with a minimum net worth of Rs 500 crore, turnover of Rs 1,000 crore, or net profit of Rs 5 crore

are required to spend at least 2 per cent of their average profit for the previous three years on CSR activities every year. The MCA has clarified that any CSR expenditure in excess of the mandated 2 per cent expenditure can be set off against mandatory CSR spends in the three subsequent fiscals.

However, excess expenditure prior to FY21 is not eligible to be set off against future

'US court sets timelines for Cairn-govt case

New Delhi: A US federal court in Washington has set timelines for responses to be filed to an Indian government petition, seeking dismissal of a suit by Britain's Cairn Energy that sought enforcement of a \$1.2 billion arbitral award.

Judge Richard J Leon of the US District Court for the District of Colombia has given Cairn time till September 10 to file a response to the government's 'Motion to Dismiss' petition. Thereafter, the government can file a reply in support of its motion by October 1.

This can be countered by Cairn by October 20 and a further ths have been granted to the Indian government to file its reply in support of its motion, according to an August 25 order of the court. PTI

The MCA has clarified

that any CSR expenditure in excess of the mandated 2% can be set off against mandatory spend in 3 subsequent fiscals

CSR requirements. The government had in May notified that donations made to the PM CARES Fund on March 31, 2020

in excess of CSR requirements could be set off against CSR expenditure requirements for FY21.

What are other key clarifications?

The MCA has clarified that firms have to ensure that funds transferred to implementing agencies are actually utilised for them and to be counted towards mandatory CSR spends. Madhu Sudan Kankani, partner, Deloitte India, said, "Simply transferring money to NGOs may not be enough to

meet the requirement." Full report on www.indianexpress.com

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

Board of India (Sebi) has banned

Kotak Mahindra Asset Manage-

ment Company from launching

fixed maturity plan (FMP)

delayed payment of full proceeds

to investors of six FMP schemes

The action came as Kotak AMC

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schemes for six months.

'POLICY CHANGE WHEN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY SHOWS DURABILITY' Actions to be calibrated, won't shock or surprise markets: Das wards of 5 per cent - in between

RBI officials **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** meet 11 SFBs

RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) Mumbai: Top RBI officials led by Deputy Governors MKJain dicated that the central bank might consider changing the and M Rajeshwar Rao on course of the monetary policy Friday held a discussion with MD & CEOs of 11 small fiwithout giving any "sudden shock or any sudden surprises to the nance banks (SFBs) on issues markets" when the revival of ecolike risk management, comnomic activity shows signs of pliance and oversight. ENS

den surprises to the markets."

"Once we are convinced that prise," Das told CNBC in an interthe economic recovery process which is as I've said a couple of view. "All our actions will be calidays earlier is now delicately they will be cautious and they will poised - and the revival of ecokeep in mind aspects like what you nomic activity shows signs of are mentioning. We don't want to durability and sustainability, I give any sudden shock or any sudthink that should be an appropriate time for the RBI or for the monetary policy to perhaps consider it exceeded 6 per cent. But now it change in our course," he said.

"At this point of time, we are watching the revival of the economic activity - there is still uncertainty prevailing around the pandemic," Das said. "Today morning, I was looking at the new cases in India and they have again inched up to about 46,000 new cases, compared to about between 30-40,000 new cases almost on a daily basis," he said.

"Our effort has been to nurture the recovery process, and it is satisfving to note that the economy and all activities have responded well to the impulses which were generated from the central bank," Das said. "Now we are in a situation where the inflation seems to be spiking up."

It has, in fact, remained up-

'States' fiscal deficit in FY22 to moderate to 4.1% of GDP'

States' aggregate fiscal deficit may ease to 4.1% of GDP in FY22, from 4.3% expected earlier, India Ratings & Research said

32.4% Expected aggregate debt/GDP ratio for FY22, in line with slight moderation in fiscal deficit forecast, against previous estimate of 34%

1.3% of GDP Expected aggregate revenue deficit of states in FY22

₹3,95 lakh cr Aggregate revenue receipts of 14 states for Q1FY22

Source: Ind-Ra/PT

Better revenue receipts expected: Revenue receipts of states are expected to improve, backed by an economic recovery, resulting from a large section of the populace receiving vaccinations, which would lead to states further easing restrictions

Sebi bars Kotak AMC from launching FMPs for 6 months September of that year. Ordinarily,

run by the AMC. Sebi has also imposed a penalty of Rs 50 lakh on the mutual fund, which is to be paid within 45 days. THE SECURITIES and Exchange

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Governor Shaktikanta Das has in-

durability and sustainability.

"We are fully conscious and

will not try to make any changes

which take the market by sur-

brated, they will be well-timed,

It has also asked the AMC to refund part of the investment management and advisory fees collected from unitholders of six FMP schemes with 15 per cent interest per annum. to be calculated from the date of FMP maturity to the date of actual payment.

The case pertains to six



schemes had invested in Essel group and other firms, which had defaulted on their payments. The fund house only paid the

investors fully by September 2019. In short, the FMPs that were due for maturity in April-May, were in fact fully redeemed only in



REMARKS AT JACKSON HOLE CONFERENCE Powell sticks to 'this year' timeline for bond-buying taper

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REUTERS WASHINGTON, AUGUST 27

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (India

GOLD

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has gone below 6 per cent -

of the financial sector," he said.

this wouldn't be a problem, except

that in doing so, the fund house vi-

zero-coupon non-convertible

debentures issued by Konti

Infrapower & Multiventures Pvt

Ltd and Edison Utility Works Pvt

Ltd – both the issuers belonged to

the Essel group, which was the

promoter of Zee Entertainment

Enterprises Ltd.

These schemes had invested in

olated various norms, Sebi said.

which is the upper band, he said. "The RBI's effort and the effort US FEDERAL Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, in a speech that afof the Monetary Policy Committee has been — first, it switched over firmed an ongoing US economic to an accommodative stance, rerecovery and explained why there is no rush to tighten moneduced the policy rates, and the effort was to create congenial finantary policy, gave a detailed accial conditions in which the count on Friday of why he regards economy can come back to nora spike in inflation as temporary malcy," he said. "... we have taken and offered no signal on when the about 100-odd measures since central bank plans to cut its asset March last year to mitigate the impurchases beyond saying it could pact of Covid on the economy. So, be "this year.'

our effort has been to nurture the In remarks to the annual economy by providing material fi-Jackson Hole economic confernancial conditions and various ence, Powell indicated the Fed policy measures - monetary and will remain cautious in any evenregulatory policy included some tual decision to raise interest rates relaxations with regard to the as it tries to nurse the economy to banking sector and other aspects full employment, saying he wants to avoid chasing "transitory" inflation and potentially discouraging job growth in the process - a defense in effect of the new approach to Fed policy he introduced a year ago.

On the separate and potentially imminent decision by the US central bank to begin reducing its \$120 billion in monthly purchases of US Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities Powell said he agreed with the majority of his colleagues that if job growth continues it "could be appropriate ... this year."

The weeks since the Fed's policy meeting in July "brought more progress" towards repairing the jobs market, Powell said, with nearly a million positions added and continued progress expected.

But it also coincided with "the further spread of the Delta variant" of the coronavirus, Powell noted, raising risks that



US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell speaks as a trader works at the New York Stock Exchange. Reuters

would need to be evaluated as the debate over the bond-buying "taper" continues ahead of the Fed's September 21-22 polcy meeting

Following Powell's signal that the Fed would be patient in winding down stimulus, the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq hit new highs. S&P 500 rose 0.79 per cent to 4,505.11, Dow Jones Industrial Average by 0.61 per cent to 35.426.16. and Nasdag Composite by 1.08 per cent to 15,106.87.

Meanwhile, the dollar slid after the market perceived a highly anticipated speech by Powell to be dovish. The dollar index, which measures the greenback's performance against a basket of six major currencies, fell 0.42 per

cent to 92.6540. Further, the benchmark 10vear notes fell to 1.322 per cent. down from around 1.341 per cent before Powell's comments were released. The yields briefly reached a two-week high of 1.375 per cent on Thursday.

Dholera Industrial City dhulera Development Limited (DICDL) -A NEW ERA **TENDER NOTICE** "RfQ cum RfP for Earth Filling Phase-II in Selected Plots of

Activation Area in Dholera Special Investment Region, Dholera NICDIT and Dholera Special Investment Region Development Authority (DSIRDA formed a SPV as Dholera Industrial City Development Limited (DICDL) for implementation of projects.

DICDL in the capacity of Employer invites RfQ cum RfP for aforesaid Work. The salien features of the project, eligibility criteria and prescribed formats for submission of Application is available in the RfQ cum RfP document uploaded on the website www.nprocure.com as amended from time to time including time extension if any.

Interested applicants are requested to participate by submitting the online proposal on or before 24th September 2021 3:00 PM and physical bid submission n or before 27th September 2021 3:00 PM at address mentioned below. The bio submission shall be accompanied with a non refundable Tender document fee of INR 23,600 (Indian Rupees Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Only) including 18% GST in the form of demand draft in favour of "Dholera Industrial City Development Limited" payable at Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India. The Bid submission may be addressed to: DHOLERA INDUSTRIAL CITY DEVELOPMENT LIMITED 6th Floor, Block No. 1 and 2, Udyog Bhavan, Sector 11, 'GH-4' Circle, Gandhinagar - 382011, Gujarat, India. CIN: U45209GJ2016SGC085839 Email: gm1-dicdl@gujarat.gov.in & srmgrcp-dicdl@gujarat.gov.in Phone: + 91-079-29750500

Sebi building in Mumbai. File



Briefly -

PSB heads tenure

New Delhi: The government has extended the tenures of Punjab National Bank MD-CEO S S Mallikarjuna Rao and Bank of Maharashtra MD-CEO AS Rajeev.

CoC conduct

New Delhi: The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India proposed a code of conduct for the committee of creditors (CoC) under IBC.

Cases under IBC

New Delhi: Over 17,800 cases involving Rs 5.5 lakh crore were disposed of at pre-admission stage till July under IBC, Corporate Affairs Secretary Rajesh Verma said.

Tata Motors

New Delhi: Tata Motors got nod from National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Mumbai bench to hive off its passenger vehicles unit. **PTI**

Coin distribution

Mumbai: The RBI has increased incentives for banks for distribution of coins to the general public to Rs 65 from Rs 25 per bag. The central bank said this has been done keeping in view the overall objectives of clean note policy. ENS

China cos algo

Beijing: China plans to tighten oversight of algorithms technology companies use to drive business. **REUTERS** **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

Early harvest agreements are used

to liberalise tariffs on the trade of

certain goods between two coun-

tries or trading blocs before a com-

New Delhi: The rupee on Friday

rose to a level not seen in over 10

weeks, surging 53 paise to close at

73.69 against the US dollar taking

cues from bullish equities ahead of

the key speech from US Federal

the rupee since June 16 this year.

175.62 points, or 0.31 per cent, to

its new closing peak of 56,124.72

- the first time it has closed above

56,000 – driven by strong buying

in infrastructure, finance and

pharma stocks. The market capi-

talisation of BSE-listed companies

This is the best closing level for

Meanwhile, the Sensex rose

Reserve Chair Jerome Powell.

INDIA AND Australia are planning to conclude an early harvest trade deal by December, the two countries said in a joint statement on Friday. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Australia's Trade Minister Dan Tehan have directed

Regains 53p to 10-wk high



India, Aus to 'speed up talks' to

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal. File

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"...the ministers directed officials to speed up the negotiations and to meet as often as required to achieve an early harvest announcement by December 2021



According to the joint release both ministers discussed a way forward for a comprehensive economic cooperation agreement in a video conference on Thursday. There have been three rounds of talks between the chief trade negotiators of both nations, thus far. India is also currently working

on FTAs with the UK, Canada, UAE, Israel and the EU. Goval had said the government is also working on an early harvest deal with the UK.

LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT

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Note : For more details, log on to website https://mahatenders.gov.in.

PRO/AAM(M)/57/2021

Deputy General Manager, Rajasthan House, 7, Prithviraj Road, New Delhi.

F-36/TNDER/RH/2021/151 Date: 18.08.202 Bid for Providing and Supplying Kirana items On Yearly Rate Contract at 7, Prithvira Road, Rajasthan House, New Delhi are invited from interested bidders. The bid wil open from 18.08.2021 at 04.00 P.M. till 28.08.2021 at 04.30 P.M. The tender value s Rs. 70,00,000.00 and other Particulars of the bids may be visited on the procurement portal (<u>https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in</u> and (https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in http://eproc.rajathan.gov.in) of the State NIB: GAD2122A0014 UBN: GAD2122GLRC00016

Deputy General Manage Rajasthan House, New Delhi

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GENERAL MANAGER

राजस्थान सरकार मत्स्य विभाग, पशुधन भवन, टोंक रोड, जयपुर कमांक: एफ २(४)निम/लेखा/ठेका/२०२१–२२/९१९४ दिनांकः 18/08/202 नीलामी बोली सूचना संख्या-11

राज्य में स्थित आजीविका मिशन के तहत संचालित जलाशयों से निकाली गई महालियों के कय लिए वर्ष 2021 से 31.03.2024 तक स्टेजेज बढ़ोतरी के तहत ठेके पर देने हेतु नीलामी बोली आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त नीलामी बोली प्रपत्र दिनांक 07.09.2021 को दोपहर 1:00 बजे तक विक्रय की जाकर 2.00 बजे तक जमा की जायेगी तथा उसी दिनांक को दोपहर 2.30 बजे उपस्थित बोलीदाताओं या उनके प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष खोली जायेगी। नीलामी बोली से संबंधित विस्तृत सुचना एवं शर्ते मत्स विभाग की वेबसाईट www.fisheries.rajasthan.gov.in एवं आयुक्त, सूचना एवं जनसम्पत विभाग, राज. जयपुर की वेबसाईट www.diprrajasthan.gov.in पर अथवा कार्यालय में सम्पर्व कर देखी जा सकती है।

नीलामी बोली से संबंधित सभी अधिकार निदेशक मत्स्य राज. जयपुर के पास सुरक्षित रहेंगे हस्ता.

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U.P. JAL VIDYUT NIGAM LIMITED (A Govt. of Uttar Pradesh Enterprise) Shakti BhawanExtn., 12th Floor, Ashok Marg, Lucknow-226001 E-Tender Notice No. 04/EE(Design)/2021-22

Online e-Tenders in two parts are invited from manufacturers of accredited representatives for "Supply of 132 KV outdoor type 3 core Potential Transformer for metering and relaying service at 132 KV switchyard at Rihand & Obra Hydro Electric Project, Distric Sonebhadra(U.P.)."Cost of Tender inclusive of GST @ 18%: Rs.3540/-Earnest Money: Rs.40,000/-; Date of Opening (Part-I): 27.09.2021 (at 14.30 hrs); Last date for submission of e-bids online: 25.09.2021 (upto 14.00 hrs.).

Part-I of the e-bid shall contain uploaded techno-commercial bid along with documents in support of deposition of tender fee & earnest money (EMD). If EMD is submitted in form of BG then the original copy of same shall be submitted along with hardcopy of techno-commercial bid. Part Il shall contain price bid. Tender can be downloaded from and uploaded on e-procurement website: www.etender.up.nic.in. Last date for submission of hardcopy of techno-commercial bid documents shall be till 12:00hrs on the date of opening of part-1 of aforementioned e tender(s). Date of opening of price bid shall be intimated later Undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. Bidders should keep themselves updated in regard to publication of corrigendum (if any) by visiting e procurement portal regularly. If the date of opening will be a holiday, the tender shall be opened on next working day at the same time

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (DESIGN)

Save Electricity for Nation

SI. No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No. and Description of Work / Materials	Due date & time for Submission of Tender			
1	CE/ MECHANICAL/ COAL	COAL (Ship) - 84 Time chartering of one self trimming Panamax gearless vessel with the lay days from 10° to 25° October 2021 for Transportation of Coal.	13.09.2021 up to 14.30 hours			
The tender Specification can be down loaded from TANGEDCO website, www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app at free of cost. Tender will be opened						
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Calendar of events: (1) The tender document may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnatka from 27.08.2021. (2) Pre bid for 2 cover tender meeting will be held on 31.08.2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, BBMP. (3) Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 4:00 p.m. on 06.09.2021 and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. (4) Technical bids will be opened on the website https://eproc.karnataka gov.in in the office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahall Division, BBMP on 07.09.2021 @ 4:30 p.m. (5) Financial bids will be opened on the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.ir in the office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division BBMP on 08.09.2021 @ 4:30 p.m. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE





New Delhi



Microsoft warns cloud users of exposed databases DB database. A research team at

chief technology officer Ami

Luttwak is a former CTO at

Microsoft's Cloud Security Group.

nge those keys by itself, it emailed

customers Thursday telling them

to create new ones. Microsoft

agreed to pay Wiz \$40,000 for

Because Microsoft cannot cha-

REUTERS SAN FRANCISCO, AUGUST 27

MICROSOFT HAS warned thousands of its cloud computing customers, including some of the world's largest companies, that in-

truders could have the ability to read, change or even delete their main databases, according to a copy of the email and a cyber security researcher.

The vulnerability is in finding the flaw and reporting it, Microsoft Azure's flagship Cosmos as per an email it sent to Wiz.

Apple also will set up a \$100 million fund that will pay thousands of app developers covered in the lawsuit sums ranging from \$250 to \$30,000. App developers will get more flexibility to set different prices within their apps, expanding the options from about 100 to 500 choices.

74.39 **ASSOCIATED PRESS** BERKELEY, AUGUST 27 APPLE HAS agreed to let develop-August 20 August 27 jumped to an all-time high of



ers of iPhone apps email their users about cheaper ways to pay for digital subscriptions and media by circumventing a commis-

sion system that generates billions of dollars a year for the company. The concession announced late Thursday, which covers emailed notifications but does not allow in-app notifications, is part of a preliminary settlement of a nearly two-year-old lawsuit filed on behalf of iPhone app develop-

ers in the US. It also addresses an issue raised by a federal court judge who is expected to soon rule on a separate case brought by Epic thousands of companies. Wiz

Games, maker of the popular video game Fortnite.

security company Wiz discovered it was able to access keys that control access to databases held by

CALENDAR



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

No matter how often

experienced blank

stares or lack of

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

you have

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You must expect today's planetary aspects to keep you on your toes and deprive you of any rest or relaxation you had planned for the weekend. One thing is certain, that partners know

> You have been advised to be more

understanding, you must continue to make your point. Right now the crucial issue is likely to be financial and the best. Or, at least, they act as if best way to use your cash is to they do. Perhaps you'll have to the benefit of all. It's how you go about doing it go along with them for now. that matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) In many ways, the next few days

represent the beginning of a major

flexible in your intimate relationships. Now the planets new astrological phase. Aside will test you to see just how well you have absorbed this from the fact that the week lesson. Close partners will ahead may be somewhat challenge you to do things their problematic, make it your goal way, but you can teach them a to implement a programme of emotional and psychological thing or two about how to spring-cleaning. enjoy themselves.

One way to use your

time positively is to

physical well-being.

alignments, such as

are now subject, are

Challenging

those to which you

enhance vour

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22) Two possibilities arise from current planetary aspects. Either you may join in a bout of back-biting and gossip. Or you may set out to discreetly help other people with selfless dedication. At any rate, Mars' lively position brings wonderful social trends and a few surprises.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20) Brilliant social and romantic opportunities should not be passed up just because you have other commitments or obligations. Get out and enjoy yourself while you have the chance. Professional types are sensing

new responsibilities, but today

may not be the time to go

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

planetary aspects Enhanced status and are often more prestige are yours for desirable than those the taking. Career success may be one which promise an easy life. For factor, but prominence in your example, the weekend's Suncommunity is another. You will prospect of lively events at receive your just rewards for all home, even if some of them vour previous efforts. And vou leave you feeling just slightly will also receive another spate of benefits in about six

for them.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

must now indulge, is that which seeks spiritual truth and mystical revelation. It is all too easy to push such subtle, yet vital, considerations to one side. One word of advice, though - keep a very close and serious eye on vour finances.

One side of your character, which you

months' time.

Your practical nature stands you in good stead at times like these, but you may yet be swept away by emotion. Even chance statements from feelings. All you have to do is

make sure that they don't cost

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001 for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through

e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-							
Sr. No. Tender No. Brief Description Qty. Closing D				Closing Date			
01	83215208	Onco surgery set	01	17.09.2021			
NOTE-1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained. Tender Notice No. : 83215208 Date: 27.08.2021 1937/21							
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE							

Solutions Crossword 4519: Across: 1 Facet, 4 Brevity, 8 Art, 9 Architect, 10 Iterate, 111 Idols, 13 Grille, 15 Inlets, 18 Arena, 19 Thimble, 21 Good habit, 23 Alp, 24 Endorse, 25 Wedge. **Down:** 1 Fearing, 2 Catherine, 3 Tiara, 4 Backer, 5 Edition, 6 Ire, 7 Yetis, 12 Overboard, 14 Leather, 16 Steeple, 17 Stable, 18 Angle, 20 In tow, 22 Old.

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 guip So much is a man worth as he



Directorate of Local Bodies, Rajasthan (G-3, Rajmahal Residency, Near Civil Lines Railway Crossing, Jaipur) No. F.15(G)/DLB/DAY-NULM-CB&T/HR/21/34933

Directorate of Local Bodies invites online bids from HR agencies, which have requisite experience in this field as detailed in the bid document, which can be downloaded from the State E-Procurement website www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or from the state procurement portal www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in or from department website www.lsg.urban.rajasthan.gov.in from 24.08.2021. The bid can be submitted only through online on www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in up to 27.09.2021 by 4.00 PM. Sd/- (Deepak Nandi) UBN DLB2122SLOB13242 **Director & Special Secretary**

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MAVELI BHAVAN, GANDHI NAGAR, KOCHI -682020. PURCHASE SECTION – Ph.No: 0484-2207924,2206786,E-Mail: agmp@supplycomail.com				
No.P.10/27935/2021 Website: www.supplycokerala.com. Date: 26.08.2021				
TENDER NOTICE (ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDERING SYSTEM/E-AUCTION)				
The Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd (Supplyco) intends to purchase Pulses, Spices, Rice, Sugar etc through e-auction and e-tender. The e-tender will be accepted up to 2.00 PM on 07-09-2021.For details visit www.tenderwizard.com/KSCSC . Only suppliers possessing digital signatures will be permitted to participate in the e-tender. For e-auction please visit https://market.neml.in Corrigendum if any, will be published in the above website only.				

BOARD CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY

APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS

पत्रांक



PARIVARTAN INITIATIVE - INDIANOIL

IndianOil has launched Parivartan initiative to facilitate training programmes for prison inmates in select sports across prisons in India to help improve the physical and mental well-being of prison inmates.



FELICITATION - NTPC

Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda along with DK Patel, Dir (HR), NTPC felicitated the Indian Junior & Cadet Archery team of 36 members & congratulated the winners for receiving 15 medals at the Youth World Archery Championship.



प्रथम

CORPORATE BONDS – THDCIL

THDCIL has issued Secured Corporate Bonds Series-V with a base size of Rs 400 Cr with green shoe option of Rs 800 Cr with total issue size amounting to Rs. 1200 Cr having a tenor of 10 years.



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AWARD - PFC

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PFC has been conferred with the "Governance Now" Award in the category of "Strategic Performance" during the 8th PSU Awards organised by Governance Now. K Adhikari, MD, Governance Now, presented the award to RS Dhillon, CMD, PFC.



VACCINATION CAMP - CWC

CWC organised 3rd on-site Covid Vaccination Camp where staff of CWC, NAFED, CRWC, WDRA, DFPD & Outsourced Manpower, Security Guards & their family members were administered Covishield Vaccine at Corporate Office, ND.



<u>RITES</u> reported its standalone & consolidated financial results for the Quarter ended on 30th June, 2021. RITES Q1FY22 PAT is up by 19.8%, & it has declared an Interim Dividend of '2 per share.

OIL Oil India Board in its 524th Board Meeting approved the Q1 FY 2021-22 results. The Group Turnover and PAT of Oil India Lid. for the Q1 2021-22 have increased to Rs.6,205 cr and Rs.1,215 Cr, respectively. The Company's PAT in Q1 2021-22 has increased by Rs.756 Crore from loss of Rs. 248.61 cr in Q1 2020-21 to Profit of Rs. 507.94 cr in Q1 2021-22. EBITDA during the similar period also increased by 295% to Rs. 1,296.92 cr due to better oil price realization.

POWERGRID The International Council on Large Electric Systems France has presented the Technical Council Award for year 2021 to Anish Anand, ED, POWERGRID, during CIGRE's Centennial Session held on August 20, 2021. This prestigious award has been bestowed on two Indians prior to this, since its inception in 1993. Anish Anand is a prominent transmission line expert having more than 35 years of experience & has assumed various responsibilities and positions in POWERGRID over the years.

LIC A Special Revival Campaign has been launched by LIC for individual lapsed policies. Concessions are being offered in late fee for other than Term Assurance and High Risk Plans, depending on the total premiums paid. There are no concessions on medical requirements. Eligible Health and Micro Insurance plans also qualify for the concession in late fee. Under this Special Revival Campaign, policies of specific eligible plans can be revived within 5 years from the date of the First Unpaid Premium subject to certain terms and conditions.

<u>BIS</u> Recently, DG, BIS, extended his sincere thanks on behalf of the Dept. of Consumer Affairs & BIS to all the stakeholders associated with mandatory hallmarking. He said that the scheme has been a grand success because of their support and cooperation DG, BIS also said that there has been a gradual & satisfactory increase in the pace of hallmarking.

The Hindu Zone A webinar was organized recently by TheHinduZone.com for UPSC/CSE Aspirants. The Webinar was conducted on "Are Coachings Important for UPSC Preparation?" The Webinar was hosted by Ms. Zarine Khan from TheHinduZone.





BUDDHA PEACE AWARD 2021

Prof. Ranganathan. J, Honorary Consul of Myanmar in Chennai, received the Buddha Peace Award 2021, from R Teli, MOS, MoPNG, & HE Dr. Moe Kyaw Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to India, in presence of other dignitaries.





AWARD CEREMONY - TIOL

TIOL held the First Edition of National Taxation Awards 2020 at Taj, New Delhi recently. In total, 11 'Model Taxpayers' were awarded by several dignitaries and they constitute the First Batch in India. Second Edition is coming soon.



addition to his responsibilities in Delhi Transco Limited, he has also been assigned the duties of Special Secretary (Power), Controller (Weight & Measurement) and Director (HR) - Indraprastha Power Generation Company Limited & Pragati Power Corporation.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS







Delhi Transco Limited

has joined Delhi Transco Limited as Director (HR) recently. During his illustrious administrative career spanning over three

decades, Haque has held many challenging postings. In

115TH FOUNDATION DAY - INDIAN BANK Indian Bank recently celebrated its 115th Foundation Day, wherein RK Agarwal, ZM, ZO, Delhi(Central), provided ration material to families of the slum located in Princess Park & school bags along with study material to their children.

APPOINTMENT

Azimul Haque, an IAS officer of AGMUT cadre,

19 THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

In the middle of a fightback

Pujara (91*) and Kohli (45*) add 99 in an unbeaten third wicket stand as India reduce deficit to 139

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY AUGUST 28

IT WAS a day of redeeming the bruised egos. It was a day of responding to 78 all out. It was a day of the big guns.

India, after finishing Day Three of the third Test on 215/2, are still playing serious catch-up. They still trail by 139 runs after England were all out for 432 in the morning. They could have wilted under a mountain of runs and the excess baggage of a first innings batting implosion. Riding on their batting royalty, the tourists are fighting back instead.

Rohit Sharma was excellent until he was adjudged leg-before on umpire's call, a very marginal decision with the ball gingerly clipping the leg stump. Cheteshwar Pujara trusted his technique and thrived on positivity to remain unbeaten on 91. And during his 45 not out, Virat Kohli never showed any signs of a player searching for form. They neutralised James Anderson, who had an off day. They wore down the excellent Ollie Robinson and countered Craig Overton through quality and application, when the latter bowled a very good spell. The Headingley pitch is still playing true, although Joe Root managed to turn a couple of deliveries, once almost breaching Kohli's defence.

Bad light upset the England captain's plan to have a go with the second new ball late in the evening. The tourists will have to be ready for a fresh challenge on the fourth day.

Since the day Pujara picked up a cricket bat and started serious training under his father Arvind, technique has been an integral part of his game. Sometimes, when batsmen go through a string of low scores, they tinker with their technique. Pujara stayed true to the basic tenet of his game, trusting the process. He came out with a positive mindset after Overton ended KL Rahuls' unconvincing stay at the crease.

Facing a first innings deficit of 354 runs, teams look for a big opening partnership to rally. But 34/1 didn't deter Pujara. He was off the mark with a four, clipping Anderson through mid-wicket. Next over, Overton bowled full on the leg stump and Pujara whipped it for another boundary. It was an electric start from the so-called slow man, who always seems to be walking a tightrope.

Positive approach

The Indian batsmen took a leaf out of Root's book and targeted square-of-the-wicket and the third man region. Those are high-scoring areas at this ground. Pujara's hard grind that worked wonderfully well in Australia, wasn't proving to be effective in England, a country where the ball moves all day and a wicket ball is always around the corner. Brian Lara's advice to India's No. 3 was to "try and create a lot more shots". Pujara followed that in toto. He pulled with power, once almost taking leg umpire Richard Kettleborough out with a shot. He even played a ramp off Robinson for a four. As Pujara pulled Overton to reach

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ENGLAND vs INDIA				
HEADINGLEY				
Toss: India, chose to bat				
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32 (42b, 6x4)				
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Hameed, 62.6 ov), 3-298 (Dawid Malan, 93.6 ov), 4-				
350 (Jonny Bairstow, 107.3 ov), 5–360 (Jos Buttler,				
111.3 ov), 6-383 (Joe Root, 117.2 ov), 7-383 (Moeen				
Ali, 118.4 ov), 8–418 (Sam Curran, 127.1 ov), 9–431				
(Craig Overton, 131.5 ov), 10–432 (Ollie Robinson,				
132.2 ov)				
Bumrah 27.2-				

Isharit Sharifa 22-0-92-0, Jaspit Burnian 27.2-10-59-2, Mohammed Shami 28-8-95-4, Mohammed Siraj 23-3-86-2, Ravindra Jadeja 32-8-88-2

INDIA (2ND INNINGS)

R Sharma Ibw b Robinson 59	(156b, 7x4, 1x6)
KL Rahul c Bairstow b Overton	8 (54b)
C Pujara batting	91 (180b, 15x4)
Virat Kohli (c) batting	45 (94b,6x4)
Extras (b4, lb2 nb 4 w2)	12
Total (80 overs)	215/2
FoW: 1-34 (KL Rahul, 18.6 ov),	2–116 (Rohit
Sharma, 47.4 ov)	
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 Dowling:

 James Anderson 19-8-51-0, Ollie Robinson 18-4

 40-1, Craig Overton 17-6-35-1, Sam Curran 9-1

 40-0, Moeen Ali 11-1-28-0, Joe Root 6-1-15-0

his half-century, everybody, from Ravi Shastri to Ravi Ashwin, stood at the dressingroom balcony and clapped.

Rohit was application personified, not quite in the Geoffrey Boycott mould, which he was in the first innings. Today, he mixed aggression with caution. He played a ramp, hit a glorious bowler's back drive, steered deliveries down through third man and creamed a few through covers. He had a close shave, as Root delayed his decision to review an LBW appeal and the clock ran down.

Apart from that, the opener was in control. The Robinson delivery that got him, struck on the front pad and Rohit was rightly disappointed not to get the benefit of the doubt from the on-field umpire. His second wicket partnership with Pujara yielded 82 runs and supplied confidence.

Unlike their Indian counterparts, England quicks are basically swing bowlers. They move the ball in the air, while Jasprit Bumrah and company hit the deck. Little wonder then that the England fast bowlers always got nice shape on the ball, making things more challenging for the batsmen.

The India captain walked out to bat un



Cheteshwar Pujara remained unbeaten on 91 at stumps, his first half-century in 12 innings.

Anderson gives India breathing space

SANDIP G AUGUST 27

A TWIST of fate might have played a role in James Anderson's least potent day of this series so far. Upon resumption after lunch, which was taken at the stroke of KL Rahul's wicket, Joe Root reintroduced Anderson into the attack. A wise, if not straightforward, strategy considering the havoc he had wreaked on the Indian batting in general and Cheteshwar Pujara specifically. The only dilemma was the end he would bowl from.

In the first innings, in the swing-bowling schooling for the ages, Anderson had purred from the Football Stand End, up the slope. But Overton was bowling with splendid rhythm from that end, and hence it would have looked inappropriate if he were to switch ends.

Fast bowlers are notoriously picky about ends, though a virtuoso bowler like Anderson, in spellbinding rhythm, could adjust to any surface or slope, uphill or downhill. So, he glazed down the slope with characteristic zest from the Kirkstall Lane End.

But it soon became apparent that something was amiss with Anderson. He seemed jarring, suddenly bereft of flow and cadence. He gifted a brace of freebies on Pujara's pads, and the batsman obliged with a brace of boundaries. Anderson was looking to swing the ball back into Pujara, a trick he could summon with his eyes blindfolded. But here, everything that he looked to pitch on off-stump or outside landed on middle-stump or beyond. Anderson could not control the direction, sacrilegious as it might sound. To make the angle straighter, he came closer to the stumps. Yet, his fabled accuracy, and the curve and curl, deserted him. It was



The Kirkstall Lane End didn't suit James Anderson.

just a day ago that his in-swinger was a piece of pure geometry, when he had consistently hit the 'Headingley length' of around six metres from the stumps. Anderson carried a niggle or his wrists and fingers were aching; maybe, he didn't like the feel of that particular ball; maybe, it was the slope from the Kirkstall Lane End.

His travails had a two-fold effect. It took out the fear of the in-swinger in Pujara's mind. He just needed to be wary of the awayswinger or the wobble-seamer. Even with these tools alone, Anderson is a difficult proposition, but Pujara had wriggle room. And Anderson ignited his revival bid with boundary balls. More significantly, it disturbed and then disrupted him.

Later, he returned to his favourite end, but still could not regain the fluency of his action or the shape of the ball. In the process, he shortened his length a shade, over-compensated by bowling far more outside off-stump than he usually does, and intermittently fed Pujara with leg-side gifts. With Anderson off his usual gold standard, with his threat neutered, India were unshackled.

Strangely, Anderson has struggled for wickets at this ground than most other venues in England. He still averages 26.42 and strikes every 54th ball, but had to wait for 14 innings for his first five-for on this ground, and averaged 33 in his first seven games. Of the nine Test grounds he has showcased his art in England, Headingley has been his third least productive venue, after Cardiff and The Oval, despite the upturn since 2016 (23 wickets at 12.08 in four games since).

BRIEFLY -

Flick starts rebuilding squad

BILLIE JEAN CUP FROM NOV. 16 The twice-postponed finals of the Billie Jean King Cup will be played in Prague from November 16, the International

Tennis Federation said on Friday.

Berlin: Germany coach Hansi Flick made three new callups and recalled five players on Friday, including Borussia Dortmund captain Marco Reus among his first selections for upcoming World Cup qualifiers. Flick naming his first squad since taking over from Joachim Low continued the rebuilding started by his predecessor in calling up Hoffenheim midfielder David Raum Freiburg defender Nico Schlotterbeck and Salzburg forward Karim Adeyemi for the first time. All three players are 23 or younger. As well as the experienced Reus, Flick also recalled Reus's Dortmund teammate Mahmoud Dahoud Paris Saint Germain defender Thilo Kehrer Baver Leverkusen midfielder Florian Wirtz and Wolfsburg defender Ridle Baku None of the five were included in Low's squad for the European Championship. Real Madrid midfielder Toni Kroos retired from international soccer after the tournament giving Bayern Munich's Joshua Kimmich Manchester City's Ilkay Gundogan and Monchengladbach's Florian Neuhaus the chance to take on greater roles.

Ramiz Raja set to become PCB chief

Islamabad: Former Pakistan captain and renowned cricket commentator Ramiz Raja is set to become the new chairman of the country's cricket board. Prime Minister Imran Khan, in his role as patron of the Pakistan Cricket Board, nominated Raja to the governing board on Friday after Ehsan Mani declined to accept a short-term extension when his three-year term expired this week. Khan had met with both Mani and Raja before nominating the former test opener. The patron's nominee traditionally gets elected chairman, as Mani was three years ago. A vote is scheduled for Sept. 13 in Lahore. The PCB's governing board comprises eight members including its chief executive, Wasim Khan. Khan and Raja were teammates on the 1992 World Cup squad that beat England in the final. The 59-yearold Raia had told reporters that during his meeting with Kahn he highlighted the inconsistent performances of the team in international matches.

Perez to stay with Red Bull

Spa: Sergio Perez is staying with Red Bull next year after the Formula One team gave him a one-year contract extension on Friday. Perez replaced Alexander Albon at Red Bull this season and he won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix in June for his second victory in F1. "It's a great opportunity for me," Perez said. "It always takes time to get on top of everything when you join a new team, but things have worked well." His first F1 victory was with his former team Racing Point at the Sakhir GP in Bahrain last December. The 31-year-old Perez waited 190 races to win and also ended a 50-year wait for a Mexican driver to stand on top of the podium.

der a bucketload of pressure. Root asked Anderson to warm-up. The master craftsman had induced Kohli to drive a full delivery in the first innings, setting him up for the dismissal. Here, the duel started with a freebie on the leg stump and a four ensued. That wicked delivery came pretty soon, in the corridor but unlike the first innings, coming off good length rather than full length. Kohli accepted the challenge and played it gorgeously past extra cover for a four. If the first innings honours belonged to Anderson, Kohli so far has held sway at the second dig. lence

Gift-wrapped boundaries

Here, he was struggling to land the ball on the desired part of the turf. Seven times in that spell Anderson attempted, and all seven times, it landed where he did not intend to. Twice it was gift-wrapped boundaries for Pujara. Anderson has rarely let India's batsmen off the hook in this series. But Friday evening was an anomaly.

Maybe it was just an off-day like all sportsmen endure and often exaggerated when it happens to the finest; maybe "I have hated this place for nine years," he had said after his maiden five-for, against Sri Lanka in 2016, ironically from the Kirkstall Lane End.

It's even more of an irony that the best swing bowler in the world, arguably ever, has (relatively) struggled in what's known as a seamer's paradise. But on such small quirks of fate hinges the destiny of a match.

AGENCIES

Paddler Patel opens India's medal account

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AUGUST 27

WHEN BHAVINA Patel was just 12 months old, she was diagnosed with poliomyelitis. She carried that condition with her, along with her wheelchair and table tennis paddle, to Tokyo for the Paralympics. And on Friday, made sure her luggage on the way home will include a medal.

The 34-year-old pulled off an upset over defending champion and World No. 2 Borislava Peric-Rankovic to reach the Class 4 women's singles table tennis semi-finals. And by getting this far, she guaranteed India its first medal at this edition of the Games (there is no bronze-medal playoff, and losing semifinalists are given the third-place medal).

Ranked 12th in the world, the Indian southpaw recorded a 11-5, 11-6, 11-7 win over her more-fancied Serbian opponent in just 18 minutes. This is the furthest an Indian has reached in the competition.

Despite the stature and calibre of Peric-Rankovic, Patel piled on the pressure to the point that there was no point in the match when she seemed uncomfortable. Consider this: the biggest lead the defending champion had in the match was a single point, and the most consecutive points the Serbian won was two. In contrast, Patel had a six-point lead at one stage of the match – all of which came in a row.

It may have seemed like a surprising re-



An emotional Bhavina Patel after guaranteening India a medal in the women's table tennis (Class 4) at the Paralympics.

sult, but Patel had been building towards it. In the Round of 16, she beat World No. 9 Joyce de Oliveira of Brazil 3-0. "I had made a plan with my coach and the idea was to target her with body shots since she was uncomfortable dealing with them," Patel said in a video posted by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) on Twitter. Indeed, on match point, she played a backhand straight at de Oliveira who fluffed the return.

This is the first time Patel is competing at the Paralympic Games, and it's taken her 17 years – half her life – to get to this stage. And her beginning in the sport was merely by chance. Born in a middle-class family in Sundhiya village, in Mehsana district of Gujarat – around 75 km north of Ahmedabad – Patel was diagnosed with the polio virus when she was just a year old.

As much as possible though, her parents tried to help her lead an able-bodied life similar to that of her two siblings and classmates.

By the time she was in the fourth standard, the family travelled to Visakhapatnam for Patel to undergo surgery, but her condition did not improve. There seemed no hope for a sporting career, but she did continue to pursue academic endeavours.

But in 2004, as she worked to complete a computer course at the Blind People's Association in Ahmedabad, she was introduced and encouraged to participate in table tennis. Something clicked and Patel discovered her talent in the sport.

In time, she did complete her graduation through correspondence, but her focus had entirely shifted to table tennis. And then the medals started to stack up.

She won the nationals for the first time in 2007, and in 2011 finished runner-up at the Thailand Open. Her first international gold came in 2019, at the same event in Bangkok – a year after she and Sonal Patel

Khatun finishes fifth in powerlifting

Tokyo: Indian powerlifter Sakina Khatun finished a creditable fifth in the women's 50kg category while her compatriot Jaideep failed to log a single legal lift in the men's 65kg event of the Paralympics. 2014 The Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Khatun had the best effort of 93kg. The 32-year-old Khatun lifted 90kg in her first attempt. She went for 93kg in her second attempt but failed. She managed to lift 93kg in her third try. Khatun became the only Indian woman Paralympian to ever win a Commonwealth Games medal when she claimed bronze in 2014 in Glasgow. PTI

won silver in the women's doubles event at the Para Asian Games.

Patel's been the national champion for the last four years on the trot. Married to a former national-level cricketer, her wheelchair and table tennis paddle have been her longest companions in the sport. Now in her first ever Paralympic appearance, Patel has managed at least a bronze, but will face Rio silver medallist Zhang Miao, the World No. 3 from China, for a spot in the final.

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AIFF permits Anwar Ali

THE ALL India Football Federation approved the return of central defender Anwar Ali to professional football, provided the 21-yearold can furnish an affidavit taking full responsibility for his own health, as well as details on the medical precautions that he

and his prospective club will take. Ali was sidelined from professional football after a medical examination in Mumbai in 2019 revealed that he suffered from a heart problem called Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM).

The condition – in which the abnormally thick heart muscle wall

affects the pumping of blood – can be worsened by excessive physical exertion and other factors like not acclimating to high temperatures.

"Based on the recommendation of the AIFF Medical Committee, the Ex. Co have asked former junior Indian International footballer Anwar Ali to produce an affidavit claiming full responsibility, along with details of the medical precautions to be taken by him, and his prospective club to make him eligible to play competitive football," the AIFF website said after an executive committee meeting. A transfer to Mumbai City FC was set to highlight the promise shown by Ali, one of the members of India's 2017 U-17 World Cup team. But medical reports, along with consultations with French experts, resulted in the club and its medical contacts coming to the same conclusion – there was no way that Ali could play professional football without the risk of his heart failing.

Experts on the matter have been divided. While Mumbai City FC and their team believed that it was best for Ali to step away from professional football, the chairman of England Football Association's cardiology consensus panel and the lead cardiologist for the London Olympics said that Ali could continue to play professionally, as long

as he was made aware of the risks and was under regular surveillance by an expert team.

After Mumbai City FC terminated his contract, Ali joined Mohammedan Sporting but AIFF put their foot down and insisted that he completely stop playing football.

This move resulted in the defender taking the organisation to court, citing that his 'right to livelihood' was being challenged.

The Delhi High Court took the case, ruled in favour of Ali and said that until the AIFF came to a binding decision on Ali, it couldn't stop him from playing professionally.

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Sport

He's coming 'home'

After flirting with joining Manchester City, Ronaldo will instead return to United, the team he starred for from 2003 to 2009

RORY SMITH LONDON, AUGUST 27

AFTER 12 years in which he has claimed a dozen or more major trophies and broken a swath of records, Cristiano Ronaldo will return to the place where he first established himself as one of the finest players of this, and any, generation, leaving Juventus to rejoin Manchester United on a two-year contract.

The team confirmed Ronaldo's return on Friday, saying the deal was "subject to agreement of personal terms, visa and medical."

A reunion that many United fans have longed for over much of the last decade materialized only at the last minute, thanks in part to the public and private interventions of several of Ronaldo's former teammates, his long-term mentor, Alex Ferguson, and his colleague with the Portuguese international side, and now United, Bruno Fernandes.

On Thursday evening, it appeared that Ronaldo would be returning to Manchester - but to play for the team across the city. He had informed Massimiliano Allegri, the Juventus manager, that he had no intention of playing for the team again, while his agent, Jorge Mendes, was trying to negotiate a salary package with Manchester City.

City's appetite for the deal, though, was said to be tepid at best; th.e impetus had all been from Ronaldo's representatives. City refused to countenance paying Juventus a fee for a player it was desperate to offload as it sought to cut costs in the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic. City's best offer was a swap deal including Raheem Sterling which Juventus rejected. By Friday morning, the club was distancing itself from signing Ronaldo.

United, though, had been spurred into action by the thought of one of its most beloved alumni playing for a direct rival. Several former United players, including Rio Ferdinand and Wayne Rooney, as well as Ferguson, either reached out in private or spoke out in public to urge Ronaldo not to forget where in the northwest of England his loyalties lie.

The club, with permission by its owners, the Glazer family, agreed to a salary package for the next two seasons with Ronaldo's representatives, and eventually offered Juventus a fee that could rise close to \$40 million.

As the details were being finalized, all Ronaldo could do was wait. He had been pictured, earlier on Friday, boarding a private jet at Turin's airport. At that stage, his destination was unknown. A few hours later, as far as United's fans, his former teammates and his current manager are concerned, he was heading for the only place he could: home. NYT



Manchester United owners offered Juventus a fee that could rise close to \$40 million to complete Ronaldo's transfer. Reuters

NUMBER PLATE

Since his Premier League debut in 2003, Cristiano Ronaldo has scored 476 goals in 586 league appearances, more than any player in the big-five European leagues during this period, as per Opta stats.

He is such a legend of this club, the greatest player of all time if you ask me. I was fortunate enough to play with him, to coach him. He's such a tremendous human being as well. Everyone who has played with him has a soft spot for him.'

OLE GUNNAR SOLSKJAER

How Ronaldo's whirlwind transfer played out

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SHASHANK NAIR NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

THE FINAL swansong of Cristiano Ronaldo will take place in Manchester – a statement that wouldn't have surprised most, until one heard hich half he was planning on going to.

Manchester United swooped in to sign Ronaldo on Friday. Reportedly it was a call from Sir Alex Ferguson that changed the mind of the player who won the first of his five Ballon d'Ors at Old Trafford. While the rumours had started weeks ago, Juventus manager Massimiliano Allegri confirmed on Thursday that Ronaldo had asked to leave the club immediately. Leading European publications had confirmed that the Ronaldo to Manchester City gossip was well on its way to being true. Until news of the same triggered Manchester United's interest and resulted in a whirlwind transfer day.

Why is Ronaldo leaving Juventus?

The separation is mutual. With one year remaining on his contract, Ronaldo is looking for his next big deal – a deal that could be one of the last he gets to make as a commodity in the

transfer market worth investing in. Just a week ago, Ronaldo had put out a long post on his Instagram asking for people to respect his situation. The post was in response to stories that alleged that Real Madrid didn't consider resigning their greatest goalscorer.

For Juventus, it is getting rid of a superstar they were never really geared to fully accommodate. Jose Mourinho, who worked with his countryman at Real Madrid said that Juventus had bought a nuclear bomb that they had no idea how to use.

How does Manchester City figure into the conversation?

The last week had seen multiple clubs' names thrown into the Ronaldo sweepstakes. But the loudest noise had emanated out of Manchester City. A failed pursuit for Tottenham Hotspur striker Harry Kane meant that Pep Guardiola was looking to begin this season sans the leading frontman he has desired. Jack Grealish's signing has not done anything to solve City's weakest area.

And while prospects like Erling-Braut

Haaland weren't available this season, one could see City's logic in taking Ronaldo away from Juventus. The English club reached the Champions League final last season and an instant impact player like Ronaldo could change everything for the better, while giving the club a whole year to bring the next great striker available on the market.

How did Manchester United swoop in for Ronaldo? According to reports in vari-

ous media outlets, it reportedly took a combination of calls and messages from Sir Alex Ferguson, Bruno Fernandes and ex-Manchester United players to

convince Ronaldo to return to United. Once that happened, it was only a matter of time before the Portuguese captain made up his mind to return to Old Trafford.

There is no doubt that if the signing goes through, it will be because Manchester United made an emotional decision to bring back a player with a sizable legacy at the club. But does the decision help on the football side of matters?

The good and the bad of the move

At 36, Ronaldo is no longer as fearsome as he used to be in his prime at Real Madrid. His career has transitioned from a left winger to a left-sided striker through the years. At Manchester United, he will most likely displace Edinson Cavani and Anthony Martial as the first-choice striker immediately.

His return will also herald a change in the way United operate on the pitch. Rather than a team that likes to zip at opposition players with the ball, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is likely to transition his side to provide for Ronaldo. Paul Pogba and Bruno Fernandes suddenly have one of the greatest goalscorers in the history of football to ping balls to. Their assist numbers are likely to go up, although Fernandes will see fewer goals this season because of Ronaldo taking up freekick and penalty duties.

United's pressing game at the top will also change. Ronaldo has never truly embraced pressing opposition players and to expect a change in that regard at this point of his career, would be foolhardy. The question will be whether he can score enough to justify the lack of hassling opposition defenders on the ball.

No time to grieve over Tokyo defeat, says Vinesh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

STAR INDIAN wrestler Vinesh Phogat on Friday said she does not have much time to grieve over her Tokyo Games debacle and is gearing up for future challenges while young Anshu Malik suggested that a sports psychologist should be attached with the team to help them overcome nerves at big stage like the Olympics.

The athletes spoke during a programme where Tata Motors and Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) announced extension of their partnership till the 2024 Olympics.

When Vinesh was asked about her experience in Tokyo where she made a shock quarterfinal exit, she said she "learnt a lot". "It was my second Olympics. In my first Olympics, I got injured and now I suffered defeat and I would accept that. I will work over the weaknesses before the upcoming competitions. "At the senior level we don't have enough time to grieve over a defeat, because the next Olympics is approaching and there are back-to-back competitions. It's one thing to reach on top but to stay on top is challenging," said Vinesh.

The 26-year-old said she even learnt from her juniors who were in Tokyo."We (Anshu and Sonam) went together this time and I wish that we qualify in all wight categories the next time and give our best the Olympics, Worlds and Commonwealth and other championships."

When talented Anshu, who is rising fast from the junior ranks, asked what is it that she feels is needed in terms of support, the 19-yearold from Nidani mentioned services of a psychologist. "There are a lot of facilities now, compared to past but sometimes you get nervous like Olympics is a big stage. If someone can interact with us, like a psychologist, that will be better," she said. Listening to this, WFI President Brijbhushan Sharan Singh admitted that the Indian team needs to have two psychologists travelling with them all the time.

Boxing team for Worlds

The Indian men's boxing team for the world championship would be picked on the basis of performances in next month's Nationals, High Performance Director Santiago Nieva told PTI, conceding that there is very little time in hand to go for elaborate trials. "The world championships is a really big assignment coming up. The time for preparation is very less so we will rely on performances in the national championships to figure the team," he said.







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