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Abhishek, Rujira are facing a money laundering case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, KOLKATA, AUGUST 28

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has summoned senior Trinamool Congress leader and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee and his wife Rujira for questioning in connection with a case of money laundering associated with alleged pilferage of coal from Eastern Coalfield Limited mines.

Abhishek, an MP from Diamond Harbour, has been asked to appear before the Investigating Officer on September 6 while Rujira has been told to come on September 1. Rujira had been guestioned by the CBI earlier in the case, filed last year. The ED case is based on the CBI FIR



Afghans queue up for one of Italy's last military aircraft out of Kabul, Friday. Italy said it had evacuated 4,890 people in all. Reuters

First outreach signal: UNSC drops Taliban reference in line on terror

India chair, it mentioned Taliban on Aug 16; only talks of Afghan groups Aug 27

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longer be a global outcaste.

Taliban's takeover of Kabul, the

Permanent Representative of

India at the UN, TSTirumurti, is-

sued a statement on behalf of the

To speak truth to power is

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COURTS SERVE AS TRUTH COMMISSIONS: SC JUDGE

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

LESS THAN two weeks since the Taliban captured power in Afghanistan, the United Nations Security Council has dropped a reference to it from a paragraph in its statement that called on

Afghan groups not to support UNSC, which included this para: terrorists "operating on the terri-"The members of the Security tory of any other country". Council reaffirmed the impor-India, which is the President tance of combating terrorism in of the UNSC for the month of Afghanistan to ensure the terri-August, signed off on the statetory of Afghanistan should not ment and issued it in its capacbe used to threaten or attack any

country, and that neither the Essentially, this is the first sig-Taliban nor any other Afghan group or individual should supnal by the international community that the Taliban may no port terrorists operating on the territory of any other country." On August 16, a day after

On August 27, a day after the Kabul airport bombings that killed more than 100 people including 12 US troops, Tirumurti again as President of UNSC, and on behalf of the Council - issued a statement that condemned the "deplorable attacks".

However, the August 16 para was reproduced in this statement with one telling change: "The members of the Security

Council reiterated the importance of combating terrorism in Afghanistan to ensure the territory of Afghanistan should not be used to threaten or attack any country, and that no Afghan group or individual should support terrorists operating on the territory of any country.

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But after the incident Saturday at Bastara, toll plazas in

BKU ISSUES CALL TO FARMERS TO GATHER Farmer protests flare up again, many injured in Haryana crackdown

Lathicharge on protest against a **BIP** meet chaired by CM; Khattar says if violence, 'police have to act'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 28

THE AGITATION against farm laws enacted last year returned to the spotlight Saturday when Haryana Police cracked down on farmers in Karnal, leaving several injured in a lathicharge at the Bastara toll plaza on the national highway.

The farmers were protesting against a BJP meeting on the forthcoming panchayat polls it was being chaired by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

Police detained several people after using force in the afternoon to disperse a crowd that had blocked the highway in Karnal.

Condemning the police action, leaders of farm unions urged farmers across Haryana to protest on the roads.

By evening, several stretches on the highway and toll plazas across the state were blocked by farmers, resulting in traffic snarls

Traffic was being diverted to alternative routes as farmers threatened to create more blockades on highways and toll plazas, not only in Haryana but in the neighbouring states as well.

As part of their ongoing protest against farm laws enacted last year, farmers have occupied almost all toll plazas on national and state highways across Haryana. They have been allowing traffic without payment of toll.

head. Hope this is clear)."



Police break up the protest at Bastara toll plaza, Karnal. Express

If someone breaches cordon, make sure has a broken head: IAS officer

VARINDER BHATIA CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 28

KARNAL SUB-DIVISIONAL Magistrate Ayush Sinha, a 2018batch IAS officer of the Haryana cadre, was caught on camera Saturday instructing policemen to beat up protesters and not to let anyone breach the security cordon without a "broken head". In a video clip that did the

rounds of social media around the time police cracked down on farmers, Sinha is heard instructing a group of policemen: "Utha utha ke maarna peeche sabko (hit them hard)... We shall not allow this cordon to be breached. We have enough force available. We haven't slept for the past two days. But you have come here after taking some sleep... Mere paas ek bhi banda nikal ke nahi aana chahiye. Agar aaye toh sar foota hua hona chahiye uska. Clear hai aapko (No one should break the cordon and reach me. If someone

Reached for comment, Sinha does, make sure he has a broken told The Sunday Express: "There were mainly three checkpoints between the protest site and the place where the meeting was taking place. I was posted at the third and final checkpost before the meeting spot. It means, if any element was to reach there, he would have already breached two nakas before it. The third naka was very close to the meeting venue. There was a high possibility that any breach of the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



Mahindra Singh of Barauta village, among those injured

tain law and order near Hotel Prem Plaza, where state BJP leaders, including Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and state party president Om Prakash Dhankar, were meeting to discuss the party's strategy for the coming panchayat polls.

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ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

SPEAKING TRUTH to power is not only a right but also the duty of every citizen and the way to achieve this is by strengthening public institutions such as ensuring the freedom of the press and the integrity of elections, ac-

knowledging and celebrating the plurality of opinions and by committing oneself to the search for truth as a key aspiration of society, Supreme Court judge



We do not care about truth as much as about being right: Justice Chandrachud

determined by the State, may not always be free of falsehood, he said: "One cannot only rely on the State to determine the 'truth'." Delivering the Sixth Chief Justice M C Chagla Memorial Online Lecture, Justice Chandrachud

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said that "democracy needs the power of truth to survive". He then went on to elaborate on the nature of truth, especially its strong contestations today.

Justice D Y Chandrachud said

Cautioning that the truth, as

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Bid to steal 'Hindutva'



TEA, TALK, TALLY AND **TEMPLE**

Below the Ganga waters, there are undercurrents. But will it matter in 2022? One can't say with Banaras

Karnal, Kurukshetra, Panchkula, Fatehabad, Yamunanagar, Jind, Hisar, Rohtak and others were blocked. The BIP was holding a meet-

ing to formulate the party's strategy for the coming panchayat polls. Several Haryana BJP leaders including Khattar, state party president O P Dhankar, general secretary Ravindra Raju, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha later demanded Sinha's suspension.

Officials of the state government did not wish to comment on Sinha's remarks, and some tried to justify it saying "the officer did not say anything wrong and was just doing his duty at the time of such pressure".

Sinha, posted as SDM in Karnal, was deployed as duty magistrate at the spot to main-

AAP now plans Tiranga Yatra in Ayodhya, may halt at Ram temple

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE AAM Aadmi Party, led by Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, will take out a "Tiranga Yatra" September 14 in Ayodhya with likely pitstops at the Ram Lalla temple and, en route to it, at Hanumangarhi.

Coming after its introduction of a "Deshbhakti" course in "embedded" in schools, Constitutional values, AAP leaders said, the message behind the vatra is to distinguish the party's framing of Hindu identity, religion and nationalism in "very different" terms from the "divi-

sive" version of the BIP's. Significantly, this comes as AAP is trying to make inroads in

Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Uttarakhand, where it has fielded former Indian Army Colonel Ajay Kothiyal as its Chief Ministerial face with a promise to turn the hill state into the "spiritual capital for Hindus".

In the run-up to the Ayodhya event, Singh said, AAP will also hold Tiranga Yatras in Agra on Sunday and Noida on September1. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

AS THE BIP accuses the Opposition of minority appeasement, AAP says it's reframing nationalism very differently – linking Hinduism, Tricolour to "good governance and education". This comes as it eyes other states, including UP.

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Gurus inspired the new laws to aid people like Afghan refugees: PM at Jallianwala Bagh event

DIVYAA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

DEDICATING the renovated Jallianwala Bagh Smarak Complex to the nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Saturday that it was a country's responsibility to preserve its history "as it gives us lessons and a direction to move forward". In

his virtual address, he also referred to the Centre's recent move to observe August 14 as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, and said, "India witnessed another horror like the Jallianwala Bagh during Partition - the people of Punjab have been the biggest victims of Partition. We still feel the pain of what happened in every corner of India, especially in the fami-



The new complex. Modi also recalled Partition at event

lies of Punjab." Touching upon the ongoing Afghanistan crisis, the PM said: 'Today, if Indians are in trouble anywhere in the world, India stands up to help them with all its might. Be it the Corona period or the crisis of Afghanistan, the world has experienced this. Hundreds of friends from Afghanistan are being brought to

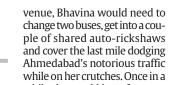
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In first for India, Bhavina smashes way into Paralympics TT final

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SANDEEP DWIVEDI NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

AFFLICTED WITH polio as a toddler and using crutches ever since, Bhavina Patel, after her schooling in Sundhiya, a village of 15,000 in Gujarat's Mehsana district, moved to Ahmedabad to pursue an ITI computer science course. There she would get hooked to table tennis, but the pursuit of her new-found passion wasn't easy. Just to reach the



while she would have for company a one-time state-level under-19 cricketer – her reliable friend then and a supportive husband now.

On Saturday, Nikul Patel, 36, had reasons to revisit those days. He says it was his wife's drive to stand on her feet and jump over obstacles that made her the first Indian to enter the table tennis Paralympics final.

Thirty-four-year-old Bhavina,

on wheelchair, beat World No. 3 China's Miao Zhang at Tokyo to assure India a historic silver medal and a very good shot at the gold Sunday.

Nikul says Bhavina, from an early age, wanted to do it all. She strived to be independent and had academic goals. "She is a Central government employee with the Employees' State Insurance Corporation and is very diligent in whatever she does. It was the same with table tennis. Ask anvone who is familiar with Ahmedabad, they will tell you how difficult it must have been for her to practise table tennis. From Bapunagar



Paddler Bhavina Patel with husband Nikul. She entered the finals of Women's Singles Class 4 event in Tokyo Saturday

where she lived, she would go to Naroda Patiya, then to Juna Vadaj, Ghatlodia and finally to the Vastrapur Blind Association." he savs while breathlessly drawing the picture of his wife's Old to New City daily route, which back in the day would have been mostly red on Google Maps.

Bhavina has moved from shared autos to aircraft, but travel remains extensive and arduous. "We have travelled to about 25-30 countries. At times, she travels on her own. Europe is very convenient for especially abled people but it's not the same everywhere," says the cricketer-turned-import-export

businessman

He recalls Bhavina's traumatic experience at an event in China. "It was very cold there and she had very high fever. She had to manoeuvre her wheelchair in snow for close to a kilometre and a half," says Nikul, who gave up on his cricket career frustrated by lack of chances and the responsibility of running the family business.

Before the Paralympics, with the pandemic peaking in Europe, the two were together in Spain for a tournament that was vital for Bhavina's qualification for Tokyo. Having missed the Rio Paralympics by a whisker be-

cause of lack of points, the two had decided that they couldn't take any chances. Both sat and planned their schedule perfectly.

"We knew how many points we needed to gather at what tournaments we needed to play. We didn't want to take any chances. We wanted the IOC's invitation letter which said we had made it for Tokyo. Spain was a risk but we said whatever happens we will see. The Corona fear was there but we took our chance." he savs.

With only partial funding, the Patels have to regularly dig deep in their bank accounts to CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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message

step. Second, if they (farmers)

should have done it peacefully.

Earlier, we had reached an un-

derstanding that they would

hold peaceful protests. While

protesting, if they pelt stones at

police and jam highways, then

police will also have to do some

work. If there is any atrocity on

part of the police, they will also

be punished. But if there is law-

lessness on the part of farmers,

legal action will be taken against

"Around noon, protesting farm-

try, its development and the

well-being of its citizens. It is

about finding solutions to the

most pressing issues of our times

such as unemployment," Singh

first political leaders to question

some land-purchase deals for the

upcoming Ram Temple at

Avodhya, said the campaign

might be scaled up and cover all

403 constituencies in UP ahead

of the Assembly polls early next

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ple. Keiriwal had remarked:

"There is no right time for good

new in Uttar Pradesh."

in UP for the long run. Unlike re-

gional parties in the country's

east and south, a party with

Hindi-speaking leaders and a

base in Delhi cannot afford to

have no presence in the Hindi

heartland. And it is evidently

clear that AAP has carved out a

space in the minds of people

through its work on education,

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nouncing Kothiyal as the AAP's

CM face, Kejriwal had specifically

underlined not just the latter's

credentials as a "deshbhakt

fauji", but also his role in the re-

construction of the Kedarnath

Temple and surrounding areas

which were hit by floods in 2013,

lending him the sobriquet "Bhole

third consecutive stint in office.

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frame both nationalism and sec-

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Singh, who was among the

told The Sunday Express.

ADGP Navdeep Virk said:

them too

5 ARRESTED IN MP Man thrashed after road accident, tied to vehicle and dragged, dies

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEEMUCH, AUGUST 28

A 40-YEAR-OLD man from a tribal community was allegedly thrashed by eight persons who tied him to the rear side of a vehicle with a rope and dragged him for some distance in Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch district, police said on Saturday. Five accused have been arrested while efforts are on to trace the others.

The man, identified as Kanhaiyalal Bheel, died during treatment at the Neemuch district hospital on Friday. The incident occurred on Thursday morning after a minor road accident involving the victim and a milkman who was riding a motorcycle.

"Chhitar Mal Gurjar, a milkman, was riding a motorcycle which knocked down the victim Kanhaivalal Bheel of Banda village when he was standing on the Neemuch-Singoli road, some 84 km from the Neemuch district headquarter," Superintendent of Police Suraj Kumar Verma said.

He said Gurjar lost his cool after the milk spilled on the road and beat up Bheel.

Gurjar then called up his friends who also roughed up Bheel and tied him to the rear side of a vehicle passing by with a rope. Bheel was dragged for some dis-

tance, Verma said. "After a video of the incident became viral, police swung into action but by then, the accused had fled. The victim was rushed to the district hospital where he died on Friday." the SP said.

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Broken head third naka would have led to vandalisation, and also certain unscrupulous elements were part of these protesting groups.

It could have been a security threat." "So, keeping these factors in mind, I was briefing the forces at my location. I was briefing them on the procedure, a checklist as per provisions under the CrPC. I told them that we would give them (protesters) warnings, followed by use of water cannons,

announcement of tear gas firing and then lathicharge, if need be," he said. He claimed that the video

that did the rounds was "doctored" because "only a selected portion about the lathi charge was made viral on social media platforms... only a selected portion of my briefing was leaked". "The lathicharge that took

place was at Bastara toll plaza where another SDM, not I, was deployed. My location, the point where I was deputed, was 10-15 km from the spot where the actual lathicharge took place. Nothing happened at my naka. The police personnel, who were briefed by me, did not do anything. None of the protesters reached there and nothing happened at my naka," Sinha said.

Sources said the Chief Minister's office too had spoken to Sinha and had found his reply 'satisfactory" for now

ED summons

during the foundation day of its youth wing, Mamata Banerjee accused the BJP-led government at the Centre of letting loose Central agencies on Abhishek. while claiming that some BJP ministers were hand in glove with the coal mafia. "The BIP and the Union government can't fight us politically. The party was defeated in the Assembly polls and now they are using Central agencies against our leaders like Abhishek Banerjee and others... Coal is under the CISF, the ministry is with the Centre, not the state. What were they doing? I know that dozens of Central ministers have robbed Asansol. When they came for campaigning in Asansol, they stayed in hotels owned by the coal mafia. Should I bring out the list?" the West Bengal CM said, adding that the TMC wouldn't be intimparty' idated by such actions by the

Farmer protests flare up again

Members of Parliament, MLAs and district presidents were present at the meeting. The farmers attempted to

gather outside the Prem Plaza hotel in Karnal where the meeting was going on, but when they could not reach there, they blocked the national highway at the Bastara toll plaza.

They showed black flags to vehicles carrying BJP leaders and even tried to block their way. But due to heavy police presence, they could not stop the vehicles and kept raising slogans.

When they refused to lift the had to hold a protest, they highway blockade, police used force, charging at farmers with lathis and leaving several injured - they were taken to local hospitals by fellow protesters.

The national highway blockade was eventually cleared, but tension began mounting as more and more farmers reached the spot, reoccupying the toll plaza. BKU leader Gurnam Singh

Chaduni appealed to farmers across the state to reach Bastara toll plaza in large numbers.

subject transaction of Thailand was related to Rujira Banerjee,' the ED submission had said.

It had also claimed that Niraj Singh. Majee's accountant. "assisted in transferring substantial funds... to Shri Abhishek Banerjee's close relative (Sister in Law & Wife) at London & Thailand".

The ED had added that records seized from Niraj Singh and digital evidence showed that Mishra received Rs 168 crore as proceeds of crime through illegal coal mining and pilferage in just about 109 days in 2020, and that in the past two years, Majee had generated Rs 1,352 crore through illegal coal mining. Citing the statement of a "close confidante" of Majee, the ED had said that he conducted his illegal mining business "smoothly by managing senior functionaries of political party of West Bengal through Ashok Kumar Mishra". and that "major fund is distributed to manage the political stalwarts of the ruling On November 27 last year, the CBI's Kolkata Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) had first registered a case of corruption and criminal breach of trust with regard to illegal mining and pilferage of coal from leasehold area of Eastern Coalfields Ltd in certain parts of West Bengal. ECL is a wholly owned subsidiary of PSU Coal India Ltd. In her reaction to the ED move, Mamata Banerjee also accused the Narendra Modi government of trying to "bulldoze the federal structure" and snatching away rights of states, adding that allocation of rights for natural resources like coal comes under the purview of the Central government. She proposed a meeting of all CMs to fight against "the Centre's authoritarianism".

"I appeal to all my brethren ers forcefully blocked the highto immediately reach the toll way and attempted to enter plazas near their location. If toll Karnal city. When police perplazas are far off from their losonnel deployed there told them that they could not go tocations, they should immediately block the nearby highwards Karnal city, the protesters ways," Chaduni said in a video got violent and a few of them pelted stones at police person-Chief Minister Khattar told nel. Some even attempted to atreporters: "Today, there was a tack police with shovels etc. BIP state-level meeting. I con-Police used mild force and disdemn the protest call given by persed them. The information them(farmers).Obstructing any received so far reveals that four organisation's programme for farmers and 10 police personnel any reason is an anti-democratic

sustained injuries." "On June 7, we had talks with SKM leaders who had given us a written assurance that they would not indulge in any violent protest in future and would only hold peaceful protests. But there have been several instances after that in which farmers have resorted to violence. Whenever a protest gets violent, it becomes the duty of police to maintain law and order," Virk said. BJP state president Dhankar,

however, said: "The circumstances in which police used force on protesters must be thoroughly probed. I have re-

ularism. It introduced a dedicated curriculum in schools to "instil the spirit of patriotism and nationhood". The curriculum called 'Deshbhakti' -- will be implemented across schools start-

ing September 27. The introduction to the curriculum's framework defines "Deshbhakti" as a "celebration of pluralism and diversity of the people of India." The answer to who is a "Deshbhakt." it adds. needs to be situated in the Indian Constitution and its "values of

quested the Chief Minister to look into it. Although lathicharge should not have happened, farmers should have also protested within the limits so that a political party's programme is not affected."

Leader of Opposition and former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and leaders of different parties condemned the use of police force on farmers.

In a statement, Hooda said: This is barbaric. Farmers were peacefully protesting at least 15 km away from the place where the BJP's programme was being held. Such action on farmers clearly shows the illintentions of this state government. There should be an impartial investigation into this entire episode and the guilty should be punished. It has become a habit of this government. First, they deliberately create such circumstances of confrontation, engage the farmers in that confrontation by provoking them, and then assault them mercilessly."

Dalits and others belonging to marginalised communities did not traditionally enjoy power, their opinions were not conferred the status of "truth".

While during the British Raj, truth was the opinion of the King or Queen, after its abolition, truth became the belief and opinion of upper-caste men and "with progress in society and annihilation of the notions of patriarchy and caste supremacy, the opinions of women, Dalits, and other marginalised communities are slowly but gradually starting to be regarded as 'truths' in India". Quoting American Historian Sophia Rosenfeld, Justice Chandrachud pointed out that the three common means for the determination of "truth" in democracies: by the state, by experts such as scientists, and through deliberation by citizens. Although all state policy is assumed to be based on the societv's truth. that does not mean that states "cannot indulge in falsehood for political reasons, even in democracies," he said. In this context, he referred to the Pentagon Papers exposing the role of the United States in the Vietnam War and the recent trend of some countries "trying to manipulate" data on Covid infection and deaths. Even claims of experts can be coloured by ideological affinity, receipt of financial aid or permalice, sonal Justice Chandrachud said. These experts are also often employed by think-tanks who conduct research to support specific opinions and there is the "possibility of cherry picking of facts to manufacture consent." Urging responsible citizens to put these "truth providers" through intense scrutiny and questioning, Justice Chandrachud said that "it is also equally important for those making truth claims to be transparent and conspicuous". Flagging fake news, Justice Chandrachud said that while social media platforms allow users to create their own "networks and communities," this also leads to "echo chambers or bubbles where people are only exposed to the viewpoint they agree with and never coming into contact with an opposing one". "We only read newspapers that align with our beliefs...we ignore books written by people who do not belong to out stream...we mute the TV when someone has a different opinion...we do not truly care about the truth as much as we do about

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Understanding the technology behind digital fitness

In the latest episode of our tech podcast, Ankit Gupta, Head of Engineering at Cult.fit joins host Nandagopal Rajan to discuss how fitness apps are personalised for users, whether digital fitness can replace actual gyms, and a lot more

being right," he said. Bhavina in final

fund their trips. There is also the

cost of the expensive rubbers

and ply. "On an average, we end

up spending close to Rs 12 to 13

lakhs annually. People think

table tennis is cheap. But a qual-

ity bat can cost close to Rs

listed for the India team for the

2002 under-19 cricket World

Cup, is well aware that to be

among the best nothing can be

left to chance. Nikul says that

their two-storeyed home has

complete wheel-chair access

and one of the four rooms has a

pandemic, Bhavina trained at

home. After a point, we would

ask the coach and other wheel-

chair players to come home and

play against her," he says. With

one-fourth of the Patel house-

hold occupied by TT, there are

days when there are space con-

straints. "When we have guests

at home, we fold the table and

sleep on the floor. Ours isn't a

very big house but TT has been

is an ardent music lover and re-

puted cook. "If you have the bha-

jiyas she fries, you wouldn't like

it anywhere else," chuckles Nikul

The chat is cut short by a cho-

rus of telephone rings in the

background. Nikul puts one

phone on hold and can be heard

telling the caller that Bhavina

cannot be connected to the news

channel studio as she hadn't

slept. He comes on the line again

to inform that local channels

have reached Bhavina's village.

Before that, even if a Paralympian

"This is what a medal does.

Bhavina, besides table tennis,

allocated enough space."

to make a point.

"So for six months during the

The cricketer, who was short-

70,000," he says.

TT table.

Ferozepur, Amritsar, Khatkar Kalan, Kalanour and Patiala heritage circuit.

Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh said the Smarak as well as the state government's Jallianwala Bagh centenary memorial remind leaders of the inalienable right of people to conduct peaceful democratic protests, which could not be stifled. The state has been seeing protests for nearly a year now on the Centre's farm laws, with the Modi government virtually closing doors on them.

The CM said his government had constituted a special research team to continue work on a memorial it had built for unknown martvrs in Amritsar.

Singh also urged the PM to bring back the personal effects of Shaheed Udham Singh from the United Kingdom. Udham Singh had assassinated Michael O' Dwyer, the former Lieutenant Governor of Punjab in India, as revenge for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

Outreach signal

The reference to the Taliban was omitted indicating that the Taliban was perhaps being seen as a state actor by the UNSC members, including India.

Former India's Permanent Representative to India at the UN, Syed Akbaruddin, who pointed this out on Twitter, said, "In diplomacy...a fortnight is a long time...The 'T' word is gone."

Officials said that the decision to sign off on the statement has been taken in view of changing "ground realities". The Taliban has been responsible for much of the evacuation of foreigners and Afghans-at-risk.

While the US says it has evacuated more than 1 lakh people since August 15, the entire Indian Embassy was evacuated on August 17 — a day after the first UNSC statement was issued.

The five persons, identified as Chhitarmal Gurjar (32) Mahendra Gurjar and Gopal Gurjar (both 40), Lokesh Balai (21), and Laxman Gurjar have been arrested and efforts are on to trace others, the SP said.

Meanwhile, state Congress president Kamal Nath tweeted that the incident was very "inhuman" which he said is the testimony to lawlessness prevailing in Madhva Pradesh. He demanded the state government to take necessary actions immediately to check such incidents.

2nd witness in Malegaon blast case turns hostile

SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

IN THE trial of the 2008 Malegaon blast, a witness who was claimed to have attended a camp with accused Lieutenant Colonel Prasad Purohit and others, was declared hostile on Saturday.

The witness denied the contents of two of his statements recorded by the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad in 2008 and 2011. The statements included a claim that in the camp organised a month after the blast, Purohit had given a lecture mentioning terrorism in India on religious lines and the need to respond to it. The witness denied all the contents and said he had never stated those. This is the

second witness to turn hostile. Special Public Prosecutor Avinash Rasal, representing the National Investigation Agency (NIA), declared him hostile and cross-examined the witness. When the contents were read out from the two statements, the witness told the court they were incorrect. When the witness was asked by SPP Rasal that he was refuting his statements to save the accused, he denied it.

Centre. Speaking at the same event, Abhishek said he was not frightened of ED summons. "Threatening us with the CBI and ED is not going to stop us," he said. In April, the ED had told a spe-

cial court that Rujira and her sister had been paid "substantial amount" in London and Thailand

by key accused in the case. It had made the claim while seeking further custody of Ashok Kumar Mishra, the inspector in-charge of Bankura Police Station in Purulia district and reportedly a close associate of alleged kingpin Anup Majee alias Lala.

The ED had claimed that during questioning, Mishra had told officials that the payment was made to Rujira and her sister at the behest of TMC youth leader Vinay Mishra, and the funds were sourced from Majee.

"He admitted that he arranged to transfer around (Rs) 1-1.5 crore to Delhi as asked by Vinay Mishra. This amount was arranged from Anup Majee through Niraj Singh... he stated that Vinay Mishra was the secretary of TMC and was very close to Member of Parliament Shri Abhishek Banerjee... and knowing his clout in the party, he (Ashok) has to obey him (Vinay) or his (Ashok) career will be finished; that he facilitated in transferring funds through non-banking channel from India to London for a close relative of Shri Abhishek Banerjee; ... that the

Tiranga Yatra

Sisodia and Singh, who is the party's Uttar Pradesh in-charge, will attend both rallies.

In Delhi, the AAP-led government is getting 500 high-mast Tricolours installed across the city at a cost of Rs 85 crore.

'The party will organise a series of events over the next one year to mark the 75th year of India's independence. The message is simple: the BIP's so-called nationalism is making India sick. The AAP believes nationalism is about offering people their rights. Be it good education or robust healthcare. For us, love for the Tricolour manifests itself in the form of a vision for the coun-

that a final decision on stops at liberty, equality, fraternity, justhe Ram Lalla temple and tice, democracy, and secularism." Hanumangarhi have not been finalised but these are "very much

Chandrachud Truth, he said, instils "a sense

Delhi Chief Minister and AAP of public trust in democracies", chief Arvind Kejriwal not only and also plays a key role in creatwelcomed the Supreme Court ing a shared "public memory' verdict in the Ayodhya title suit upon which the foundations of a case, he had announced that the nation can be built in the future. Ram Temple will be brought un-That's why countries set up Truth der the ambit of the Delhi gov-Commissions immediately upon gaining independence from a toernment's pilgrimage scheme for senior citizens. Three days betalitarian regime or after coming out of a period fraught with hufore the 2020 Delhi Assembly polls, when the Centre had anman rights violations, Justice nounced the formation of a trust Chandrachud said. for the construction of the tem-

In a different context, he said, this role can also be played by courts and illustrated this by citing the example of how the apex court took suo motu cognizance of the Covid-19 pandemic.

it will contest UP polls. In July, Singh had met Samajwadi Party Referring to the multiple Akhilesh Yadav, which had truths in the social media age, he sparked talks of seat-sharing, stressed the importance of "dewhich the AAP has kept alive, liberations" to arrive at a consensaying "political alliances are not sus on, at least, the basic facts. To exercise the right to speak Said an AAP leader: "We are

truth to power, it was first necessary to understand what truth means, he said, and pointed out that "while the identification of truth may be singularly at issue in judicial proceedings, the very nature of 'truth' can often be undeterminable in societies".

One of the most common ways to define truth is in terms of facts, Justice Chandrachud said, adding that even the most preliminary facts can be disputed. Another way was to define it in terms of opinion and a glance through history will show that individuals sometimes tend to have opinions that may not be morally justifiable to others.

Referring to the approach to homosexuality and abortion in different parts of the world, Justice Chandrachud showed how the line could be blurred. "I often wonder if facts are even considerably different from opinions in a plural society where there are varied lived experiences of different people," he said.

Power is also a factor in this, he said. In India, since women,

was living two houses away you wouldn't be aware. But our Subh Laabh Society is different. They

all came to say goodbye to her and wish her luck." As he speaks, the telephone chorus in the background picks up again. The fame of India's first ever table tennis Paralympics medallist has gone beyond the two houses.

Jallianwala event

India under Operation Devi Shakti," Modi said, adding that due to "Guru kripa (blessings)", the swaroop of Guru Granth Sahib were also brought back safely.

He said laws have been made taking inspiration from the teachings of Gurus. "Keeping the lessons in humanity given by Gurus in the forefront, the country has made new laws for the people who have suffered." he said, in an apparent reference to the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, that eases citizenship for minorities like Sikhs from neighbouring countries.

With families of martyrs of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre present, the PM talked about how, to mark 75 years of Indian Independence, 'Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was being celebrated, with freedom fighters being honoured in every village and places associated with the freedom struggle seeing a revamp, including Jallianwala Bagh. He also said efforts were on to celebrate national heroes whose sacrifices had been forgotten, like those belonging to the tribal community. Work was currently underway in museums to showcase the contribution of tribal freedom fighters in nine states,

With elections in Punjab due early next year, Modi listed the steps taken by the Centre to take the legacy of the Gurus to the youth -- turning Sultanpur Lodhi into a heritage town, the Kartarpur corridor, air connectivity of Punjab with other countries, interconnectivity of places related to the Sikh gurus and development of the Anandpur Sahib, Fatehgarh Sahib, Chamkaur Sahib,

Modi said.

According to data shared by the government, 565 people have been evacuated so far: 175 Embassy personnel, 263 other Indian nationals, 112 Afghan nationals including Hindus and Sikhs. and 15 third-country nationals. This, officials here believe,

along with the safe passage to those being airlifted would not have been possible had the Taliban not cooperated.

Officials said that while India hasn't engaged with the Taliban in the manner as other UNSC members have, signing off on this statement is a signal that opens up the possibility to engage with the hardline group.

The August 27 statement had strong words on terror but did not hold the Taliban accountable.

"The attacks, which were claimed by Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP), an entity affiliated with Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da'esh), resulted in the death and injuries of dozens of civilians, including children, and military personnel," the statement said. It added: "The members of the Security Council reaffirmed that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security. Deliberately targeting civilians and personnel assisting in the evacuation of civilians is especially abhorrent and must be condemned.'

Sources said the statement puts India's concerns on terrorism on the frontburner: "The members of the Security Council underlined the need to hold perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of these reprehensible acts of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice. They urged all States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, to cooperate actively with all relevant authorities in this regard.'



policy would be made by the

accused. The victims would be

convinced that the callers are

legitimate employees of the EPFO and they would provide

their bank details," said Mishra.

based person lost Rs 1 crore af-

ter providing his account de-

In one case, a Mumbai-

Cop suspended over video from lock-up

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

IN WHAT could lead to red faces within the Delhi Police, a sub-inspector posted with the Special Cell has been suspended -- three days after a video came to light purportedly showing brothers Rahul Kala and Naveen Bali, associates of jailed gangster Neeraj Bawana, enjoying liquor and snacks inside the lock-up at its office in Lodhi Colony.

The Indian Express had first reported about the video - at the time, it was unclear whether it was shot in Mandoli Jail, where the brothers are lodged, or the Special Cell office, where they were taken in connection with another case between August 5 and 10. The DG Prisons had eventually said it was not from Mandoli Jail, while a separate inquiry was initiated to look into it and a report was submitted to the police headquarters.

Sources told The Indian *Express* the lock-up seen in the video is in the same Special Cell



A grab from the video

building complex that houses the offices of two ACPs, an additional DCP and the DCP (Special Cell). It was reconstructed around a year and a half ago.

source

years. "They were re-arrested on August 5 by a team led by ACPs



"In their enquiry report, the sub-inspector was held responsible for allowing people to meet the accused in lock-up. Senior officers from police headquarters are also assessing if there were supervision lapses," said a police Rahul and Naveen have been

in Mandoli jail for the last five

Hriday Bhushan and Lalit Mohan video is not from our jails.'

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Negi in connection with a separate case and were taken on police remand by the Special Cell team. The two were allegedly hatching a conspiracy to eliminate a rival currently lodged in Rohini jail," said the source. The Indian Express has learnt that four men – Dushvant alias

Sachin Barahi, and Mannu came to meet the brothers and one of the visitors recorded the

video. "He shared the video with his associates and posted it on social media. Special Cell personnel found out about the video and informed their seniors," said a police source.

Special CP (Special Cell) Neeraj Thakur, DCP (Special Cell) Pramod Kushwah, and Delhi Police PRO Chinmoy Biswal did not respond to a query about the suspension of the sub-inspector. Biswal had said on Wednesday: "The video is not substantiated and liquor is not served in police lock-up.

Monu Bajitpur, Amit Asoda,

DG (Delhi Prisons) Sandeep Goel had earlier said, "We looked into the matter and it seems the

docs for Padma awards

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE DELHI government has decided to recommend to the Centre the names of ILBS director Dr SK Sarin, LNJP medical director Dr Suresh Kumar and Max Healthcare clinical director (internal medicine) Sandeep Budhiraja for the Padwa awards.

The names were picked from a list of 740, suggested by 9,427 people who responded to the call of the Delhi government to send their choices, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said. A committee led by Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, with Chief Secretary Vijay Dev and Divisional Commissioner Sanjeev Khirwar as members, picked the names.

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video-conferencing, which particularly helped those who don't own smartphones. Dr Budhiraja, in his leadership capacity, treated not just

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Delhiites but patients from "It was a very difficult task to across North India, the CM said.

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pick three names. These will in a

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tive which enabled attendants

and patients to interact over

Dr Kumar of LNIP Hospital,

plasma bank," Kejriwal said.

Dr Sarin, who was part of the

them," Kejriwal said

Delhi govt suggestion: 3 Posing as EPFO staffers, 3 men dupe thousands across country

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THREE PERSONS have been arrested by Ghaziabad police for allegedly scamming retired government employees over the past nine years by pretending to be employees of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). Police estimate that more than 10,000 people have been victims of their fraud, with the scam running into crores.

Police identified the accused Rahul Singh (25), as Dharmendra Singh (30) and Ghanshyam Singh (30). Ghanshyam is also facing an FIR in Hyderabad, police said.

We received information that the accused had been running a tele scam based out of

Gaur City. Calls were being made to persons across country pretending to be EBFO employees. The accused have cases against them in many states. Further details of their operation are being ascertained," said Abhay Kumar Mishra, CO Indirapuram.

Ghanshyam, a resident of tails. Noida, is the alleged master-In some cases, callers would mind, while Dharmendra convince retired people to dewould facilitate calls to the tarposit a particular amount with the promise of a substantial gets, said police.

Police said they targeted resum on maturity. "The accused had obtained tired people because they felt they were vulnerable. information of government em-Dharmendra would hire young ployees and we are probing how they accessed it. It is posmen and women and give them a list of people to call. sible that they acquired the data "The accused would ask for a

manually," said Singh. 'processing fee' after discussing Police are currently verifythe PF status of people they ing transactions from their bank accounts to track who all have would call. In some cases, offers for loans or investment on the been duped.

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E-Auction Schedule for Industrial Plots in IGC/FP Saha, IMT Rohtak & IMT Faridabad

HSIIDC had opened the registration for participation in e-auction for allotment of industrial plots in IGC/Food Park Saha, IMT Rohtak & IMT Faridabad w.e.f. 28.07.2021 with closing date as 17.08.2021. The schedule of e-auction for the same is as under:

Sr. No.	Auction Name	Auction ID	Date of e-Auction	No. of Plots proposed to be offered
1	IGC Saha - 450 sqm size Industrial Plots	280	01.09.2021	3
2	IGC Saha - 1012.50 sqm size Industrial Plots	276	01.09.2021	6
3	IGC Saha - 1800 sgm size Industrial Plots	279	01.09.2021	4
4	IGC Saha - 8100 sqm size Industrial Plots	278	01.09.2021	1
5	Food Park Saha - 450 sqm size Industrial Plots	277	01.09.2021	3
6	Food Park Saha - 1012.50 sqm size Industrial Plots	281	01.09.2021	2
7	IMT Rohtak - 1012.50 sqm size Industrial Plots	270	02.09.2021	6
8	IMT Rohtak - 1800 sqm size Industrial Plots	269	02.09.2021	1
9	IMT Faridabad - 450 sqm size Industrial Plots	265	02.09.2021	7
10	IMT Faridabad - 1012.50 sqm size Industrial Plots	264	03.09.2021	5
11	IMT Faridabad - 1800 sqm size Industrial Plots	263	03.09.2021	2
12	IMT Faridabad - 7875 sqm size Industrial Plots	260	03.09.2021	2
13	IMT Faridabad - 8500 sqm size Industrial Plots	259	03.09.2021	1
14	IMT Faridabad - 10000 sqm size Industrial Plots	258	03.09.2021	2
15	IMT Faridabad - 12000 sqm size Industrial Plots	257	03.09.2021	1
16	IMT Faridabad - 21250 sqm size Industrial Plots	254	03.09.2021	2

No ex parte injunction in Gahlot defamation case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE DELHI High Court has refused to grant any ex parte injunction in the defamation suit filed by Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot against BIP MLA Vijender Gupta for allegedly making scandalous allegations against him with regard to alleged irregularities in purchase and maintenance of buses by the Delhi Transport Corporation.

Listing the suit for hearing on

September 20, Justice Asha

Court directs

Honey Singh

to appear in

domestic

violence

action appears to be a 'scam'. At this stage, therefore, no ex parte injunction is called for.'

by High Court in the case filed by former diplomat Lakshmi Puri against activist Saket Gokhale, senior advocate Rajiv Nayar, representing Gahlot, submitted, "In this case it is not a vigilante but a political rival. The clarification was given in the House. Now you cannot carry out the exercise

Menon, in an order released MLA. Saturday evening, said, "In the present case, prima facie, no perare "vastly different". sonal allegations appear to have

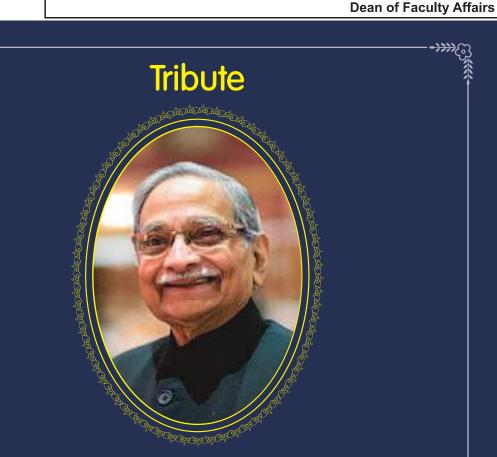
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been specifically made against the plaintiff except to the extent of saying that the entire trans-

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However, the court in the order said that facts of Puri's case



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case: 'No one



Hirdesh Singh goes by the stage name Yo Yo Honey Singh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST

A DELHI court Saturday directed singer Hirdesh Singh, who goes by the stage name Yo Yo Honey Singh, to appear before it on September 3 in connection with a domestic violence case filed by his wife Shalini Talwar, after he failed to appear before the court citing poor health.

Metropolitan Magistrate Tania Singh, while hearing the matter, observed that no one is above the law.

Singh's counsel sought the singer's exemption from personal appearance saying that he is unwell, and assured that he will appear on the next date of hearing, when his medical records and income documents will be submitted.

The wife of the singer had approached a Delhi court alleging physical, mental and emotional abuse at the hands of her husband

Advocate Sandeep Kapur, Apoorva Pandey, and GG Kashyap from Karanjawala and Co appeared on behalf of the woman. They filed an application under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, alleging that Singh had become "extremely arrogant, abusive, harsh and uncaring" to the woman following their marriage in 2011.

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OUR BELOVED FATHER/FATHER IN- LAW/ GRANDFATHER

DR. ANIL KUMAR PRASAD

H/O SMT. SHOBHA PRASAD Left for heavenly abode peacefully on August 26 2021

He will always be remembered for his warmth, loving nature, generosity and magnetic personality. A man with a fearless spirit who embodied a constant positive attitude throughout his life.

A prayer meeting and shanti paath as a tribute to him will be held on 30th August 2021 Monday at Arya Samaj Mandir GK-2 (Opposite E-Block) New Delhi, at 12:00 pm

In Grief:

Amit and Manjusha Shekhar (son and daughter in law) Anupam and Neeraj Daftuar(daughter and son in law) Aditya, Rahul, Eesha and Abhilasha (grandchildren)

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Note: Earlier Advertisement No. Estt.-01/2017/dated 28.09.2017 for faculty recruitment is cancelled due to administrative reasons and the fee submitted by candidates will be refunded in due course of time. (Registrar)



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Mayur Vihar-Noida route gets infra boost, commuting to become faster, smoother

Chief Minister inaugurates 'cloverleaf' loop, ramps, service road, cycle track, says will benefit all of East Delhi



At the inauguration on Saturday. At least five minutes of commuting time will be saved while traveling through these ramps, the PWD said. Gajendra Yadav

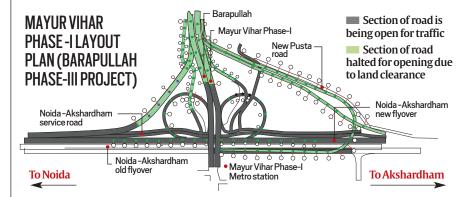
ASHNA BUTANI NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

IN A project expected to ease traffic and benefit commuters travelling from Mayur Vihar Phase-I to Noida and Akshardham, and vice-versa, a 'cloverleaf' loop, comprising ramps and service roads were inaugurated by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Saturday. The project is part of Barapullah Phase-III.

"The service roads, cloverleaf loop, ramps and cycle track being inaugurated today will bring a huge relief to the people of this region as well as entire East Delhi from traffic jams," said the Chief Minister at the inauguration.

"Ever since the Aam Aadmi Party has come into power, lots of developmental projects have been taken up by various departments. The way PWD (Public Works Department) has been functioning is commendable. They finish projects before deadlines, complete them not only within the estimated costs but also save money, and craft

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Down-ramp for the traffic from Noida to Mayur Vihar Phase-I

SERVICE ROAD (NOIDA SIDE): For traffic from Noida U-turn

SERVICE ROAD (MAYUR VIHAR SIDE): For traffic from Akshardham to Mayur Vihar

made possible because an honwill now take Delhi's infrastrucUp-ramp for traffic from Mayur Vihar Phase-I to Akshardham **PUSTA ROAD:** For traffic from Nangli

Razapur to Mayur Vihar Phase-I **CYCLE TRACK:** For non-motor vehicles from Noida to Akshardham

more sustainable and cost-effective designs. This has been said est government is in power. We

ture to a whole new level," he Satyendar Jain. PWD officials informed the CM that the land ac-Also present at the inauguquisition hurdle, which had ration were Deputy CM Manish slowed down progress on the Sisodia and PWD Minister elevated corridor of Barapullah

DELHI, AUGUST 28

digital health cards.

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THE DELHI government

Saturday announced a Rs 139

crore project to digitise health-

care management and hospital-

patient interactions in the city

through a cloud-based inte-

grated management system and

Officials said the Delhi cabi-

net has approved the budget and

sanctioned funds to set up the

'health information manage-

ment system', and the contract

has been awarded to M/s NEC

Corporation India Private

announced that the cabinet has

approved the setting up of 6,836

new beds across Delhi govern-

ment hospitals. "This is a very big

increase in the city's health in-

frastructure. Today Delhi has

10.000 beds in government hos-

pitals and 6,800 are being added.

This is a 70 per cent increase, this

is not a small thing. These will be

ready in six months. We can be

prepared for the third wave if it

comes. Even if it doesn't, these

Chief Minister Kejriwal also

Phase-III, has been cleared. The new deadline for completion of the phase is March 2023. Parts of the project inaugu-

rated on Saturday include a down-ramp for the traffic coming from Noida to Mayur Vihar Phase-I, an up-ramp for traffic going from Mayur Vihar towards Akshardham, a service road coming from the Noida Uturn, a service road from the Akshardham side, and a cycle track from Noida to Akshardham.

At least five minutes of commuting time will be saved while traveling through these ramps. According to the PWD, smooth and uninterrupted traffic on the ramps will also reduce emission by 2 tonnes of carbon dioxide per day. Approximately thirty thousand trees would be required to absorb such a large amount of CO2, the PWD estimates.

The ramps, service roads, loops, and cycle track cost Rs 60 crore. According to officials of the department, the 'socio-economic saving' facilitated by these will be Rs 11.3 crore per year. The PWD calculated this

Govt to add 7k beds to its

by taking into account the commuting time, fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emission.

The project had been slowed down due to the lockdowns. both in 2020 and 2021. Gulab (30), a labourer employed by L&T, the company working on the project, said he stayed back during both the lockdowns while most of his colleagues went back home. "My family is in Varanasi and I continued to stay at the labour quarters in Sarai Kale Khan. Those who stay in Delhi with their families and pay rent had no other option but to go back to their villages. Of 35 labourers, only around

15 stayed back, said Gulab. The completed Phase III proj-

ect will extend the Barapullah elevated road and connect Sarai Kale Khan with Mayur Vihar. Chander Kanta (29), a resident of Mayur Vihar, who was present at the inauguration, said that the ramps will make her life easier. "I keep traveling to that side since my maiden home is in Noida. There are times when we are stuck in traffic for almost half an hour. This will make our journeysmore seamless.'

Resume classes for youngest lot, say parents of primary school children

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Partly cloudy sky with very

light rain/thundershowers

sheets for him now I think every

parent wants their child to return

to school now," said Raju, who works as a tailor and whose son

Alishan studies in a Delhi govern-

Teachers, too, say that they ur-

gently feel the need for young

rooms, and that they are regularly

fielding questions from parents

on this. "Parents come to school

and ask me about when their children can come to school but I

tell them this can only be decided

by the government, it's not in our hands. I hope that after schools

open for class VI-VIII, by the end of

September, we can have our stu-

dents back. These small children

are the ones losing out the most.

What online teaching can you do

for a student of class I, who has not learnt to recognise alphabets

and numbers? Their base is not

being formed," said a teacher in a

municipal corporation primary

Balram Bhargava had recom-

mended that primary schools be

opened before secondary schools,

pointing to these children's ability

to handle viral infections better,

but most states have opted to be-

gin with bringing older children

restart for younger children. The

government is just being cautious

"I'm sure that schools will

Last month, ICMR DG Dr

school in North Delhi,

back to school first.

children to return to the class-

ment school.

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SUKRITA BARUAH DELHI, AUGUST 28

SEVEN YEAR-OLD Jyoti Kumari and her group of friends play in a park close to their homes in Zamrudpur on Saturday afternoon, running up and down the stairs of the slide.

Jyoti leaves for tuition classes at 3 pm every day, except Sundays. While schools in Delhi are set to open for classes IX to XII from September 1, and it has been recommended that they also be reopened for classes VI to VIII from September 8, there is no word so far on plans for younger children like Jyoti.

"After reviewing the situation in the two phases, the Directorate of Education may take the decision of opening the schools for primary and pre-primary classes in the third phase," state the recommendations of a committee formed to look into the matter.

"I do the worksheets I get from school on my father's phone with the help of our landlady." said Jyoti. "But I don't know how to unerstand what I'm reading."

She studies in class III in a municipal corporation school, and her father works as a scrap collec-

Her classmate Nishi says she cannot remember what going to school was like.

With these children having been away from school since March 2020 without a single day of offline school activities, parents of those in government and municipal corporation schools are eager for classes to resume soon.

"My son has been promoted to class IV now after one and a half years without school, but I'm afraid that it will be too much of a burden for him: he doesn't know his reading and numbers. His sister in class IX is doing his workbecause Delhi has been the hub of problems in the last wave. In Harvana, we've begun with creative camps for children of classes III, IV, V. We're not immediately getting into learning, we are starting with some socialising activities, art and music, so that kids start feeling a sense of relaxation among each other," said educationist Dr Ameeta Wattal, chairperson and executive director. DLF Foundation Schools and Scholarship Programmes.



JANTAR MANTAR SLOGANS

Wife, motherin-law among 7 held after man's body found in drain

New Delhi: Days after a 24year-old man's body was found in a trolley bag in Southeast Delhi's Sukhdev Vihar, seven persons, including the man's wife and mother-in-law, have been arrested. Police said a group of men had allegedly stabbed Naveen Chand after he had a fight with his wife on August 8. The men later put the body in a bag and dumped it in a canal. On August 10, police received information about a decomposing body, and the man's identity was established. DCP R P Meena said, "The man had a tattoo of his name on his hand. Based on that, we started a probe..." ENS

Will make Delhi a world leader in skill training: Sisodia

New Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday said the city government is making efforts to make the national capital a world leader in skills training. Sisodia and Vice-Chancellor of DSEU, Professor Neharika Vohra visited the varsity campus in Dwarka and ITI at Nizamuddin to inspect the on-ground events of Delhi's first-ever state level competitions. PTI

Accused 'clearly seen participating', court denies bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

A DELHI court denied bail to Preet Singh, accused in the anti-Muslim sloganeering at Jantar Mantar, observing that he is clearly seen actively participating in the incendiary speeches along with others.

Additional Sessions Judge Anil Antil, in his order passed Friday, observed that on the basis of material placed on record and submissions by the prosecution, "there has been active participation by the applicant in his individual capacity and also as the main organiser of the event itself, which was conducted at Jantar Mantar despite being denied permission by the Delhi Police and total disregard to Covid--19 protocol issued by the Government of India". The court said that "given the

stature of the applicant, it was expected that he ought to have exercised his authority, in these

participants from airing such inflammatory opinions in the larger interest of the public/committee welfare." "On the other hand, the ap-

plicant is clearly seen actively participating in the incendiary speeches along with his other associates," the court said.

The court observed that the "right to assemble and freedom to air one's thoughts are cherished under the Constitution of India. However, they are not absolute and are to be exercised with inherent reasonable restrictions".

circumstances, and prevented

"It is apposite to mention that the applicant not only voluntarily organised the event but also actively participated and provided support to the views and contents of inflammatory speeches, which were being made by the participants/accused persons at that time, by

acknowledging and endorsing via gestures and clappings intermittently," the court said.

hospitals, digitise sector

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW HEALTH SYSTEM: KEY TAKEAWAYS

REGISTRATION

Online registration, appointment, scheduling through web portal, mobile app, kiosks or tollfree health helpline

Facial recognition with biometric authentication of patients

General health screening of through household surveys

OPD Queue management



with automated templates according to doctor's specialty/department as well as personal style

IPD

Real-time integration with Centralised Ambulance Trauma Services (CATS) and Trauma Registry

citizens will be connected to it through 'e-Health Cards'.

ices like hospital administration, budgeting, and planning, supply chain management, back-end service, and processes will be brought under this system. Health cards will be issued and will be available online for access. eHealth Cards will be issued to



PHARMACY

Display boards with estimated wait time and queue management

> Doorstep delivery of medicines

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Geo-tagging of frontline workers

Household surveys using handheld devices

Identification and registration of beneficiaries with Aadhaar and biometric identification to avail state and national schemes

EMERGENCY, AMBULANCE

ience," said the CM. This is supposed to be a digi-

tal and cloud-based system, and "All patient care-related serv-

go according to your conven-

There is no tentative date for reopening of primary classes

Chargesheet filed against 4 over death of minor Dalit girl

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE DELHI Police Crime Branch

Saturday filed a chargesheet

against four men, including a

crematorium priest, in connec-

tion with the death of a minor

Dalit girl in Southwest Delhi ear-

The Crime Branch said they

chargesheeted Radhe Shyam

(55), Kuldeep Kumar (63), Laxmi

Narain (48) and Mohd Salim (49)

under several IPC sections in-

cluding murder, gangrape,

wrongful confinement, criminal

intimidation and causing the

disappearance of evidence along

with POCSO Act and 3 SC/ST Act..

lier this month.

gathering sufficient evidence on record, the chargesheet has been filed," said Biswal.

The girl was found dead inside a crematorium on August 2. Her family said she had gone there to fetch water from a cooler, and her mother was later told by the priest and the other accused that the girl was electrocuted. The family claims the men forced the mother not to inform the police about the death and tried to conduct a hurried cremation. However, locals intervened and stopped it, though only charred remains were recovered from the pyre.

It is learnt that police also examined the water cooler and spoke to locals in detail.

cused concocted the story about

the electrocution. Locals told us

they did not get any shocks from

the cooler the same day. The

cooler was also examined by ex-

perts, who found that there was

had "confessed". Police did not

share details of each man's al-

Sources also claimed the four

no such issue.'

Since the girl's body was

Chinmoy Biswal, the Delhi Police spokesperson, said the burnt, the forensic team was un-400-page chargesheet was subable to conclusively ascertain mitted to Patiala House Court. rape or assault. An investigating officer said, "We believe the ac-

"The case was transferred to the Crime Branch on August 5, following which a Special Investigation Team was constituted with ACP Sandeep Lamba and ACP Richhpal Singh. The SIT is under the supervision of Monika Bharadwaj, DCP (Crime)," said Biswal. Police said they collected scientific and technical evidence and recorded statements of witnesses.

"We took help from forensic science laboratory in Rohini and forensic experts on biology and odontology. We also interacted with psychologists during the interrogation of the accused. After

Biswal said police had committed to filing a chargesheet within 30 days after a high-level review meeting by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The matter will now go to a fast-track court.

leged role in the crime.

hospitals in a phased manner. "All hospitals in Delhi are being connected on a common platform and a portal will inform how many beds are empty in which hospital, which medi-

cines are available in what quantity. You will know staff position, medical position, how many ventilators are vacant. You won't need to form long lines at hospitals, you can fix an appointment with doctors over the phone and



83 fire calls in 3 months from units with no NOC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

MORE THAN 80 emergency calls were attended by the Delhi Fire Services in the last three months from multi-storey industries and factories across the city. Officials Saturday said that most of these factories, having different manufacturing units, house labourers, and their families. However, there is no fire

area "unsafe" in case of a fire. NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

safety equipment inside the building and the workers live in



leased by DFS, 83 fire calls from industries and factories have

been attended by the department from May 31 to August 28. Atul Garg, the DFS chief, said, "We have a procedure where we give fire NOC to commercial buildings. Many of these facto-

ries didn't have the NOC from us. Lack of proper windows or ventilation, presence of cooking material and gas cylinders near factory area make it unsafe."



This will help the people of Delhi get all information under one roof and immediate help in emergency cases... Under the Health Card Project, QR code-based

the residents of Delhi on the basis of voter ID and population registry from which demographic

Family mapping will be done through e-health cards for health schemes and programmes. It will be integrated with HIMS for seamless information exchange. Cards with QR codes will be distributed to each person after physical verification," read a gov-

> ernment statement. According to a representative, surveys will be conducted to get these cards made, and they will be distributed through a door-to-door campaign.



and basic clinical information of

each patient can be obtained.

5 GOVT & POLITICS

Baghel returns from Delhi, says Rahul to visit Chhattisgarh Raipur: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on

Saturday returned to Raipur from Delhi, a day after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi met him for the second time in a week in a bid to resolve the power tussle between him and state health minister T S Singh Deo.

Rahul Gandhi will visit the state next week, Baghel told reporters at the airport.

The chief minister was greeted by a huge crowd of supporters like one that welcomed him back on Wednesday when he returned from his first meeting with Gandhi after supposedly discussing the issue of leadership change in the state.

Meanwhile, T S Singh Deo, after returning here from Delhi, said that the decision on leadership change, whether it will be carried out or not, lay with the party high command. He did not reveal whether discussions were held on the leadership issue. "They have heard us out. The final decision they will take. PTI Gujarat committed to stop 'love jihad', will move SC: Rupani

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 28

THE GUJARAT government will approach the Supreme Court

"love jihad" in the state. "The state government is determined. Hindu girls are lured and are made to flee (their homes). Then religious conversion happens. In this context of love jihad, the state government is fully committed. The state government will surely approach the Supreme Court against the High Court de-

cision and whatever necessary needs to be done, the state government will do it," said Rupani. The CM was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of an event in Gandhinagar to celebrate the 125th birth anniversary of

against the recent High Court decision to stay certain sections of the Gujarat Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Act 2021, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani said Saturday, adding that his government is "committed" to stopping

poet Zaverchand Meghani. On August 26, a division bench of Chief Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Biren Vaishnav turned down an application of the

CM Vijay Rupani

Gujarat government seeking rectification of the High Court order that stayed eight sections of the Gujarat Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Act, 2021. It had sought lifting the stay on the operation of section 5 that was in the original Act enacted in 2003.

Hours after the order, Minister of State for Home and Law, Pradeepsinh Jadeja, said that section 5 was at the "core of the law" and that the government would move Supreme Court challenging the HC decision.



global defence production hub

Rajnath Singh at an event to mark the commissioning of Indian Coast Guard Ship Vigraha, in Chennai. Twitter/rajnathsingh

niversary of Independence. "Today we have great scope to make full use of our capabilities, take advantage of policies, and move towards making the country an indigenous shipbuilding hub.'

The 100-metre ship named Vigraha, the minister said, is

Rajnath: Work to make India a 2nd FIR filed against UP ex-IPS officer, wife

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, AUGUST 28

A DAY after the Lucknow Police arrested retired IPS officer Amitabh Thakur on charge of abetting the suicide of a suspected rape victim from Ballia and her friend, the police Saturday said Thakur and his wife Nutan had been charged with using criminal force to obstruct an official

The police said the second case was filed as Thakur resisted arrest when the police went to his home at Viram Khand in Gomti Nagar to take him into custody in the abetment of suicide case.

In a video that has surfaced on nology. "From its design concepsocial media, Thakur is seen resisting arrest. He allegedly refused to tion to development, the ship is completely indigenous." He said comply with police instructions its commissioning "showcases till he was given a copy of the FIR. significant improvement in our Before being shoved into a vehicoastal defence capability as also cle, he is heard saying that police our ever-increasing self-reliance were acting illegally. The second FIR was registered

Amitabh Thakur and his wife have been charged with obstructing police during his arrest on Friday.

based on a complaint from sub-inspector Dhananjay Singh. "On the basis of a video, an FIR was lodged against Amitabh Thakur and Nutan Thakur for criminal force to deter a public servant from discharge of his duty. Nutan Thakur was also creating hindrance for police," said Gomti Nagar SHO KK Tiwari.

Thakur had earlier announced that he would contest the UP poll from Gorakhpur against CM Yogi Adityanath.

nutritional supplements available in the

market today that can fulfill the calcium and vitamin D requirements of your body.

Your doctor can help you choose the one

Build a regular weight bearing exercise

regime - Bones adapt based on the stress

or demands placed on them. When you

your bones. In response, your bone tissue

remodels and becomes stronger. In this

way, you effectively lower the rate of

Prevent falls - Falling down can cause a

bone to break, especially in someone with

osteoporosis. But most falls can be prevented. Check your home for dangers

like loose rugs and poor lighting. Have

your vision checked regularly. Increase

your balance and strength by walking

Test the strength of your bones - Knowing

how strong your bones areis the only way

work your muscles, they put stress on

natural bone loss in your body.

best suited to your needs

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BONE HEALTH AND OSTEOPOROSIS steoporosis is a disease o bodies need vitamin D. There are several

in the defence sector".

equipped with the latest tech-

progressive bone loss associated with an increased risk of fractures The term osteoporosis literally means porous bone. The disease often develops unnoticed over many years, with no symptoms or discomfort until a fracture

Bone loss and bone growth are part of a normal life cycle for any individual, but the problem of osteoporosis arises when the rate of bone loss is faster than that of bone growth. There are several factors that can lead to osteoporosis –

AGING

ing hub for the world.

missioning of Indian Coast

Guard Ship (ICGS) Vigraha, the

last of the seven Offshore Patrol

Vessels (OPVs), in Chennai, Singh

said the expenditure on security

around the world will reach USD

2.1 trillion in the next two years.

can work towards making India

a defence manufacturing hub,

not only for ourselves, but for the

whole world" and "it should be

our resolve to move forward in

this direction" on the 75th an-

Singh said "our companies

Everyone loses bone with age. After 35 years of age, the body builds less new bone to replace the loss of old bone. In general, the older you are, the lower you total bone mass and the greater your risk for osteoporosis

HEREDITY

A family history of fractures; a small, slender body build; fair skin; and Caucasian or Ásian ethnicity can increase the risk for osteoporosis. Heredity also may help explain why some people develop osteoporosis early in life.

lifestyle have been linked to osteoporosis as have smoking and excessive alcohol



MEDICATIONS AND OTHER

ILLNESSES Osteoporosis has been linked to the use of some medications, including steroids, and to other illnesses, including some thyroid problems.

Any of these factors individually or a combination, may result in fragile bonessusceptible to fractures even while doing simple daily activities.Osteoporosis-related fractures

are associated with considerable pain suffering, disability, and possibly even death in some cases, for the affected patients. It may affect any bone but most commonly affected are the bones of the hip and spine. In addition, osteoporosis causes some patients to lose height stooped or hunched posture, may limit mobility, which often leads to feelings of isolation or depression 4

Increasing life expectancy has resulted in an increasing number of ageing population globally; life expectancy at present is ~67 years in India and is expected to increase to 71 years by 2025 and to 77 years by 2050. Further, ~10% of the Indian population is older than 50 years at present; however, these figures are likely to go up to 34% by 2050. Thus, adding to the risk of osteoporosis. At present, India is home to a very large population of osteoporosis patients.

YOU NOW MUST BE ASKING, IS THERE ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO TO SLOW DOWN OSTEOPOROSIS? WOULD OFFER THE FOLLOWING ADVICE -Develop a balanced diet - The health and

effectively absorb calcium from food, ou

to know for sure if you have osteoporosis The most widely used is a scan called dual energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA or DEXA). The test determines bone health strength of our bones rely on a balanced diet and a steady stream of nutrients, and your risk of fracture due to most importantly, calcium and Vitamin D osteoporosis. Ask your doctor to include it in your annual check up the next time you Calcium is not made in the body — it must be absorbed from the foods we eat. To

every day



than regular 3-tier coaches: Rlys compared to regular 3AC coaches, given to different zonal railways. they said.

Economy AC fares to be 8% less

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

FARE OF the new air-conditioned three-tier economy class coaches. which are touted as air-conditioned travel for the common man, will be 8 per cent less than the existing AC 3-tier class, the Railways said on Saturday.

The new 3AC economy class coaches will have 83 berths as against 72 in regular 3AC coaches. Regular 3AC coaches have two side berths, which will be increased to three in the new coaches.

The fare is determined to be 2.4 times the base price of existing sleeper class of mail and express trains, officials said. They said 50 such coaches have been

The newly produced coaches will be attached to existing

mail/express trains. In trains running with maximum length, these will replace sleeper class coaches, a Railways Ministry spokesperson said.

The base fare for up to 300 km will be Rs 440, which is the lowest according to the distance, while the highest base fare is Rs 3,065 for travel between 4,951 and 5,000

km, the spokesperson said. The latest zone to get these coaches is the North Central Railway, which is set to use them

in train no. 02403 (Prayagraj-Jaipur express) from September 6, and bookings have been opened from Saturday, officials said. These passenger-friendly coaches have 83 berths and the fare is lower

The 3AC economy mail/express/superfast coaches will have normal child fare rules as applica-

ble for existing 3AC coaches of mail/express trains. Concession or free complimentary passes will be at par with the existing 3AC coaches of mail/express trains, an

official said The eligibility of privilege pass/PTO for railway employees will be at par with the eligibility in 3AC coaches of mail/express trains. Cancellation and refund

rules and all other terms and conditions of travel will be at par with the existing 3AC to CC class, they said. The Railways has planned

around 806 new coaches to be rolled out by this fiscal.

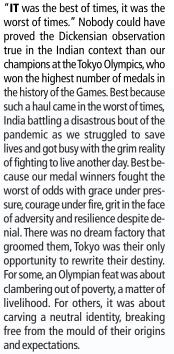
NUTRITION AND LIFESTYLE

Poor nutrition, including a low calcium diet, low body weight, and a sedentary





equally stringent coaching, diet and fitness standards from the school level



For women, it was about empowerment and jumping over many hurdles of patriarchy, misogyny, bias and humiliation. And as the women's hockey team will tell you, you can win with an undying spirit. So what if only six per cent of women feature in professional sports despite producing more medal winners from that tiny talent pool. For yet others, it was about the refusal to be marginalised by the world. But in the end it was a triumph of self-will and determination, of human effort.

So questions will always be raised about how long can we go on raw talent and passion when we should have a scientific system in place to produce more medallists for a country of our size, considering sports feats are usually seen as one of the markers of development. How then does one explain the athlete glories from Caribbean countries like Jamaica or African countries like Kenya? It is true that the US and China have spent huge budgets on sports infrastructure, talent and the big Games economy, more than hundred times over what we spend per capita on sports development. However, over the years, the funding has seen an uptick with increased allocations to the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and corporates coming forward to professionalise many disciplines, sharpen training and infrastructure backup and ensuring exposure to global competitions. Professional leagues in football, hockey and tournaments in individual sports have undoubtedly whetted talent and kept it competition-ready. But this hasn't been reflected on medal tallies at world events.

Talent scouting still needs to be done scientifically, sports management needs to be depoliticised and left to experts while an efficient mapping must be done on investing in disciplines with the best medal prospects.

We must legitimise sports as a key element of school education to find and nurture talent. The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) mandates sports education to become a part of school curriculum. Some States like Haryana have operationalised this mantra of "catching them young" at the primary school level, which explains the State's comparative medal prowess. The momentum of merit must be maintained at the grassroots level at all times with consistent performance benchmarks. That means equally stringent coaching, diet and fitness standards at the junior level. As for athletes, a one-time reward is not enough to keep him/her motivated. A job guarantees security and beyond star performers, many athletes do not have it. And there's no rehabilitation package to fall back in on their sunset years. There are four more years before Paris. The potential is there. All we need is the right mechanism to harness it.

MIRABAI CHANU Silver, women's 49 kg weightlifting

With an 87 kg lift in the snatch, and a 115 kg lift in the clean and jerk, she won a silver medal, losing to Hou Zhihui of the People's Republic China. She hitched rides with truck drivers carrying sand to save money for her training trips.

PV SINDHU

Bronze, women's singles badminton

After Tokyo, she is the only Indian female athlete to win multiple Olympic medals. She is the second Indian to win a medal twice in individual events at the Olympic Games. She is the fifth female shuttler to win two Olympic singles medals. She has broken the formidable monopoly of the Chinese winning machine.

LOVLINA BORGOHAIN Bronze, women's welterweight boxing

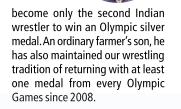
Lovlina Borgohain began as a compatriot of boxing legend Mary Kom. She defeated 2018 world champion Chen Nien-Chin in the quarterfinals, with the tally closing at 4-1.

MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM Bronze

Carrying the burden of a medal drought for 41 years, they could have easily crumbled after being defeated 5-2 by eventual champions Belgium in the semifinals. During their bronze playoff against Germany, a medal seemed elusive as India was looking at a 3-1 scoreline. The team came back with four goals in seven minutes.

RAVI KUMAR DAHIYA

Silver, men's 57 kg wrestling On his Olympic debut, Dahiya has



BAJRANG PUNIA

Bronze, men's 65 kg wrestling

Battling hiccups in the initial stages, Punia made a clean 8-0 victory and gave India its sixth wrestling medal at the Olympics since 2008.

NEERAJ CHOPRA Gold, men's javelin throw

Chopra's first attempt in the final was marked at 87.03m, and his second flew 87.58 m. He became the second individual Olympic champion after Abhinav Bindra (2008, men's air rifle 10m). A first for India in athletics.



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BENGAL POST-POLL VIOLENCE CBI arrests **2** in Nadia, files **10 more cases**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, AUGUST 28

THE CBI on Saturday arrested two people in connection with a case related to alleged post-poll violence in West Bengal. The agency also filed 10 more cases, taking the number of cases it has registered to 21.

The two people arrested were identified as Bijoy Ghosh and Ashima Ghosh. They have been held in connection with an alleged attack on BIP supporter Dharma Mandal in Nadia district's Chapra area on May 14.

In a statement, the agency said it conducted searches at 15 locations in connection with the attack on Mandal. He suffered serious injuries while trying to save one of his relatives who was allegedly being beaten up by the eight accused named in a complaint, officials said

In the complaint, Mandal's brother Ayan said members of his family and residents of Hridaypur village were known BJP supporters. On May 14, the accused beat up their relative, Sanajit Mandal, and dragged him to a nearby locality, he alleged. The complainant, Dharma, and his nephew Saurav went to save Sanajit when the accused also allegedly assaulted them, according

to FIR. One of the accused, Ujjal Ghosh, allegedly hit Dharma on head with a sharp weapon, leaving him grievously injured, read the FIR registered on August 25. The CBI has invoked IPC Sections 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention), 307 (attempt to murder), 325(voluntarily causing grievous hurt), 326 (causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapons), and 341 (wrongful restraint).

The CBI had taken over probe into these cases on an order of the High Court.

The first case on the list was earlier registered at Dinhata police station in Coochbehar district on allegations that the accused abducted the complainant's nephew on May 3, and took him to Rajaghora river. The victim's d body was found on the

Mamata: 16 TMC workers killed,

5 from BJP dead Kolkata: Having denied any post-poll violence in the state so far, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday claimed that 16 TMC workers had been killed and only five BJP men had died since the elections. Addressing the media, she criticised the National Human Rights Commission and said, "I have no problem with the CBI; let NHRC work impartially. They had a BJP leader accompanying(the team). While the report says five people from BJP were killed in post-poll violence,

16 other victims were from TMC. Did you send a human rights team to Hathras, to Tripura? I am sorry to say, NHRC members are BJP cadres." ENS

ing for him and his son. The complainant's wife reportedly died after being struck with a sharp weapon

The fifth case was earlier registered at llambazar police station in Birbhum. This too was about the alleged vandalism of the complainant's home. The complainant's elder son died on the spot while his other son and their friend were severely injured, FIR states

The sixth case was earlier registered at Sitalkuchi on a complaint that unidentified men had arbitrarily beaten her husband and shot him. He was taken to Dinhata Hospital where he died during treatment. The seventh case was earlier registered at Mollarpur station in Birbhum on

allegations that seven men had attacked the complainant's father, who died during treatment. The eighth case now filed by

CBI was earlier registered at Liluah in Howrah district. The accused allegedly vandalised the comhome and not find him, sexually harassed his wife. The family fled the area after the complainant was attacked a few days later. When the family tried to return, the accused allegedly demanded Rs 10 lakh. The ninth case was earlier registered in Liluah after the accused allegedly attacked the complainant's home and molested her two daughters. The accused also allegedly vandalised their home. The final case filed by CBI was earlier registered at Kankurtala station in Birbhum on allegations that the accused attacked the complainant, and his family with an iron rod, and bamboo sticks. During the attack, the complainant's brother was killed. (WITHPTIINPUTS)

Ex-minister, Mukhtar's brother ioin SP; BJP slams 'mafia link'

ASAD REHMAN LUCKNOW, AUGUST 28

WITH THE Assembly elections getting closer, the Samajwadi Party on Saturday inducted gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari's brother Sibghatullah Ansari and former minister Ambika Chaudhary into the party. The induction of Ansari, who is a former MLA from

Mohammadabad constituency in Ghazipur district, drew criticism from the BJP, with the ruling party asking what the relationship between "mafia Mukhtar's brother and SP would be called".

Mukhtar Ansari, a BSP leader and five-time MLA from Mau, is currently in jail, while Sibghatullah's other brother Afzal Ansari is a BSP MP from Ghazipur. The Ansari family has sizeable influence in eastern UP districts such as Ghazipur, Ballia, Mau, Azamgarh and Varanasi.

Speaking after Sibghatullah and Chaudhary joined the SP, party chief Akhilesh Yadav said, "It will be my attempt that all of Netaji's (Mulayam Singh Yadav's) close people join the party ... "



यों का हाथ -- युवा का स

Ambika Chaudhary (left); Sibghatullah Ansari join SP in the presence of Akhilesh Yadav in Lucknow.

Chaudhary appeared emotional on stage at the party headquarters. In 2017, Chaudhary, a long-time aide to Mulayam Singh Yadav, had left the SP saying he was saddened by the way the SP patriarch was treated by his son and then CM Akhilesh. Contacted by The Sunday

Express, Chaudhary said that he quit the BSP as he was not given any major responsibility in the party. He refused to comment when asked if his concern regarding treatment of Mulayam by the SP was resolved. Sibghatullah, a former MLA, said that he quit the BSP because



family when they needed it. "No one in the BSP spoke about the injustice being meted out to my brother who is in jail. From the tallest leaders to party workers, no one raised their voice for my brother and family. Akhilesh-ji, despite being in SP, has spoken about it and has tried to heal our wounds. He is a popular leader with a very wide support base," said Sibghatullah. Asked if his brothers may follow him to the SP, he said, "I have joined the SP inde-

pendently. It has nothing to do with my brothers' future.'



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Reacting to the allegations, SP national spokesperson Juhie Singh said that it is wrong to associate crimes of a person with his entire family. "We welcome Sibghatullah Ansari into the party and he represents his constituency as a leader, and that is what matters," said Singh.

Considering legal action against Parab, studying all options: BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

THE BJP on Saturday said it is considering legal action against Shiv Sena leader and Transport Minister Anil Parab for what it termed as "blatant misuse" of power by pressuring the police to arrest Union Minister Narayan Rane in Ratnagiri on Tuesday.

On Saturday, state BJP president Chandrakant Patil said, "We have initiated the process to gather facts and consult legal and constitutional experts."

"We are studying all possible options. The video clip showing Shiv Sena Minister Anil Parabordering police to arrest Rane at any cost is being looked into. It has reached every household because of social media," he added. Patil said there

If progressive, CM should have married off daughter to Dalit

Cong's Kerala chief:

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM AUGUST 28

CONGRESS' KERALA working president Kodikunnil Suresh Saturday courted controversy by saying that Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan should have married off his daughter to a Scheduled Caste person if he were a truly progres-

sive leader. Suresh, an MP and prominent Dalit leader, was speaking at a dharna against the alleged misappropriation of SC/ST welfare funds involving CPI(M) leaders.

secretary. Even after his comments drew Suresh said Vijayan had earned a name for being progresflak from political leaders, Suresh sive after allowing the entry of stuck to them, saying he had women into the Sabarimala made an accidental reference to a Temple. "If Vijayan were a true renaissance leader, he would have married off his daughter to a Scheduled Caste person. CPI(M) has several good young men from

Scheduled Caste," he said. The Congress leader accused Vijayan of neglecting the Dalit community."The neglect was evident in the formation of the ministry and appointments. Making a Dalit as devaswom (temple affairs) minister was celebrated. At the same time, Vijayan had aptopic which had been debated by society at large. A A Rahim, state secretary of DYFI, the youth wing of ruling CPI(M), said the Congress leader's comments were anti-women and against the perspective of a modern society. "His statements are regressive. Any adult has the freedom to pick up his or her life partner. It shows Congress is being led by persons who are yet to embrace a perspective of modern

from Matoshree," he said. "Now, he

(CM Uddhav Thackeray) will have

to go to UP as a (complaint) has

been filed against him there (for

saying that Yogi Adityanath should

"I doubt if there is a state gov-

ernment in Maharashtra," he said

in Nandgaon, and pointed to the

losses faced by Maharashtra State

Road Transport Corporation, al-

leging that employees have not

been paid for months. He also

claimed that some employees

have died by suicide.

be beaten up with slippers)."

K Suresh, Pinarayi Vijayan

pointed his conscience keeper to

rein in that Dalit minister." he said.

referring to the appointment of K

Radhakrishnan as temple affairs

minister. Later, former MP A

Sampath was made his private

No other state should get CM like Maharashtra: Rane

society," he said.

VALLABHOZARKAR SINDHUDURG, AUGUST 28

UNION MINISTER and BJP leader Narayan Rane kept up his attack on the Shiv Sena and the Maha Vikas Aghadi government as he continued his Jan Ashirwad Yatra in his stronghold Sindhudurg in

Konkan. While speaking at Oras in Sindhudurg, Rane, without naming anyone, said: "Covid-19 deaths in the state are the highest in the country... They are number 1 in

"There are two Rauts in Shiv killing people (due to Covid-19)." Sena, both have only one job - crit-"No other state should get a icise me... I don't understand chief minister like this, who does-Sanjay Raut at times, he criticises n't get out of home... doesn't even me inside the House and after coming out, says 'well done'...' go to Mantralaya. He is a caged tiger

PRESIDENT HAILS AYUSH ROLE: President Ram Nath Kovind with UP CM Yogi Adityanath and Governor Anandiben Patel, during a ceremony to lay the foundation stone for the Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath Ayush Vishwavidyalaya, in Gorakhpur. The President said the potential of traditional Indian medical practices was now being recognised after they proved beneficial during the pandemic, especially during the second wave. He also inaugurated the Mahayogi Gorakhnath University in the district's Sonbarsa area. PTT

34 states, UTs implementing

river bank. The police took him to Dinhata hospital but he died during treatment, according to CBI.

The second case was registered at Sitalkuchi in Coochbehar after a man accused another of killing his brother, leaving the body in a bamboo field near their home. The third case was earlier registered at Jagaddal in North Parganas after the complainant alleged that the accused, along with others, vandalised his home. The

complainant said his mother died of injuries at Kalyani JNM Hospital. One case filed by CBI was ear-

lier registered at Jamalpur in Purba Bardhaman district. The accused, along with unidentified people, allegedly vandalised the complainant's house while look-

ration card scheme: govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

WITH WEST Bengal and Delhi coming onboard, the number of states implementing the One Nation One Ration Card scheme has gone up to 34, covering almost 94.3 per cent of National Food Security Act beneficiaries, the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said Saturday.

In a statement, the Ministry said, "Under One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) which was running successfully in 32 states/UTs till December 2020, has now became operational in two more states/UTs-Delhi and West Bengal till August 2021 thereby, expanding the scheme to 34 states/UTs covering nearly 75 crore beneficiaries (almost 94.3% NFSA population)."

"Two remaining states - Assam and Chhattisgarh are targeted for integration under ONORC in next few months," the statement said. While Delhi operationalised the ONORC from July 23, West Bengal has done the same with ef-

fect from August 13, said an official The development comes after the Supreme Court, on June 29, directed all states and UTs to implement the ONORC system which allows for inter- and intra-state portability, by July 31.

Virtual exhibitions launched to

The ONORC scheme is aimed at enabling migrant workers and their family members to buy subsidised ration from any fair price shop anywhere in the country under the Food Security Act of 2013. It was launched in August 2019.

As far as the inter-state portability of the ration cards is concerned, Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra and Gujarat are the top four destination states which have recorded the maximum number of inward transactions since the inception of the scheme, the ministry said. The maximum number of outward transactions have been recorded in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka

within the party that it should file a case against Parab, also the parliamentary affairs minister. "How can a state minister issue such an arrest order? He is not the home minister of

Maharashtra," he added. Earlier this week, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had called Rane to inquire about the developments that led to his arrest during the Jan Ashirwad Yatra.

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday called Rane to inquire about his health. Rane, who is currently undertaking Jan Ashirwad Yatra at Kankavli in Sindhudurg, was quoted as saying to Singh: "My health is fine... Strangely, someone spread rumours about my health, which are totally baseless..."

Rane needed to be reined in legally: Sanjay Raut

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

ATTACKING UNION Minister and BJP leader Narayan Rane over his criticism of Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and Shiv Sena, party MP Sanjay Raut on Saturday said that legal action had been taken against Rane as he had been using "insulting language" frequently.

Raut, while speaking at a party event in Nashik, said that since Rane became a Union minister. he has been constantly attacking Thackeray, Sena and the

'Petty, ahistorical': Cong slams

ICHR for 'omitting' Nehru pic

His tongue slipped repeatedly: Sanjay Raut

Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government. "Since his tongue was slipping repeatedly, he needed to be reined in legally. The chief minister has done it. The language of the ministers should be polite. The one who takes the oath under the Constitution needs to maintain the civility and dignity of the post," Raut told party workers.

Mamata calls for meeting of CMs of non-BJP states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, AUGUST 28

ACCUSING THE Narendra Modi government at the Centre of trying to "bulldoze the federal structure" of India, and snatching the rights of the states, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday proposed a meeting of the chief ministers of non-BJP states to fight against "the Centre's authoritarianism".

Referring to the BJP's resounding poll defeat in West Bengal, during her address on the foundation day of the Trinamool

Congress' students' wing Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP), the chief minister said, "Khela [The game] is over in West Bengal, it will happen in Tripura, Assam and Delhi in 2024. They [BJP] are harassing Uddhav Thackeray and Arvind Kejriwal for everything. They will only use their photo on vaccine certificates. I ask them to use their photo on

death certificates. Even my state was using my photo on Covid certificate, but I refused and asked to use the national flag."

Targeting the Centre's National



the TMC's students' wing TMCP, in Kolkata. CMO

country's assets. "The government is trying to sell off the country. Railways, airports, PSUs, they want to sell everything off. Can you sell the soil of the country?' said the chief minister.

> at the Centre over its Afghanistan evacuation policy.

Police Forces exam paper that had listed questions related to "poll violence in Bengal", the TMC chairperson said the Union government was trying to "divide the central forces now".

mark 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'

Mamata Banerjee addresses

The chief minister also hit out

Referring to the Central Armed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28 UNION MINISTERS Anurag

Thakur and G Kishan Reddy, accompanied by ministers of state L Murugan, Ariun Ram Meghwal and Meenakshi Lekhi, inaugurated an e-photo exhibition titled 'Making of the Constitution' and a virtual film poster exhibi-

tion called 'Chitranjali@75'.

The event was organised as part of the 'Iconic Week' being celebrated by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, along with various media units, to mark the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsay'. It is aims to showcase the journey of "new India" and celebrate the contribution of freedom fighters, including the "unsung heroes" of the freedom struggle.

Speaking at the event, Union I&B minister Anurag Thakur said the purpose of the e-photo exhibition is to inform people ing about the making of the



Union ministers at an event held as part of 'Iconic Week' being celebrated by I&B Ministry to mark 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. I&B Minister Anurag Thakur announced that the government will soon run a 'Know Your Constitution' programme to encourage youths to partner in efforts to propagate the founding principles of the Constitution.

Constitution. The minister announced that the government will soon run a 'Know Your Constitution' programme to encourage the youth to partner in am sure it's going to evoke saefforts to propagate the foundcred memories of our freedom fighters, our social reformers and principles of the the valour of our soldiers." **Constitution**

Mahatma Gandhi, Subhas **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, B R NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28 THE CONGRESS on Saturday crit-Malviya and VD Savarkar.

icised the Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR) for omitting Jawaharlal Nehru's image from a digital poster on the 'Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate the 75th year of India's Independence.

The Council, on the other hand, called the controversy "unnecessary" and said there was no ulterior motive behind its choice of freedom fighters for the poster. ICHR Member Secretary K Ratnam told The Sunday Express that the Council is not into pitting

The controversy began on Friday when several leaders of the Congress party shared screenshots of the 'Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' poster on the ICHR website. The poster carries photographs of

Ramesh added.

"ICHR's removal of Pandit Ambedkar, Sardar Vallabhai Patel, Jawaharlal Nehru and Abul Kalam Rajendra Prasad, Madan Mohan Azad is petty and an injustice. India will not forget that the RSS chose to stay away from the Indian Congress leader Jairam

Ramesh termed the move "atrocious" while party spokesperson Gaurav Gogoi said no country removes the first prime minister from a website about the freedom struggle and said it was "petty" and "injustice".

"It is not merely petty but absolutely ahistorical to celebrate Azadi by omitting the pre-eminent voice of Indian freedom, Jawaharlal Nehru. One more occasion for ICHR to disgrace itself. This is becoming a habit!" Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor posted on Twitter.

"Not surprising from this regime and its toadies masquerading as scholars but atrocious nevertheless," his party colleague and Rajya Sabha MP Jairam

Ratnam told this newspaper, "Just because one icon is not on the poster doesn't mean we are denying them their legacy. We could have accommodated everyone. We have Bhagat Singh on the poster. Does that mean we do not acknowledge what Chandra Shekhar Azad did for the freedom struggle? Similarly, how can we deny Jawaharlal Nehru's contributions? This is an unnecessary controversy...This is just one poster. There will be more since this is an ongoing celebration and we will try to accommodate as many freedom fighters as we can."

freedom movement," the party's

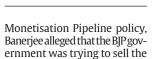
deputy leader in Lok Sabha

When asked for a comment,

Gaurav Gogoi said.

Speaking about the virtual poster exhibition, the minister one icon against another. said, "Chitranjali@75 represents 75 years of Indian cinema and I





ADVERTORIAL

Indian Army seeks 350 light tanks for fighting adversaries in South Asia

HEN Chinese troops ingressed past the Line of Actual Control (LAC) into Ladakh, it was a wake-up call for the Indian Army. Fighting the aggressor at high altitude battlefields, it realised the need to buy some firepower by way of light battle tanks and retain its strategic edge.

As China amassed its battle tanks at the Depsang Plains in April 2020, the Indian Army began the search for light battle tanks with a Request for Information (RFI) to buy 350 of them.

The RFI came nearly a year after the Indian Army got the government approval for emergency procurement of the light battle tanks for its critical defensive and offensive role along the LAC. The Army proposed a new generation fighting machine that is less than 25-tonne in weight, transportable by air and would easily augment its firepower in high-altitude areas.

According to RFI documents, the light battle tanks will be taken up under the 'Make in India' initiative and the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) template of 2020, with requisite transfer of technology.

During the face-off with the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China in eastern Ladakh, the Indian Army had managed to deploy its heavier Russian-origin T-90S and T-72 main-battle tanks, each weighing between 40 and 50 tonnes, against the lighter Chinese variants.

Some of these heavier tanks were also taken up to the Rezang La-Rechin La heights in the Kailash Range to the south of Pangong Tso (lake) in late August last year in a counter move that surprised the Chinese. However, these



heavier tanks are facing terrain-related restrictions that may handicap operations. As the RFI said, the proposed light tanks' "physical dimensions should not impede its transportability by rail, road, air and water."

With a capacity to accommodate a three-member crew and thermal nightfighting capabilities, the light tanks should have weapons for anti-aircraft and ground roles, including smart munitions with gun tube-launched antitank guided missiles.

"In the foreseeable operational scenario, the need for an agile and mobile light platform, with adequate firepower, protection, surveillance and communication capabilities is increasingly finding its operational relevance," said the RFI documents.

The light tanks must have the versatility to execute operations in varying terrain conditions, across diverse threats and equipment profiles of adversaries, as well as have "rapid overseas deployment capability."

The RFI also sought information on the vendors' capability to offer other features such as anti-drone capability, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle jammers and some Artificial Intelligence technologies.

India's options would be limited if it were to procure light tanks off the shelf from foreign vendors as only a few make them. Even the United States (US) has recently embarked on a Mobile Protected Firepower Programme through BAE Systems for a light tank, which is now at a prototype stage.

Russia has an air-liftable Sprut SDM1 light tank that is sold to international customers by Rosoboronexport. It has commonalities with the T-72 and T-90 that are a major part of India's armoured forces inventory. But clearly, India has no option but to prioritise the best that global innovation has to offer.

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INTERVIEW | Rear Admiral VK SAXENA, IN (Retd.), Chairman & Managing Director, GRSE

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Indo-Russian joint exercise for security cooperation

THE 12TH edition of the Indo-Russian joint military exercise, IN-DRA 2021, was held at Volgograd, Russia from August 1 to 13. It was pivoted on the conduct of counterterror operations under the United Nations (UN) mandate by a joint force against international terror groups.

A total of 250 personnel from both nations took part. The Indian Army contingent, comprising a Mech-

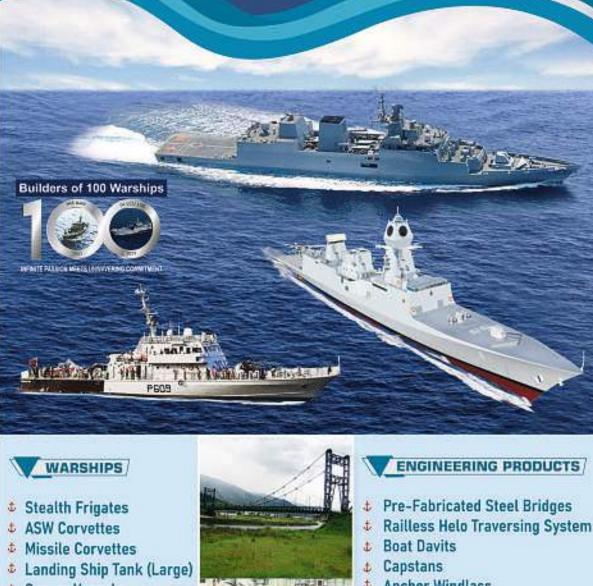


anised Infantry Battalion, underwent rigorous training at different locations

in India to refine its drills for participation in the joint exercise.

INDRA-21 further strengthened mutual confidence and inter-operability between the Indian and Russian armies besides enabling sharing of best practices. The exercise will be another milestone in strengthening security cooperation and will reinforce the long-

standing bond of friendship between India and Russia.



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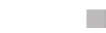
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photos, videos to 10-year-old girl

Two arrested for sending nude **5 held for Mysuru gangrape; clues** included use of Tamil, bus tickets

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

THE MUMBAI Crime Branch on Saturday arrested two persons for allegedly sending nude pictures and videos to a 10-year-old girl from the city. Police said the victim did not reveal her ordeal till the duo demanded her nude pictures and videos by threatening to kill her parents. A case was registered at a po-

lice station on Thursday. The police said after the victim's parents gave her a smartphone to attend online classes, she created profiles on Snapchat and WhatsApp. Last week, one of the two accused, aged 29, sent his nude pictures and videos on her Snapchat account.

"He then shared the victim's phone number and her Snapchat account details to his 30-year-old friend who also sent her his nude pictures and videos. The victim got traumatised but chose to stay quiet about the incident that she was getting such

photos and videos from unknown numbers," said an officer. The two accused then started messaging her on Snapchat and

WhatsApp, asking her to share her nude photos and videos. When she refused, the duo threatened to kill her parents. The victim then revealed her

ordeal to her parents after which they approached the police station where a case under Sections 354(A)(sexual harassment),(C) (voveurism). (D) (stalking) and 506(2)(criminal intimidation) of the IPC, Sections 12 and 14 of the Protection of Children under Sexual Offences Act, 2012, and Sections 66(E) and 67(B) of the

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इस खण्ड के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित कार्य हेल

lice said. अनुभवी/प्रतिष्ठित ठेकेदारों, जो सम्बन्धित कार्य का अनुभव रखते हो, से निम्नलिखित dead at 7.20 pm on ई—निविदाए दो भाग में आमत्रित की जाती है August 19. There was no . निविदा सं0 T-02/EGD/Mzn/2021-22 external injury on her जल विद्यत उत्पादन खण्ड, मुजफ्फरनगर व body. लिए एक बोलेरों निरगाजनी, चितौड़ा, सलाव एवं भोला विद्युत गृहों, कार्यालय डयूटी apartment in Oxel, गवश्यकतानसार अन्य स्थानों पर आवागमन Siolim, with a woman हेत एक वर्ष के लिए। धरोहर राशि रु0 6000 friend, also a Russian na-00 (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में) निविदा शल्क 354 जी०एस०टी० सम्मिलित (RTGS/NEF के रुप में)

2 निविदा स0 T-03/EGD/Mzn/2021-22 भोला जल विद्युत गृह की मशीन सं0—05 का वार्षिक अनरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य धरोहर राशि रु0 8000.00 (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में) निविदा शुल्क 472 जी0एस0टी(तम्मिलित (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में).

निविदा सं0 T-04/EGD/Mzn/2021-22 वेत्तौड़ा जल विद्युत गृह पर मशीन सं0 2 की ट्रैश रैक जाली के सामने से सिल्ट को हटाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु० 2000.00 (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में) निविदा शुल्क 236.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, AUGUST 28

THE KARNATAKA Police arrested five residents of Tamil Nadu, including a juvenile, Friday night for the gangrape of a 23-year-MBA student in Mysuru on Sood said. August 24. One person allegedly

involved in the case is absconding, police said. The fact that the attackers spoke Tamil, technical analysis of telephone numbers active in the location at the time of the

crime, and bus tickets recovered from the spot were among the returned clues that helped police track the accused, sources said. DGP Praveen Sood said all the five are labourers from

Tiruppur who frequently visited ternoon. She was not in a condi-Mysuru for work, including a tion to travel but they chose to

driver, carpenter, painter and leave," the officer said. An officer said, "The victim

others doing odd jobs. He said they had first tried to extort was not able to speak or share money from the woman and any details, but her friend said her friend, making a call from the accused spoke Tamil and this the latter's phone to his father was one of the vital clues ... A dump of cellphone tower data seeking Rs 3 lakh. "It was first an incident of attempted robbery," was collected. We then sourced data of mobile SIM cards regis-The 23-year-old had been tered in Tamil Nadu and filtered them. Meanwhile, other teams

sexually assaulted and the friend beaten up on August 24 collected CCTV footage from nearby places.' evening in an isolated stretch The Karnataka Police also near Mysuru. On Friday, the woman who

alerted their Tamil Nadu counterparts, and soon they zeroed had received severe injuries left hospital and is believed to have in on one suspect in the home, outside Tiruppur area of Tamil Nadu Karnataka. A senior police offiwho matched all the criteria cer said she left against doctors' they were looking for. "A team went there. Once we nabbed advice. "Her parents chose to take her and they left in the afhim, it became easy for us to get the other accused," the police officer said.

An officer who is a part of the probe said the accused appeared to have "underestimated the gravity of the incident" and thought they would get away as they had made videos of the incident and threatened to circulate the same if the couple went to the police. However, as the incident became known and gathered political heat, they decided to hide. The DGP said the age of one

of the accused – who is said to be 17 - is being verified. However, since the crime was of a serious nature, he would be tried as an adult, Sood said. Police are also checking records to see if they have been involved in other crimes.

"We will be filing a chargesheet at the earliest," the officer said.

AMBANI TERROR SCARE CASE Week before filing chargesheet, NIA seeks Waze, Mane custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

A WEEK before filing its chargesheet in the Ambani terror scare case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday sought from the special court the custody of dismissed Mumbai Police officers Sachin Waze and Sunil Mane.

The agency claimed that it is on its "final leg" of investigation and the role of key suspected persons has surfaced, which needs to be confirmed with the two on the basis of documents and other materials. The NIA sought Waze's custody for two days and Mane's custody for five days

"The investigation is progressing on a day-to-day basis (on) direct involvement and specific role of some co-accused,

Dismissed policeman Sachin Waze

along with previously arrested accused. Who killed Mansukh Hiran... a part of the larger conspiracy of this case is revealed and investigation is underway. It is continuously and diligently being ascertained to know the role of arrested accused person and other involved in the larger conspiracy..." the NIA said in its plea. It added that its officers have traced incriminating material against suspected accused, who have played a key role in the case.

The NIA has invoked charges Unlawful Activities of (Prevention) Act, along murder and criminal conspiracy, claiming that 20 gelatin sticks were planted in an SUV car near the south Mumbai residence of industrialist Mukesh Ambani on February 25 and Hiran, who was using the car, was murdered on March 4. It has also sought to confront

Waze and Mane with witness statements, articles and documents seized following the arrest of five others in the case. including former ACP Pradeep Sharma. The agency has said the two also need to be quizzed on the cash seized from the accused and various bank statements to track the "origin and reverse trail of monetary transaction". It has further alleged that the accused, as police officers, tried to evade interrogation with "wrong leads" and were both involved in

the conspiracy to kill Hiran. Special Judge Prashant R Sitre will hear the plea on Monday.

Russian man held for murder Ladakh shuts down over of compatriot woman in Goa statehood demand, local leaders meet MoS Home tional, the previous night. woman, identified as

MAYURAJANWALKAR PANAJI, AUGUST 28

DAYS AFTER a 34-year-old Russian woman, Ekaterina Titova was found dead in her rented apartment, Goa police on Saturday arrested a Russian national, Denis Kriuchkoy, as a suspect in her murder.

The police are yet to ascertain the murder motive. Kriuchkoy, 47, lived on a different floor of the same house as Titova in Siolim, North Goa. Titova's postmortem report had shown that she died after her nose and mouth

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Titova, was in her

Titova went to sleep. Her friend found Titova dead the following day, police said. A case of unnatural death was registered at Anjuna police station.

According to the police, Kriuchkoy had been on the run since Titova's death. Police sources said he had travelled also to Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, since then, but later returned to Goa. He was arrested on Saturday evening.

Shobhit Saksena, Superintendent of Police, North Goa, said investigation in the case was going on and Kriuchkoy was being questioned by police. His motive to kill Titova is vet to be ascertained.

Incidentally, besides Titova, another Russian

Alexandra Ri-Djavi (24), According to the police, the women were consuming was found dead in her rented apartment - also in alcohol until early August 19 morning, after which Siolim – on August 19. Both cases were registered at Aniuna police sta-

tion and were under investigation by a team led by Inspector Suraj Gawas. Ri-Djavi was found

hanging by a saree in the kitchen of her apartment. She was a model and had promoted a Tamil film. Police officials said a

postmortem examination had been carried out on Ri-Diavi's body, but the forensic department also wanted to carry out chemical analysis, after which they will issue their report.

Advocate for Russian consulate Vikram Varma said, "Excellent work done by the forensic doctors and the investigating team of Goa police. I hope we can collectively get to the truth in the matter of Ms Alexandra Ri Djavi also."

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU, AUGUST 28

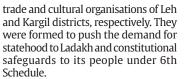
UNION MINISTER of State for Home Nityanand Rai held talks with local leaders of Leh and Kargil districts on Saturday, even as people in the Union Territory, cutting across political and religious lines, observed a complete bandh over their demand for statehood and constitutional safeguards under 6th Schedule of the Constitution.

The meeting in Leh lasted for nearly three hours, with leaders of the Apex Body of Leh and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) demanding statehood to Ladakh and constitutional safeguards for its people under 6th Schedule.

They also demanded holding of recruitment process for local youth, besides separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil districts.

KDA's co-chairperson and National Conference leader Qamar Ali Akhoon said Rai heard them and assured that a committee would be constituted, comprising five members each from the Apex body and the KDA, besides some officials of the Home Ministry, the Ladakh MP, and chief executive councilors of both Leh and Kargil hill councils. He also assured that recruitment of local vouths would be started at the earliest, Akhoon said.

The apex body and the KDA are separate groups of political, social, religious,

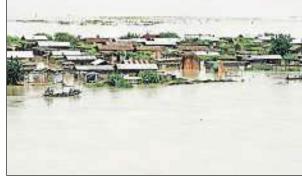


The Ladakh MP, Tsering Jamyang Namgiyal of BJP, did not attend the meeting. On August 5, 2019, he had supported in Lok Sabha the Centre's decision to remove special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370. Namgiyal is also a member of the Apex Body of Ladakh.

Saturday's Ladakh bandh came when Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, along with a few Union ministers and BJP MPs, were in Leh in connection with the third Parliamentary Outreach Programme for Empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institutions in the new UT.

While they were earlier had different stands on the issue of UT status to Ladakh, on August 1, the Ladakh and Kargil organisations joined hands to seek full statehood along with constitutional safeguards for the region.

The two organisations called for the general strike in Ladakh on Saturday, claiming that their efforts to start a dialogue with the Union Home Ministry was not positively responded to, and an attempt was made to "divide the people of Ladakh" by inviting their constituents separately by Rai instead of extending an invitation to a joint WITH PTI INPUTS delegation.



Houses submerged at Puthymari village in Assam's Morigaon district on Saturday. ANI

Over 2 lakh people hit by Assam floods

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA GUWAHATI. AUGUST 28

THE OVERALL flood situation in Assam deteriorated on Saturday as the rising Brahmaputra river and its tributaries inundated vast tracts in 15 districts and affected 2,25,501 people of the state, according to the daily bulletin issued by the Assam State Disaster

Management Agency (ASDMA). There have been, however, no loss of human or animal life so far, the bulletin said.

The current wave of flood trigerred by continuous heavy rainfall in the catchment areas

has hit Baksa, Barpeta, Biswanath, Bongaigaon, Chirang, Dhemaji, Dibrugarh, Golaghat, Jorhat, Lakhimpur, Majuli, Morigaon, Sivasagar, Sonitpur and Tinsukia districts and affected 512 villages under 34 revenue circles in them, it said.

The rivers flowing through most of the affected districts are maintaining a rising trend and are flowing above the danger mark in several places, an official said.

Incessant rainfall in the upper reaches in Arunachal Pradesh has led to the rise in the water level of the Brahmaputra leading to floods in the state, the official added.

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07	Maintenance & Repair of Type IV/11 Residence for Use SE (Civil) at 220 KV S/S Sikandra (Agra)	Month	4000.00	500 + 90 + 250 = 840	28.09.2021/ 12:00	29.09.2021 12:00

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सलावा जल विद्युत गृह की मशीन स0—02 वे अनुरक्षण का कार्य । धरोहर राशि रु० ६०००.०० (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में) निविदा शल्क 354.00 जी0एस0टी0 सम्मिलित (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में).

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7 निविदा स0 T-08/EGD/Mzn/2021-22 चित्तौड़ा जल विद्युत गृह की मशीन सं0—07 का वार्षिक अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु0 8000 00 (RTGS/NFFT के रुप में) निविदा शल्क 472 जी०एस०टी(सम्मिलित (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में).

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9 ई—निविदा का प्रथम भाग खुलने की तिथि / समय ः 25—09—2021 / 10:30 बजे

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lack of 'uniform SOPs' for UP hospital ops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, AUGUST 28

THE ALLAHABAD High Court has expressed its surprise that the t did not have "uniform SOPs

> (standard opthe Department of Electricity in erating proce-New Delhi. dures)" for ...It appears that the entire hospital as well as the police aumanagement thorities were negligent and and security of committed dereliction in their hospitals. Ĥearing a duties in the matter of tracing the corpus of Ram Lal Yadav," the habeas corpus petition filed by the family of a Covid patient who went missing from a government-run hos-

pital in Prayagraj on May 8, a Bench Justices Prakash Kesarwani and Piyush Agrawal on Fridav said hat "it is unbeievable that he State Government, which is running large number of Hospitals in the State of Uttar

Bench observed. Calling the hospital and officials, including the the director general of medical health, "careless and irresponsible", the HC said the hospital authorities had failed to take "any effective steps in discharge of their duties". "Even subsequent action shown to have been taken, appears to be an eye wash," said the Bench. The HC said despite a recommendation from the chief

medical superintendent of TB Sapru Hospital, the director general of medical health had not taken action to "disengage" a hospital staff member. It expressed its happiness over the fact that only three contractual/outsourced employees were "disengaged" over the alleged lapse. The court listed the matter for hearing on September 10.

IT STUDENTS DISAPPOINTED OVER HC BAIL TO RAPE ACCUSED STUDENT

New Delhi: Over 60 stulents and alumni of arious IITs have expressed disappointnent over a Gauhati High Court order grantng bail to a rape accused student saying he youth is the state's "future asset".

decision could take away the hopes of many of receiving justice from courts, and can make campuses seem like unsafe environments, the group has demanded that the specific ground for granting bail to the accused be "reconsidered". PTI

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COTTON, SOYABEAN PRICES UP

August dries up hopes of farmers, monsoon revival key to kharif fortune

GOPAL KATESHIYA & HARISH DAMODARAN RAJKOT NEW DEI HI AUG 28

RAO GULAB Singh Lodhi planted soyabean on 12 out of his 16 acres on July 11, a day before the southwest monsoon revived after a three-week-long "break" phase.

"It rained well in the first half of June. But we were advised on DD Kisan channel not to sow, as those rains were due to the Cyclone (Yaas) and wouldn't last," says this farmer from Nanhegaon village of Madhya Pradesh's Narsinghpur district. The strong rains on July 12-13 were followed by "rimjhim baarish (intermittent showers)" throughout July.

August, however, has been 'poora sookha (totally dry)". If it doesn't rain in the next seven days. "my soyabean crop (which has completed flowering and is in early pod formation stage) will fail," fears Lodhi, who sowed moong(green gram) in his balance

4 acres on August 15. The maturity



Farmers on rally in Morbi. seeking Narmada waters

period for soyabean is 90-94 days and moong about 75 days.

the situation for India's kharif (monsoon) season crop. An extended dry spell from around June 20 to July 11 resulted in farmers missing the main kharif sowing window between mid-June and mid-July.

The monsoon's revival, though, led to brisk plantings. By July 30, the cumulative area under kharif crops, at 848.15 lakh

hectares(lh), was only 4.7% lower compared to the 889.991h during the corresponding period of 2020. This gap has further narrowed 1,064.04 lh versus 1,083.09 lh) as on August 27, according to the

> Union Agriculture Ministry. But what is of concern is rainfall in August being 26.4% deficient for the country as a whole. The overall area-weighted cumulative precipitation from June 1 to August 28 has been 9.6% below

the "normal" long period average. The crop, whose sowing was already delayed, is currently facing

moisture stress. All hopes are on a low pressure area formed over North-west and West-central Bay Lodhi's worry encapsulates of Bengal off the Odisha and

Andhra Pradesh coasts. The India Meteorological Department expects this system to bring enhanced rainfall activity over Southern Peninsular India until August 30 and over Central and West India from August 29 onwards.

A quick revival of the monsoon is what Munna Ughreja is also desperately seeking. The 38-

year-old from Sultanpur village in Gujarat's Morbi district has sown cotton on 100 out of his total 200-bigha (80 acres) holding.

On the balance, he has planted groundnut and soyabean on 40 bigha each and sesamum on 20 bigha. On Saturday, Ughreja participated in a rally of farmers from 14 villages of Morbi's Maliya taluka, demanding release of water into the Maliya Branch Canal of the Narmada dam project.

Gujarat, unlike most other states, recorded deficient rainfall even during July. "We had a good spell in June. But it has hardly rained in the last 72 days, barring a light drizzle early this month. If there are no rains or no release of Narmada water now, our crops will completely wilt," Ughreja told The Indian Express.

Water from the Sardar Sarovar Dam irrigates some parts Saurashtra (Morbi Surendranagar, Botad and Bhavnagar districts) and Kutch (Rapar, Bhachau and Aniar talukas). But given the poor rain-

fall in the Narmada catchment areas, the Guiarat government has decided to prioritise supplies for drinking water over irrigation.

High prices for crops - especially soyabean and also groundnut and cotton - had made farmers keen to take up sowing this time. Kapas (raw un-ginned cotton) and groundnut are trading at Rs 7,000 per quintal each, way above their respective government-declared minimum support price of Rs 5,726 and Rs 5,500. It's even better in soyabean, which is quoting at Rs 6,700-7,400 per quintal at Narsinghpur's Kareli wholesale mandi, as against the MSP of Rs 3,950.

"What use are these prices if there isn't any crop to harvest?" asks Lodhi. The sentiment is shared by Ughreja. He had sown sovabean for the first time after his groundnut crop suffered damage for two straight years – from excessive rains. "I took soyabean because the price was excellent and it can tolerate excess rains better than groundnut. But my experiment looks like failing," he admits.

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STATES REPORTING MOST CASES

STATE	NEW Cases	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY Positivity	TOTAL Vaccination
Kerala	31,265	205,361	18.21%	2,77,51,648
Maharashtra	4,831	51,821	2.38%	5,63,32,375
Tamil Nadu	1,551	17,559	1.00%	3,07,74,537
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Karnataka	1,229	18,923	0.73%	4,00,28,946

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STATE	today's Deaths	TOTAL Deaths	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
Kerala	153	20,545	0.75%	0.56%
Maharashtra	129	140,546	3.05%	2.20%
Odisha	68	7,818	5.43%	0.79%
Tamil Nadu	21	34,856	1.26%	1.35%
Andhra Pradesh	19	13,807	0.77%	0.69%

Around 9 lakh people in Kerala hesitant to take vaccine: Pinarayi

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SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 28

AROUND 9 lakh people in Kerala - comprising those above 60 years and individuals with comorbidities – are reluctant to take the Covid-19 vaccine, according to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Vijayan said the reluctance is due to the fear about the side effects of vaccines. "The government is trying to create a readiness for vaccination among them and give them the vaccine protection at the earliest. Even then, many are not willing for vaccination, which would be seriously looked into," said the Chief Minister.

He said unscientific anti-vaccine campaigns have contributed to the anxieties surroudning the jabs. He said the vaccine has fewer side effects in aged persons than it does among the young. The Chief Minister said the elderly and those with comorbidities should be persuaded to take jabs. There would be steps to see they are encouraged by friends and relatives.

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warning signs of potential surges

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Bhalla advised states to take

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"In all crowded places, COVID

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approach," the letter has said.

"It is important to identify

Centre tells states to curb large festival crowds Kerala: Case count stays high, CM says night curfew from Monday

Vijayan said a meeting of

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tice of IAS officers being sent to

districts for Covid-19 manage-

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The CM said the spurt in

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SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 28

WITH NO let up in the consistently high Covid-19 cases, the Kerala government Saturday decided to impose night curfew beginning Monday. It will give a larger role to the police in implementing preventive measures and convene a meeting of experts to chart out a course of action.

On Saturday, for the fourth consecutive day, Kerala reported more than 30,000 new cases, contributing 70 per cent of the country's daily addition of cases. The number of active cases in the state

rose to 2.04 lakh. This is at a time population of that local body). the entire country has an active caseload of 3.59 lakh. The test poshealth experts, doctors with exitivity rate has been above 18 per perience of Covid treatment, and cent in Kerala and the same has leading virologists would be held been below 3 per cent at the naon September 1 "to analyse the

tional level for more than a month. After a meeting, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan told reporters that night curfew would be in place across the state from 10 pm to 6 am. Complete lockdown would be introduced in lo-

cal bodies where the weekly infection population ratio (WIPR) is more than seven. Earlier, it had been 10. (WIPR is the total number of Covid-19 infections reported in a week multiplied by 1,000 and divided by the total

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE CENTRE Saturday extended its Covid-19 guidelines till September 30, asking states to ramp up testing and curb large gatherings during the festive season. It pointed to a "downward trend" in enforcing Covidappropriate behaviour, which, it said, is a cause for concern in the wake of rising cases.

The orders were issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the Disaster Management Act The order was followed by a letter from the Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla to chief Secretaries of all states and administrators of all Union Territories. "Enforcement of COVID-19

Covid testing at a Navi Mumbai hospital on Saturday. The Centre has asked states to ramp up testing. Amit Chakravarty

appropriate behavior is essential for tackling the pandemic on a sustained basis. Weekly Enforcement Data, received from States/UTs regarding wear-

ing face mask(s) in public, maintaining social distancing norms, imposition of fines etc., indicates a downward trend in enforcement. States and UTs are requested to augment their enforcement efforts for effectively checking transmission of the disease," Bhalla'sletter has said, asking states to make officers personally responsible for any laxity.

Acknowledging that the pandemic is at a stable stage, Bhalla has cautioned states against complacency.

"The overall pandemic situation at the national level now appears to be largely stable, except for the localised spread of the virus in a few States. Moreover, the total number of active cases and high case positivity in some districts continues to remain a matter of concern," Bhalla said 1 the letter

Bhalla has asked states having high positivity in their districts to take proactive containment

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be strictly enforced. We need to continue focus on the five-fold strategy i.e. Test-Track-Treat-Vaccination and adherence to COVID Appropriate Behaviour, for effective management of COVID-19," the letter said.

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National Sports Day Celebrating the many contributions of Indian sportspersons

National Sports Day not just marks the birth anniversary of Indian hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand but is also a day to commemorate India's most famous wins and victories in the field of sports

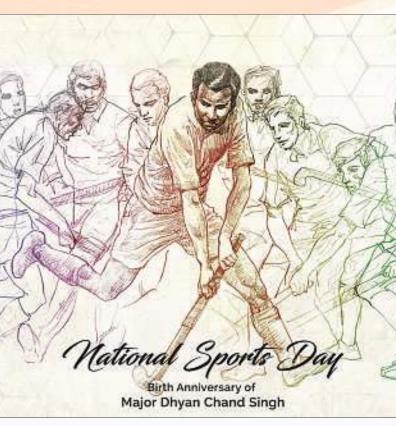
ELEBRATED every year on August 29, National Sports Day marks the birth anniversary of India's hockey wizard — Major Dhyan Chand. He is greatly remembered as the hockey player who won gold medals in Olympics for India in the years — 1928, 1932 and 1936. According to his autobiography, "Goals", Major Dhyan Chand scored 570 goals in his career spanning from 1926 to 1949.

No wonder, he is considered as a legendary figure in the Indian and world hockey who left an indelible mark on the international hockey arena whilst serving India to achieve pinnacles of glory multiple times. His magic with the stick can never be forgotten and, therefore, those who saw Dhyan Chand play remember him fondly as "India's Hockey Wizard". Recently, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna was renamed as the "Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna". Announcing this, PM Modi tweeted, "I have been getting many requests from citizens across India to name the Khel Ratna Award after Major Dhyan Chand. I thank them for their views. Respecting

their sentiment, the Khel Ratna Award will hereby be called the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award!"

National Sports Day is in fact a day to celebrate the remarkable achievements of all those exemplary sportspersons who have represented India in various sports and made our nation proud. Celebrating this day is like saluting the tenacity and determination of our sportspersons. On this day, we not only pay tributes to Major Dhyan Chand but also laud the outstanding support given by the families, coaches and support staff towards the success of our talented athletes. It is the result of such support that India has over the years bettered its performance in various sporting events, be it hockey, cricket, shooting, world championships, Olympics etc.

When it comes to sporting events, Olympics occupies a special place in the heart of Indians. For a country





like ours, no matter what the sporting event is, we always have high expectations from our sportspersons. During Olympics, there expectations are a notch higher.

It's never easy for our sportspersons to rise to the occasion to fulfil the expectations of over 130 billion people. In recent times, we have witnessed many such outstanding victories achieved by our sportspersons in various games.

For instance, our Olympic champions showed great grit and dedication to deliver spirited performance in the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics 2020. Like true champions, they demonstrated their inner strength and

"dark horse" to being "Champions" after defeating the indefatigable West Indies Team. Such wins not just create history but also strengthen the morale of generations to come.

Similarly, one can never forget how Abhinav Bindra went on to win Gold medal for the Shooting event in the Beijing Olympics in 2008. India will also never forget the historic javelin throw of Neeraj Chopra, who not only scripted history by winning gold medal in Athletics ending the country's 100-year wait, but also became the nation's spotlight overnight.

On the National Sports Day every year, the nation also honours its sporting heroes with recognitions such as the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna, Arjuna Award, Dhyan Chand Award and the Dronacharya Award. These are conferred in a special ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.



Some of the celebrated names associated with Indian sporting history are — P.T. Usha, Milkha Singh, Mary Kom, Abhinav Bindra, Sachin Tendulkar, Pullela Gopichand, Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, Sania Mirza and Leander Paes, among others. One can never forget the day India went on to win its first ever Cricket World Cup in 1983, when the Kapil Dev led Indian Cricket Team rose to the occasion from being called







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Post-graduates recruited for improving technical education demand absorption

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

POSTGRADUATES FROM top technical institutes across the country, who were recruited as faculty for the Ministry of Education's Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP), have been protesting in New Delhi, demanding absorption in their project institutes.

Under the ongoing phase of the project, those protesting had been engaged as assistant professors in the institutes concerned

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since January 2018, and the project is set to end on September 30. These faculty members are now pointing to a clause in the project implementation plan which stated that the funding under the project "will be based on an understanding with state governments that well-performing faculty hired using project funds

will be retained post-project, all else unchanged". They began their protest out-

side Shastri Bhavan on Wednesday. TEQIP, initiated with the sup-

ect aimed at improving the quality of technical education, especially in low-income states and 'special category' states by providing resources and highly qualified faculty members to ex-

isting engineering colleges. In response to a question in the Lok Sabha last month on the employment of people involved in the project beyond its closure, Minister of Education Dharmendra

Pradhan said, "Ministry of Education has written to the Chief Secretaries of Focus States requesting to plan for the continuation of

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TEOIP-III. for maintaining the quality of education."

However, an official in the Madhya Pradesh technical education department stated there were no administrative posts available under which they can be absorbed. The project implementation unit of Chhattisgarh has written to the institutes concerned that the faculty can only continue as guest faculty on an hourly basis, with a maximum pay of Rs 21,000 per month that TEQIP faculty members say is not comparable to the Rs 70,000 per month they were earning under the project.

Punjab Congress crisis: Rawat briefs Rahul, to visit Chandigarh

KANCHAN VASDEV CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 28

A DAY after meeting AICC chief Sonia Gandhi, party general secretary in-charge Harish Rawat on Saturday met Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in Delhi and briefed him about the situation in Puniab.

After the meeting, Rawat told the media that the issues would be sorted out soon.

"I will come to Chandigarh within a day or two and meet both Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, PPCC (Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee) chief Navjot Singh Sidhu and other leaders. Everything will be sorted out."

About the revolt in the Punjab unit, Rawat said, "It is not good to call those leaders rebels. They are all very courteous people but they have their distinct styles of saying things. Calling them rebels is being unfair to them."

He added that he had also informed Congress president Sonia Gandhi about the situation, "We will sort this out with her guidance," he said.

FIR filed after locals object to Muslim man running dosa stall named 'Shrinath' FIR has been filed in connection

AMIL BHATNAGAR NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

AN FIR has been filed at Mathura's Kotwali police station after some local residents allegedly objected to a Muslim man running a dosa stall that is named 'Shrinath'.

According the FIR, the complainant, Irfan, alleged that some people came to his stall on August 18 and asked why he had named it 'Shrinath'.

The accused thereafter allegedly tore the banners and warned him to remove his eatery from Vikas Market in the city, according to the FIR.

Varun Kumar CO, City, Mathura, said: "A video on social media was brought to our notice heard purportedly telling Irfan in which some people can be that "Hindus would come to heard making objectionable comeat", as the stall is named ments on the naming of a stall. An Shrinath.

Dawood aide dies of Covid in Pak

Mumbai: Gangster Fahim Police crime branch said that he was declared dead at a hospital in Ahmed Sharif, also known as Fahim Machmach and believed Karachi. Sources in the crime branch said Machmach was to be a close associate of Dawood Ibrahim and Chhota Shakeel, wanted in several cases of extordied due to Covid-19 on Friday. tion, murder and attempt to mur-Senior officers from Mumbai der registered in Mumbai. ENS

UTTAR PRADESH Cops: AIMIM councillor shot dead in Meerut with the case and we are ascertaining identity of the accused." Workers at the eatery said it is Meerut: AIMIM councillor

owned by a local resident named

Rahul who pays them Rs 400 per

day to run it. Irfan, who runs the

stall – Shrinath Dosa Corner –

said, "We have been running this

eatery for the last five years; there

has been no problem on the name.

We did not even imagine there

could be an issue. That day, some

people came and tore the banners

and said that Muslim people can-

not run a shop with a Hindu name.

They seemed to have had an issue

social media, some men can be

seen purportedly heckling the

dosa-seller. The accused can be

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Zuber Ansari was shot dead by bike-borne assailants outside his residence in Meerut's Shastri Nagar locality Saturday morning. The suspects are yet to be identified. Ansari was preparing to contest the 2022 UP Assembly polls on an AIMIM ticket. "It appears that the councillor was shot dead following a business rivalry in his property business. We have found some documents from his car which revealed that he had recently bagged a major contract for building a colony in Dehradun," said Vineet Bhatnagar, SP(Meerut city). ENS

BRIEFLY

MADHYA PRADESH Man stitches wife's pvt parts over 'infidelity'

Singrauli: Suspecting his wife of infidelity, a 55year-old man allegedly stitched her private parts in Madhya Pradesh's Singrauli district, police said on Saturday. The victim was admitted to the district hospital, where she underwent treatment for her injuries, police. The incident took place in Raila village under Mada police station area, around 30 km from the district headquarters, on August 24, ASP Anil Sonkar said. The accused, who is a quack, suspected his 52-year-old wife of having an extramarital affair, the official said. PTI

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'Theft' arrest leads to Mysuru robbery suspect

Jammu: A resident of Poonch, who was arrested over a burglary in Rajouri, turned out to be one of the eight suspects who looted a jewellerv store in Mysuru earlier this week, police said. Manzoor Ahmed Sheikh was arrested over a theft case and was found with Rs 46,410 in cash and 234.8 gm of gold, police said. Being questioned about the cash and gold, he allegedly revealed his involvement in the armed robbery which left one person dead in Mysuru, police said. ENS

सिंडिकेट Syndicate Recovery & Legal Section, Circle Office, 3rd Floor, Luv-Kush Tower, Exhibition Road, Patna-800001 Ph.: 0612-2320180, E-mail: npacopat@canarabank.com **PROPERTY FOR E-AUCTION NOTICE** E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcemen of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property nortgaged/hypothecated/Pledged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the

Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 30.09.2021. Details are as under: me and Address of th **Details of Property** serve P (in Rs) Contact No./ ver(s)/Guarantor(s) in Rs A/c No. & IESC Mortgagor(s) EMD de of the Bra Dibhiya Branch, Vill+ PO-Dibhiya, EMT of land and building in the name of Sri Santosh Mishra, S/o Late Karuna Shankar Mishra, Borrower/ Mortgagor: M/s ₹10.00.000/ Rs. Bhawani Enterprises, Prop 9,41,928.00/ ₹1,00,000/ Khata No.43,80,69, Plot No.617,363,531,618, o PS- Kargahar, Dist Sri Santosh Mishra, S/o Late as on ₹10,000 Rohtas Bihar-821107 Karuna Shankar Mishra, Vill Vill-Sawan Bahar, Thana No.329, Area-1.13, 17.08.2021 PO-Barahari, PS-Kargaha Mob: 8210998539 + interest 8 Acres and Khata No.93, Plot No.952 of Vill Dist-Rohtas, Bihar 821107. Akhorhi, Thana No.130, Area-0.58 decimal. Tota other cost till A/c No. 8359296000001 Guarantor: Sri Tej Naraya realization. Area- 1.71,¼ Acres [As per 13(2) and 13(4)] IFSC Code: ai, S/o Late Bishwanath Rai Location: Vill-Sawan Bahar, PO-Barki Akhori, PS Vill-Sawan Bahar, PO-Bark Akhori, PS-Kargahar, Dist. CNRB0008359 Kargahar, Dist-Rohtas, Bihar 821107. Boundary (as per Possession Notice): North-Nagendra Rohtas, Bihar 821107 Mishra, South-Paras Nath Mishra, East-Gali, West Dwarika Pathak EMT of land and building in the name of Sr Borrower/ Mortgagor: (a) ₹17,59,000/ Hilsa Branch, Hilsa 2. Rs. 30,62,593.00/ Patna Main Road V/s Kamdhenu Dairy Farm hailendra Verma, S/o Late Devnandan Singh ₹1,75,000 Bihar- 801302 and Agro Industries, Khasra No.121, Plot No.232, Sub district- Hilsa ₹10,000/ Prop as on Dist-Nalanda, Total Area- 2.5 Dismal As per Possession Notice dated 12.10.2017. Boundary Mob: 8210998546 Sri Shailendra Kumar Verma 17.08.2021 A/c No. S/o Late Devnandan Singh + interest & 8359296000001 /ill+PO-Mirzapur, other cost till North-Gali and House of Nirajan Singh and IFSC Code Chiksaura, Sub district- Hilsa Suresh Singh, South-Rasta, East-Rasta and H/O realization. CNRB0008359 Dist-Nalanda 802207. handrasekhar Singh, West-H/O Suresh Singh. b) Late Smt. Mala Verma 2. EMT of land and building in the name of Late ₹7,52,000/ W/o Sri Shailendra Verma Smt. Mala Verma, W/o Sri Shailendra Verma, Plot ₹75,000/ Vill+PO-Mirzapur, PS No.221, Khasra No.350, Mirzapur, Chiksaura ₹10,000 Chiksaura, Sub district- Hilsa Sub district- Hilsa, Dist-Nalanda, Total Area/exten Dist-Nalanda 802207 of land- 12.50 Dismal as per Possession Notice dated 12.10.2017. Boundary: North-Khanta (Deep Gorge). South-Arvind Singh in same plot. East Khanta (Deep Gorge), West-Mukesh Kumar ii same plot Borrower/ Mortgagor: M/s EMT of land and building in the name of Sri Panka ₹14,05,000/ Bikramganj Branch, 3. Rs Surya Complex, Ara 70,407.17/ Kumar Singh, S/o Sri Ram Chhabila Singh, Khata Maa Akshamini Traders ₹1,40,500/ Road, Bikramganj, Sri Pankaj Kr. Singh No.2, Plot No.457, Thana-526, Mouza-Dharopu Prop.: as on ₹10,000 S/o Sri Ram Chhabila Singl Thana+Anchal-Bikramganj, Dist.-Rohtas, Total Area-3.90 Dicimal/1.25 Katha (As per deed 17.08.2021 Dist.-Rohtas Bihar-802212 Market, Mahadev Arra + interest & Mob: 8210998534 no.4377 dated 06/06/2015). Boundary: North Road, Bikramganj, Dist other cost till A/c No. 8359296000001 Rohtas-802212. realization. Budhu Singh, South-Budhu Singh, East-Plo Smt. Bin No.458 & 459. West-Rasta Guarantor: Kunwar, W/o Ram Chhabila IFSC Code: CNRB0008359 Singh, Shyam Takij, Sasaram Bikramganj, Road, Dist Rohtas-802212 Kidwaipuri Borrower/ Mortgagor: Rs. All that part and parcle of the property (land ₹4,64,760 e-Syndicate) Patna M/s Chandra Computer, 14,44,412.23/consisting of Sale Deed No.4048 dt 30.05.2014 ₹46,476 S K Nagar Branch Prop. Sri Rajesh Kumar S/c Mauza-Devkali, Thana-Dhanraua, ₹10,000 as on Thana Mob: 9431821926 31.12.2019 No.77, Tauzi No.6200, Khata No.251, Khasra Sri Ram Babu Ram, Shanti

proposed to sell the Commercial sites (Totally - 46) items through sealed Tender - Cum - Open Auction.

Please visit TamilNadu Housing Board website "www.tnhb.tn.gov.in" from 29.08.2021 for further details regarding scheme. Code No, Plot No, Plot Extent, Upset – price, EMD 15 % amount, Auction date, Cost of Application, Period of Sale of Application and conditions. Also contact below mentioned address for further details.

Address : -Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Hosur Housing Unit, Bagalur Road, Hosur - 635 109. Telephone No. 04344 - 242 306. DIPR/ 768 /DISPLAY/2021 "சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரி<u>த்</u>திரம் படைப்போம்"

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2nd Floor, SBI Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna- 800 001

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower & Guarantor have defaulted in the repayment o principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have beer classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) o Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice

interned by way of and public floated.						
Name of the Borrower	Details of Properties/Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Date of Notice & Date of NPA	Amount outstanding			
Prop.: Smt. Meena Devi (Mortgagor) W/o Sri Ramesh Prasad Sah. Vill Maheshpur, Padmapur, PO- Kahalgaon, DistBhagalpur- 813203	All that part and parcel of the property of land, building & structures as per details hereunder: 1. Equitable Mortgage of land & building vide Sale Deed No.465 dated 24.05.1999, Khata No.62, Khesra No.186, Area 29 Dismal, Situated at	& 28.12.2014	₹34,39,189.00 (Rs. Thirty four lakh thirty nine thousand one hundred eighty nine only) as on 20.02.2021			

TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD HOSUR HOUSING UNIT Hosur Housing Unit of TamilNadu Housing Board has

Mumbai: The NCB Mumbai raided the residence of actor Armaan Kohli in connection with a drug case on Saturday. Kohli, a former Big Boss contestant, was

Exe.Engr. & Adm.Officer, Hosur Housing Unit.

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9.	Piro, Bhojpur Mob: 8210998320 A/c No. 6959295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0006959 Daulatpur Branch	Medical Agency, Prop. Shiv Kumar Prasad, Sasaram Road, Jwala Market, Piro, Bhojpur- 802207. Borrower: M/s Vaishali Diary	34.02 Lakh as on 05.05.2021 + interest & other cost till realization. Rs.	Prasad. At Mauza-Piro, Plot No.2946(N), 1768(O), C.S Khata no.659(N) 67(O), Thana No.88, Ward no.09, PO+PS- Piro, Dist- Bhojpur, Area - 3.3/8 Katha. Boundaries: North-Narbdeshwari Rai, South-Brajmohan Sahay, East-Hridyanand Chaudhary & Others, West-Bihar Govt Rasta. Title holder- Sri Manoj Kumar S/o Late Mahendra	₹ 5,45,000/- ₹10,000/- ₹ 36,96,000/-	M/s Shashi Raj Yarn House Prop. Vikash Kumar and Gurantor - Shri Raj Kumar Singh	23.04.2021 Rs. 22,59,950 as on 31.03.2021 23.08.2021	All piece & parcel of house under Mauza M Sheet No 240 Municipa 65/23/30 P.S Khajek Boundary - North - Al Devi Lal & Balak jee, E kedar Rai & corporation
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7.	East-Ram Narayan Si SME Hajipur Branch,	ngh, West-PWD Road. Borrower: M/s Manpasand Readymade Store, Prop. Jay Prakash Kumar ilas Jay Prakash Yadav, Pethia Gachi Road, Bidupur, Vaishali-844124	Rs. 33.32 Lakh as on 22.05.2021 + interest & other cost till	1. Title holder- Late Ramavtar Rai S/o Late Ritlal Rai Now legal heirs of Ramavtar Rai, Moh-Barahbatra (Bagmali), east of Anjanpir Chowk, Hajipur, Khata no.52, Khesra No.77, Halka No.11, Thana No.150, Survey Ward No.3 under Nagar Parishad Hajipur, Area-1¼ Dec. Boundaries: North-Road, South-10 ft wide road, East-10 ft wide road, West-Pukar Rai.	₹10,000/- ₹29,79,000/- ₹2,98,000/- ₹10,000/-	POSSESS	Andhra a to b to	
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Distt. Bhagalpur in the name of Smt. Meena Devi W/o Sri Ramesh Prasad Sah. The boundaries of this propert are: North-Nava Kumara & Mina Devi, South-Nityanand Sah & Shankar Sah, East-Prahalad Singh & Mun al Singh West-Niz Meena Devi & Binay Kumar Singh . Equitable Mortgage of land & building vide Sale Deed No.466 dated 24.05.1999, Khata No.62, Khesr No.186. Area 29 Dismal. Situated at Ward No./Halka No.-09. Thana No.-161. Mouza-Maheshpur. PS-Sabou Distt. Bhagalpur in the name of Smt. Meena Devi W/o Sri Ramesh Prasad Sah. The boundaries of thi property are:- North-Nava Kumara & Meena Devi, South-Nitvanand Sah & Shankar Raiak, East-Prahala ingh & Munni Lal Singh, West-Purchaser Meena Devi & Binay Kumar Singh. The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002. 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. Date : 26.08.2021 Authorised Officer State Bank of India, SARB, Patna Place : Patna Patna City Branch, युनियन बैंक **Union Bank** Mahalaxmi Complex, Of India (A Govt of India Undertaking Gurhatta, Ashok Rajpath Patna City, Patna-800008 on कार्पो रेशन Corporation Tel: 0612-2641100/2642200

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8 (1)]

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Union Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrowers & Guarantors to repay the below mentioned amount together with future interest within 60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor 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 properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rules 8 of the said rules on the following date.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Union Bank of India for an amount mentioned below inclusive of interest.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor 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.

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 Place :- Patna Date :- 23.08.2021		Union Bank of India Authorised Officer		

BIHAR

Cops recover Rs18 lakh from official's car

Patna: Muzaffarpur police have found Rs 18 lakh in cash from the vehicle of Rural Works Department(RWD)engineer from Darbhanga. The seizure came during a vehicle check following a tip-off at Fakuni checkpost in Kudni on Friday. Police have intensified searches in view of the upcoming panchayat polls in September. RWD superintending engineer (Darbhanga Rural) Anil Kumar and his driver are being questioned over the source of the money, police said. ENS

AUCTION SALE

Vet water affected craft paper 46 ro app 10,900 kg, waste paper app 600 kg Semi damaged rolls 720 kg. Iron scrap app 5,000 kg, plant & machinery scrap app 1,000 kg and aluminium wiring & cables app 200 kg for auction on " as is where is basis with all faults at Firozaba U.P. Security money DD Rs 20,000/- i the name of Paper packers, Dhol pura Firozabad is required to deposited a UNITED INDIA INSURANCE C O M P A N Y L I M I T E D BO-FIROZABAD, LIC BUILDING SECTOR-1. SUHAG NAGAR FIROZABAD- 283203 U.P. on or befor 8th Sept, 2021 (12.30 PM). Bid shall b opened at 1.30 pm on 8th Sept. 202 Price to be quoted per kg for craft pape Iron & plant & machiner scrap and aluminium wire Bids received after due time shall not be entertained. The Auctioneer has ever right to reject any bid without assessir any reason interested party can vis Paper packers, Dhol Pura, Firozaba U.P.(Mobile no 98378888732 Ashim Kr Srivastava (Appointe surveyor and loss assessor 9838776404, 941502777







ADVERTORIAL



EMERGING JHÄRKHAND

Adityapur is the pivot of Chief Minister Hemant Soren's dream to elevate the State into a manufacturing hub not just in India but across south and southeast Asia. His new industrial and investment policy could very well be the momentum for Atmanirbhar Bharat

Jharkhand is a land of unlimited opportunities. We welcome all investors with open hands. We will provide you with every possible facility. From scratch to production, our government will stand with you. This will create employment opportunities for our young skilled workforce and assure you excellent growth $\gamma\gamma$

HEMANT SOREN

Chief Minister, Jharkhand



urban and institutional infrastructure in its vicinity, this cluster has been planned with state-of-the-art infrastructure facilities, much needed to attract electronics-related industries. Already 15 companies have signed up with two of them set to roll out LED bulbs, TVs, mobile parts, automobile electronics. Some foreign investors are, therefore, keen to establish their facilities here.

The skyline of Adityapur is dotted with marvels of modern architecture, each building and office telling its own story. It consists of a trade pavilion with an administrative building, a five-storeyed flattened factory, warehouse and truck parking. The job-generating potential of the EMC is huge with 15,000 people expected to be absorbed into the new workforce. So far 22 acres have already been allotted to 30 units. Five acres have been set aside for future-ready buildings, where 92 units can begin operations on a micro scale. The investment potential is

estimated at Rs 400 crore. The industrial policy is geared to encourage and motivate such industries for increasing the volume of exports. It will also focus on export items manufactured from 100 per cent indigenous inputs normally done by the MSME (micro, small and medium enterprises) sector and to establish linkages between OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) and MSME/ancillary industries. The Adityapur cluster is creating a favourable ecosystem for investors with the next big idea.

AUTO MAJOR AND EV LAB

This cluster is being driven by Soren himself, capitalising on existing advatanges in this sector. He has conceived a series of tempting incentives like a 50 per cent capital subsidy for common infrastructure facilities, 75 to 80 per cent SGST reimbursement and 100 per cent electricity duty exemption. With many auto-grade steel plants being set up and the presence of auto majors like Tata Motors since the 1950s, Jharkhand offers unique advantages with respect to savings in freight cost for sourcing coldrolled sheets. The automotive industry here produces a wide range of products from simple nuts and bolts to complex items like shafts, radiators and axles



IT reimbursement for five years (not covered under the 25 per cent cap)



Capital/Investment reimbursements: 10 per cent of FCI, up to Rs 10 crore



EMC Adityapur

committed to upgrade the facilities in Industrial Training Institutes for apparel production. An autonomous institute of quality apparel training will be set up on its own or in joint venture/collaboration with multiple agencies/institutes."

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE



Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, who is on a mission to make his State the most attractive investment destination and usher in a new era of industrial development, particularly in new-age sectors, held a round table with top-notch ndustrialists in New Delhi.

Introducing the State's new industrial policy at an investors' meeting on August 27 and 28, he laid particular emphasis on the draft electric vehicle (EV) policy, one that will enable Jharkhand to become a manufacturing hub of EVs and take the lead in demonstrating a model of the green economy in climate-challenged times. He also sought their suggestions on the new investment schemes.

The TATA, Dalmia, Honda, Hyundai, Maruti Suzuki, NTPC, SAIL, GAIL and Vedanta groups took part in the one-on-one B2G meetings with the Chief Minister. Dalmia Cement has already agreed to invest Rs 500 crore in the State and will be signing an MoU today.

Soren discussed opportunities available for EV makers at the already operationalised Adityapur auto-cluster and Adityapur Electronic

credit, among them many that redefined nation-building in the early years after Independence and laid the template for the future. When Jamsetji Tata thought about setting up India's first steel plant here and tapped into the rich mineral bowl around it, it was the beginning of an industrial cluster and SEZ as we know it today. When he conceived of a planned township around it, it was the precursor of smart cities that we have reimagined today. And when some of India's pioneering entrepreneurs set up heavy industries and got together the country's best engineering talent to nurture them, we had our first knowledge hub. Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, rooted to the soil and shaped by the progressive changes around Jamshedpur, has since then focussed on taking that legacy forward and being a changemaker. And helming the State now, he has envisioned a growth strategy that will see this region turn into a modern manufacturing hub that can be an arrowhead for the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Jharkhand has already been a pioneer of Soren is now working on an investment traditional industry. Soren wants to build promotion board, drawing up an action on this superstructure and get the first plan for executing the one district one vehicles, IT, pharmaceuticals and investment in industrial parks and biotech. He wants to transform the image of Jharkhand from being just a repository of mines and minerals to a state full of opportunities across multiple sectors. Soren has been working tirelessly to Jharkhand has always had the create an investor-friendly ecosystem. In manufacturing edge, one that has fact, he wants his State to be the first and foremost investment destination, become a sectoral manufacturing hub in south and southeast Asia, explore new markets in the neighbourhood and give India a tech edge to emerge as a global player, offering better advantages than existing producer-countries.The State Government is even facilitating B2G interactions to generate interest among foreign investors. Many years after Tata, Soren has chosen Adityapur, which incidentally skirts ADITYAPUR: ELECTRONIC Jamshedpur, as the pillar of his industrial vision and the laboratory of his focus sectors. It will become India's biggest electronics cluster, ushering in a new paradigm of development. He has already created an enabling environment for the momentum for an Atmanirbhar Jharkhand to power its way into the new economy with a competitive edge, incentivising investment with a single window clearance and norms for ease-ofdoing business. The Jharkhand Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy, 2021, aims to attract an investment of up to Rs 1,00,000 crore. It focusses on 15 priority sectors and Soren has circled off seven of them as high-priority— textile and apparels, automobile, auto components and electric vehicles, agro food processing, meat processing industries, pharmaceuticals and electronics system design and manufacturing (ESDM). The remaining eight are priority sectors healthcare, tourism, IT and ITeS (information technology-enabled services), breweries and distilleries, renewable energy and high and medium

amshedpur has many firsts to its engineering. The JIPP also envisages industrial parks, private, joint venture or PPP (public-private partnership) mode in apparel fibre (textile park), specialised hubs for IT and software technology (STPI), gems and jewellery, biotech and herbs, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, food and meat processing beside automobile vendor and ancillary industries. And to create a talent pool and a creative economy for holistic development, the Chief Minister has also envisaged a knowledge park and Film City.

> Jharkhand is progressing fast on adopting investor-friendly best practices and generating avenues of employment. Measures like Jharkhand Investment Promotion Board, single-window clearance, online payments, online verification, third-party certifications, self-certification, time-bound approvals, availability of information online, standard operating procedures for approvals and deemed approvals have been adopted by most departments and government agencies. The accelerators are in place.

mover advantage in consolidating product (ODOP) scheme aimed at sunrise sectors like electronics, electric maximising core efficiencies, planning forming a MIS (management information system) for the survey of beneficiaries under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme. attracted indigenous and foreign investment. All Soren wants is not to rest but seize a slice of the new economy. So he is creating a conducive matrix that goads industries to be innovative and globally competitive. And being a true son of the soil, he wants sustainable industrial development anchored by capacity-building at the grassroots level. Jharkhand is poised to make its way to the top of this growth pyramid.

JHARKHAND 4.0: Incentives for investors

Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS) of 25% of investment made in fixed capital investment or FCI (Cap at Rs 1 crore for micro, Rs 5 crore for small, Rs 10 crore for medium, Rs 25 crore for large, mega and ultra large units).

Capital interest subsidy for manufacturers: This will be 5% for new units for five years. The maximum limit will be Rs 50 lakh per unit.

Subsidy on GST: 80% SGST reimbursement for five years for new MSME units, 75% for large projects.

100% exemption of electricity duty for export-oriented units after 10 years.

MANUFACTURING CLUSTER

Adityapur is the pivot of Soren's dream to elevate Jharkhand into a manufacturing hub not just in India but across south and southeast Asia and could very well propel Bharat. It has a greenfield electronic manufacturing cluster (EMC) under the ESDM (Electronic System Design and Manufacturing) Policy, 2016. Spread over 3,000 acres, Adityapur is one of the largest industrial areas of the country, and houses more than 800 functional MSME units, including 600 auto ancillary industries, providing direct employment to more than 75,000 people.The EMC is a greenfield project spread across 82 acres. The campus has 92 flatted factory units ready with plug and play facility. About 49 acres has been booked for open infra, which is ready to be allocated for 51 electronic manufacturing units.

start-up and incubation centres, Adityapur is also a part of Jamshedpur education and technical institutes, Urban 1 Agglomeration, which is home to Tata Motors (producer of about 45 per cent of heavy commercial vehicles in the country) Tata Steel and other big industries. With an established social, Easy allotment of land to export-oriented units in industrial area. Land cost can now be given in six half yearly instalments.

Transport subsidy for shipment to ports, up to Rs 20 lakh during a financial year.

Export development assistance through market surveys, product development and participation in international trade fairs and buyer-seller meets.

100% reimbursement of stamp duty and registration.

100/75% (ultra/mega) of Net State GST reimbursed for 5/7/9/12 years for MSME/large/mega/ultra mega (Cap at 100% of FCI).

Assistance for reverse buyer-seller meet, which will be organised every alternate year to boost exports.

Refund of expenses incurred for compulsory marking like Conformity European (CE), by 50 per cent, maximum of Rs 2 lakh per unit per annum.

A brand equity fund and market research fund of Rs 1.50 crore per year for each.

MoU/ strategic partnership / task force engagement with IIFT, DGFT and FIEO for the promotion of exports.

Export oriented units will be declared as essential services / public utilities services.

A nodal agency to coordinate with all government departments and export promotion councils to provide a favourable environment for the exporter.

Start-up incubators shall get reimbursement up to Rs 1 crore on capital spent.

Start-up units to get up to Rs 3 lakh per start-up as seed-funding



Reimbursement of 100 per cent electricity duty for 10 years

supported by Tata Motors as the anchor company. The auto giant has also been ahead of the curve with its range of electric vehicles (Evs). So Jharkhand already has a base for automobile and EV ancillaries, precision, electronically and computer operated machine tools and farm equipment industries.

In fact, with the global focus now on reducing carbon footprint and technology advances mainly in the battery pack manufacturing sector, the scope for adoption of e-vehicles has become viable. India's electric vehicle market could be worth \$206 billion and the sector will attract a cumulative investment of \$180 billion in vehicle production and charging infrastructure until 2030 to meet India's EV ambition. The auto hub at Adityapur is based on this premise.

Jamshedpur and its surrounding areas have quite a number of electric vehicles in use with charging stations. This could very well inspire car owners in other cities and towns and create a swell in EV demand in climate-sensitive times. Soren wants Jharkhand to be ready to feed that demand and even spur exports.

TEXTILES: NEW SILK ROUTE

Envisioning Jharkhand as a textile hub, the new policy highlights how "there has been phenomenal growth in the sericulture sector and the State has the highest production of tasar silk in India. Jharkhand primarily exports tasar silk to the US, the UK, Germany, France, Turkey, Japan, Australia, Sweden and Switzerland. In addition to silk weaving,

Manufacturing cluster.

"The State Government wants to move forward with the cooperation of the investors. We are trying to leverage the infinite resources which

nature has gifted to Jharkhand and walk the path of development."

Hemant Soren Chief Minister, Jharkhand



'The government of Jharkhand will support the investors throughout the process and stand by them to actualize their investments into returns and growth."

Mr. Sukhdev Singh I.A.S Chief Secretary

"Through the new policy, we are trying to maximize the incentives available to investors and ensure they enjoy a business-friendly ecosystem in Jharkhand."

Ms. Pooja Singhal I.A.S,

Secretary (Dept. of Industries)





progressive industrial policy and the Tata group has had a good run here. It is the only State where we have been running end-to-end operations from mining to steel and are now excited by the new EV policy and incentives. Tata Steel will

T. V. Narendran, invest Rs 3,000 crore over the Tata Steel Chairman cum next 3 years. We will expand Managing Director capacities of coal and iron ore mines and downstream valueadded steam portfolios."

US' Director of National Intelligence said in a

virus before the initial outbreak of

intelligence reporting and other

information, the IC (intelligence

committee) remains divided on

the most likely origin of Covid-

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incident," the report said.

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the report Biden in a statement

said his administration will do

everything it can to trace the roots

of this outbreak that has caused

so much pain and death around

the world so that they can take

every necessary precaution to

prevent it from happening again.

China said the US intelligence

community's report on Covid-

credible" and Washington's as-

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on the part of Beijing is only an

excuse for politicising and stig-

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Covid-19 emerged, it said.

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Protesters take cover during clashes at the Gaza border. Al

WEST ASIA

Palestinian child dies week after being shot at Gaza border

12-YEAR-OLD Palestinian boy who was shot in the head by Israeli forces during a demonstration at the Gaza-Israeli border last week died of his wounds Saturday, Gaza health officials said. Hassan Abu al-Neil was shot on August 21 during the demonstration organised by Gaza's Hamas rulers to protest the crippling blockade imposed by Egypt and Israel. Violence erupted when Palestinian protesters began throwing rocks and explosives at Israeli troops near the fortified border. Israeli troops responded by opening fire, wounding over 40 Palestinians, in-AP cluding al-Neil.

MALI

Ex-president, PM released from house arrest

MALI'S FORMER interim president Bah Ndaw and prime minister Moctar Ouane have been released from house arrest by the authorities who ousted them in May, a committee monitoring the post-coup transition said on Friday. Their detention by military officers in May marked Mali's second coup since the overthrow of President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita the previous August. An international body tracking this political transition has been pushing the current interim authorities to release the two from

Kabul, retaliates for airport blast Taliban largely seal off airport

UK troops return. AP

Britain's defence ministry said

the final flight for Afghan citi-

zens had left Kabul and further

flights over the weekend will

bring home British troops and

diplomats, though they may

also carry a few remaining UK

or Afghan civilians. Britain's

ambassador to Afghanistan,

Laurie Bristow, said from

Kabul airport that it was "time

to close this phase of the oper-

US officials said another at-

tack against the Kabul airport

was a near certainty, and there

were fears that it could be more

destructive than Thursday's at-

tack. The US embassy in Kabul

warned Americans to avoid the

Afghans hoping for evacuation.

gathering. New layers of check-

points sprang up on roads lead-

manned by Taliban fighters.

weeks were largely empty.

and 13 US service members.

Taliban forces sealed off the

ation now".

airport.

AP

REUTERS & AP KABUL, AUGUST 28

US TROOPS have begun their withdrawal from Kabul airport, the Pentagon said on Saturday, following a two-week scramble by Washington and its allies to fly out their nationals and Afghans at risk of reprisals under Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers.

As it neared the end of a 20year military involvement in the country, the US said it had killed two Islamic State militants planning attacks in Afghanistan following a deadly bombing outside the airport on Thursday.

American officials also warned of a high risk of further attacks by the group - enemies of both the West and the Taliban - as it winds up its mission. The US and allied foreign forces are seeking to withdraw by a Tuesday deadline set by President Joe Biden.

The airport blast, which killed scores of people including 13 US troops, highlighted the peril of the final stages of the mission. Biden promised on Thursday that Washington would go after the perpetrators.

An overnight US drone attack killed two Islamic State planners and wounded another in Nangarhar province, US Army Major General William Taylor said, referring to an eastern area that borders Pakistan. As of Saturday, there were

fewer than 4,000 US troops at Kabul airport, the official, who declined to be identified, told Reuters, down from 5,800 at the peak of the evacuation mission. The White House said the next few days were likely to be

the most dangerous of the evacuation operation. The United States and allies have taken about 111,900 people out of Afghanistan in the past two weeks, the Pentagon has said.



Families evacuated from Kabul arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport, in Chantilly, Virginia, on Friday. AP

Taliban prepare to set up govt as US evacuation nears end Mounting frustration in Kabul over economic hardships

REUTERS AUGUST 28

THE TALIBAN said on Saturday they would announce a new government for Afghanistan in the coming week and expected the economic turbulence and sharp currency falls that followed their take-over of the city two weeks ago to subside quickly

2 ISLAMIC STATE 'PLANNERS' KILLED IN DRONE STRIKE NEAR PAK BORDER

US starts troop withdrawal from

airport on Saturday to most Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban leaders deployed extra forces outside the airport to prevent large crowds from ing to the airport, some ahead of an Aug 31 deadline.

Areas where large crowds had overnight US drone strike gathered over the past two against Islamic State militants



following Thursday's suicide attack near the airport as a "clear attack on Afghan territory".

But he appealed to the US and other Western nations to maintain diplomatic relations after their withdrawal, which he expected would be completed "very soon".

tion in Kabul at the severe economic hardship caused by a plummeting currency and rising food prices, with banks still shuttered two weeks after the fall of the city to the Taliban. Mujahid said officials had al-

institutions including the min-

Afghanistan faces a humanitarian catastrophe, with large parts of the country suffering from extreme drought conditions.

The economy, shattered after four decades of war, also faces the loss of billions of dollars in foreign aid, following the withdrawal of Western embassies from the country.

Mujahid said the economic problems being experienced would be eased once the new government was in place. "The fall of Afghani against foreign currency is temporary and it is because of the situation that suddenly changed," he said.

US intel agencies fail to reach conclusion on Covid-19 origins

LALIT K JHA WASHINGTON, AUGUST 28

report that the virus THE US intelligence community has failed to reach any firm conprobably emerged and clusion on the exact origin of infected humans Covid-19 and is split on whether through an initial it leaked from a lab in China or emerged in nature, even though small-scale exposure it does not believe the virus was that occurred no later developed as a biological weapon, according to results of than November 2019 a detailed review ordered by President Joe Biden.

The Director of National Intelligence in a report on Friday said SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, probably emerged and infected humans through an initial small-scale exposure that occurred no later than November 2019 with the first known cluster of Covid-19 cases arising in Wuhan, China, in December 2019.

However, there was no unanimity among the intelligence community on the origins of the coronavirus.

"The virus was not developed as a biological weapon. Most agencies also assess with low confidence that SARS-CoV-2 probably was not genetically engineered; however, two agencies believe there was not sufficient evidence to make an assessment either way," said the unclassified version of the report.

The report did not name the intelligence agencies.

The intelligence committee also assesses that China's officials did not have foreknowledge of the

The Wuhan Institute of Virology. File

Risk of hospitalisations 'Didn't need to happen': Pentagon seeks answers for attack higher with Delta variant: British study

movement's main spokesman, made the comments to Reuters as There is mounting frustrathe US military winds down its mission to evacuate US citizens and vulnerable Afghans and withdraw troops from Kabul airport

ready been appointed to run key

istries of public health and education and the central bank. UN officials have warned that

USA

Louisiana braces for Hurricane Ida

house arrest. **REUTERS**

RESIDENTS ACROSS Louisiana's coast Saturday were taking one last day to prepare for what is being described as a "life-altering" Hurricane Ida which is expected to bring winds as high as 225 kph when it slams ashore. A combination of voluntary and mandatory evacuations have been called for cities across the region including New Orleans, where the mayor ordered a mandatory evacuation for areas outside the city's levee system and a voluntary evacuation for residents inside the levee system. But since the storm quickly escalated in intensity, the mayor said it wasn't possible to order a mandatory evacuation for the entire city. AP

IDREES ALL WASHINGTON, AUGUST 28

BY WEDNESDAY night, US intelligence agencies were near certain that an attack was imminent outside Kabul airport, triggering a State Department warning to American citizens to leave the area immediately.

lust over 12 hours later, a suicide bomber walked through the large crowds to a gate manned by US troops and detonated explosives, killing a repored 170 Afghans

America's 20-year war in Afghanistan, the largest loss of life for the US military there in a decade, on the cusp of the full withdrawal of troops by Aug. 31 ordered by President Joe Biden.

Among the most pressing questions as the US military launches its investigation: How space when they knew an attack

was imminent?

did the bomber make it through Taliban checkpoints? Why were US troops in such a concentrated

Local officials said as many as 170 people were killed. NY1

> "It was a failure somewhere," General Frank McKenzie, the head of US Central Command, told reporters hours after the at-

But at some point, McKenzie added, troops had no choice but to come in contact with people trying to board evacuation flights, screen them, pat them down for weapons, and ensure they did not make it into the airport if they posed a threat. US officials said the condi-

tions for the attack were set months in advance. They said weeks before the

evacuation from Kabul airport began following the Taliban's

had beer at-risk Afghans out of the country.

tack, which was claimed by takeoverof the capital, the military

But the slow tempo of processing and inability to secure housing for the evacuees in third countries slowed down the pace of departures, according to the officials, at one point halting all flights from Kabul for six hours.

That meant troops were on the frontlines at the airport gates in the face of chaos outside.

"This didn't need to happen," a US military official told Reuters. REUTERS

ADITI KHANNA LONDON, AUGUST 28

THOSE INFECTED with the Delta variant of Covid-19 in the UK have been found to be twice as likely to be admitted to hospital compared to the Alpha variant. according to a large new study.

The study, carried out by Public Health England (PHE) and Cambridge University and published in *The Lancet* journal on Friday, is the first of its kind to compare the hospitalisation risk of the two variants and highlights the need for people to be

It confirms previous reports

that Delta – first identified in

India – is more infectious than

Alpha, which was first identified

found a higher hospital admis-

sion or emergency care atten-

dance risk for patients with

Covid-19 infected with the Delta

variant compared with the

Biden to Israeli PM: US has options

if nuclear diplomacy with Iran fails

"This large national study

fully vaccinated.

in Kent, England.



An information sign in Bolton, UK, in May. Reuters

Alpha variant," note the researchers in their analysis.

"Results suggest that outbreaks of the Delta variant in unvaccinated populations might lead to a greater burden on health-care services than the Alpha variant," they conclude.

The study looked at 43,338 Covid cases that occurred between March and May when both Alpha and Delta were circulating in the UK. The bulk of the infections were in people who had not yet been vaccinated.

Pentagon, China military holds talks for 1st time under Biden The US has put countering

IDREES ALI

WASHINGTON AUGUST 28 A SENIOR Pentagon official held

talks with the Chinese military for the first time since President Joe Biden took office in January to focus on managing risk between the two countries, a US official told Reuters on Friday.

Taiwan and China's human China at the heart of its national serights record to its military activcurity policy for years and Biden's ity in the South China Sea.

Despite the tensions and heated rhetoric, US military officials have long sought to have open lines of communication with their Chinese counterparts to be able to mitigate potential flare-ups or deal with any accidents. Michael Chase, deputy assistant secretary of defence for China, spoke last week with Chinese Major General Huang Xueping, deputy director for the People's Liberation Army Office for International Military Cooperation. "(They) utilised the US-PRC Defence Telephone Link to conduct a secure video conference," the US official said, on condition of anonymity.

"Both sides agreed on the importance of maintaining open channels of communication between the two militaries," the official added.

Officials said US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin has yet to speak with his Chinese counterpart, in part because there was a debate about which official was Austin's counterpart. **REUTERS**

2 OF ROBERT F KENNEDY'S SONS SAID THEY BACKED SIRHAN SIRHAN'S RELEASE RFK's assassin a 'changed man', granted parole

administration has described ri-

valry with Beijing as "the biggest

geopolitical test" of this century.

the United States have grown in-

creasingly tense, with the

world's two largest economies

clashing over everything from

Relations between China and

JULIE WATSON & BRIAN MELLEY SAN DIEGO, AUGUST 28

FOR 15 years, Robert F. Kennedy's assassin was denied parole by a California parole board that maintained Sirhan Sirhan did not show adequate remorse or understand the enormity of his crime that rocked the nation and the world in 1968.

But on Friday, the two-person panel said he appeared to be a different man, even from his last hearing in 2016, and granted the 77-year-old prisoner parole. Two of RFK's sons, going against several of their siblings' wishes, said

they also supported releasing him and prosecutors declined to argue he should be kept behind bars. But the governor ultimately will decide if he leaves prison.

The board found Sirhan no longer poses a threat to society, noting that he had enrolled in more than 20 programmes including anger management classes, Tai Chi and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, even during the coronavirus pandemic.

"We think that you have grown." Parole Board

Commissioner Robert Barton said. Douglas Kennedy was a toddler when his father was gunned down in 1968. He told the board panel that he was moved to tears



Sirhan Sirhan

by Sirhan's remorse and that Sirhan should be released if he's not a threat to others. "I'm overwhelmed just by being able to view Mr Sirhan face to face," he said. "I've lived my life both in fear of him and his name in one way or another. And I am grateful today to see him as a human being worthy of compassion and love." Six of Kennedy's nine surviv-

ing children, however, said they were shocked by the vote. They urged Gov. Gavin Newsom, who is facing a recall election in California, to reverse the parole board's decision and keep Sirhan behind bars.

"He took our father from our family and he took him from America," the six siblings wrote in a statement late Friday. "We are in disbelief that this man would be recommended for release.

The statement was signed by Joseph P Kennedy II, Courtney Kennedy, Kerry Kennedy, Christopher G Kennedy, Maxwell

T Kennedy and Rory Kennedy.

But another sibling, Robert F Kennedy Jr, has spoken in favour of his release in the past and wrote in favour of paroling Sirhan. He said in the letter that he met him in prison and was moved by Sirhan, "who wept, clinching my hands, and asked for forgiveness". "While nobody can speak definitively on behalf of my father,

I firmly believe that based on his own consuming commitment to fairness and justice, that he would strongly encourage this board to release Mr Sirhan because of Sirhan's impressive record of rehabilitation," he said in a letter submitted during the hearing to the board. AP

TREVOR HUNNICUTT & MATT SPETALNICK WASHINGTON, AUGUST 28

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden told Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett in White House talks on Friday that he was putting "diplomacy first" to try to rein in Iran's nuclear program but that if negotiations fail he would be prepared to turn to other unspecified options.

After a one-day delay due to a suicide bombing in Kabul during the chaotic US evacuation from Afghanistan, Biden and Bennett held their first meeting seeking to reset US-Israeli relations and narrow differences over how to deal with Iran's nuclear advances.

XPLAINED Major differences remain



Speaking to reporters in the Oval Office, both leaders touched on Iran, one of the thorniest issues between them, but mostly they papered over their disagreements.

commitment to ensure Iran never develops a nuclear weapon."

"We're putting diplomacy first to turn to other options," Biden added, without offering specifics. later said the two also "reviewed steps to deter and contain Iran's dangerous regional behaviour".

Bennett was expected to press Biden in private to harden his approach to Iran and back out of talks to revive a nuclear deal with Tehran. REUTERS

New Delhi

Biden said they discussed "our

and we'll see where that takes us. But if diplomacy fails, we're ready A White House statement issued

THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, AUGUST 29, 2021 13 ECONOMY

CRUDE WATCH **OIL POSTS 10% WEEKLY GAIN**

STATE RECEIVES PROPOSED INVESTMENT OF OVER 79.000 CRORE

Soren launches 2021 industrial

Jharkhand's infinite resources

policy: We're trying to leverage

New York: Oil benchmarks rose 10 per cent for the week, in the biggest weekly gains in over a year. On Friday, Brent rose 2.3 per cent to \$72.70 a barrel, while US WTI crude rose 2 per cent to 68.74. For the week, Brent gained over 11 per cent and WTI over 10 per cent. REUTERS

₹24,713-CR DEAL WITH RELIANCE RETAIL Future Retail moves SC against Delhi HC order: 'Unimaginable' damage if no deal

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAL AUGUST 28

FUTURE RETAIL (FRL) on Saturday moved the Supreme Court against an order by the Delhi High Court to maintain status quo in relation to the Kishore Biyani-led company's Rs 24,713-crore deal with Reliance Retail and directing it to enforce the Singapore-based Em-

ergency Arbitrator's (EA) order. "Please be informed that the company has filed a special leave petition before the Supreme Court against the impugned orders dated February 2.2021 and March 18, 2021 passed by 'Ld. Single Judge'. The SLP will be listed for hearing in due course," FRL said in

a regulatory filing. It has argued that if the deal with Reliance doesn't go through, it would cause

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

EMPHASISING THE "transfor-

mational change" in financial

inclusion brought about by

the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan

Yojana (PMJDY) in a seven-

year period, the government

said Saturday banks have now

been asked to improve access

of account holders in the

scheme to micro-credit and micro investment products,

like flexi-recurring schemes.

map for the scheme, the

Finance Ministry has said that

banks should ensure that eli-

gible account holders are pro-

According to a future road

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"unimaginable" damage to the group, including possible job losses for 35.575 employees, and put at risk roughly Rs 28,000 crore in bank loans and debentures.

Amazon, which has been involved in a dispute with Future, accuses FRL of violating contracts when it sold its retail assets to Reliance Industries (RIL) last year. On February 2, a single-judge

bench of the Delhi HC had directed FRL to maintain status quo in relation to its deal with Reliance Retail, an RIL arm, which was objected to by Amazon. Justice J R Midha said the court was satisfied that an immediate interim order was required to be passed to protect the rights of Amazon.

Later, on March 18, the court upheld the Singapore-based EA's order restraining FRL from going ahead with its deal with Reliance

POLICY WATCH

FinMin to banks:

schemes for PMJDY

Seven years on: 43 crore accounts

3,500

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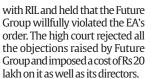
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LAST AUGUST, Reliance Retail said it would acquire the retail, wholesale, logistics and warehousing business of Future Group for Rs 24,713 crore. The deal has been contested by Amazon, an investor in Future Coupons that in turn is a shareholder in Future Retail Ltd. The SC had on August 6 upheld Amazon's plea.

Retail to sell its business, which was objected to by Amazon. Justice Midha directed FRL not to take further action on the deal



Earlier this month, Future Group promoters - including Biyani and several group holding companies – had approached the Supreme Court against an order passed by the Delhi High Court directing to enforce the order of the Singapore-based EA.

Passing an interim order, the EA of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) had on October 25 last year restrained Future Group from going ahead with its deal with RIL to sell its retail and wholesale business, and the logistics and warehousing business. Amazon, which has 49 per cent stake in one of Future's unlisted firms, Future Coupons Ltd had approached the SIAC. In August last year. Reliance

Retail had said it would acquire the retail and wholesale business, and the logistics and warehousing business of Future Group in a deal worth Rs 24.713 crore. The scheme of arrangement entailed consolidation of Future Group's retail and wholesale assets into one entity Future Enterprises Ltd and then transferring it to Reliance Retail.

The deal has been contested by Amazon, an investor in Future Coupons that in turn is a shareholder in Future Retail Ltd. The apex court had on August 6 upheld Amazon's plea. It had ruled in favour of

Amazon and held that an award of an EA of a foreign country is enforceable under the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act.

Computer software and hardware: 17% Services sector: 11%

\$6.56 billion FDI equity inflow during April-June 2020-21

\$22.53 billion

Total foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow during the first three months of 2021-22, against \$11.84 billion in the same period of the last year

TOP STATES AS PER SHARE OF TOTAL FDI EQUITY INFLOWS **RECEIVED IN Q1FY22:** Karnataka: 48% Maharasthra: 23% Delhi: 11%

Source: Commerce Ministry/PTI

DRAFT OF DECLARATION

Why is it important: The FDI trends are an endorsement of India's status as a preferred investment destination amongst global investors

Forex reserves slide for second straight week, down \$2.47 bn AMID FALL IN CURRENCY ASSETS

vestment of over Rs 9,000 crore in the state, with the launch of the Jharkhand Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (JIIPP) 2021.

Companies which have been already active in the state, such as Tata Steel, Dalmia Group, Steel Authority Limited of India (SAIL), Adhunik Power and Prem Rubber Works, have given in writing their proposed investment in the coming threefour years.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE TWO-DAY Investor Summit

held by the Jharkhand government here saw a proposed in-

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As per documents sent by the Chief Minister's Office, Dalmia Group signed an MoU of Rs 500 crore to expand their cement plant and the proposed commencement of production will be March 2023.

The documents stated that Tata Steel has "expressed their intent" to invest Rs 3,000 crore over next three years with "expansion of capacities" of coal and iron ore mines and "downstream" value added steel portfolio.

SAIL, too, has expressed intent to invest Rs 4,000 crore in Gua Mines in West Singhbhum district for over a period of three years, as per the document. IT will upgrade Gua mines from 4 MT capacity to 10 MT capacity and install a pallet plant of 4 MT capacity. As per the press release issued by the state government, Adhunik Power will invest Rs 1,900 crore and another company Prem Rubber Works will also invest Rs 50 crore. At the launch of the JIIPP 2021,

Chief Minister Hemant Soren said, "The state government wants to move forward with the cooperation of the investors. We are trying to leverage the infinite resources which nature has gifted Jharkhand and walk the



Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, with Chief Secretary Sukhdev Singh (left) and Additional Chief Secretary—Health Arun Singh (right), at the launch of Jharkhand Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy 2021, in New Delhi, on Saturday. Prem Nath Pandey

unrest in Jharkhand. We have a

very good law and order situa-

tion. You will never hear of any

organised extortion gang. Even

Naxalism has shrunk to a few re-

mote pockets of Jharkhand and it

is likely to be eliminated from the geography of Jharkhand in a cou-

ple of months. Jharkhand invites

you, invites you with open arms.'

He added that seven bureaucrats

travelled to Delhi from Ranchi to

with a vast range of flora and

fauna. Thirty per cent of our land

anyone interested in the agro-

food processing industry," the

Jharkhand Industries Secret-

ary Pooja Singhal said the state

has prepared a Single Window

Clearance Policy in various sec-

tors to invite investors. She said

the state government has a "land

bank of 1,000 acres" for setting

up industries, and threw light on

various aspects related to why in-

vestors should invest in

Chief Secretary further said.

"It's a beautiful state with a

'solicit and woo" investors.

path of development. The government has stepped up and we will not stop here. From the very beginning, the state government has been deliberating upon how to generate employment in Jharkhand. Our focus largely revolved around industries based on mines and minerals ... but we are now also working in the field of tourism, education, renewable energy, food processing, automobile, pharma and textile."

He added that in renewable energy, the state is coming up beautiful landscape. It is a state with a "big project" and planning to establish India's "largest floating solar plant", and emphasised is covered with forest, with such that Jharkhand also has potential vast production of minor forest in tourism, pharma, educational produce that it is a paradise for institutes among others.

Soren said these investments in the coming months will lead to around 20,000 direct and around 1.5 lakh indirect employment. "All potential investors who would commit to engage 35 per cent of their workforce from scheduled tribe/scheduled caste communities will be incentivised over and above the existing provisions of the new JIIPP 2021." he added.

During the event, Jharkhand Jharkhand. She also talked about Chief Secretary Sukhdev Singh the JIIPP 2021, ethanol policy, road connectivity, electric vehisaid, "Our human capital is very healthy and very law-abiding. cle policy, Adityapur Cluster You will never have to face labour through a presentation.

est, etc. shall be filed and such

other conditions are fulfilled as

may be prescribed," the tax de-

The amount paid/collected in

these cases shall be refunded,

without any interest, on fulfill-

ment of the said conditions, it said,

adding a draft of the undertaking

company to "irrevocably withdraw, discontinue and not pur-

sue" any present or future legal

challenge against the tax demand.

suggestions and comments on the

draft notification of the rules,

which can be submitted by

September 4.

The department has invited

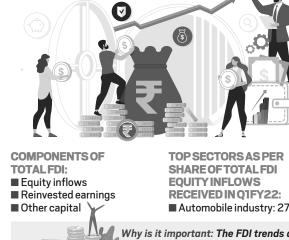
The declaration provides for a

is being released for comments.

partment said in a statement.

FTA talks with nations like UK, UAE progressing

FDI equity inflows up 168% JAN DHAN SCHEME to \$17.57 bn during Apr-Jun FDI inflow into equities in the country rose by more than twofold to \$17.57 billion during April-June this fiscal, an official statement said Micro insurance, flexi



capable of delivering financial services to the last person of the society - the poorest of the poor," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.

The proportion of operavided the linked micro insurtional Jan Dhan accounts has ance policies to improve risen to 85.6 per cent or 36.86 rrore in August 2021 from

with ₹1.46 lakh crore deposits DEPOSITS PER A/C (IN ₹) 2,000 6 1,500 1

Aug'15 Source: Finance Ministry

Automobile industry: 27%

Over the seven-year pe-

riod since Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the PMIDY scheme, the number of accounts has risen to 43.04 crore in August 2021 from 17.9 crore in August 2015, while the deposits have shot up to Rs 1.46 lakh crore from Rs 22,901 crore during the same period

Of this, 55.47 per cent (23.87 crore) Jan Dhan account holders are women and 66.69 per cent (28.70 crore) holders are in rural and semiurban areas. Deposits per account have risen to Rs 3,398 in August 2021 from Rs 1,279 in August in 2015, the ministry said in a statement on Saturday, detailing progress of the scheme.

"The journey of PMJDYled interventions undertaken over a short span of seven vears has, in effect, produced both transformational as well as directional change, thereby making the emerging FI (financial inclusion) ecosystem

BRIEFLY —

Dahod Workshop

New Delhi: Alok Kansal,

General Manager of Western Railway, has inaugurated the renamed Dahod per cent or 23.15 crore in August 17, the Centre said.

A Jan Dhan account is treated as inoperative if there are no customer induced transactions in it for over two years. Out of the total, 8.2 per cent accounts are zero balance accounts. "Todav we mark seven

years of #PMJanDhan, an initiative that has forever transformed India's development trajectory. It has ensured financial inclusion and a life of dignity as well as empowerment for countless Indians. Jan Dhan Yojana has also helped further transparency," the Prime Minister said in tweet on Saturday.

On the road ahead, the Finance Ministry said that eligible PMJDY account holders will be sought to be covered under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and

Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti

Bima Yojana. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

	August 13 2021	August 20 2021		
Foreign currency assets	576,374	573,009		
Gold	36,336	37,249		
SDRs	1,544	1,541		
Reserve tranche position	5,111	5,096		
Total	619,365	616,895		
in million US dollars; source: Reserve Bank of India/Reuters				

FCAs declined by \$3.365 bil-**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** lion to \$573.009 billion. NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include THE COUNTRY'S foreign exchange the effect of appreciation or dereserves declined by \$2.47 billion preciation of non-US units like the to reach \$616.895 billion in the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. week ended August 20. RBI data

Gold reserves were up by \$913 In the previous week ended million to \$37.249 billion in the re-August 13, 2021, the reserves had porting week, the data showed.

declined by \$2.099 billion to The special drawing rights (SDRs) with the International In the reporting week, the de-Monetary Fund (IMF) dipped by crease in the reserves was due to \$3 million at \$1.541 billion. a drop in the foreign currency as-

The country's reserve position with the IMF slipped by \$15 million to \$5.096 billion.

to drop cases against government

Withdrawal of retro tax demands:

'Irrevocable' undertaking by cos

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

FOLLOWING THE decision to scrap the retrospective taxation provision, the Income Tax Department on Saturday released rules that will help close tax de-

mands against companies such as Cairn Energy and Vodafone Plc. The rules provide details for

companies to give an 'irrevocable' undertaking to withdraw all legal cases against the government as well as an undertaking to not pursue any in future.

Earlier this month, the Centre had brought in The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act 2021 stating that no tax demand shall be raised for any indirect transfer of Indian assets if the transaction was undertaken before May 28, 2012. The government had, in 2012,

retrospectively amended the Income-tax Act. This was in response to a Supreme Court verdict, which had held that Vodafone cannot be taxed for a 2007 transaction that involved its The I-T Department rules provide details for companies to give an 'irrevocable' undertaking to withdraw all legal cases against the government as well as an undertaking to not pursue any in future

purchase of a 67 per cent stake in Hutchison Whampoa for \$11 billion. Later in 2014. the Centre used the same section to raise tax demand against Cairn Energy Plc for restructuring done in 2006. After the retrospective amendment moved by the UPA-led government in 2012, tax demands were raised in 17 cases, out of which tax amount of Rs 8,100 crore has been collected for four cases.

'The amendment made by 2021 Act also provides that the demand raised for offshore indirect transfer of Indian assets made before 28th May, 2012 (including the validation of demand provided under Section 119 of the Finance Act 2012) shall be nullified on fulfillment of specified conditions such as withdrawal or furnishing of undertaking for withdrawal of fast: Goyal



pending litigation and furnishing Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal File of an undertaking to the effect that no claim for cost, damages, inter-

> New Delhi: India is fast progressing in discussions on different free-trade agreements (FTAs) with countries, including the UK and the UAE, to further enhance trade and investment ties, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday.

Under an FTA, two trading partners reduce or eliminate customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them. Besides, they liberalise norms to enhance trade in services and boost investments. Goval said India is engaging with nations having transparent rule of law and with whom India can have confidence that it will get a fair deal. PTI

Google Play app store revenue reached \$11.2 bn in 2019, lawsuit says

Workshop via video link. The previously named 'Loco Carriage & Wagon Workshop, Dahod' has been renamed 'Rolling Stock

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Workshop, Dahod'.

New Delhi: A significant economic recovery is on the anvil in 2021-22, as indicated by a chief executive officers poll conducted among 117 senior CEOs at the recent meeting of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) National Council. ENS

RECENT INFLATION READINGS 'CAUSE FOR CONCERN', HE SAID AT JACKSON HOLE CONFERENCE Why Powell still thinks high inflation is 'temporary' case to stake out at a time when

ANN SAPHIR WASHINGTON, AUGUST 28

US FEDERAL Reserve Chair Jerome Powell on Friday pushed back against concerns that swiftly rising prices could be an enduring

feature of the economy, forcing the central bank to raise interest rates and cut short the recovery.

ings are "a cause for concern," Powell told the Kansas City Fed's annual Jackson Hole economic symposium, responding to what he sees as likely to be a temporary trend by tightening monetary policy could be a "particularly harmful" mistake. It was a provocative

inflation is sapping consumer sentiment and becoming a political hot potato just as President Joe Bi-

den weighs Powell's appointment for a second term as Fed chief. Powell's decision to build the

showed on Friday.

\$619.365 billion.

sets (FCAs), as per weekly data by

the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

case for why inflation isn't a worry - rather than sketch out what could go wrong – drew praise from advocates of the year-old While recent inflation readpolicy framework he championed

that emphasizes the Fed's full employment goal and rejects the kind of preemptive inflationfighting rate hikes that were the stock-in-trade of the Fed in its pre-

vious incarnations. It also sparked criticism from those less sanguine about the



At Friday's Jackson Hole Conference, US Fed Chair Jerome Powell said he was in favour of the Fed starting to reduce its \$120 billion in monthly asset purchases this year. Reuters file

risks, with Harvard University's Jason Furman, who was a former senior economic aide in the

Obama administration, saying that Powell was "failing to take seriously any arguments on the other side."

And, of course, it comes as Fed officials themselves fully join their own internal debate about when to start backing away from the emergency measures implemented to shield the economy from the disruptions - still ongoing to some degree - of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Indeed, Powell used his speech on Friday to acknowledge that, at least as of last month's policy meeting, he was in favour of the Fed starting to reduce its \$120 billion in monthly asset purchases this year, with inflation already meeting the bar to do so, and further progress on the employment front expected. **REUTERS**

PARESH DAVE OAKLAND, AUGUST 28

ALPHABET INC'S Google generated \$11.2 billion in revenue from its mobile app store in 2019, according to a court filing unsealed on Saturday, offering a clear view into the service's financial results for the first time.

Attorneys general for Utah and 36 other US states or districts suing Google over alleged antitrust violations with the app store also said in the newly unredacted filing that the business in 2019 had \$8.5 billion in gross profit and \$7 billion in op-

Attorneys general for Utah & 36 other US states or districts are suing **Google over alleged** antitrust violations with the app store

erating income, for an operating margin of over 62 per cent.

The figures include sales of apps, in-app purchase and app store ads. Google is fighting the charges that it abuses its alleged monopoly in app sales for Android devices. A trial date has not been set. **REUTERS**

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Across THEAISLE



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The gravest downside will be prices. Once monetised, the PSU will cease to be a price-stabiliser in the market. If there are one or two or even three private players in the sector, there is bound to be price-fixing and cartelisation. We have found this to be true even in a so-called competitive market in cement. The United Kingdom was shaken to find this true in the banking industry. My apprehension is that prices will rise in many sectors

THE BIG Lie has been exposed. For the last seven years, Mr Narendra Modi and his ministers have vociferously denounced the Congress governments including, ironically, Atal Bihari Vajpayee's) for "doing nothing and building nothing for 70 years". It was as if India had attained Independence only in May 2014. On August 23, 2021, the Finance Minister released a list of assets that were proposed to be 'monetised'. However, she failed to disclose when those assets were built. The answer is, during the maligned '70 years'!

THE LIST INCLUDED

26,700 km of roads,
 28,698 ckt km of power transmission assets,
 6,000 mw of hydel and solar power assets,

sets, ■ 8,154 km of natural gas pipelines,

■ 3,930 km of petroleum products pipeline,

210,00,000 mt of warehousing assets,
 400 railway stations, 90 passenger train operations, 265 goods sheds,

 Konkan Railway and Dedicated Freight Corridor,

2,86,000 km of fibre and 14,917 telecom towers,

 25 airports and 31 projects in 9 major ports, and

2 national stadia.

By a stroke of the pen, Mr Modi and his Finance Minister have threatened to reduce India's public sector assets to near zero. They are exulting in the estimate that the government will collect a "rent" of Rs 1,50,000 crore a year and hold on to a piece of paper that it is the "owner" of the asset. They also boast that the heavily depreciated asset will be "returned" to the government at the end of the transfer period. This is the crux of the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP).

Objectives, Criteria Absent

The policy of disinvestment and privatisation has evolved over the years. All governments since 1991 have fine-tuned the policy. Revenue was only **one** of the goals of privatisation. Other objectives were enhanced capital investment, infusion of modern technology, expansion of markets for products, creation of jobs etc. Certain criteria were also set for choosing the units that will be privatised. Among

1. PSUs in a strategic sector will not be privatised — e.g., nuclear energy, defence production, Railways, strategic ports.

2. Chronically loss-making units could be privatised.

3. A PSU having a minimal market share for its products could be privatised. 4. A PSU will be privatised if it will pro-

4. APSO will be privatised if it will promote competition; it will **not** be privatised if it may lead to a monopoly.

These criteria have been thrown out of the window and no alternative criteria

have been announced. Surprisingly, Railways has been removed as a strategic sector. It is now classified as a non-core asset even while market economies such as the UK, France, Italy and Germany have retained railways (or the bulk of the country's railway system) in the public sector.

The grand closing down sale

ROAD TO MONOPOLIES

There is genuine concern that the NMP will lead to monopolies (or, at best, duopolies) in key sectors such as ports, airports, solar power, telecom, natural gas pipeline, petroleum pipeline and warehousing. India is relatively a newcomer to the private-sector led economy in industry and services. Such economies will inevitably reach a point when monopolies will emerge. The United States can teach us many lessons in this regard. Presently, the US Congress and government are deliberating on laws and other measures to contain the monopolistic and unfair trade practices of Google, Facebook and Amazon. South Korea has cracked down on its chaebols. China is taking action against some of its technology companies that had become 'too big to be regulated'. On the other hand, the NMP promises to take the country in the opposite direction!

Apart from the glaring absence of criteria in the choice of PSUs that have been brought under the NMP, it is not clear what the objectives are. Consider the objective of collecting a "rent" of Rs 1,50,000 crore a year. What is not disclosed is the annual revenue **currently** yielded by the chosen assets. The revenue 'gain' (or 'loss') to the government will only be the *difference* between Rs 1,50,000 crore and the current annual revenue. There is also no clarity on jobs and reservation. Will the present number of jobs in the 'monetised' units be maintained, and eventually enhanced? Will reservation for SC, ST and OBCs be maintained or abolished?

HATCHED IN SECRECY

The gravest downside will be prices. Once monetised, the PSU will cease to be a price-stabiliser in the market. If there are one or two or even three private players in the sector, there is bound to be price-fixing and cartelisation. We have found this to be true even in a so-called competitive market in cement. The United Kingdom was shaken to find this true in the banking industry. My apprehension is that prices will rise in many sectors.

Finally, the process reflects the conspiratorial manner in which Mr Modi's government operates. There was no draft paper on NMP. There was no consultation with the stakeholders, especially the employees and the trade unions. There was no discussion in Parliament and there never will be. The policy was hatched in secrecy and announced suddenly. The media was sufficiently tutored by the government and the captains of the private sector to hail the leader and the policy.

Get ready for the Grand Bargain Closing Down Sale. Get ready to welcome the monopolists.



LITERARY LOCK-UP

A DISPUTE between the above 100 years old Calcutta Club and the heirs of renowned Bengali writer Nirad C Chaudhuri threatens to escalate into a maior scandal. In 2000. Chaudhuri's son Prithvi Chaudhuri, who is the sole executor and authority for the author's estate, had loaned to the club's library rare memorabilia belonging to his father for display only. Prithvi acknowledges that there was no written agreement as it was done in good faith. A special Nirad Chaudhuri corner was created in the library. The expensive items on display included paintings by Claude Monet, Nandalal Bose, Sarat Chandra Bose, among others. In the author's book collection are some valuable first editions, including his own famous work, Autobiography of an Unknown Indian. The crown jewel of the collection is an original first folio of Shakespeare. (A first folio of similar vintage was auctioned last year in New York for \$10 million.) Prithvi, who spends much of his time in Dehradun, received word from Kolkata some time back that the Nirad Chaudhuri corner had been temporarily closed for repairs. He got suspicious when the club refused to permit the loaned items to be even photographed to facilitate a well-known producer who is making a documentary on Choudhuri for his 125th anniversary. The club's CEO continues to be evasive about producing the artefacts, which are said to be locked away in a cupboard. In its last reply to Prithvi, the club suggested that it would first vet the documentary script before proceeding, forgetting it does not own the pieces, which were presented as a loan.

from Hindus and Sikhs. The HM insists that extra caution is necessary, which is why evisas were introduced. In the turmoil after Kabul was taken over, a large number of Indian passports went missing and are feared to be in Pakistani hands.

POT VS KETTLE

Narayan Rane, arrested by the Maharashtra government for a speech threatening to 'slap' Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, feels it is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. Uddhav once threatened to beat up UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with slippers for failing to remove his footwear before paying homage to Chhatrapati Shivaji. Maharashtra has a long tradition of outstanding orators, with author-poet Acharya Pralhad Keshav Atre setting a high standard even before Independence. But in recent times Maharashtra leaders get so carried away, their utterances can make audiences blush with embarrassment. Bal Thackeray's harsh language towards opponents led to the phrase "Thackeray bhasha". Leaders from all parties have got into hot water because of colourful language. The late Pramod Mahajan once compared Sonia Gandhi to Monica Lewinsky. Maharashtra NCP minister Chhagan Bhujbal, when in the Sena, wanted statues of Nathuram Godse all over the country.

INNOVATIVE SCHEMES



SINCE THURSDAY, my phone hasn't stopped ringing. The Kabul airport carnage has left my family and colleagues in Afghanistan shaken. Scared for their lives, they say they have no option but to leave their homes and contemplate lives as refugees in foreign lands, with nothing but a set of clothes and hope for survival. Besides, for many of my colleagues at Zan TV, Afghanistan's first television channel for and by women, the Taliban takeover could also snatch away their hard-earned freedoms and careers. Their spokesperson has already asked working Afghan women to stay at home as Taliban soldiers are "not trained to respect them".

Afghanistan is used to the vicious circle of gruesome war and occasional peace. During one such brief period of calm in 2017, Zan TV was set up to give voice to women and tell their stories. For instance, one of the stories that we broadcast was on widows of men who lost their lives in the war. We got the most inspiring narratives, where many of these women had become successful entrepreneurs to earn a living. While there were women in the media in Afghanistan, the industry had been largely male- dominated. One of my colleagues (whom I can't name to ensure her safety) told me how when she told her family she wanted to become a journalist, after graduating from college, they were apprehensive. So she took up teaching, considered a job suitable for women in Afghanistan. But when she heard about Zan TV, she convinced her family and got the job. Her income helped her family too. Then there were families who were unsure about their daughters coming in front of the camera for news reports. Among the 50-60 employees at Zan TV - writers, producers, directors, reporters and anchors - many of them in their 20s, such stories were commonplace. Some of my colleagues were also the sole breadwinners of their families. The job gave them a chance to go out on the streets and get sound-bites of other women on issues that mattered. They were also secure in the knowledge that their work will be understood by editors back at the office, which was not the case in other media outlets where the editorial lens was largely male. In the past year, our show Women of Impact, hosted by one of my colleagues based in Germany, gained a lot of popularity. It helped us connect with Afghan

Play it again, Zan: In Kabul darkness, a beam



Girls of a Shaolin Wushu Club show off their skills in Kabul in 2017. File/Reuters

women achievers across the world politicians, academics, entrepreneurs, activists, among others. In a country where women were once not allowed to leave their homes and fear of torture and death loomed large, the show gave role models to young girls and women. It gave them hope of achieving their true potential. Many of those dreams may never see the light of the day now. Given their past record, the Taliban cannot be trusted, and that is why my Afghanistan-based colleagues want to leave. But as I share their pain over long phone calls and advise them, I am also aware that life as a refugee is very difficult. These women had thriving careers in Afghanistan, but in a new country, where they might not even understand the language at first, proving their credentials will be very tough. Some of them who have managed to flee have left behind their school and college degrees. They will have to start from scratch. All the progress of the past years will come to naught. My family was forced to leave Afghanistan in the mid-'90s during the Mujahideen regime. I was in junior school then, and would often hear stories of war and persecution from my mother and grandmother. But along with those, there were also accounts of grit and courage shown by Afghan women and how they kept their families afloat. They didn't just survive, they thrived.

completed their graduation. A large number of them spoke English and some even went on to join the Parliament. It was this



India can defeat jihadi Islam

THIS HAS been a difficult week for those who write topical columns. Even as I sat down to write about the latest economic reform by the Modi government, tragic images from Kabul continued to distract me, forcing a difficult choice. It is not that the murder by jihadist suicide bombers of desperate people waiting to be evacuated and American soldiers who died trying to help them is not important. It is important and deeply distressing. It is also a reminder that India needs to fortify her defences in a region that is becoming increasingly poisoned with violence and hatred, directed especially at us 'infidels'.

The triumphalism in Pakistan at the return of Taliban rule in Afghanistan indicates that they see this as a crucial victory in their forever war against India. High officials in Imran Khan's government have said as much, and added that the Taliban will now help Pakistan 'liberate' Kashmir. India can prevent further jihadist terrorism in Kashmir by restoring full statehood, holding elections and making Kashmiris realise that economic prosperity is more useful than religion. It is something we need to do in all of India. As someone who knows the Islamist republic next door well, believe me nothing frightens Pakistan more than the possibility that India will race so far ahead of it economically that it will make ordinary Pakistanis realise that religion is a weaker glue than prosperity.

In this column I have said before that the main reason why I supported Narendra Modi was because I believed him when he said that he would move India in a new economic direction. By this I mean that he would move firmly away from the Nehruvian socialism that kept India poor by putting the main levers of the economy in the hands of the State. He has not succeeded in doing this because every attempt at real reform has met with jeers from our socialist Opposition leaders, and sly but strong resistance from bureaucrats who derive power from the complex infrastructure of regulations, rules, inspectors and licences that decades of socialism created.

Modi like Manmohan Singh has been forced to reform by stealth. He seems still to believe that 'government has no business to be in business' but not a single major public sector company has been privatised since he became PM. Not even Air India. The word 'privatisation' cannot be uttered without people like Rahul Gandhi immediately shrieking about the 'crown jewels' being sold. This happened last week when the Finance Minister announced a National Monetisation Pipeline. She explained defensively that this is not privatisation but an attempt to monetise public sector assets.

As someone who believes that the public sector is a bottomless pit that sucks up money that could be better spent on im-

DIFFERENT STROKES

The Indian government is said to be completely out of the loop in Afghanistan, with Pakistan trying to ensure that there is no rapprochement with the Taliban. Nevertheless, till the Kabul airport bomb blasts, India managed its large-scale emigration operations fairly smoothly. Although the Kabul airport is guarded on all sides by the Taliban, the Indian government managed to sneak in batches of evacuees seeking shelter in India. The refugees were brought from a shelter where they are being temporarily accommodated. However, there are differences between the MEA and the Home Ministry as to who should be granted asylum in India, apart Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's National Monetisation Pipeline scheme offers diverse opportunities for Indian and foreign private capital to raise funds, without impacting government ownership. One innovative suggestion is for private parties to handle rail operations to tourist destinations. Another is for urban municipalities to hire out little-used stadia, which are in urgent need of repair.

RISKY BUSINESS

Poll surveys of the mood of the nation have been embarrassingly inaccurate in the past and consequently many media barons have abandoned this expensive exercise. A major media group which commissioned a Mood of the Nation survey before Independence Day perhaps developed cold feet after seeing the ratings. The survey indicated that the support for Modi as PM had plummeted from 66% to 24% in a year and that Yogi Adityanath had an 11% rating, making him the second most popular prime ministerial candidate, although his home state, UP, is still recovering from the after effects of the Covid pandemic. The group's magazine waited discreetly till after Independence Day to release the data and focused more on the economic survey. The group's Hindi channel ignored the poll findings entirely.

Despite the ongoing wars, the level of education among them was high, many

other side of the Afghan woman, one that the world had seen very little of, that Zan TV captured and which inspired me to join them. It gave me the role models that I needed in my life too.

Unfortunately, since Taliban forces surged through the Capital and other parts of the country, the broadcast has stopped. We have been updating news on the outlet's online platforms, but that's all. But as we find our way through this difficult time, some memories bring a smile to my face and revive hope. Once, when an acquaintance and I were talking about my work, he told me about his cousin in Afghanistar who wanted to become a journalist and how she struggled to convince her family, but then went on to do very well. He said the family was really proud of her. Turns out, she was the same girl who had taken up teaching before joining Zan TV!

What is happening now is heart-breaking, but with women like my grandmother, mother and the many employees of Zan TV who are determined to grow and thrive, a new beginning may be around the corner.

> Canada-based Fariah Saidi is programme director at Zan TV (As told to Ankita Dwivedi Johri)

National Editor Shalini Langer curates the fortnightly 'She Said' column proving public services, I welcomed the policy and was vilified by Dynasty loyalists and sundry socialists. They accused me of not understanding that the public sector was meant to create jobs and not make profits. Well, the truth is that it has created too few jobs for too much investment. The charge that truly astounded me was that the private sector must not be trusted because it created NPAs (non-performing assets) and corruption. Almost every public sector company is an NPA. And, there is no shortage of crooks and corruption.

We just hear too little about them. It is true that Vijay Mallya and Nirav Modi fled without paying their loans, but why do we hear so little about Ravi Parthasarathy who did the same thing? Was it because the company he headed, IL&FS, is a public sector company whose main investor has been the Government of India? In 2018, just before this company posted a loss of Rs 99,354 crore, Mr Parthasarathy, a famous socialite and bon vivant, fled to London supposedly to receive treatment for cancer. When the noise died down, he returned to Mumbai and lived quietly while his subordinates went to jail. Parthasarathy was safe, until last June, because he had cultivated some of the most powerful men in Delhi through an interesting system of bribery. The sons of senior officials and politicians always found jobs in IL&FS and those who needed funds for expensive foreign educations were also helped, as were wives who wanted foreign exchange on trips abroad. Parthasarathy is now rotting in a Chennai jail because in June the Tamil Nadu Economic Offences Wing managed to surprise him at home and arrest him.

Not only are public sector companies often dens of more iniquity, nepotism and corruption than private companies, they have less excuse because instead of creating wealth for India they have served mostly to suck it up. They are so unprofitable that it is estimated that five companies account for 40% of all profits. The public sector needs real reform, and the Prime Minister deserves praise for attempting it.

India will never see real prosperity until we realise that socialism was a bad idea that should have been abandoned long ago. Never has India needed more to show that it can become the economic hub of the subcontinent. This does not mean that our problems with jihadi Islam will die a quiet death. They will not. And we must never forget 26/11 because it can happen again. We need to become strong enough to prevent it.

DIVYAGOYAL GOPAL d.goyal@expressindia.com AS THE last batches of Afghan Sikhs and Hindus arrive in India from the Taliban-besieged nation, many members have been

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sieged nation, many members have been asserting that 'We are Afghans' and not 'Hindustanis', as being portrayed by some.

The reality is that, like in case of most communities, history is interlinked. The roots of Sikhism in Afghanistan date back to the 16th Century, when Guru Nanak visited the country to spread the message of "peace, brotherhood and tolerance". As per his travel history recorded in the earliest *Janamsakhis*, during his fourth *udaasi* (travel) between 1519-1521, he visited present-day Kabul, Kandahar, Jalalabad and Sultanpur, with Bhai Mardana.

Afghan or Indian? A long identity battle

Soon, Guru Nanak's followers grew and many Sikhs from Kabul began to visit Punjab to pay their respects to Sikh gurus. Later, the seventh Sikh Guru, Har Rai, also played a pivotal role in sending Sikh missionaries to Kabul and a *dharamsaal* (gurdwara) was established in the city.

"Several documents record the thriving trade of Hindus and Sikhs in Afghan society, but today 99% of them have left the country. Afghanistan... refuses to acknowledge them as their natives but they have made contributions to their motherland despite a turbulent journey. Can an Afghan be a Hindu or a Sikh? History says YES," notes historian Inderjeet Singh in Afghan Sikhs and Hindus: A History of A Thousand Years.

From an estimated one-two lakh in the 1970s, the number of Hindus and Sikhs in

Afghanistan has been dwindling since 1992, following the Soviet War when the government fell and Mujahideen rebels took over Kabul. Between 1992 and 2001, the communities faced persecution at the hands of both the Mujahideen and then the Taliban, and many members took refuge in Canada, Austria, the US and UK.

Many of those old fears were revived recently when a suicide bomb attack killed at least 18 Hindus and Sikhs in July 2018, including Awtar Singh Khalsa who was then running for parliamentary polls. He was father of current Afghan MP Narendra Singh Khalsa who arrived in India last week.

Last year, on March 25, when a terror attack by an Islamic State gunman killed 25 Sikhs at Gurdwara Har Rai Sahib in Kabul, the Sikh-Hindu population in Afghanistan stood at 650, with around 400 moving to India soon after. As Taliban forces took over, just 280 of them were left.

But even as they find new homes in new countries — and are viewed through the prism of their religion and ties to India — their clothes, language, food and culture all bear a distinct Afghan identity. The Sikhs from the region can be broadly divided into three categories: Pashtun Sikhs, who hail from provinces such as Khost and Paktia and speak Pashto and Dari; Sikhs from Kabul, Nangarhar, Ghazni, Kundoz, Laghman and Logar, who speak the Hindko dialect of Punjabi; and the Siraiki-dialect speaking Sikhs from Kandahar, Urugzan.

But with Dari (Persian) and Pashto being spoken all over, most members of the community are proficient in at least one of

these languages. Hindi entered their lives through Bollywood films in the 1980s and 1990s, and while many understand the language now, not all of them speak it. The way Afghan Sikhs wrap their turbans too is different from Indian Sikhs, and their food, with delicacies such as *Ashak* and *Mantu*, has more in common with other Afghan communities than with the cuisine of Punjab. Attan Milli, an Afghani dance, is also a part of their culture.

"We are Sikhs, but not Hindustanis. We are Afghans," says Pritpal Singh, a London resident who visited Afghanistan in 2012 to film a documentary in his father's ancestral town Jalalabad. "We had to flee in 1992 and I see the same happening again. My children, who have grown up in London, may never be able to visit Afghanistan."



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VANDITA MISHRA

SOMETHING WAS different about 'Pappu ki Dukan'.

There is still no banner or board announcing it in the chowk. It's still just there, a short walk through twisty lanes from Assi Ghat, where, as they do every monsoon, the Ganga's waters have risen past the steep ghat steps to lap at the doors of homes and hotels.

Banaras is a city that savours the rituals of argument and banter nearly as much as it relishes its vivid varieties of street food. For the everyday debate, Pappu's tea shop, small and ill-lit, a couple of smudged tables and benches against world-weary walls, is a daily nook.

Here, you don't wait for the noise to fade or the crowd to clear before arguing. Perhaps because this knowing city and its cramped tea shop have a heads-up — they know that the mess and the noise, the beauty and the squalor, are part of the to-and-fro, not out-side of it. And that you can't cordon off the debater or the debate.

At Pappu's tea shop, during elections and in between them, you will always find a political conversation you can join or poke, no matter what your own politics may be. On a given day, you could spar with a poet or a retired bureaucrat, a professor who has ambled in from the Banaras Hindu University campus next door, a politician in search of an audience, a daily wage-earner on a break. The discussion, no matter how heated it gets, could end with your sparring partner buying you the tea. It could leave you with a brief flash of insight, an unexpected frisson of understanding.

During a visit in February 2020, after a particularly sharp and angry exchange on the anti-CAA protests that raged at the time, just before the coronavirus forced the protesters indoors, it suddenly seemed to be writ on the tea shop wall: It's intent, not law. The amended citizenship law, which excludes Muslims from the list of groups to be given fast-tracked citizenship, and the proposed National Register of Citizens that threatens to make the citizen's sense of home hostage to documents and cutoff dates, are the distillation of a political message. There is no point in quarrelling about legal clauses or details.

As we sit again at i's on a swe August afternoon, waiting for the chai, purposeful looking men, tilaks on foreheads, come in and gesture in a peremptory sort of way. Space must be cleared on the benches for a prominent BJP leader and his entourage. The leader makes an entry and his band of supporters fill up the tiny shop barely long enough for a cup of tea over talk about the party's "chunavi tayyari (election preparedness)", and take a round of selfies. But a moment has been marked that goes against the tea leaves in Pappu's *chai* shop. In this Banaras corner, debate was the great equaliser, power an idea to be played with, punched holes into. It was not to be deferred to. Or ceded the tea-shop bench. Not anymore, it seems.



Tea, talk, tally and temple

Below the Ganga waters, there are undercurrents, a desire for 'naya chehra', discontent over prices, bitterness over Covid, disquiet over religious rift. However, will it matter in 2022? One can't say with Banaras

Ajay Kumar Gautam, 32 years old, and Manish Kumar Pandey, 24, two young men who drive taxis in the city, live in villages nearby. Ajay and Manish are as different from each other as a Dalit can be from a Brahmin in caste-ridden Uttar Pradesh. But the pandemic has pounded and flattened their stories, bringing the same underlying precarity to the surface.

Ajay, a Dalit, returned to work in the first week of this month, after the pandemic-induced lay-off of over a year, starting from the first lockdown in March 2020. In this period, he went back to his village Sadalpura in district Chandauli, worked on his small patch of land, and did construction jobs for daily wages. Before the pandemic, he had worked as a driver since 2018 in a Banaras hotel, which laid him off after guests dried up due to Covid. Earlier, he worked for one-and-ahalf years in a Maruti factory in Gurgaon, but was forced to return in 2013 young men from the district, after they ran foul of the factory's management. They had mounted a "dharna pradarshan (agitation)" to demand adequate compensation and a job for the family of a fellow worker, who lost his arm while working. "This could have happened to any of us", says Ajay. Ajay commutes from his village to Banaras every day and rising fuel prices have meant that Rs 120 worth of petrol in his bike is barely enough to make the daily trip to the city and back. He got a TV as dowry when he got married in May 2017, but hardly gets time to watch it, "not even Modiji's speeches", because he reaches back home late in the night, and must leave for the city again early next morning at 6.30-7.

Ajay belongs to the same sub-caste as Mayawati, but his family has been voting BJP, because "the BSP government favours only a few, not the poor", and the SP brings the fear of "Yadav *raj*". But next time elections come, he and his wife will break away from the family, they want change. Next time, other factors will prevail - the local (BJP) MLA is unhelpful, but the (SP) MP is benevolent, he says.

Ajay ran from one hospital to another to arrange oxygen for his mother-in-law and his sister's mother-in-law, when Sanskriti or culture both were infected by Covid. No hospital took in his is important, says mother-in-law, she died at Manish. but the home. For his sister's mother-in-law, one hospital main issue is asked for Rs 1.5 lakh for oxybhookhmari. "Ghar gen, "no guarantee", and the family spent Rs 60,000 for bhi toh chalana hai treatment at a second hospi-(we have to run our tal, but she died too. Giving households too)" ernment posters that promise free vaccines, Ajay has just

Manish, but the main issue is "bhookhmari (hunger)". "Ghar bhi toh chalana hai (we have to run our households too)".

Manish's father died in 2007, casting the burden of earning on the young boy of 10, who headed to Gorakhpur the next year to wash plates at Anuradha Coffee Centre, and from there to work in a poultry farm in Kushmi Jungle outside the town.

From there, Manish went to Mumbai, worked as a coolie-cum-helper in a garment factory. He taught himself to stitch and sew, and earned much better for the next six years, saving enough money to send home - in 2015, he remembers sending up to Rs 18,000 a month. Then, notebandi (demonetisation) happened in November 2016, and the karigar(craftsmen)bore the brunt. They were not paid on time or in full. Manish had to come back to Banaras in

Vishwanath temple regularly, but "insaan hee nahin rahega, toh mandir kya karega (of what use is a temple when survival becomes difficult)"

If a city has a voice different from the sum of its parts, you can't be sure if Banaras would agree fully with Manish – so mindful does it seem to the rhythms of devotion, so readily does it give devotees the right of way.

At the congested Godowlia chauraha, spread across the facade of a building that offers multi-level parking, a giant TV screen is a splash of moving light and colour above the busy crowds – in July-August, the month in the Hindu calendar dedicated to Lord Shiva, it shows rituals inside the garbha griha or sanctum sanctorum of the Kashi Vishwanath temple, live. Even the Covid lockdown days were shifted in Banaras to accommodate the pilgrim rush on "Sawan ka Somwar", the Mondays of August when devotees flock to the to

smaller temples brought down, to make way for the 24 grand new structures being built in eight kinds of stone. All the better for pilgrims, who come mostly from the country's south, to make their way to the temple, and to connect the temple to the Ganga.

On a wet Sunday, the temple complex is a hive of buzzing activity, massive machines noisily at work, heaving, lifting, pumping, as pilgrims make their way, seemingly undeterred by Covid or the slashing rain. The Yatri Suvidha Kendras (pilgrimage facilitation centres), guest houses, viewing gallery, museum, hospice, food court, souvenir and book shop, ramps, lifts and escalators – they are there in skeletal forms, in different stages of completion.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visits Varanasi and the Kashi-Vishwanath temple about twice in a month, people here say, and his visits continue amid Covid. PM Modi came here roughly once in three months, before the pandemic.

A message has travelled from West Bengal to politically aware Uttar Pradesh, and it pierces the inevitability of Modi. Vis-a-vis the Yogi government, too, there are mounting signs of disbelief, even within the saffron camp - from complaints about the temple renovation project to the wider Covid suffering and economic distress, from grumbling about political favours to the Yuva Vahini and Thakurs to resentment against "taana shahi" and/or "bhasha shaili" (authoritarianism, abrasive politics). But come elections, the economic distress that seems so pulsating and concerns that seem so irrefutable now, may well be overlaid. Will they be rubble under the temple, is the question.

The Kashi Vishwanath temple complex is adjacent to the compound of the Gyanvapi mosque – this *mandir-masjid* dispute is still unresolved, still in court. The entry from the road is common to the temple and mosque. "If we build for the temple, mosque goers will benefit too," says Commissioner Aggarwal. Yet in the run-up to another election, old anxieties are being stoked again.

"They will play the Hindu-Muslim card when the election comes," says a Muslim sari-seller in an upscale locality, who doesn't want to be named. He refers to the line that divides his Muslim dominated mohalla from the Hindu neighbourhood next-door as the "border", in a normalised, matter-offact way.

So what has changed after the BJP swept to power in 2017? "Earlier, every few days, two or three times in a month, I would go with my family to the banks of the Ganga, to roam on the ghat, rent a boat, have dinner, and not worry about the evening fall. Now we try to get back home before dark. Now we hesitate to go out... ched-chaad aur badtameezi karte hain (they trouble and threaten us)," he says. 'People from good families have stopped venturing out of the mohalla after dark".

And then, many point out, the Opposition seems unresisting or absent. In Yogi raj, under Akhilesh Yadav, the Samajwadi Party has seemed more active on Twitter. Mayawati's tightly controlled BSP does not easily come out on the streets anyway. "Leaders of the Opposition need to vigorously stand up to the Yogi government's bid to silence politiement and protest they s prepared to even go to jail...," a former journalist says

paid Rs 100 to register for his first shot.

"My two-year-old son runs to me every evening when I get back home, asks papa kya le ke aaye (what have you brought me). How do I tell him, Rs 120 ka toh tel hi bharwa diye (Rs 120 went only in filling petrol)".

"Koi naya chehra (a new face)" is needed again, says Manish Kumar Pandey, a Brahmin, who also commutes daily to Banaras, from village Jalhupur, 10 km away. "We were Congressi, but voted for Modi in 2014. We thought he has risen from below, sold tea, gareebon ka samjhenge, karenge (he understands poverty, will work for the poor)".

"Sanskriti" or culture is important, says

2017, where he picked up work as a driver. He remembers the day he bought his own car to ply as a taxi, as if it were yesterday – August 1, 2019. Then, Covid struck

"In the three months of the first lockdown, the car stood still. Business is now picking up, but people are still not travelling freely... About 50 per cent market sahi ho gaya hai (has recovered), but diesel is Rs 90/litre. It means that if I earn Rs 2,000 in 12 hours, Rs 1,200 goes on diesel."

"Earlier, edible oil was Rs 50 a litre, now it is Rs 200, and the gas cylinder is touching Rs 920. Kam kharcha karte hain (we have cut our expenditure)." he says

Manish is a devout Hindu, visits the Kashi

As Supreme Court finally gets nine new judges, one name remains conspicuously out: Justice Akil Kureshi.

ple to seek "Baba's" blessings.

There is the grand temple to Lord Ram that is being built across the state in Ayodhya. More importantly for Banaras residents. "Baha ka vistarikaran", the large-scale expansion and renovation of the Kashi Vishwanath temple under the temple corridor project, whose foundation stone was laid by PM Modi in March 2019, is racing towards completion.

The inauguration of the renovated temple will keep its deadline of November 30 this year, says head of the Mandir Nyas Executive Committee, Divisional Commissioner Deepak Aggarwal. Houses have been demolished, compensation paid, and many allege even as the Commissioner refutes, several

"Banaras ke logon ka kuch theek nahin hai, seedhe chalte-chalte kab ghoom jaayen, kuch pata nahin (the people of this city can take you by surprise, you make a prediction at your own peril)." the Banaras resident will say.

Banarasi exceptionalism is real as well as imagined. Yet it would indeed be foolish to second guess this "galiyon ka sheher", this city of narrow lanes, where traffic must weave and reverse to move forward, where lines lose their straightness, and where negotiation is a daily staple.

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A Justice, denied



Illustration: Suvajit Dev

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THE IMPASSE over appointment of judges to the top court has finally ended with the government clearing all the nine names recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium. However, one of the names that remains out, despite being No. 2 in the All-India List of seniority for judges of high courts, is of Tripura Chief Justice Akil Kureshi.

One of the reasons for the impasse over the appointments, that lasted two years, is said to have been the Collegium not including Justice Kureshi's name for elevation. Supreme Court judge Justice Rohinton Nariman, who reportedly insisted on it, retired on August 12: the Collegium's list of nine came just five days later.

It's not the first time that the career of Justice Kureshi, who is originally from the Gujarat HC, has hit a wall.

Justice Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi was born in 1960 to an illustrious Gujarat family. Prof Anamik Shah, former vice-chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith, says Justice Kureshi's grandfather Ghulam Rasul Kureshi was part of 'Arun Tukdi', which would walk the route of Dandi March ahead of Mahatma Gandhi's arrival.

His father Hamid Kureshi was a senior advocate and a trustee of the Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust, and among the last people to have been born and lived at Sabarmati Ashram, founded by Gandhi in 1917.

In 2016, when he died, he was cremated as per his wishes, in line with Gandhian principles.

The long and short journey of the judge from a Gujarat family once close to Mahatma Gandhi

After graduating in Mathematics in 1980

and Law in 1983, Justice Kureshi followed in his father's footsteps. After almost 20 years at the Bar, in 2004, he was appointed Additional Judge of the Gujarat High Court. He served for 14 years in the court but was transferred just when he was due to become Chief Justice.

During his time in the High Court, Justice Kureshi gave two important

verdicts which were an em-"Before anyone barrassment to the then blames govt for not Narendra Modi government appointing a judge, in the state. In 2010, he set aside a trial court order and one must ask the granted the CBI two-day cusjudiciary why the tody of then Gujarat Home Minister and now Union name was never sent. Home Minister Amit Shah in Be it Justice Kureshi the Sohrabuddin Sheikh encounter case. (In 2014, Shah or Saurabh Kirpal..." was cleared in the case by a Special CBI Court.)

In 2011, a Bench headed by Justice Kureshi upheld the then Gujarat governor Kamla Beniwal's decision to appoint former high court judge RAMehta as the state's Lokayukta. It had been opposed by CM Modi.

Justice Kureshi was expected to become Gujarat Chief Justice when the post fell vacant in November 2018, as the senior-most judge of the court. However, Justice A S Dave was named Acting Chief Justice and Justice Kureshi

was transferred to the Bombay High Court, where he would be fifth in seniority.

Over 1,200 lawyers of the Gujarat High Court Advocates Association launched a strike against the move and petitioned the Supreme Court. While Justice Kureshi's transfer to Bombay was stalled, in May 2019, the government sent back the Collegium's recommendation to appoint him as Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court instead. Finally, in

September, the Collegium recommended him for the post of Tripura Chief Justice. This meant that from looking at heading a court with 53 judges, Justice Kureshi found himself lead-

ing one with just four. Acquaintances in Gujarat vouch for Justice Kureshi's integrity, pointing out how in 2014, he had recused himself from hearing a PIL alleging encroachment on the prem-

ises of the Sabarmati Ashram Trust, Sabarmati Harijan Ashram Trust and Manav Sadhna Trust.

As the Tripura Chief Justice, he took up the case of trafficking of a 14-year-old girl in 2020 suo motu; directed a probe into a woman and her husband's suicide following some leaked videos, with the accused tried for moral policing; and took up a PIL on the state government's handling of Covid, following which the latter "slightly corrected" its vaccination claims.

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A judge in the High Court said Justice Kureshi was "hardworking ", "independent" and "excellent in reasoning" while recording his opinions. A court official noted the "exceptionally high" disposal rate of cases since he took over in 2019, with only 1,500 cases pending now compared to 3,000 at that time.

But if the Centre is not seen as favourable to Justice Kureshi, many in the legal circles question the judiciary's "hesitation" in resisting it. "Before anyone blames the government for not appointing a judge, one must ask the judiciary why the name was never sent. Be it Justice Kureshi or Saurabh Kirpal... the government might object, but we will only know when the ball is in the government's court," a Delhibased senior advocate said. The Collegium has been deferring nominating the openly gay Kirpal as a judge of the Delhi High Court, reportedly due to the government's objections.

Yatin Oza, who heads the Gujarat High Court Advocates Association and is a former BJP MLA, said they are not looking at any legal route now. "It will send a wrong signal, and if there are bleak chances of Justice Kureshi coming to the Supreme Court, those will be destroyed as it has only one vacancy left." Also criticising the Collegium, Oza added, "If you have the powers to appoint and if you are not able to exercise that power or you are not able to see to it that government acts on your recommendation, whether the power is with you or government, what difference does it make?" WITH DEBRAJ DEB



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In the Light of Yesterday

Before the Taliban took control of Afghanistan this month, once there was a Kabul that was a city of dreamers and poets, kite flyers and children trudging to school — a city with a future

Taran N Khan

HROUGH THE incessant rain outside my window in Mumbai, in my mind's eye I see glimpses of the Paghman range, the mountains that were visible from every room of my first apartment in Kabul. It was the spring of 2006 and I thought nothing of sitting out on our small balcony or standing by the windows. Later, I would be warned about both these things.

In the mainstream media, the events of last week appear as a sudden shift. But Kabul changed long before the Taliban took over last Sunday. For years, many voices tried to tell us this moment was coming.

Suhail (name changed) was one of the first people I met in Kabul; he gave me my first cup of green tea and my first language lessons ("Afghan for the person, Afghani for the money"). It was only in the last few months that I heard him speak about trying to leave Afghanistan. I called him days before the city was captured by the Taliban. "They will do something," he had said confidently, about the international forces that were arriving in the capital. "They won't just let everything go.'

In 2014, the International Security Assistance Force or ISAF formally ended its combat operations in Afghanistan. The year before that, many people I knew either left Kabul or made plans to depart. They saw no future for themselves in the city.

Suhail was different. He travelled abroad for his work and to study. And he always went home to Kabul. His family was growe had built them a From each of the windows was a view of trees. He had spent his childhood as a refugee in neighbouring Pakistan. We never spoke about it, but I think he did all this so his children did not feel unmoored. In my photos there is one taken in Qargha, a scenic artificial lake a short drive north of Kabul, where Suhail took us soon after Nauroz in 2006. I remember his laughter tinged with pride as I exclaimed at the beauty of the landscape, which I found breathtaking. Behind the ruined mud walls on the edge of the city, I saw houses rising, like green shoots in the spring. What I remember from those rainy mornings in 2006 is the cautious sense of optimism. You could speak of the city in the future tense.



palace of Amir Abdur Rahman Khan, the ruler installed by the British as they withdrew after the second Anglo-Afghan war in 1880. The preceding violence had left Kabul damaged; the British handed over a capital of ruined monuments and gardens to the new Amir.

Since Kabul had come under the Taliban's control, Suhail had tried to reach the airport twice. Once, he was almost caught in a stampede, he said. As I write, I wait for his news. I think of an afternoon in Panjshir visiting a different friend's family, who talked about the resistance to the Taliban from the valley in the 1990s. I heard such talk of resistance – small and large – from people I met in Kabul over the years. I didn't hear much from Afghans about Afghans being saved - these were stories I gathered from the English mainstream media.

Among the many kinds of violence faced by Afghans is their erasure from narratives about Afghanistan. They are often described either as noble victims, or eternal warriors. Afghanistan is described as a "graveyard of empires', or the setting for "the Great Game". There is a tone of certitude in such stories – that this ending was pre-ordained, that this violence had to come. Such stories erase the brutalities that unfolded across the country and in Kabul before the current takeover by the Taliban. They also blot out the very idea of a future.

Mujtaba Ali was in Kabul when a revolt erupted against King Amanullah. He ended up being evacuated in an airlift from the city in early 1929. From the window of the plane as it took off, he saw his Afghan manservant Abdur Rahman running through the snow waving his white turban. "Ba aman e khuda," they had said to each other in parting. The same words my friends end each conversation with these days. "In the care of God," they say.

In his memoir In a Land Far from Home: A Bengali in Afghanistan (2015; translated from the original Deshe Bideshe), writer Syed Mujtaba Ali describes living in Kabul in the

late 1920s. He wrote about its vistas and its markets, its homes and its people, in a way that felt familiar to me. For Ali, Kabul was a city marked by its independence from British colonial rule, and he envied Kabulis this freedom. At the time, King Amanullah

was implementing his controversial agenda of modernisation in Afghanistan. By the time Ali published his memoir, it was 1943. Mohammed Zahir Shah was on the throne. He would be the last king of Afghanistan. Soon after his overthrow in a coup in 1973

GETTYIMAGE



would come decades of war.

A few years ago Suhail's son had been shot in the arm. He had been around 12 years old

then, and had been playing in his living room when a bullet came through the window, straying from a street fight.

When Suhail was his son's age, he had been taken by his teachers on a class picnic. They had gone to the Bagh-e-Bala, the summer

storytelling. At the Bharat Rang Mahotsav, the

theatre festival of the National School of Drama

Kabul appears in the rain outside my window, and I draw on a memory of hope that glimmers like the snow glimpsed on the Paghman range. Of a Kabul imagined by those who watch it receding from a plane window, who watch it on the news from afar, or who watch it from the windows of their homes: a city of peace, a city with dreamers and poets, kite flyers and children trudging to school, kicking pebbles on their way. The city saw, a city with a future.

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Play, Paused

In the last two decades, Afghanistan's long history of storytelling had found a voice through women's theatre groups. An artistic director, who had nurtured some of these groups, on how that stands threatened now

Dipanita Nath

AT THE centre of the Pashto play Backbiters are a young girl who refuses to be sold in marriage to an older man and her friend who intends to go for higher studies. Women in the latter's neighbourhood in northern Afghanistan gossip that she intends to go to university, where she'd sit next to boys and wear lipstick. By the end of the show, these women are made to realise that their chatter is not only harmful, it is also against Islamic tenets. Until recently, Backbiters was a hugely popular plays espousing women's rights. Today, its performers are hiding from the Taliban, who took control of Afghanistan recently.

"Our women's theatre groups in Afghanistan were very successful. Theatre training is good for confidence building and the women learnt to stand straight, not keep their eyes down as they had done since childhood and speak clearly. Many went on to hold public offices and become provincial youth leaders. It is disheartening to see all the good work reversed in days," says Joanna Sherman, artistic director, Bond Street Theatre, which has been working in Afghanistan since 2003, with the support of the US embassy and the US Institute of Peace, among others. The collabo-



SEPIA TONES Memories of a theatre workshop in Afghanistan

ration resulted in four women's theatre companies across Afghanistan.

Bond Street's first view of Afghanistan was of a demolished landscape. "Most places looked like stones had been piled on stone. People were eking out an existence between two walls that had fallen on top of each other. What struck us was that the people were determined to get life going again," she says.

Theatre in Afghanistan had also been subjected to these political upheavals, brought about by years of the *mujahideen*, civil war and the Taliban regime. A group of some of the best actors, directors, playwrights had escaped from Afghanistan during the first Taliban regime and had formed Exile Theatre in Peshawar, where they did theatre performances about different social topics. But Afghans have a long history of

in Delhi, a few years ago, a puppet theatre artiste had said, "If bombs go off, all of us freeze mid-dialogue for a few seconds and then we start acting immediately and ignore everything else." This was evident when the Kabul Theatre Festival was held in 2005, and 50 groups turned up from across the country, made up of many young Afghans who had never seen a play. "At the festival, 49 stories were about the war. It showed that theatre is intrinsic to human nature and people want to tell stories and act it out," says New York-based Sherman.

The last 20 years have also been a time of experiments and transformations, with music beginning to play in weddings and people enjoying Turkish dramas and Bollywood films. Young performers were ready to shed realism and explore new movements in theatre. Bond Street Theatre partnered with Exile Theatre in their work in Afghanistan. "Initially, we faced resistance from certain quarters... Women were also not allowed to perform in public, especially in conservative areas. We had to go to religious leaders and say the women were only going to perform for other women on topics such as health issues and voting rights. In areas where we did our performances about voting, women's voting went up by 80 per cent," says Sherman.

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The women who performed were mostly either teenagers yet to be married or over 35 years of age, who had fulfilled their childbearing duties and were ready to explore their artistic sides. While male actors put up street shows in marketplaces, women's theatre was staged in the homes of women or women's parks, each performance of about 30 minutes. "The audience was delighted because it was like live TV coming home. We hear about men playing women, but in our plays, women play the men. They are really good because they know how the abusive husband is or how the dismissive policeman behaves," says Sherman.

With the US deadline to leave Afghanistan only hours away, the theatre company is "deluged with requests for asylum". One of the women they are trying to get out is an actor they had come across in a theatre festival in 2005, when she was merely 14 years old. She has become an outspoken activist since and features on the Taliban's list.

Another young woman, an orphan who once performed with the group before her relatives put a stop to it, will stay back. "Maybe she'll have a hard life but she will always remember that she had been strong and mighty on stage and the women in the audience had listened to her because she had something to say that was important, and the boldness to say it," says Sherman.



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DOWN IN JUNGLELAND



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The Sky Crawlers

Before humans, nature had her own avian squadrons — the raptors

N AN air show, on a National Day or otherwise, we are blown away by our screaming supersonic fighters, bristling with guided missiles, zooming in perfect formation, or the big bombers or deadly, if grossly ugly, helicopter gunships clattering menacingly over us. But much before we learnt to fly, Mother Nature's Air Force (MNAF) had covered all the bases with her avian squadrons: big bombers, stealth fighters, light combat aircraft, hoverers as deadly as any gunship. She equipped and armed them well, ensured only the targets be destroyed (eaten), with no collateral damage to other living creatures, and (unlike any other air force) a clean-up squadron, like the great carnivores, to clear the carnage left by others' battles so that nothing is wasted.

The calibre of the weapons and equipment varied according to the targets. But the basics were the same: targeting equipment – powerful, binocular, night vision (multiple times better than ours), hearing as good as any radar's, a sense of smell, terrain-and-target-specific body design, flight ability and muscle power.

For weaponry: talons and beaks. Talons like great hooked grappling irons with grizzly bear power, and that wickedly curved bill that could rip out the beating heart of a kill, shred it and offer a delectable fluttering valve to a fledgling with a tenderness that would make any mother smile.

The eagles were the big bombers: huge, heavy, magnificent, with telescopic eyesight, awesome wing power and skull-crushing talons. Targets could be airborne (cranes) or ground mammals and reptiles (hares, foxes, snakes, baby deer, or foolishly cavorting monkeys). From way above, the target is spotted and locked on. The bird banks steeply, losing height and then straightens out into its screaming dive, following the panicked target relentlessly. It clocks nearly 320 kmph (the golden eagle) before flaring out its tail to brake. With its talons extended as it hits, it drives the great hooks deep, its beak snapping to dislocate the victim's neck. If it has a family to feed it will take off with its heavy burden. The male, mostly, does the hunting and the female (larger, fiercer) guards the nestlings. Eagles have big, broad, forceful wings to support



THE LONELY VIGIL

The exhausting protest of a Kerala nun



FIGHT (Above) Sister Lucy; a file photo of nuns' protest in Kochi in 2018, demanding the arrest of accused Bishop

Franco Mulakkal

N EARLY September 2018, Kerala was witness to an extraordinary protest by

five Catholic nuns against a powerful bishop, Fr Franco Mulakkal, accused of raping a fellow nun. As the five nuns sat at the Vanchi Square in Kochi, a stone's throw away from the Kerala High Court, demanding the arrest of the accused, 270 km away at a convent in Wayanad district, Sister Lucy Kalappura felt a weight on her chest.

Vishnu Varma

A Mathematics teacher and a member of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation (FCC) under the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church for over three decades, Sr Lucy, 56, was acquainted with tales of oppression of women inside the Church. "It takes a great deal of courage to speak up against a powerful man. When I heard her (survivor's) account, I knew that she was speaking the truth. I believed her," says Sr Lucy.

But the attitude of her fellow nuns at the FCC convent was vastly different. As they sat over lunch one day, eyes glued to the scenes of protest on TV, lewd remarks questioning the morality of the survivor flowed across the table. It was clear their sympathies lay with the accused. "I knew then that I had to go to Kochi and extend my solidarity to them," she says.

A few days later, when she got a long weekend's leave at the school, Sr Lucy took off in her white Alto for the protest venue. "Only after I climbed the stage at the protest and shook hands with the nuns. did I feel a

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deep sense of relief," says Sr Lucy.

But true to her expectations, Church didn't take kindly to her action. Aside from participating in the protest, she had given freewheeling interviews to the media questioning the Church leadership's inaction in the case. By doing so, she had broken the rule of "anusarana" or obedience, one of the three

vows that Catholic nuns are duty-bound to (In the rain of love) in 2015, she claims the observe. Shortly after Sr Lucy returned to her convent in Wayanad, the local diocese hit back by outlawing her from her duties at the parish, including teaching Bible and offering holy communion. The informal decision was later reversed after the locals came together in the nun's support.

But the Church didn't back down. It sent show-cause notices to Sr Lucy asking her to explain why she shouldn't face expulsion. In August 2019, the FCC announced Sr Lucy's expulsion from the congregation on account of her "failure to give a satisfactory explanation for her lifestyle in violation of the proper law of the FCC." She filed a case against the expulsion in the civil court, but, while the trial is yet to begin in the munsiff court, in June this year, the Church said the Vatican had rejected the nun's appeal against her dismissal for the third and final time, virtually shutting all doors for her to get a reprieve. Nearly three years after that protest, Sr Lucy is proof that standing up to a powerful institution such as the Catholic Church and pointing out its foibles is a lonely and exhausting enterprise.

appeared, dressed not in her usual white or brown habit, but in a bright yellow-andblack salwar-kameez, an attire she had adopted for non-church activities and one that figured among her 13 "transgressions" mentioned by the Church. "The habit we wear is made of extremely cheap polyester cloth. It gets very hot in it. This is a foreign attire and it has to be modified for the local climate here. Besides, if priests have the liberty to wear shirts and pants outside church, why can't nuns?" asks Sr Lucy, as she settles down for the conversation on the porch of a house not far from the convent.

Born as the seventh of 11 children - six boys and five girls - into an affluent, land-owning family in Karikkottakary in Kannur district in 1965, countering inequality was a trait Sr Lucy picked up from her father early in her childhood. "My father was a popular social worker in the area and he would frequently intervene in local disputes. was always struck by his kindness and benevolence towards the workers. The idea of becoming a social worker and helping the poor came to me because of him. At home, too, there was no gender discrimination among the 11 of us," says Sr Lucy, who had joined the Church in 1985.

One of her early conflicts with the highly patriarchal structure of the Church came in 1993, when Sr Lucy was deputed to go to Bundi in Rajasthan to teach at a Church-run school. During her second year there, an elderly Goan priest took charge. "He wanted me to go to his house, scrub the floors and cook

food for him. The other sisters did as told but I refused. He got angry and would badmouth me in front of the students. I returned to Kerala soon after," she said.

From then on, the tussle with her superiors and the hard-line rules of the Church intensified every time she attempted to redraw the boundaries of her rights as a nun. When she submitted a request to the Church to fund her book of poems, Snehamazhayil

Church repeatedly turned it down till she published it herself in 2018. Around the same time, her requests to obtain a driving licence and buy a car were also dismissed by the Church. A car, she argued, was necessary to commute to her school every day and to visit homes of the local parishioners. She found it deplorable that nuns had to beg for commuting expenses or a lift from the local priest while the men in the church operated by different rules. Sr Lucy took driving lessons at the age of 53 and eventually bought a Maruti Alto on a bank loan.

If these incidents of rebellion made Sr Lucy a talking point in Karakkamala, the protests against Bishop Franco turned her into a darling of the liberal masses in Kerala. Those in the government and across the political aisle, however, said little, aware of the risks of angering the Catholic Church that wields influence over 61per cent of the Christians in the state. "My lawyer said that I'm like a drop of water staring at the sea,' says Sr Lucy with child-like glee.

The support on social media platforms and among progressive laymen thirsting for change within the Church has only made Sr Lucy's case more arduous. At the convent where she stays, she remains completely ostracised. As she waits for the hearing of her case to come up, she says, "If the judge is conscientious, I am 100 per cent confident that he will rule in my favour. But if he's not, this doesn't end here. I will appeal till the Supreme Court. A woman cannot be thrown on to the street illegally. That's why I am fighting. It's not my personal issue. It's a social issue."

KEEPING WATCH A female shikra in woodland habitat

their weight and broad tails to help them manoeuvre. So awed are we that many smaller countries, besides some big superpowers, have these as their national emblems!

Somehow, menacingly easy-going are the harriers – helicopter gunships - that wing low and slow over fields, marshes and reed beds, looking down, with their owl-like disc-shaped faces, funnelling in rumours from rustling reeds to their ears. They brake, lose height, hover and drop - on a coot or duck, not as savvy as the rest. Harriers have long, fairly broad wings and long, rounded tails. Other hoverers include brick red flint-etched kestrel that takes rodents and insects, and the easy-flying black-shouldered kite with its intense ruby eyes. The osprey, a unique hoverer and fisher, has talons adapted to grip slippery fish.

Easily the top guns of aerial combat are the fastbackwinged falcons. Right at the top is the wanderer, that is the peregrine, a jungle-crow-sized, dark-eyed, dark-headed, moustachioed falcon, found worldwide, designed for sheer speed as it morphs from combat aircraft to guided missile. It begins its attack from high up, clocking a terminal speed close to 400 kmph as it spears after doves and starlings. No bird hit at this velocity has a hope in hell. Peregrines are now colonising skyscraper cities like New York, from where they pick off blue rock doves at will. Their wings are long, smooth and tapering, their tails long.

Smaller hawks, like the shikra and goshawk are deft, dodgy fighters that scramble from a perch (woodland copse) to ambush their targets - small birds, rodents and reptiles. Their blunt, short wings help in twisting and turning speedily at will through needle-hole gaps in branches. I once saw a shikra come out of nothing and take down a pied starling with a heart-stopping "whump!"

Buzzards are broad-winged, bulkier and seemingly lazier, "generalists" as they quarter fields and open ground for rodents and lizards. Owls comprise MNAF's "stealth fighters". Mostly night-flyers, they are equipped with enormous eyes, rotating, radar-disc heads, asymmetric ears, and a sound-deadening plumage: a barn owl may waft past you and you'll never know it, especially if you're a rat, until it screeches in triumph and you become dinner!

Kites and vultures comprise the "recovery" squadrons. They clear up the carnage left by others, or the remains of any dead animal. Kites may take living creatures, too birds or small rodents – but the vultures will wait till a fatally wounded animal dies or is utterly helpless.

Most raptors hunt singly, though great migratory squadrons follow migrating targets, picking off kills on the go. Next week, we'll meet MNAF's non-raptorial squadrons.



On a recent rainy morning, when I arrived at the Karakkamala FCC convent to interview Sr Lucy, a sign outside the imposing blue building read, "Without the permission of the Mother Superior, no one should enter the convent." It was installed in a bid to dissuade those coming to meet Sr Lucy, especially journalists. Sr Lucy had instructed me to wait outside on the road. A few minutes later, she

Heart of Imperfect Enoughness

Wabi-sabi — the beauty in our brokenness and impermanence — is a tribute to a life well-lived



BY SHELJA SEN

THE LAST one-and-a-half years have come down guite hard on most of us, and we are dragging ourselves out of it, quite frayed at the edges. As we open our metaphorical doors to welcome people into our homes, we wonder if we are really prepared to step out or let people in. Our homes have weathered the storm along with us, and the effects are showing. The threadbare sofas, faded walls and chipped cutlery telling stories of pain, tears, love and meaningful conversations. The spruced-up nooks and crannies once hosted conferences, workshops, meetings, home-schooling and college presentations. Humans and animals cohabiting adding to the joyful messiness of living. Each corner a witness to our struggles, hope, loss and survival.

As I look around my rundown and muchloved home, I think of the Japanese sentiment or philosophy of wabi-sabi that is more of an experience and almost impossible to put into words. It speaks of the beauty of imperfect-

ness, grace in accepting impermanence and exquisiteness of earthly life. Imagine running your hand on an old desk or chest of drawers in your grandparents' room, feeling the grain of the aged wood, simple lines, little cracks, crevices formed over the years. You notice how, over the generations, different people have left their little etchings here and there. It stands there in the corner, decrepit, a little rickety but full of rare beauty. A tribute to a life lived with zest, a testimony to what we hold on to in the face of all adversity.

As we start to put the broken pieces together, our journey of recovery is not going to be easy. For me, wabi-sabi is embracing the "full catastrophe" (a nod to the 1964 film Zorba the Greek) of this messy and imperfect life. What would it be like if we could start appreciating these imperfections rather than finding quick fixes? Let me share three main threads that have come out of my conversations with many young people over the years: maybe, it is good for our mental health; maybe, it is good for our planet; maybe, it will give us space and time to explore what really matters to us? Let me expand on these:

Good for mental health: Our capitalist culture demands certain "standards of living" which we are obliged to comply with - how our homes look, what we wear, what money we make. Our worth and value is measured against these standards. We are pushed to compare ourselves with others constantly (social media plays a huge role there), leading us to internalise these judgements, which can



WELCOME BACK

Our clothes might be a little frayed, our homes messy, but we would be enough, our lives easier and our hearts lighter as we welcome people into our scruffy lives again

have damaging effects as they undermine us, inviting experiences of unworthiness and labels of being "unsuccessful", "failure", and not worthy enough. Mall culture, online stores and credit card companies have convinced us that happiness is a click away, and we have let ourselves be lulled by this fake propaganda. Every occasion and celebration is being co-opted, packaged and sold to us, and we think we need it. But we do not realise that it is taking us away from the elusive happiness that we are seeking, and thus leaving us feeling more wretched and miserable. We are trying to buy our way out of misery, but paradoxically, getting more stuck than ever.

Good for our planet: What if we started cherishing the old, threadbare, rusty, chipped, stained stuff we own? Will that help us be comfortable with our own selves and not constantly seek a shinier, glossier illusion of joy (like on Pinterest)? Capitalism bulldozes us into the commodification of happiness, and we are getting lured into a lifestyle that's cramming our cupboards, landfills and oceans and choking the ecosystem that nourishes us. The industries are thriving, but the cost to our carbonised earth is too much to ignore. Now there is even a name for this malaise - "affluenza", a concept introduced

to me by a young man I worked with many years ago and popularised by the book Affluenza, The All-Consuming Epidemic (2001, Berrett-Koehler Publishers) where the authors describe it as "a painful, contagious, socially transmitted condition of overload, debt, anxiety, and waste resulting from the dogged pursuit of more."

A compass for what truly matters: Many people I met in the past year have talked about how the pandemic has taught them what matters to them and what does not. I have had rich conversations with children, young people and families and some of the things I get to hear often are "simplicity", "community", "connections", "being healthy", "doing something meaningful", "nature", "sustainability", "spirituality", "finding joy in little things", "contributing to society in some way or the other", "digital minimalism". Repeated themes of what they want to distance themselves from have been of "cluttered, crazy, hectic lives", "rabbit holes of social media", "meaningless consumption". As we find our way out of the pandemic maze, maybe we need to pause and reflect on what path we want to take. When was the last time we experienced an expansive sense of joy, exhilaration? What were we doing? What does it tell us about what we hold precious? What possibilities could there be for our future if we moved forward in this direction?

It's wonderful to see how people across the world are taking to minimalism, stoicism and downshifting. "Less is more" is becoming a mantra for many, thrift stores a way of life and decluttering a religion. What if we believed in our "enoughness" rather than lack? Our clothes might be a little frayed, our homes messy, but we would be enough, our lives easier and our hearts lighter as we welcome people into our scruffy lives again.

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The Light Fantastic

In his new book, Jairam Ramesh presents a profound and deeply immersive biography of Edwin Arnold's influential book on the life of the Buddha

Tansen Sen

AIRAM RAMESH is a well-known author of books on Indian politics, politicians, and international affairs. Although The Light of Asia significantly deviates from his previous writings thematically, it preserves Ramesh's hallmark embrace of archival research and his zeal for storytelling. The story he tells this time is not about a person or event but concerns the global life of a fascinating book by the 19thcentury English polyglot Edwin Arnold (1834–1904), titled *The Light of Asia or The Great Renunciation (Mahabhinishkramana)* Being the Life and Teaching of Gautama: Prince of India and Founder of Buddhism. Ramesh's latest publication is a biography of this im-mensely influential book.

Published in July 1879, Arnold's narrative of the life of the Buddha is "an epic poem written in blank verse," that is, "poetry written with regular metrical but unrhymed lines." Intricately knitting together the various phases of the Buddha's life – his conception, his worldly experiences at his father's palace, the "four sights" that led him to renounce familial attachments and the luxuries of palace life, the sensual temptations crafted by Mara as he meditated in forest, the attaining of enlightenment under the Bodhi tree, his teachings of the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path, and the final cessation of his life – Arnold's biography quickly became popular among Indian and foreign intellectuals, Nobel laureates, and politicians, including both Mahatma Gandhi and Winston Churchill among its admirers. It was translated into several Indian and European languages, performed in theatres, and made into films. For those unfamiliar with Arnold's work, I recommend the beautifully illustrated 1885 edition published by JR Osgood & Co. in Boston, which is freely available online.

Ramesh's objective is not to analyse the Buddha's biography, nor is it to explore the literary merit of Arnold's "blank verse." His task is rather to enlighten us about Arnold and the history and the various entanglements of The Light of Asia. The result is a captivating study of a man who called himself "one who loved India and the Indian peoples" and his most famous work, as well as the impact the two had on a slew of renowned individuals across the world and on one of the most important sites of Buddhist pilgrimage. Ramesh's book is a delightful read, being exceptionally educational and remarkably impressive in respect of its research and investigative work.

Ramesh's The Light of Asia is divided into four sections. The first section covers three phases of Edwin Arnold's life prior to 1879; the second is an entwined history of Arnold and his The Light of Asia as the two journeyed around the globe; the third deals with the afterlife of The Light of Asia after Arnold's death; and the short final section narrates the "curious" cases of Arnold's translation of a



that they had embraced different religions. Ramesh's book ends with "A Final Word," in which he underscores the "enduring appeal" of The Light of Asia and the remarkable life and contributions of its author, who, according to Ramesh, "was a man of his times, firmly anchored in late Victorian society, a Shakyamuni Buddha quintessential British imperialist but deeply

WHAT THE BUDDHA TAUGHT An 18th century Thangka painting of

University, Arnold's love for India started in late 1857, when he accepted the position of Principal of Poona College (now the Deccan College). During his two-year stay at Poona, Arnold learnt Sanskrit, started translating Indic texts, and championed the cause of education and literacy, including women's education. After his tenure in Poona, he spent over

THE LIGHT OF ASIA: THE POEM THAT **DEFINED THE** BUDDHA LIGHT **BY JAIRAM** AE3A h RAMESH Penguin Random ATTACA DATABASE House 448 pages; ₹799

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Dalhousie's reign in India. In late 1875, his rendition of the Gitagovinda appeared as The Indian Songs of Songs. With the latter publication, Ramesh notes, "Arnold made a name for himself in England and India as well." Indeed, two years later, Queen Victoria conferred the prestigious Order of the Star of India upon him.

The publication of The Light of Asia firmly established Arnold as one of the leading scholars of India and Indian religions. Ramesh outlines in invigorating detail the significance of this work beyond the fame it brought to its author. He does this by demonstrating the impact the poem had on various people and organisations in India and abroad, the multiple translations that were published down to the 21st century, and the reason "it occupies an important place in the historiography of modern Buddhism." Regarding the latter, Ramesh explains the influence Arnold and his The Light of Asia had on the members of the Theosophical Society, especially Colonel Henry Steel Olcott, who lauded the book for doing "more for Buddhism than any other agency," and Anagarika Dharmapala, who played an important role in asserting Buddhist claims over the Mahabodhi Temple in Bodh Gaya then under the control of a group of Shaivites. Arnold himself, Ramesh shows, was deeply involved in advocating the preservation of the Temple as a Buddhist site under Buddhist control.

Given the details provided by Ramesh, the wish list for additional material is a short one. Ramesh could have examined Olcott's comment about the significance of The Light of Asia to the Buddhist revival movements across Asia in more detail, going beyond just the issue of the Mahabodhi Temple. Equally important is the need to explain the use of the term "Asia" in the title of Arnold's book. This is pertinent because one of the figures Ramesh discusses in the context of the Mahabodhi Temple is Okakura Kakuzo, who famously wrote that "Asia was One" and who was instrumental in popularising the idea of pan-Asianism. Was Okakura influenced by The Light of Asia, especially Arnold's Preface, where the poet describes Buddhism as the "great faith of Asia" and claims that the Buddha's "spiritual dominions" extended "from Nepaul and Ceylon over the whole Eastern Peninsula to China, Japan, Thibet, Central Asia, Siberia, and even Swedish Lapland"? The late-19th century was a critical period for the emergence of an Asian consciousness in India, Japan, and China. Did The Light of Asia help trigger it?

Writing for the Ear

How the AIR commentaries shaped public opinion during the Bangladesh War of Independence

Syed Akbaruddin

TISUALISING JOURNALISM as a vocation in India today brings forth images of newspapers, magazines, television, and now, the omniscient social media and digital apps. Rarely does radio figure in that list, except as an afterthought. We live in times when capsules of news within a sequence of musical records form the staple of most radio broadcasts. A lack of awareness that radio journalism, too, once thrived may well be forgiven.

The art of "writing for the ear" is different. It requires skills of a higher order than the investigative and literary abilities of a good journalist. Listeners seldom give radio their undivided attention. Building a narrative, when words are evanescent and those who utter them invisible, is no simple matter. When narratives are in competition as was in South Asia in 1971, the challenge becomes stiffer. Reading UL Baruah's A Bangladesh War Commentary brought back childhood memories of when All India Radio (AIR) bulletins were the only source of "breaking news" for ordinary Indians. In hindsight, such AIR commentaries can be termed as a form of "public diplomacy" as they were competing for mind space and seeking to mould national opinion in India and beyond. In the "technology-deficient" environment of India of the early-1970s, AIR helped Indians make sense of "current events" and shaped incipient world views of many, like me.

Across terrains, war despatches are popular. The narratives of World War II about the heroics of the Allied Forces were crucial to the golden age of radio in the West. Baruah, who was a broadcaster during World War II before going on to become the director general of AIR towards the end of his career, appears to have understood that well. The manuscripts of his radio despatches of 1971, which were retrieved from oblivion through the assiduous efforts of his journalist son, Amit Baruah, are in the same vein. The news stories are told in a conversational way that ordinary peo-

ple can easily comprehend. The subject matter reflects an archetypal Indian viewpoint.

Writing of the emergence of Bangladesh, Baruah puts it pith-ily, "The house that Jinnah built has collapsed. Political philosophers, who stressed the subjective element in the making of a nation, have been proved wrong... Appeals in the name of Islam and Pakistani ideology ceased to have any meaning for the Bengalis.

Baruah follows an interesting approach. He consistently draws from Pakistani sources to embellish his commentaries while pointing out the fault lines in their society. Of particular interest is his depiction of the story relating to the until-thenfavoured "establishment" journalist Anthony Mascarenhas, covering the events in East Pakistan for the Karachi newspaper, The Morning News. It was

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WAR COMMENTARY: 1971 RADIO **DISPATCHES:** VOLUME1 BY UL BARUAH Indian Council of World Affairs; Macmillan Education 148 pages; ₹1,650

"verse-saying" of a Kashmiri saint and princess named Lallesvari, and the "discovery" of Arnold's grandchildren, their connections to the Indian subcontinent, and the fact in love with other cultures, most notably India and, towards the end of his kaleidoscopic life, Japanese as well." A student of the classics at Oxford

a decade and half (1860–76) in London as a writer, journalist and poet. During this time, he published a translation of the Hitopadesa and wrote a two-volume work on Lord

newsworthy, but that changes soon. The

repetition and brazenness of the subse-

quent crimes bring into focus the inepti-

tude of the crime branch. A race to solve

the case begins and the focus of the story

alternates between Rohan's attempts to

keep pace with the investigation and the

machinations involved in new reportage,

Tansen Sen is director of the Center for Global Asia and professor of History, New York University, Shanghai Mascarenhas who, in an article

in Sunday Times on June 13, 1971, unveiled the genocidal intentions of the regime, told to him repeatedly by Pakistani officers. The horrific nature of the details shared by Mascarenhas and related by Baruah included the willingness to kill two million people, elimination of the intelligentsia, resettlement of non-Bengalis and redistribution of Hindu property. Baruah also generously uses Western correspondents' assessments of the situation in both wings of Pakistan. Perhaps, this was to appeal to the audiences in Pakistan, as his commentaries were also broadcast in Puniabi. Pashto. Sindhi and Urdu as part of AIR's outreach efforts.

The surge of social media now means the medium of messaging has changed. Internet has made radio broadcasters audio-content creators in a multi-platform world. All this is reinvigorating the notion of "writing for the ear". The reappearance of Baruah's long-forgotten radio despatches, written 50 years ago, takes us back to what may seem as a quaint era, when measurement of audio success was not tracked by electronic audience measurement but by working for a larger common cause. It is a pity that only the manuscripts survive and the audio broadcasts are no longer available in the AIR archives. They would have made for a compelling auditory companion volume. After all, the attractiveness of radio is in the tone, pace and manner of delivery. Alas, that part of Baruah's magic, and our heritage, seems lost forever!

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Dark Places

Jonaki Ray

IT'S YOUR first day in a new job in a new city. You do not know the language or how to proceed on your assignment, forget the right (or wrong) people to contact to get it done. Now, fill in the X factors the city you find yourself in is Mumbai, and the job, that of a crime reporter. The Indian Express's crime reporter Mohamed Thaver's debut novel, In Plain Sight, starts with this intriguing premise and proceeds to unpack the inner workings of both – the crime beat of a newspaper as well as that of "one of the premier investigating agencies in the country": the Mumbai crime branch.

Rohan is a rookie reporter in the

Maximum City, having arrived from Allahabad via Delhi. While he is not sure whether he wants to take up journalism as a career in the long term, he feels that the crime beat would give him a ringside view of "things that has always fascinated him - the brooding cop, the wily criminal, the mind games, the chase, and the final unravelling."

After reporting on a couple of low-key cases which teach Rohan the ropes of the beat – which police personnel to have good terms with, getting past the local dialect and its abbreviations, or how to decode various leads (after all, "a good story was just a question away"), he gets to cover ₹399 a series of murders in Nehru Nagar, a lowincome area in the city.

The first murder doesn't really seem



SHELF LIFE

IN PLAIN SIGHT **BY MOHAMED** THAVER HarperCollins 264 pages

accounts of various investigating officers trying to find the perpetrator before public opinion about them plummets further. Crime fiction that devotes itself to describing and solving the crime from the investigating officer's point-of-view is a popular genre in literature. PD James' immortal Adam Dalgliesh, Elizabeth George's Inspector Lynley and, closer home, Anita Nair's Inspector Gowda and Vaseem Khan's Inspector Chopra series come to mind. What makes In Plain Sight unusual is the perspective of the reporter, that adds depth to the narrative. The in fact of what passes as news, is as important a part of the story as the actual solving of the crimes.

The interplay between politicians, the police and the media is brought out in the novel, as is the internal politics between not just various newspapers, but also within the various departments of a newspaper. Who gets the lead and how, what makes for a "story" worth printing is shown through Rohan's eyes. There's also the wrangling and politics within the various branches of the police that make the book an exciting read.

A tighter editing, especially of the middle when the mystery is heating up, and more focus on the characters would have improved the storyline, but this is a debut of promise and one that ends with the hope of more to come.

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Friends and Strangers

Vir Sanghvi's memoir is an engaging account of the life and times of friends in high places

Coomi Kapoor

VIR SANGHVI had a charmed life as a journalist. Somehow, all doors opened for him. Besides his immensely readable style, he has always been a shrewd, and often caustic observer of men and matters. He also had the good fortune to have friends in all the right places. Even with his newspaper proprietors, Vir was on breezy first-name terms, unlike most editors who maintain a respectful distance. His autobiography, which he dubs rather grandly "the memoir", offers insightful nuggets about the people who ruled India during his years as the editor of The Hindustan Times and the now-defunct Sunday magazine. Some of these insider stories seem to have been withheld earlier because of his proximity to the sources.

The author provides a telling picture of the all-important role the late Brajesh Mishra played, virtually running the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, and offers a peep into Mishra's battle with LK Advani. For instance, Advani assured the US government that India would send troops to Iraq. Mishra scuttled the deal, using Natwar Singh as a conduit and instigating the Congress party to protest against the proposal. Vajpayee promptly proffered the excuse of domestic opposition to wriggle out of the commitment. Occasionally, Advani got the better of the PM's principal secretarycum-national security-advisor. He brushed aside Mishra's choice of Krishan Kant as the presidential candidate. Vajpayee, Sanghvi writes, performed a balancing act between the two.

According to Sanghvi, Manmohan Singh was Sonia Gandhi's first choice as prime minister even at the time when PV Narasimha Rao was appointed party president. He claims that the Congress did not bring up Singh's name then because it would have been unacceptable to the allies.

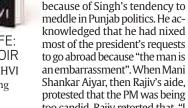
Some of the book's insider tales are hilarious. As prime minister, HD Deve Gowda was annoyed by the Delhi newspapers placing photographs of him dozing off at meetings on the front page. He gave

Sanghvi a lengthy explanation that he was weighed down by the worries of the nation and tossed and turned in his bed. He, per force, had to take Calmpose sleeping pills by early



A RUDE LIFE: THE MEMOIR **BY VIR SANGHVI**

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too candid, Rajiv retorted that, "I didn't reveal any really bad stuff like womanising at the Rashtrapati Bhavan." Singh, on the other hand,

morning and, consequently, could

not always keep his eyes open

ter, spoke frankly of his rift with

then-president Zail Singh to

Sanghvi, admitting he did not

send any government papers on

Punjab to the Rashtrapati Bhavan

Rajiv Gandhi, as prime minis-

during the day.

was convinced that the Rashtrapati Bhavan was bugged by the government and took Sanghvi to the privacy of his garden when he wanted to chat.

Rajiv Gandhi also had a sense of humour, writes Sanghvi. When someone referred to

politician and former prime minister) Chandra Shekhar's palatial residence in Harvana's Bhondsi as an ashram, he corrected him loudly and said it was more of a country club. Sanghvi also discloses the genesis of actor Amitabh Bachchan's unlikely friendship with Amar Singh. The late political fixer got Chandra Shekhar, when he was prime minister in the early '90s, to close the case, instituted by VP Singh as finance minister, against jitabh Bachchan, Amitabh's brother.

Some of the more riveting descriptions in the book are about the author's own life. The suave Mumbai boy felt constricted in sleepy Kolkata and cannot resist an occasional dig at the idiosyncrasies of his former boss Aveek Sarkar and the work culture at the Anandabazar Patrika group, which seemed trapped in the last century. His caustic comments appear a tad ungrateful, considering the publication funded his five-star lifestyle, which was the envy of most editors.

The flaw in this very enjoyable book is that

Sanghvi's objectivity appears coloured by his proximity to his sources, whether to the Gandhi camp or to Vajpayee's foster family. He is dismissive of their adversaries. Narasimha Rao, for instance, is described as a "small time manipulator masquerading as a statesman". He also glosses over uncomfortable details in his own colourful life. His move from print to full-time television came about after his name figured in the Radia tapes (2010). His defence. allegedly ignored by the Outlook magazine for years, was that his telephone conversations with (Niira) Radia were doctored, and, in any case, happened after the 2G allotments. A pioneer in news and feature television, Sanghvi got his fingers burnt after a disastrous experience with Peter Mukerjea and his wife Indrani, who were running the NewsX channel in those days. Today, Sanghvi has opted to move away from news and current affairs and focuses his multitalented persona on food and lifestyle, a sphere which he covers equally engagingly.

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Dated: 28,08,2021 DATE: Debradun SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION. Use LED Bulb, Save Electricity. (Toll Free No. 1912) "Pay Electricity bill online 24x7 from www.upcl.org" (For information on Electicity Theft, informer may report to Toll Free No. 1800 180 4185/ Fax No. 0135-2760911)						contractors/firms for the following work. Brief summary of work and detail of tender is given below: Tender No : 13/EE(Civil-III)/VP/TN/2021-22 Name of work:- Provision of Fencing & Guard room for Intake Road at left bank of Dam Site Juddo, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Estimated cost: Rs. 8368204.00(Excluding G.S.T.)	
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VASAI-VIRAR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (VVCMC)

VVCMC Head Office, Manvelpada Road, Opp. Virar Police Station, Virar East, Virar, Maharashtra- 401305

Selection of Concessionaire for Setting up of State of Art 2 lines of 30 Tons per Hour (TPH) Material Recovery Facility at Gokhivare Landfill Site in Vasai-Virar City



"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity

Ref : MCB/Nirman/2021-22/4118

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BHARATPUR

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS-13

Nagar Nigam Bharatpur invites Single-stage Two Part (envelope) Online unconditiona bids open competitive through www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in in from eligible bidders an

centralystate/ Government/sem Government organization/contractors. The document can be seen and downloaded from the website http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and http://bharatpurmc.co.in Tender are to be submitted

Central/state/ Government/semi Government organization/Contractors. The docum

General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely **Ram Kumar Patwa @ Chotu** S/o **Shri Hari** Narayan R/o Vill. Bourbal, PO Naripur PS. Bhgha Distt. West Champaran, Bihar has been missing from Tilak Nagar Area since 07.08.2021 at 8:30 PM. In this regard DD No. 66A Dated 08.08.2021 has been lodged at PS Tilak Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue

Ram Kumar Patwa @ Chotu has come to light so far. His physical description is as under:-

Age: 37 years, Height: 5'7" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Strong, Wearing: Brown Colour T- Shirt and Blue Colour Pajama.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-SHO

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Website:http://cbi.nic.in	P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in	Ph.: 011-25409290
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641	Mob: 8750871130
Fax No.: 011-24368639	DP/521WD/2021

Directorate of Information & Public Relations (J&K) dþ Media Complex. Opposite Rail Head Complex, Jammu Tele : 0191-2479692. email: dirinf17jk@gmail.com æ TENDER NOTICE 01 OF 2021 Notice inviting sealed Bid(s) for Finalization of Rate of Contract for Hiring of Vehicles and Drivers, on Monthly and/ or Daily basis, for Field Visits of the Officer(s)/ Official(s) of Information Department, J&K.

For and on behalf of Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir sealed bid(s) are invited from the firms/ vendors for finalization or Contract Rate to hire vehicles and drivers, on monthly or daily basis, for the field visits of the Officer(s)/ Official(s) of Information Department at the offices located in different districts of Jammu and Kashmir divisions, J & K, as per detailed Scope of Work and Terms & Conditions mentioned in this Standard Bid Document (SBD):

S. No.	Description	Cost of Tender Fee (Non-refundable)	Earnest Money
1	 A.Hiring of vehicles with drivers excluding POL, on monthly and/ or daily basis. B.Hiring of vehicles without drivers and POL, on monthly and/ or daily basis. C.Hiring of vehicles with drivers and POL, on monthly and/ or daily basis. 	(Rupees Two Thousand only).	Rs. 50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)
2	Typr of vehicles required	For Mobility of Officers	Scorpio, Safari, Inova, Xylo, Etios
		For Service Vehicle	Tata Winger, Sawraj Mazda, Tempo Traveller

 Detailed tender document, alongwith terms & conditions, can be downloaded from the website www.jkdirinf.com or obtained from Directorate of Information, UT of J&K, Opp. Sher-i-Kashmir Park Polo Ground, Srinagar or Media Complex, Rail Head, Jammu against the cash payment of Rs.2000/- in shape of GR in favour of Accounts Officer, Directorate of Information, J&K

2. Bids (both Technical as well as Financial bid) shall be submitted ir the office of Directorate of Information, UT of J&K, Srinagar / Jammu from 01.09.2021 (1800 Hrs) upto 15.09.2021 (1600 Hrs) only.

Technical bid shall opened on 17.09.2021 (1100 Hrs) in the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), J & K Srinagar. In case of holiday(s) on the date of opening of bid, the bids shall be opened on next working day at the same time and venue. 4. Financial bids shall be opened on 17.09.2021 (1500 Hrs) in the

Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), J & K Kashmir. In case of holiday(s) on the date of opening of bid, the bids shall be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. 5. Successful bidder shall have to deposit original copy(ies) of the EMD & Affidavit, alongwith duly attested & notarized copy(ies) of all the document(s), including proof of deposit of tender fees, uploaded at the time of submission of bid(s).

6. Any Pre-Bid Meeting shall not be held.

7. Any Correspondence, required to be made regarding this NIT, shall only be entertained if it is from the Proprietor/ Partner/ Managing Director/ Chairman/ President of the bidding entity or its duly authorized signatory*.

8. *Authorized Signatory means a person duly authorized by the Competent Authority viz., Proprietor/ all Partners of the Firm/ Members of Association/ Managing Director/ Chairperson/ Board of Directors through Power of Attorney to sign on behalf of the Firm/ Company/Society/Trust/Union.

Schedule of Critical Dates to be observed with respect to Notice inviting Tender(s) for finalization of Rate Contract for Hiring of Vehicles and drivers on Monthly and/ or Daily basis

for Field Visits of the Officer(s)/ Official(s)/ Other Visiting Team(s) of/ from Information Department, J & K at its Office in

jammu and Kashmir Division:

Stores E-Procurement E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 22 2021; Dated: 27-08-2021. Sealed lende re invited for the following works: SI, No

1. Tender No.: 02215211A; Description o works: 132/27KV, 21.6/30.24MVA, 50 Hz Single Phase, ONANION AF type traction power transformer. Approximate Tender Value: 71,30,00,000,00, Tender Quantity 1 No.; Tender due on: 17-09-2021, SI, No 2. Tender No.: 02205265A; Description o works: 1.1 KV GRADE 400RE 2550MM FRUSZH XPLE CABLE. Approximat Tender Value: 165,85,300.00; Tende Duantity: 3000 MTRS; Tender due on: 20 08/2021. NOTE: For full details of tender notice and tender documents, Tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in) prospective bidder wh intend to participate in above tenders ar equired to log in themselves with the above ebste and submit their offer electronical Tthey are already registered with IREPS case they are not registered with IREPS they are advised to obtain class-III Digita Signature Certificate from the certifying epencies under Govt of India IT Act 200

and participale in the above tenders. Principal Chief Material Manager/Co Northeast Frontier Railway (Construction Organisation) 0 "Serving Customers with a smile"

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY 22

MECHANICAL BRANCH (Open Tender NIT No- JBP/M/Tender/21/2021 Dated 26.08.2021,

Closing date- 20.09.2021 at 12:00 E-Tender on behalf of the President of India acting through Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Co ordination), Divisional Railway Manager (M) Office, West Central Railway. Jabalpur for the following works:- NIT No. & Date: JBP / M Tender/21/2021, Dated 26.08.2021, Name of work with location: Retro fitment of twin pipe air brake system in 1250 Nos (1210 BOXN+20 BOXNHL +20 BVZC wagons at NKJ depot, Jabalpu division, Adv. Value of the work Rs.: 3,02,85,741.60, Tender Doc. cost in Rs.: 00, Earnest Money Rs.: 00. Completion period: 12 Month, Tender Closing date 8 time: 20.09.2021 at 12:00 Hrs. The complete information of the above E-tenders is available in website https://eps.gov.in and also placed on the notice board of the Divisional Railway Manager (Mech) office of West Central Railway iabalpur Tenders other than in the form of e-bid shall not be accepted against

above tenders. DRM (M) WCR, Jabalpu कोरोना को भगाना है, मास्क व वैक्सीन लगाना है WESTERN RAILWAY-VADODARA DIVISIO

<u>'E'-Tender Notice</u> Electrical Deptt. Notice Inviting Tender EL/50/1/10 (21-22 VARIOUS ELECTRICAL WORKS

Divisional Railway Manager (Elect) Western Railway, Vadodara Division for and on behalf of the President or India, invites E-Tender on Indiar Railways website www.ireps.gov.in from experienced and reliable contractor ors fo the following works. Sr. No. 1 Tender No. BRC-EL-P-11-2003-21-22, Name o Work : Vadodara Division-Augmentation up-gradation and modification of now services. Estimated Cost (₹) ₹37,66,584.00 EMD (₹) : NIL Tender Fee: (₹) :NIL, E-Tender Closing Date : 30.09.2021 Sr. No. 2 Tender No.: BRC-EL-P-12 2060-21-22, Name_of Work Pratapnager Workshop: Electrical work connection with Environment relate studies including energy audit & wor relating implantation recommendation such audit. Estimated Cost (₹) (₹), 49,600.00 EMD (₹) : NIL Tender Fee (₹): NIL E-Tender Closing Date 28,09,2021, Sr. No. 3 Tender No.: BRC EL-P-13-1116-21-22. Name of Work Vadodara Division: Electrical work ir connection with providing tool cum res room for Trackman of isolated location i.e. Makarpura & Gothangam ov Vadodara division. Estimated Cost (₹) ₹ 13,45,734.00 EMD (₹) : NIL Tende Fee: (₹) : NIL E-Tender Closing Date

28.09.2021 Website particulars www.ireps.gov.in Like us on: f facebook.com/WesternRly

WESTERN RAILWAY-VADODARA DIVISIO ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

ENGINEERING WORKS E-TENDER NOTICE NO. DRM-BRO 072 TO 073 OF 2021-22. Sealed Tender for and on behalf of the President of India are Invited by Divisional Railway Manager (WA/C), Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390 004 for the ng works. 1. Tender No. & rk: DRM BRC 072 of 20 f 2021-22

VASAI-Virar City Municipal Corporation as per the MMC Act has be entrusted the function of Scientific Disposal of Solid Waste. T Authority has planned to develop integrated solid waste manageme project for Material Recovery Facility. As a part of this endeavo VVCMC has decided to undertake development and operation of Sta of Art 2 lines of 30 Tons per Hour (TPH) Material Recovery Facil within the Gokhivare Landfill Site; for the implementation of the Projection on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (the "DBFOT") bas Online electronic Applications in prescribed format for belo mentioned work are invited by Dy. Municipal Commissioner, SW Department, VVCMC from applicants with proven experience.

Name of Work	Estimated Cost (INR)		E.M.D.	Duration of Project	Project Type
Selection of Concessionaire for Setting up of State of Art 2 lines of 30 Tons per Hour (TPH) Material Recovery Facility at Gokhivare Landfill Site, under Hybrid Annuity Model of Public- Private Partnership	INR 178.00 Cr.	Rs. 10,000/- + 18% GST	Rs. 89,00,000	Construction Period-12 Months from LoA, O & M Period- 15 Years from COD	B/2 System

Tender booklets will be available on e-tendering computer syste at https://mahatenders.gov.in and at www.vvcmc.in web site VVCMC on date 28.08.2021 To 13.10.2021. The tender is to submitted online at https://mahatenders.gov.in. For any technic difficulties in the e-tendering process, please contact the help de number given on this web site.

Tenderers are required to fill in the blank tender form fee, EN deposit and service fee online. All mentioned charges can be paid debit card or net banking of any bank. The tenderer should note th the Blank tender form fee will not be accepted in the accounting department.

The right to accept or reject any tender is reserved by the Hon't Commissioner of Vasai-Virar City Municipal Corporation.

> Sd/-**Dy. Municipal Commissioner** SWM Department, Vasai-Virar City Municipal Corporation



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and believed in the name of

R/o-372. Deepali Enclave.

Purposes.

Manas Varshney for all future

Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have

changed the name of my minor

daughter from Parishi Goval to

Jyotsna Goyal for all purposes.

I,SANTOSH/SANTOSH GUPTA,

W/O.RAM NIWAS JINDAL, ADD-

83-C, SECOND-FLOOR GAUTAM

110049, changed my name to

LOST AND FOUND

We, Salil Kumar & Ms. Deepika,

Road, Dhirpur, Delhi-110009

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R/o C-2, Housing Society, NDSE Part-I, New Delhi have lost my

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Mubarak Pur, New Delhi-110003

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Giri Raj in favour of Smt. Neetu

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I,ARUN LATA ROHATGI,W/O-LATE

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PROPERTY DDA-FLAT#397-

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Original Allotment Letter of

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Nagar, N. Delhi-110008, allotted

to Ranjeet Singh, S/o Hari Singh

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at Mobile-No.9990002096.

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I. Aniali Sharma have lost my

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42040070 from Institute of

Management Technology,

Diploma in Personnel

SH.SURESH CHAND

Ghaziabad.

Original Sale Deed dated

26.07.2007 of First Floor Flat portion of Property No.1556,

of Khasra No.637/350, at Tula

Nagar (Abadi Wazir Nagar),

Gurudwara Road, Kotla

NAGAR, SOUTH DELHI-

SANTOSH JINDAL,

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NAME TO GEETA DEVI.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I.Tannu Shah D/o Kamal Shah W/o Mohit Bansal R/o-F-26/102, Ayodhya Chowk Sector-7, Rohini Delhi-110085.changed my name to Kavya Bansal permanently. 0040582263-4

I,Krishnan Nair Ajith

Kumar,S/o-Sivarama Pillai Krishnan Nair, R/o-A-83,8th Floor,Krishna Residency,Vijay CGHS Ltd Plot No.17,Sec-18A.Dwarka-110075.have changed my name to Ajith Kumar for all future purposes. 0040582263-7

I,Kehkashan Begum,D/o Ahmed Din.R/o H.No.126. Katra-Gokul Shsh, Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006, that in my son's school-records my name has been wrongly-written as Kehkashan instead of Kehkashan Begum which may be amended accordingly.

0040582258-3 I,Gulzar Ahmad Lodhi R/o-A-35,Second Floor,Ghafoor Nagar, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025.have changed,my daughter's name from Zainab Jahan to Zainab Gulzar for all, future purpose. 0040582265-7

I,AMARENDRA KUMAR,S/O SHRI.JHALAK PRASAD SINHA,R/O.F-85/B, MANGAL-BAZAR LAXMI-NAGAR.DELHI-110092,THAT INSTEAD MY SON NAME IN SCHOOL-RECORD MENTIONED IS AMISH SINGH **HE WOULD BE KNOWN &** CALLED AMISH AS PER AADHAR CARD, THAT I REQUEST TO YOU PLEASE CHANGE THE NAME OF MY SON IN YOUR RECORD FROM AMISH TO AMISH SINGH, For FUTURE ALL PURPOSES. 040582258-4

I, Virrindar Kumar Sharma S/o Madan Mohan Sharma R/o QU-256-C, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Virender Kumar 0040582263-8 Sharma.

I, SUDHARSHAN NANGRU S/o RAMSARUP NANGRU R/o 7A/2 Street No-11 New Govindpura Delhi have changed my name

to SUDARSHAN NANGRU. 0040582208-1

Ramesh Kumar Saxena R/o M-701, Antriksh Golf View-1, Sector-78, Noida, have changed my name to Raajeev Saaxena 0040582219-1

I, Raghvendra Mohan S/o Surendra Mohan Mathur R/o Flat no. 1601-B, Tower-1 Punchsheel Wellington Crossing Republic, Ghaziabad (UP)-201016 have changed my name to Raghvendra Mohan Mathur. 0070751812-1

I, Prince S/o Naresh Kumar R/o-A-62, Jhilmil Colony, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Prince Khaneja for all future purposes. 040582222-1 I, Nimrit Gujral/Nimrit Kaur Guiral w/o Satinder Singh, R/o 248, F/F, Old Middle Income Group Flats, Prasad Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-05, have changed my name to Nimrit Kaur for all purposes.

I.VEENA CHOPRA DEWAN,W/O. GURVINDER SINGH AHLUWALIA, ADD-A-101, 3RD-FLOOR PANDAV-NAGAR EAST DELHI-110092.changed my

name to VEENA AHLUWALIA,permanently. Durgesh Varshnev S/o Anand 0040582258-1 S-1, Vaishali Ghaziabad, I have I.Seema Rani.D/O Shri Rai

Kumar Jindal, R/O Vaid Shyam Singh Street,Near HDFC bank,Mansa, Punjab,have changed my name to Seema 0040582263-5 Bansal. I,Rajat Agarwal S/o Vijay Prakash Agarwal R/o C-37, Sector-26, Noida(U.P.) have

changed my name to Rajjat Vijay Agarwal for all future 0040582213-1 purposes.

I,Pratiksha Dutta,W/o Rahul Kumar Singh R/o.Flat.No.218 DDA LIG Flat, Hastsal Uttam-Nagar D.K Mohan-Garden, Delhi-59 changed my name to Pratiksha.

0040582265-1 I,PISA YAMA,D/O PISA Tarak, R/o-Private Residence, H-

551/W-15.C-Sector.Near-Satellite Complex,C-Sector, Itanagar, Papum Pare.Arunachal Pradesh-791111.have changed my name, from PISA YAMA TO RIDO YAMA, for all purposes in 0040582258-7 future. I,Nitin kumar S/O Devendra Singh R/O H.No-9, Shankar Vihar-II, Chipiyana Buzurg Gautambudhnagar-201009. do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Devendra Singh and Devendra Singh Laur are the name of same and one person i.e. my father.

0040582194-1 I,Nitin kumar S/O Devendra Singh R/O H.No-9. Shankar Vihar-II, Chipiyana Buzurg Gautambudhnagar-201009, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Nitin Kumar and Nitin Kumar Laur are the name of same and one person.

0040582195-1 I.Mukesh Kumar Verma S/O Sh.Satya Pal Verma R/o-C-104, BK Dutt Colony,Lodhi Road.New Delhi-110003.have Changed My Name to Mukesh Verma for all future purposes.

0040582265-2 I,SIDHARTH TALWAR, S/O MR.SATISH KUMAR TALWAR R/O FLAT NO.212 OUTUB VIEW **APPARTMENTS WARD NO.-8** MEHRAULI DELHI - 110030 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SIDHARTHA TALWAR FOR ALL PURPOSES.

I, Jagmohan Lal S/o Maulik Ram R/o B-59, Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Jagmohan Goyal in the school record of my minor daughter Mishti Goyal, aged about 12 years. The actual name of mine is Jagmohan Lal. which may be amended accordingly. 0070751841-1 I, Ishan Bhandula S/o Sh. Rakesh Bhandula R/o 54, Jeevan Bima-Apptt., East-Arjun Nagar, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Isshaan Bhandula.

I GEETA W/o HARISH CHAND R/O PUBLIC NOTICE OF HOUSE NO B 20 GALI NO 27

"General public at large is hereby informed that my client 'Ms. Anita Kaushik Wol.L Shiv Charan R/O H. No. 103, Gail No. 5, Gautam Colony, Narela, Dehl-40' has severed all her relations from her son-Mr. Jatin Kaushik and his wife Mrs. Bharti Sharma D/o Sh. Hukam Chand, Presently residing at Flat No. 209, Ground Floor, Pocket-4, Sec. A-9, Shiv Shakti Apartment, DDA Area, Narela, Dehl-40 for want of control and their extortive conducts and also has disowned them from her moveable and mmovable properties. Any person dealing with aforesaid- Mr. Jatin Kaushik and his wife Mrs. Bharti Sharma shall be doing so at his/her own risk and the same shall not be binding on my aforesaid client in any manner, 0070751810-1 put Surmane Varshnev in front 0070751857-1 my aforesaid client in any mann whatsoever. Sd/- ANAND BHARDWAJ (ADVOCATE Anil Goyal S/o-Narender Goyal

Ch. No. 51, Civil Wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

LOST AND FOUND To be known to all that my client, Smt Neetu Chopra W/o Sh. Vipan Chopra R/o H.No. B-117, Swasthya Vihar, Delhi 110092 has been lost original document i.e. Bid Form, Allottment-cum-deman Letter, NOC for electric connection o Office Flat No. 153, (F.F.), Cycle Market Jhandewalan Phase-1, New Delhi Jhandewalan Phase-1, New Delhi-110055 said office flat is purchased from DDA in the name of "M/S ELL DEE INDIA Prop. Sh. Rakesh Arora S/o Sh. Daulal Ram" vide file No. F-4(47)75/mpl. An File to this effect has been lodged with Statior House Officer, Crime Branch, New Delhi vide LR No. 602409/2021, dt. 21.08.2021. vide LR No. 602409/2021, dt. 21.08.2021. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents with the above named person at above Address/ Mobile No. 9811415415 within 30 days from the date of publication of the same. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to DDAs Deputy Director, Commercial Estate Branch, D.D.A., Vikas Sadan, INA, New Deihi-110023. elhi-110023.

Sd/- Sudhir K. Sanej D-486/D-1984 Advocat Chamber No. Y-68, Civil Side

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that my client Shri Swaran Singh son of Late Shri Ajit Singh, aged about 56 years, resident of D-13. Second Floor Front side), Manohar Park, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026, Pronjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026, with the consent of his wife Smt. Manjit Kaur, aged about 48 years, have disowned his son Shri Tarandeep Singh aged about 25 years, resident of D-13, Second Floor (Front side), Manohar Park, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026, due to bad habits, harassment and illegalities being committed by said Shri Tarandeep Singh. Shri Tarandeep Singh, son of my client, shall have no right in movable and immovable properties of my client, Shri Swaran Singh and his wife Smt. Manjit Kaur. An Affidavit to this effect has also been executed by my client today. S.P. AGGARWAL ADVOCATE 215, Civil Side, Tis Hazari

215, Civil Side 5, Civil Side, Tis Hazari Courts Delhi-110054

IO WHOM SO EVER

This is to inform al oncerned that. Sh. Jiwan Jvoti S/o Sh. Narinder Nath (hereinafter "my client") is the owner and occupant of First Floor, C-3A, road side facing Sharda Puri, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi -110015 by virtue of duly draw and registered gift deed, vide registration dated 10/12/2014 Said my client gathered that, some persons posting as property dealers are holding ou the property as available for sale which is not correct. Any body dealing with the property shall do so at its/his/her/thei own risk, cost & consequences Through this public notice, I am cautioning against such nischief.

> Rahul Khanna (Advocate) Delhi High Court, C-3/16, UGF Rajouri Garder New delhi-110027 Email: blowroom@gmail.com Enrl. no. D-3734/2009 Mobile: 9810837900

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blic is hereby informed that we Ar ngh Ahuja S/o Sh Jaspal Singh Ahu nt. Bandana Ahuja W/o Sh Amanjot Smt. Bandana Ahuja W/o Sh Amanjot Sing Ahuja both are R/o 16/17 East Patel Naga Delhi have purchased a residential plot n G 38 Sector 44 Noida (Gautam Bud Nagar) UP from Sh. Aniel Kumar Saha S/ Sh Sh AK Saha R/o G 22 Sector 27 Noida The Transfer Deed/ Sale Deed of the abov aid property was executed by Mr Roha Rajgarhia S/o Sh. Madan Rajgarhia R/o C lector 39 Noida as General Power Raiganina Sio Sh. Madan Raiganina Rio C 4 sector 39. Noida as General Power of attorney holder of Sh. Aniel Kumar Saha. The said General Power of Attorney was axecuted by the sub registrar Noida vide lid no 1520 pages 123 to 146 karamank 1462 datel 120 2019. The Transfer deed was executed in the office of sub registrar Noida dated 10.3 2021. The Sati property s being mutated in the name of Sh. Amanjot Singh Ahuja and Smt Bandana Ahuja. In zase any person has any right tiller (interest) administrative Block Sector 6 Noida within 30 days of publication of this notice. Sid SURENDER NAGA Di Hazari Courte, Delhi 54 Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all the General Public at large that my clients namely Mr. Maninder Singh Grover s/o Mr. Gurbax Singh Grover & Mrs. Inderpal Grover wito Mr. Maninder Singh Grover both R/0:-87 A, A2B, Etta Apartment, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi - 63 has severed all their relations with their daughter-in-law Ms. Jasleen Kaur w/o Mr. Ramneek Singh D/O Mr. Raghubir Singh Setti R/o:-Mol Ny clients also debarred and disowned her from their moveable & immoveable properties and assets and in future she could not claim over the properties and assets of my clients. Any unauthorized access in their properties shall be punishable as per law and shall be punishable as per law and shall be pAL SINGH Advocate Ch. No.683, Saket Court, Delhi-110017 PUBLIC NOTICE as per her interest

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Registrar, Forest Research Institute, Debradun



Walk-in-Interview A walk-in-interview (Online) is scheduled at ICAR-IVRI. Izatnagar on 20th September. 2021 at 10.30 AM onwards through Video Call for engagement of 01(One) Project Assistant (PA) purely on contractual basis to work on DST sponsored project entitled "Gender dvancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI) is at Division of Extension Education, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar Interested candidates should send their Bio-Data, passport size photograph and scanned copies of the entire certificates/marks sheets/experience certificate on email id gatidstivri@gmail.com latest by 15.09.2021 in one single PDF file. The link of the Video Call will be provided to candidates by mail.



मेरठ विकास प्राधिकर<u>ण, मेरठ।</u> Advt. No.: 22/MDA/21-22

OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION JODHPUR (NORTH) Nagar Nigam Bhawan, Polytechnic college campus, Residency Road, Jodhpur-342004 Phone No:- 0291-2651464 Fax-0291-2651464, ID:- nnjnorth@gmail.com जोराजुर **NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

The general public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 40-45 years of age whose name, residence, and family is unknown has found dead at Patri Infront of Gauri Shankar Mandir, Main Road Chandni Chowk, Delhi. In this regard, a vide has been reaistered with DD No: 04A, dated: 26.08.2021 at PS Kotwali, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light so far.



The description of the UIDB is as under:

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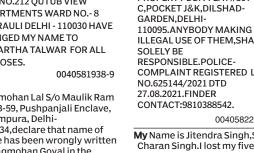
If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/Kotwali, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/1467/N/2021

SHO P.S. Kotwali, Delhi. Ph. No. 011-2395 3442



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0040582263-6 I, Brijbhusan Das Kalani S/o Ballabh das kalani R/o-B 214.Top-Floor Lok.Vihar Pitampura Delhi-110034, inform that my Father's name wrongly, written Ballab Das in my passport but father's correct name is Ballabh Das Kalani. 0040582263-2 I, Brij Bhushan Kalani S/o Ballabh Das Kalani R/o-B-

I, Rajeev Saxena S/o Shri

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I, Mohd Tamanne S/O Jaleel born on 03/04/1999 residing at 420 E-43/A D-Block New Seemapuri East Delhi, 110095, have changed my name to Sarfaraz Ahmad vide affidavit dated 25/08/2021 at SDM Court

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I, Masarrat D/o. Mr. Mohd. Zamir Khan R/0. 161/55A, Zamir Apartment, 3rd Floor, Jogabai Extn., Batla House Chowk, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name from Masarrat Khan to Masarrat for all future purposes.

0040582201-1

I, Jatinder Pal Singh s/o Late S.Tirath Singh Gujral, R/o 36, F/F, Road No.73, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-26, have changed my name to Jatinder Pal Singh Gujral for all 0040582183-2 purposes.

I Bhoodeo Prasad alias Bhoodeo Prasad Singh S/o Late Sh.Kewal Ram R/o H.No.11, Block-G, Jaipuria Sunrise Green, Opposite Asia Columbia Hospital, NH-24. Shahpur Bamheta, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201002 have changed my name to Bhoodeo Prasad Singh for all purposes.

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It is for general information that I,Shweta,W/o Rajiv Kumar.residing at.B-244 Priyadarshni-Vihar, Delhi-110092, declare that name of my minor daughter Saara Arora age-13 years has been wrongly-written as saara in her school-records.The actualname of my minor daughter is Saara Aroa which may be amended accordingly.

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I, hitherto know as Nazmin alias Nazmin Abdul Karim.D/o-Fakruddin and W/o-Abdul Karim Hemant, R/o-H.No.D-20/13,Block-D,Okhla Vihar, Jamia Nagar, South Delhi,Delhi-110025,have changed my name and shall.hereafter be know as Nazmin Abdul Karim.It is certified that, I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

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214, Top-Floor Lok, Vihar Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my name to

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I Vijay Kumar S/o Late Shri Raja

Ram Sonkar R/o 116, Mohalla

Khatik Gur Mandi. Malka Gani

name to Vijay Sonkar for all

I Sulakhni Devi W/o Late Sh. Chhajju Ram R/o D-268, Punjabi

Camp, Peera Garhi, Delhi-

110056, declares that my

husband was also known as

AND SH. CHHAJJU RAM both

Chhagu Ram. SH. CHHAGU RAM

names are of one and the same

I Saili Adhikari D/o Mohan Singh

Adhikari R/o H.No. C-60/ B, Gali

North East, Delhi-110094, have

changed my name to Samiksha

No-3, Near Adharshila School,

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Delhi-110007, have changed my

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PAWAN CHOUDHARY ADVOCAT ENRL. No. D-2235/200

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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the general public at large that Mr. Ramal Kumar approached Courch have a proper service of the city in the Village Chhaprolite Pargna & Thesis Dadri Dist. Gautam Budh Nagar U.C. Boundaries: East - Pick No. 05, West South - Other pick, beiorging to M's KDJ Housing through its partner Mr. Kamal Jeet vide three Sate deeds all dated 00-07-2018 to comment no. 13965, 13964 & 13865, and three Sate device of the service of the service occument no. 13965, 13964 & 13867, and or service over the same may contact of the publication either through his office phone kool 1400513964 or through post or visit his office at H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lapat Nagar 4, documents. It may be further noted that after lapse of aforesaid period no claim in any manner shall be entertained and same will be considered and period and and same will be considered and same will be other and and same will be considered and same will be other and and same will be considered and same will be other and and same will be considered and same will be other and and same will be considered and same will be other and and same will be considered and same will be other and and same will be considered and same will be other and and same will be considered and same will be other and and same will be other and and and same will be other and and same will be other and and sa

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PUBLIC NOTICE The General Public at large is hereby informed that my client Ms. Sarita Kamra W/o Shri Anil Kamra is the owner of property bearing No. 244, Ground Floor, Double Storey, Ashok Nagar, New Delhi. That Mer Ailt Kumar is the owner of property bearing No. 244A, First Floor, Double Storey, Ahsok Nagar, New Delhi. That there had been a collaboration Agreement for the construction of the Building in the adressaid aforesaid premises between shri Pawan Mehta and Mr. Ajit Kumar, Wherein Shri Pawan Mehta represented my client as her representative and entered into a Collaboration Agreement dated ollaboration Agreement date 9.05.2019 with Mr. Ajit Kumar. It i formed that said representation ithout any legal authorization and th without any legal authorization and the property is in progress of construction. If anybody entered in to any transaction (sale & purchase etc.) with respect to aforesaid premises with Shiri Pawan Mehta or Mr. Ajit Kumar or both is/ are doing at his/her/their own risk, cost and consequences as my client having valuable right in the aforesaid property and she is the absolute owner in regard to the maximum portion of the property. That my client have not given any power of attorney to Shiri Pawan Mehta and Mr. Ajit Kumar have no right to sell the same is pending in the court of Sh. Prashant Shama, Ld. ADJ, Tis Hazari Courts at Delhi. If any body deals with Courts at Delhi. If any body deals with hem (Shri Pawan Mehta and Mr. Aji (umar) shall deal with his/her/their own sk and consequences

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a person (depicted in the photo) Namely: Anil Kumar S/o Kripal Singr **R/o** H.No. 61/15, Gali No-10 Ja Prakash Nagar, Ghonda, Delhi has been missing since 12.07.2021 from IHBASH Hospital Gate No-3. In this regard a case vide DD No. 85A dated 13.07.2021 has been lodged at Police Station G.T.B. Enclave, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Anil Kumar

Age: About 50 Years, Height: 5'7" Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Identification: Mentally Weak, Wearing: Green Colour T-Shirt & Blue Colour Pajama and Grey Colour Chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, G.T.B. Enclave, Delhi at E-mail Idcic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

The Department of Tourism & Culture, Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh intends to execute the flowing projects in the UT up Ladakh through Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSU):

Sr.No.	Name of Scheme/Work								
1.	Development of Skoryangs Campus @ Kargil, Upshi and Zanskar.								
2.	Development of Eco-Tourism sites @ Singey Lalok, Stok,								

Hanu, Chiktan & Others Development of Snow-Ski Slopes, Chair-lift/Ski-lift Cafeteria at Linkipal Kargil.

Development of Snow-Ski Slopes, Chair-lift/Ski-lift Cafeteria at Padum Zanskar.

The Department invites Expression of Interest (EoI) from the Centra Public Sector Undertakings (CPSU) having requisite experience of exe cuting similar projects in a time bound manner.

The shortlisled CPSU shall be required to prepare and submit the DPRs of the project/projects as per the requirement of the client depart ment and plan execute, commission the projects in agreed time and budg et. The Executing Agency shall carry out all the functions as may be required for successful completion of the projects which may get assigned to it, on being selected and shall be responsible for smooth and success ful completion of the Project, at all stages.

The CPSUs interested in undertaking the above mentioned projects may send their willingness on the letter head of their organization, duly signed by the competent authority along with a brief background of the PSU, Work experience, turnover and work in hand etc, through E-mail at comsecytourismutl@gmail.com by or before 20th Sept. 2021, 17.00 hrs The PSUs, in their EoI, should also quote the fee/service charge in terms of percentage of the project cost.

In case of any clarification, please write us at: E-Mai sepmgsyleh@gmail.com or on Mobile No. (94191-77684)

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Sh.Saurabh Agarwal R/o E-20, Lajpat Nagar-III, New Delhi-110024 have changed my name to Nnishu Agarwal for all purposes. 0040582193-4

I Manish Samar R/o A-66A, Sector-23, Noida, U.P have changed my minor daughter name from Shivi to Shivi Samar for all future purposes.

From bad to worse

Manchester City thrash Arsenal 5-0 as Gunners record worst start to season

REUTERS AUGUST 28

MANCHESTER CITY made light work of thrashing a hapless 10-man Arsenal 5-0 in the Premier League on Saturday, a result that means the Gunners have lost their opening three league games of a season for the first time since 1954-55.

Arsenal coach Mikel Arteta, back at the Etihad Stadium where he worked as an assistant between 2016 and 2019, watched in horror as his team fell apart early on, with Ilkay Gundogan and Ferran Torres giving City a 2-0 lead inside 12 minutes

The visitors remained masters of their own chaotic downfall as Granit Xhaka inexplicably got himself sent off for a two-footed lunge in the 35th minute, making an already difficult task that bit more challenging for Arteta's men.

City could then afford to take their foot off the gas but the goals still flowed as British recording signing Jack Grealish set up Gabriel Jesus for City's third just before halftime.

Rodri added a fourth early in the second half, before Torres scored his second late on to complete a miserable afternoon for Arteta and his side.

Another loss means Arsenal are without a point, or even a goal, from their three games so far this season, while City, temporarily at least with rivals in action later in the weekend, are back on top of the standings.

"Arteta knows how I love him," City boss Pep Guardiola said. "In the two or three years he was here he was important to what we built. People want results right away; with the players he had today, Ben White, Thomas Partey were missing, many players they invested in were missing, without that it is difficult.

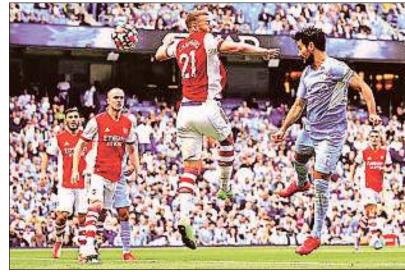
"I know his awareness as a manager and as a leader, the moment everyone is back he will do an excellent job. I know this because I know him, I know the job he can do. Today we scored some goals that we didn't deserve. We didn't play that good to score a goal," said Guardiola.

Right from the off in the Etihad sunshine, the Spaniard's confidence in his current forward options was understandable as the hosts blew Arsenal away, even if the visitors gave them more than a helping hand.

Jesus was allowed far too much time get a seventh-minute cross into the middle, Calum Chambers then got his angles all wrong as he let the ball float over his head and Gundogan stole in to head home.

Things went from bad to worse for Arsenal as a Bernardo Silva cross was then allowed to drift past several defenders before Torres, who could not believe his luck, stroked the ball home

Arteta cut a frustrated figure on the touchline. Already under pressure after Arsenal finished eighth for the second successive season last term, the Spaniard watched them concede



Ilkay Gundogan directs his header towards Bernd Leno's goal for Manchester City's first of the game. Reuters

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Brighton	0-2	Everton
West Ham	2-2	Crystal Palace
Norwich	1-2	Leicester
Man City	5-0	Arsenal
Aston Villa	1-1	Brentford
Liverpool	1-1	Chelsea

two goals inside 12 minutes for the first time since 2017. Xhaka's recklessness must have made Arteta consider making an early exit himself. Since the start of the 2016-17 season, no player has been sent off more often in the Premier League than the Swiss midfielder.

Grealish then had an impact as he easily squared for Jesus to make it three, before Rodri drilled a well-placed strike into the net from distance to put City on course for a big score. Substitute Raheem Sterling should have made it five late on, before Torres arrived right on cue to put the icing on the cake as City made it backto-back 5-0 wins at home

Liverpool, Chelsea share draw

Chelsea had to stay content with a 1-1 draw against Liverpool at Anfield after a contentious penalty was awarded to the host team at the stroke of half-time. Chelsea would also lose Reece James to the same handball incident that match referees and VAR deemed as a red card. Mo Salah took the resulant penalty and scored. The visitors had earlier taken the lead

through Kai Havertz in the 21st minute.

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Arsenal's nightmarish start to the EPL, three losses in three games, has been their worst in history and at the heart of it lies a decade-old problem. A slew of stop-gap, washed up, criminally poor central defenders have found refuge at the Emirates over the years. Today in the 5-0 capitulation to an ordinary Manchester City, Arsenal's backline consisted of Cedric at right back, Callum Chambers at right centre back, Rob Holding as the centre back, Sead Kolasinac at left centre-back and Kieran Tierney at left back. Barring the fourth goal, every goal that the Gunners conceded was down to poor marking in and around the box and an inability to defend one-on-one positions. Their first goal conceded - a cross into the box was essentially five Arsenal defenders against three, shorter Man City players. Callum Chambers leapt for the ball, completely missed it and allowed Ilkay Gundogan to score the easiest header of his life. The shape of their backline was stretched and pulled and toyed with repeatedly – a charge that solely lay at the feet of manager Mikel Arteta. Arsenal provided enough over 90 minutes for a full-blown video session on what not to do when defending against a top team.

Zverev denies allegations, backs ATP domestic abuse rules

ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW YORK, AUGUST 28

OYMPIC TENNIS gold medalist Alexander Zverev again denied abuse allegations made by a former girlfriend and said he would support the introduction of a domestic violence policy by the men's pro tour.

Zverev, a 24-year-old German who was the runner-up last year at the U.S. Open, which starts Monday, issued a statement about the matter and then briefly addressed it at a pre-tournament news conference.

The former girlfriend, Olga Sharypova, first made the accusations last year and provided a new, detailed account this week via a Slate.com article.

"I've always said that the allegations and everything that has been said is untrue. The court confirmed that," Zverev said at the news conference. "So there's nothing else to say from my side because, as I said, the court confirmed that it's untrue.'

Zverev was granted a preliminary injunction in Germany against the author and publisher of the allegations. "The court followed our arguments and states, the accusations are defamatory and false," his statement said. No action was sought against Sharypova.

Sharypova, a former tennis player, alleged last year that Zverev attempted to strangle her with a pillow and hit her head against a wall at a New York hotel before the U.S. Open in 2019. She said she feared for her life at the time. Zverev has denied the allegations.

The ATP said last weekend it would begin an independent review of its safeguarding policies, which it said is expected to include recommendations pertaining to domestic violence. On Friday, Zverev said he would favor a policy. "It's going to get sorted in these kind of situations," he said. "I think it's good that the ATP is kind of renewing their rules a little bit because they've been there since the '80s and nothing has been changed in a way.'



Alexander Zverev won gold in Tokvo followed by the Cincinnati Masters. File

2 Afghan athletes reach Tokyo to compete in Paralympics

ASSOCIATED PRESS TOKYO, AUGUST 28

TWO ATHLETES from Afghanistan have arrived in Tokyo to compete in the Paralympics, the International Paralympic Committee said Saturday.

The two-person team of Zakia Khudadadi and Hossain Rasouli had flown from Kabul to Paris before continuing on to Tokyo, the IPC said.

Khudadadi will be Afghanistan's first female athlete to compete at the Paralympics since Athens 2004.

She will challenge in the women's 44-49kilogram weight category in taekwondo on Thursday, and her teammate will line up in the heats of the men's 400 meters T47 event on Friday.

The Paralympics close on Sept. 5.

The IPC said the two were met in Tokyo at the Paralympic Village by IPC president Andrew Parsons. The IPC said the two will not be available for interviews and have been given permission to skip the usual press conferences.

'Twelve days ago we were informed that the Afghan Paralympic team could not travel to Tokyo, a move that broke the hearts of all involved in the Paralympic movement and left both athletes devastated," Parsons said in a statement provided by the IPC.

"That announcement kick-started a major global operation that led to their safe evacuation from Afghanistan, their recuperation by France, and now their safe arrival in Tokyo," he added.

Chelsey Gotell, the IPC Athletes' Council chairperson, welcomed them in a statement also provided by the IPC.



Afghan paralympic athlete Zakia Khudadadi will be the country's first female to compete in the Games since Athens 2004. Reuters

"On behalf of their fellow 4,403 Paralympic athletes competing at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games," she said,"I welcome Zakia and Hossain to the Paralympic Village. This is their home for the next nine days and as a community we are 100% behind them.

"Both athletes have been extremely clear that after years of training they wanted to compete on the biggest stage of all, the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games," Gotell added.

"The fact that so many authorities have combined to make this possible is truly wonderful.'

Rakesh sails into pre-quarters, Shyam exits

Tokyo: Rakesh Kumar continued his impressive run of form to storm into the prequarterfinals while his teammate Shyam Sundar Swami made a second round exit as Indian compound archers had a mixed day at the Paralympic Games here on Saturday. A day after he shot the highest score ---

699 out of a maximum 720 -- by an Indian para archer in the qualification round, the wheelchair-bound 36-year-old Kumar easily overcame Ka Chuen Ngai of Hong Kong by a massive 13-point margin at the Yumenoshima Park here.

Kumar, who won an individual gold medal at the 7th Fazza Para Archery World Ranking Tournament in Dubai earlier this year, had near perfect four ends, dropping just one point each enroute to totalling 144 out of a possible 150.

Overall, he shot nine perfect 10s including four closest to the centre(X), as his Hong

Kong rival paled in comparison shooting four 10s (three Xs) for a total of 131. In the last-16 round on Tuesday, the third seeded Kumar will face 14th seed Marian Marecak. a two-time 49-year-old Olympian from Slovakia

Earlier, 21st seed Sundar, who also got a bye into the second round, had a narrow 139-142 defeat against 2012 Paralympics silver medallist Matt Stutzman, the armless archer from the USA who shoots with his feet. From being 55-all at the halfway mark, Stutzman took a three point lead with a perfect 30/30 fourth end and sealed the the fixture by three points, despite some late challenge by the Indian.

Meanwhile, India's javelinist Ranjeet Bhati bowed out of Paralympics after failing to register even a single valid throw in his six attempts in the men's class F57 final, here on Saturday. PTI

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

other words, let colleagues get

professionally, but let friends

know just what you want. When

preference over the facts. Stick to

your principles and your chances

Happy to say, there's

nothing wrong with a

spot of day-dreaming

it comes to ideas and opinions,

you should give fantasy

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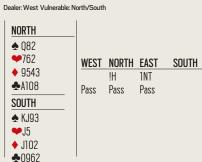
away with murder

You may take an

easy-going approach at work, but assert

yourself socially. In

BRIDGE



If it's your Birthday

Sunday August 29

Your instincts are strong, and while they're

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You're eager to transcend the limits of your life and, when it comes down to it, that can mean bending the rules. And that, in turn, requires great care and integrity. Also, do

East bid 1H and South overcalled with 1NT. West chose to pass but this is a good enough hand that it might have considered a penalty double. One son for not doubling is that East opened in third seat. He could have a light opening bid. Your jack of hearts lead wins and your continuation goes en and South's ace. Do you wish you had doubled 1NT?

eSouth Hand: S-1076H-A104D-AK875C-KJ The East Hand: S-A54H-KQ983D-QC-7543

Probably not. That dummy has six points and you have eight. Add in sixteer so for declarer and you know your partner is minimum or sub-minimum, so for declarer and you know your partner is minimum or sub-minimum, eclarer plays the ace and king of diamonds, your partner following with the ueen and then discarding the three of clubs. Declarer continues diamonds and you win. On this one East plays the four of clubs. What do you return?

Partner said he did not want a club lead and you can't lead a diamond or a heart. You are out of them. The only question is which spade to lead. Which e is it?

Lead the jack. This is a surrounding play. The play suggests your partner has the ace of spades. When you lead the jack, declarer can do one of two has the acc of spaces. When you lead the pack, declarer can do one of two things. He can play low in durumy, in which case the pack will win. You will lead to partner's ace of spades and he will finish the heart suit. A spade back to you will let you finish the spade suit. Declarer can try the queen but again, East will win and do the hearts and return a spade. Even if South has the ten of spades, you have the K93 over him and it is possible that you will run the

On this hand, as you can see in the diagram, South has 1076 of spades and he is about to lose a lot of tricks. Your side will get four spaces four hearts, and a diamond. Nine tricks. Perhaps you should have doubled. Dealer: South Vulnerable: East/West

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The opening lead by West is the queen of diamonds. South counts his tricks and sees that he has six sure tricks plus another solid one by promotion in hearts. Where can South obtain two more tricks?

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 greatest pleasure in life is doing what people___you____- Walter Bagehot (3,.,6,2)

JUMBLED WORDS

the answer for the given guip.

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Unpleasant(12)

11. Utter misery(7)

12. Pilasters formed at the

10. Imaginative identification with

another's thoughts and feelings (7)

OUICK CLUES

- 24. An abalone?(5) 26. German POW camp(7)
- 27. Reassemble in new clusters (7) 28. The gearbox complex, etc(12)
- DOWN Momentum(7)
- On the summit (2,3,3)
- Beams of light (4)
- Finding the worth or quality of by 5. trying or testing (10)
- 6. Jewish bread roll(5)
- Forced out(7)
- 8. Disobedience, obstinacy
- (13)
- 9. Mark of sudden understanding (3, 5, 5)
- 14. Coats iron with zinc(10)
- 17. Like that Amercian man behind the wheel with an empty tank? (3,2,3)
- 19. Small onion (7
- 21. African river (7)
- 23. Indian wheaten flour (5)
- 25. "I ran" anagram for a man's pet name?(4)

CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- Just a dummy when his partner has the contract (6.6)
- 10. Evita, for example, making false claim about American (7)
- 11. Power unit going over the water to the french artist(7)
- 12. Some of the poor wretches may try to be sick (5)
- 13. They care for others (8) 15. Love-apple post office in South
 - Dakota delivers a mantis-shrimp (10)
- 16. Mr Flintstone is loud and colourful
- 18. Horse is only partly shackled (4)
- 20. Isis is come adrift with equality of earthquake shocks (10)

doze an afterthought (8)24. Tea break about six for Mrs Peron (5) 26. Which Asian island wins approval

22. Strong spirit makes after-school

- in one Australian state?(7) 27. Ape-like? (7)28. You may like a hip from this dog
 - (5,7)
- DOWN 2. Use fork to stir, with nothing to add to the dish(7)Idiot chief detective (8) Miss Fitzgerald with one note
- turned everyone on (4) Reduce an abode where one finds MLAs(5,5)
- 6. Mythical creatures still ones 7. Antlered creatures came 'ere by
- boat(3,4) 8. One isn't named as establishing the location(1,5,3,4) 9. Long odds against escape? (7.6)
- 14. Aspidistra, for example, means the loan's up (5-5) 17. Running water provides him with employment (5-3)

- 19. Together they'll succeed 21. It's not the drier the button has got
- stuck in, sir (7) 23. You can count on them
- 25. French friend old lady returns for, that is (4)

Solutions to 2335

QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Warships, 5 Glower, 9 Abalones, 10 Abeles, 11 Extracts 12 Tedium, 14 Twelfth man, 18 Uppe class, 22 Genius, 23 Jealousy, 24 Cartel, 25 Singular, 26 Lasith, 27 Inherits. Down: Weaved, 2 Reacts, 3 Hookah, 4 Pretty well 6 Libretti, 7 Williams, 8 Resuming, 13 Glaswegian, 15 Surgical, 16 Up in arms, 17 Argument, 19 Plague, 20 Nuclei, 21 Cyprus. **CRYPTIC CLUES Across**: 1 Schiller, 5 Mob-cap, 9 Relation, 10 ld card 11 Bird's eye, 12 Bow leg, 14 Decreasing, 16 Scientific, 22 Unruly, 23 Scarlett, 24 Icebox, 25 Highball, 26 Grilse, 27 Adam Bede. Down: 1 Scrubs, 2 Hilary, 3 Latest, 4 Epoxy resin, 6 Old woman, 7 Chaplain, 8 Pedagogy, 13 Brain-child, 15 Assuming, 16 Disraeli, 17 Antlions, 19 Graham, 20 Debate, 21 Attlee

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your heart, act when you have checked with partners friends and experts.

Monday August 30

Make practical choices over commonsense questions. Fun is based on good planning and there'll be time for it, after you have laid the groundwork. Don't worry if a partner is impatient.

Tuesday August 31

It's a day for fun and frivolity, so let your hair down and enjoy yourself, letting serious matters wait for tomorrow. If you want to plan for the coming year.

Wednesday September 1

Venus is forming a relationship with your chart. You can expect happy news over the coming month. Those of you entering a new romantic liaison will hear declarations of undying love.

Thursday September 2

It's an optimistic day, success comes when you look on the bright side, and hope can overcome most difficulties. There has to be a future where your best efforts are rewarded and destiny steps in with a helping hand.

Friday September 3

It's a day to chop and change, trying a little of this and doing a little of that. It's a year to alternate between sticking to tested ways, and breaking out to try new.

Saturday September 4

You'll be in search of pastures new. Before you imagine that the grass is always greener on the other side, pause for thought. You must be sure that you're making the right move.



spare more than a little thought for your finances. You must also get to grips with deeper longterm issues.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

for you to return the favour.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

may wish to concentrate on

CANCER(June 22 - July 23)

There's a difference

aggressive. It's right

between being

assertive and

that you stand up for yourself,

but don't throw your weight

with confidence.

of success sharply increase. For once you have a SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) clear head, so all other eleven signs should look to you to take their decisions for them. Dispense good advice with your normal magnanimity, but always do so in accord with the facts, not in line with your private fantasies. Someone who has

this week. In fact, those of you who give full rein to vour imaginations, instincts and visions of the future will be on the ball, far more than those safe done you a good turn is waiting souls who choose to play by the so-called facts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

A spot of financial confusion should be In love, the golden rule is to keep talking. If you make sure that in the past, and you a partner knows what may be able to get you're thinking, then you'll steer back on to a steady footing. At clear of potential pitfalls. If you're work, share your ideas and let planning a shopping trip, you evervone know what you're thinking. Keep your feelings to luxuries rather than necessities. yourself, though, otherwise Plus please put your ideas across family and friends will see just how businesslike you are!

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

The prospects for love are good, perhaps best at the weekend Financial trends look equally promising, even though expenditure will probably exceed income. At work you should spread yourself around as much as possible, keeping all the balls in the air at once. You have to tell a few home-truths, but pick your words with care.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

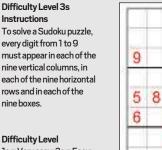
changes at home with a major social initiative, Your enthusiasm could win over the doubters.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Venus is in an ideal position for love. Mars and Jupiter are blessing your ambitions and efforts at work. Mercury gives force to your ideas and the Sun takes care of family and domestic arrangements. What a truly perfect combination of planets this is, to be sure! Remember, persistence is rewarded.

Even if you have other ideas, home and family matters will impose themselves upon your time, not to mention your good nature. The key to success lies in a simple change of attitude. If you can make relations, children, parents, and anyone else you live with, see the

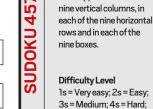
world anew, so much the better.





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

Genius



Bagehot Answer: The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do - Walter SOLUTION: AROMA, SOFTY, CANNON, DYNAMO

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your poetic tongue. It is your sweet words which win the day. LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) What a fantastic combination of stars you're under! Mars will help you get the better of anybody. Jupiter will ensure that you are successful. If

on more than you bargained for. You would do better to exercise a little tact and seduce people with

around: otherwise you may take

If you're planning

stop and think for a moment. You'll find that although you believe you know what you want, it is not easy to translate your dreams

into practice. If you can get away

it's love you're after, you may have to be a little devious - just a little, mind you! You may

double-book yourself socially. At the heart of the matter is money

and your future security. VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept. 23)

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NBA REFS TO BE VACCINATED THIS SEASON

NBA referees will all be vaccinated against the coronavirus this season. The NBA announced Saturday that it has struck a deal with the National Basketball Referees Association on that requirement. Part of the referees' agreement with the NBA also says that those working games will receive booster shots once they become recommended. The NBRA voting on the issue took place earlier this week. **AP**

BRIEFLY

US Open protocols changed: Fans need vaccination proof

New York: U.S. Open spectators now must show proof of at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to attend matches, a change made less than 72 hours before the tennis tournament starts. The U.S. Tennis Association announced Friday that the New York City mayor's office decided to require proof of vaccination to go into Arthur Ashe Stadium, the main arena at the National Tennis Center. The USTA then opted to extend that rule to cover all ticket-holders who are 12 and older and enter the grounds during the two-week Grand Slam tournament that begins Monday. The event is returning to 100% capacity after all fans were banned from attending a year ago because of the coronavirus pandemic. A CDC vaccination card - or a photo or photocopy - are among the acceptable ways of proving vaccination. Earlier in the week, the USTA said spectators would not be required to wear masks or show proof of their vaccination status to attend matches at the U.S. Open, AP

Verstappen leads in dramatic Belgian GP qualifying

Paris: Red Bull's Max Verstappen mastered the treacherous conditions at a rain-soaked Spa-Francorchamps track to seize pole position from surprise star George Russell in a crash-interrupted qualifying session for the Belgian Formula One Grand Prix on Saturday. The Dutchman lapped the seven-km track in one minute 59.765 seconds. Russell briefly looked like he would seize a shock pole in his Williams, with even Mercedes's championship leader Lewis Hamilton unable to beat him, but was ultimately pipped by Verstappen with a lap that was 0.321 seconds quicker. Hoping to join Hamilton at the champion team next season, Russell inadvertently ends up being a buffer between the seven-time champion, who will start third, and his Red Bull title rival. McLaren's Lando Norris walked away from a heavy shunt during the final phase of qualifying that forced a 40-minute halt to the session. REUTERS

Mirza-McHale reach finals in Cleveland

Cleveland: Indian tennis player Sania Mirza and her American partner Christina McHale sailed into the women's doubles final of the 'Tennis in the Land' tournament with a straight-set win over Ulrikke Eikeri and Catherine Harrison here Mirza and McHale took one hour and 23 minutes to defeat the Norwegian-American pair 7-6(5)6-2 in the semifinals of the WTA 250 tournament on Friday. The unseeded Indian-American pair will battle it out for the top honours with top seeds Shuko Aoyama and Ena Shibahara of Japan in the summit clash. Mirza and McHale had notched comprehensive wins without dropping a set in their PTI previous two games.

From 215/2 to meltdown

India lose eight wickets for 63 runs, suffer a defeat by an innings and 76 runs as England level series

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY AUGUST 28

INDIA SLIPPED in the corridor of uncertainty. England learnt from their mistakes on the third day and hardly bowled anything on the leg stump with the second new ball on the fourth morning. Eight wickets fell in less than two hours. From overnight 215/2, India slumped to 278 all out to lose the third Test by an innings and 76 runs. Yesterday's resolve evaporated into thin air.

Six catches went behind the stumps today, either to the wicketkeeper or in the slip cordon. Pujara's LBW was down to misjudging the length and movement of a delivery in the channel. Mohammed Shami was bowled through the gate off a big off-break from Moeen Ali. Indian batsmen became uncertain and hung their bat, as England seamers targeted the off stump channel, bowling an impeccable length. England's celebration after securing the vic-

tory was a tad low-key. There was no mad rush to collect the stumps. Ollie Robinson took one to savour his second five-for in Test cricket. He was the Man-of-the-Match and thoroughly deserved the memento. In an innings where James Anderson returned with one wicket, the 27-year-old from Sussex spearheaded England's pace attack. Only about a couple of months ago, Robinson's career was thrown into uncertainty after being hauled up for some offensive tweets he posted as a teenager. He has shown strong character to put the controversy behind and raise his game. With 16 wickets at 19.06, Robinson is his team highest wickettaker after three Tests.

When England suffered a crushing defeat at Lord's, and Root losing the plot on the final day contributed more to the loss than anything else, things looked bleak for the hosts. Bereft of four frontline players – Ben Stokes, Jofra Archer, Stuart Broad and Mark Wood – their comeback has been spectacular. By letting their cricket do the talking, they gave India a rude awakening.

Unravelling

India's batting unravelled on the fourth day. England took the second new ball right at the start and Anderson was right on the money. Gone were the freebies he offered yesterday. His every delivery was a challenge for Virat Kohli. First three overs were maidens. Against such pressure, indecision crept in. Pujara shouldered-arms to a Robinson delivery that broke back off the seam. It was full enough to take a good chunk of the off stump, which the DRS confirmed. Pujara was out on 91, without adding anything to his overnight score.

The DRS saved Kohli, when the India captain reviewed a caught behind decision on Ajinkya Rahane's insistence. The bat had clipped the pad. A four off Robinson took him to his half-century. Another four came on its heels; a half-volley was driven past mid-on. A couple of rare loose deliveries later, Robinson regained his discipline - a length ball angled into the corridor and straightened with extra bounce. Kohli pushed at it and Root got a catch at first slip. On the third day, during his unbeaten 45, he wasn't beaten even once outside the off stump. It was a different ball game today, with England bowlers asking tougher questions. Rahane didn't look troubled to start with. A couple of fours came from the meat of the bat. But England were keeping things simple, a probing line ball after ball. An angled delivery from Anderson from a little wide of the crease drew him into a defensive push. The ball straightened to take the edge to los Buttler. His half-century in the second innings at Lord's feels like an aberration.



Virat Kohli added 10 runs to his overnight score before being dismissed by Ollie Robinson for 55. Reuters

Knee scan for Jadeja

New Delhi: Ravindra Jadeja was taken to a hospital in Leeds for precautionary scans to know the extent of a knee injury he sustained during the third Test. Jadeja, who has played all the three Tests, apparently hurt his knee while fielding on the second day of the match. As of now, the Indian team management doesn't seem to be too worried as it might not be "very serious". **PTI**

The sun shone bright and the Headingley pitch was still perfect for batting. India were done in by England's precision. Rishabh Pant has become a case of angling ball and dangling bat. Yet again, he reached for a wide one from Robinson to offer a catch to Craig Overton at third slip. He has been averaging 17 in this series. England have figured him out. After being bundled out for 78 in the first innings, the only way they could have come back into this Test was through excellent bowling. But the bowlers, too, were inconsistent. Today, once the first three wickets fell quickly the writing was on the wall A good team doesn't become bad overnight. Until this Test, India dominated the series. Rain denied them a victory at Trent Bridge and they went one-up at Lord's with a thumping win. As it turned out. Leeds was a bad Test for them. However, a defeat as humiliating as this demands a shake-up. The next Test starts at the Oval in five days and India have a short turnaround time. "We like to be in the situations where people start coming at us with doubts and start questioning the ability of our team," Kohli said at the post-match press conference.

You can't hit your way out of trouble, you have to build your innings: Kohli

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY AUGUST 28

INDIAN SKIPPER Virat Kohli has ruled out playing an extra batsman following the innings defeat to England at Headingley.

"I don't believe in that balance (extra batsman) and I have never believed in that balance because either you can try and save a defeat or you can try and win a game. And we have drawn games in the past with a similar number of batters," Kohli said.

"If your top six or seven don't do the job, then that extra guy is no guarantee of bailing you out every time. You have to take pride in taking responsibility and doing the job for the team. If you don't have the ability or resources to take 20 wickets in a Test match, then you are already playing for two result: and that's not how we play," he added. "Concentration and precise decisionmaking", these are Kohli's prescribed antidote to England pacers' length-choke. Hitting one's way out of trouble is not an option in seaming conditions that give the batsmen very little margin for error. "We have to accept that they (England) won't make run-scoring easy for us and we have to put in double effort to score runs. We have to keep double concentration and we should take that as an opportunity; a test of our character, patience and resolve. We have

to get out of that situation, building our innings slowly. Because here (in England) you cannot hit your way out of trouble. You have to build your innings," Kohli said at the postmatch press conference after India suffered an innings defeat in the third Test.

Three England fast bowlers, James Anderson, Ollie Robinson and Craig Overton, bowled 19.3 overs on the fourth day and the pitch map showed very little dots on and around the leg stump. But more than the line, the nagging length undid India's batting.

"The areas they bowled with the (second) new ball, especially the length they hit, you have to be precise in your decision-making to face every ball. It's not that you make a mistake and the ball is wide enough not to take the edge," Kohli said, putting emphasis on partnership batting. "Eventually, it's how many partos vou are putting on Here even innings total of 250 or 300 can be big enough. It's about putting on partnerships of 50-60 runs. If you can do that, you have done the job for your team. We have to focus on how we can do partnership batting more effectively." After the first day batting implosion that saw India were all out for 78 in their first innings followed by losing eight wickets for 63 runs in the second innings today, batting has been put under the scanner. But during England's innings, India's bowling was inconsistent as well. Kohli agreed that England bowled better than India.

"Basically, they bowled a lot better than us in this game. Yesterday we batted well. Today, if I and Pujara would have stuck together for one more session in the morning, it would have been easier for us," the India captain said, as his team failed to see off the second new ball.

SCORECARD

ENGLAND vs INDIA

HEADINGLEY

Toss: India, chose to bat

78

432

1(7b)

30

278 (o/n 215/2)

91 (189b, 15x4)

55(125b,8x4)

10(25b,2x4)

(25b, 5x4, 1x6)

6(8b,1x4)

2(5b)

1(6b)

0(2b)

278

IND 1ST INNS

ENG 1ST INNS

IND 2ND INNS

Mohd Shami b Ali

J Bumrah not out

■ Total (99.3 overs)

C Pujara Ibw b Robinson

V Kohli c Root b Robinson

A Rahane c Buttler b Anderson

R Pant c Overton b Robinson

R Jadeja c Buttler b Overtor

ISharma c Buttler b Robinson

Mohd Sirai c Bairstow b Overtor

FoW: 1–34 (Rahul, 18.6 ov), 2–116 (Rohit, 47.4

ov), 3-215 (Pujara, 83.3 ov), 4-237 (Kohli, 89.6 ov),

5-239 (Rahane, 90.6 ov), 6-239 (Pant, 91.5 ov), 7

254 (Shami, 94.2 ov), 8-257 (Ishant, 95.5 ov), 9-

Bowling: J Anderson 26-11-63-1, O Robinson

26-6-65-5, C Overton 18.3-6-47-3, S Curran 9-1-

LEADING FROM THE FRONT

Root became England's most successful Test

Captain, surpassing Michael Vaughan's 26 wins. His tally

of 17 home Test wins as skipper is

only behind Andre Strauss' 19.

278 (Jadeja, 99.1 ov), 10–278 (Siraj, 99.3 ov)

40-0, MAli 14-1-40-1, J Root 6-1-15-0

England won by an innings and 76 runs

Extras (b4, lb4, nb5, w2)

Long rope for Pant

Rishabh Pant is a case in point about how the lack of hitting space has made him a sitting duck. Pant has 87 runs from three Tests in the series and more than the runs, he has been repeatedly getting out to deliveries outside the off stump, playing with an angled bat.

Kohli backed the left-hander: "With one loss, I cannot start analysing that as a captain. Definitely the management is not going to start analysing that. We failed in this game as a team and we take responsibility for that. Similar conversations were being initiated about Pujara as well, which seem to have disappeared after yesterday. We want to give Rishabh all the space to play his game. You can't judge people all the time on numbers. There's still time in this series. After two more Test matches, we can look back and reflect and analyse."

Kohli also dropped a hint about rotating his fast bowlers in the next two Tests.

"That's bound (rotation) to happen as it's a logical and sensible thing to do. We don't want to push individuals to a place where they break down and that conversation is important."

TRANSFORMATION STORY

Ill-disciplined to well-prepared, Robinson plotting wickets with serene menace

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SEVEN YEARS ago, after Yorkshire sacked fledgling seamer Ollie Robinson, then coach Jason Gillespie lamented: "When you see a very skilful young cricketer continually display unprofessional behaviour, at what point do you continue to tolerate when you have the whole squad being very professional? It's not your right to play for Yorkshire, it's a privilege." Robinson was devastated, he felt the world was crumbling around him.

Robinson apparently had a long list of disciplinary breaches. Several times, he turned up late for practice sessions, sometimes he didn't turn up at all, and there were instances when he popped up at the wrong ground. Robinson could not keep time because he was too homesick and missed his friends at home, in Kent, and ended up shuttling between the two places. Besides, he says, he was naive, a reminder of which popped up in June when he was banned for racist comments he had posted nine years ago on *Twitter*. But those days are clearly behind him.

But as he had demonstrated seven years ago, as well as now, he only harnessed the hurt to transform his career. Sacked from Yorkshire, he joined Sussex, where his career turned around and from 2018, he has been the most successful bowler in the county circuit, a marker of consistency that earned him an England invitation. He later reflected: "Getting sacked by Yorkshire was a blessing in disguise. It made me switch my life around and realise that I wanted to be a professional cricketer."

Vindication of calibre

Similarly, the most recent setback would only fuel him to assert himself at the Test level. After briefly fiddling with thoughts of taking an indefinite break, he has bounced back with 16 wickets in three Tests against India. Two of them were five-fors, the second at Headingley a vindication of his calibre as a world-class seamer.

The spell with the second new ball that blew out the flickers of India's resistance, was an attestation of his skill, discipline and intelligence. The strip was flat, the sun was pounding down, and in the middle were two of India's finest batsmen, Virat Kohli and Cheteshwar Pujara, both revitalised after runs on the third day and determined to carry India's hopes. The new ball would invariably ally some movement, but the shining cherry would not automatically reap him a harvest. Robinson knew he had to plot his wickets. And he did with a serene menace.

He first nailed Pujara with a humungous nip-backer, which the Indian batsman had fatally shouldered arms. It was not a fleeting



Ollie Robinson — with a bit of Josh Hazlewood and a touch of Kylie Jamieson about him — has harassed the Indians with his line, length, swing, seam, and height. *Reuters*

lapse in focus, but a clever change in length. Until then, or mostly throughout the match, he had bowled in the shorter side of good length, but here he pushed the length by a foot but not too full either. Most batsmen tend to leave a tall bowler on his length, assuming that the natural height and hence the bounce would take the ball over the stumps. The fuller length surprised Pujara. The massive bend was to fool him next. Robinson was mostly taking the ball away or angling it in from wide of the crease. Here, to go with the angle, the ball broke back fiendishly into his pads. The ball had not deviated off the surface as alarmingly as it had on that particular ball.

Extra bounce, ancillary device

The Kohli-wicket over summed up his career the best. Kohli struck him for two gorgeous boundaries, a flick and an on-drive. But he produced one that jagged away off the seam after pitching. Lulling Kohli into a false sense of security and then hurling the knockout punch. Unlike Pujara, Kohli read the length as well as the line, but the extra bounce surprised him (just as lack of bounce had surprised Pujara). Robinson doesn't use bounce as his primary weapon, as most tall fast bowlers are tempted to, but an ancillary device. Then kicked in the away movement —a fraction and not extravagant. Ala Kyle lamieson.

Like the Kiwi, he has far more subtle tricks in his repertoire than you think he has. Back in his Yorkshire days, he just knew to seam the ball into the right-hander. Now, he seams it away and has learned to swing the ball both ways too. He's picking reverse swing from Stuart Broad and the leg-cutter from James Anderson. In between, he squeezed in time to play club cricket in Australia for a couple of years for "holistic cricket education," acquaint with the Kookaburra balls and make friends with his role model Josh Hazlewood, who handed over the club cap for the St George Club.

He is so much of a cricket nerd that his Sussex teammates call him the "Badger." Maybe, right from childhood, there was too much cricket around him. His grandfather gifted him a cricket bat when he was three and used to take him to matches before he turned five. His father Ian was an active presence in the club circuit while his mother is so obsessive about the game that she has earned the nickname 'Richie Benaud' for the cricketing advice she dishes out to her son. "If I get out badly, I'll get a message from my mum saying 'that was a rubbish shot, wasn't it?" he told *BBC*. His stepfather is former England keeper and assistant coach Paul Farbrace.

Ironically, overseeing his transformation is Gillespie, who joined Sussex in 2018. "I would say he is comfortably the most researched and well-prepared fast bowler I have come across in professional cricket. He does his homework and comes to team meetings just full of ideas. He watches the footage, gets information and formulates plans for each batsman with either the new or old ball," he told *The Guardian*.

This comment of Gillespie would please him more. "He is a great example to others." It sums up his transformation story. And of course, the wickets that keep piling up.

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